



ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, September 21, 2025
Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am



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Entrance Hymn for the Holy Cross: Exalt ye the Lord our God; worship at His footstool, for He is holy! O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 6): When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou who art risen from the dead. O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion for the Holy Cross (Tone 1): O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries, and by the virtue of Thy cross, preserve Thy habitation.

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people! Grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion for the Holy Cross (Tone 4): As You were voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by your name, O Christ God. Make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace.

EPISTLE READING

For the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Prokeimenon – Psalm 103:24, 1

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

**The reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians
(2:11-21)**

BRETHREN, when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed. For before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the Gospel, I said to Peter before them all, "If you being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?" We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.

THE GOSPEL

For the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark
(8:34-9:1)**

The Lord said: If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

And He said to them: Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power.



Hymn to the Theotokos (Tone 8): Thou art the mystical paradise, O Theotokos, for that thou being untilled, didst bud forth Christ, by whom was planted on the earth the life-giving tree of the cross. Wherefore as we adore it being elevated, we magnify thee.

Communion Hymn (Tone 8): The light of Thy countenance hath been impressed on us, O Lord. Alleluia.



THE LITTLE CHURCHES

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

The family is considered the first church of every believer. It is there that one learns the first steps of faith and reverence, the love of God, and the practice of virtue. The larger church, the parish, is nothing other than the union of these smaller "domestic churches." The more faithfully our families live out their faith, the more they will raise men and women filled with love, zeal, and devotion. In turn, the Church of

God is strengthened, producing saints and witnesses, men and women committed to serving both God and society.

Within the Church, believers experience the communion of one faith, which makes them one body, a single family. Christians are called to live with a deep awareness of this spiritual kinship, for in the Holy Eucharist, Christ Himself establishes a bond stronger than blood or tribe.

This communion must not remain an idea; it must be lived out. When it is broken by division or offense, the Gospel commands us to refrain from approaching the holy chalice or offering sacrifice until reconciliation has taken place: *"If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift"* (Matthew 5:23–24).

From here comes the very meaning of the parish: one temple for a community of believers living in the same area. When someone worships in their parish church, they are called to form genuine spiritual bonds with its members. Commitment to one's parish strengthens responsibility toward brothers and sisters in Christ, nurturing a deeper sense of the Church and the importance of communion. This lived experience should, in turn, extend outward to embrace all humanity. ...

How much we need workshops of prayer and service—communities that radiate the joy of Christ's Resurrection in our suffering world. These are to be rooted in prayer, reflection on the Word of God, and the effort to live it daily first and foremost in personal life, then in family, parish, and society.

Such "little churches," when they exist, become leaven, bringing the living presence of Christ ever more powerfully into our lives, our families, and our communities.

(Read the full article at www.antiocbian.org)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

*For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website
www.allsaintsorthodox.org*

Today:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names A-F
- Church school for all ages. Fr. Pat will teach the adult class upstairs after coffee hour.

Tuesday, Sept. 23: Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, Sept. 24:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Due to the Touchstone conference, there will be no morning prayers at All Saints this Thursday or Friday.

Thursday, Sept. 25: Miloshevski karate school, 7pm

Saturday, Sept. 27:

- Baptism of Zoe Schlueter, 5pm, followed by reception downstairs
- *No Vespers this Saturday at All Saints*

Next Sunday, Sept. 28:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names G-K
- Church school for all ages

TOUCHSTONE CONFERENCE. The Fellowship of St. James will be holding its annual conference at Trinity International University in Deerfield, **September 25-27.** All Saints members and friends are invited to register using this discounted link:

<http://www.thetouchstoneconference.com/allsaints>

CONVOCAATION. Our all-church annual meeting will take place **Sunday, Oct. 5** after Liturgy and a potluck dinner. The purpose of this meeting is to hear from all of our ministry leaders, review the budget for the coming fiscal year, and elect a new parish council member. All members (18+) and catechumens should plan to attend!

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun 9/21	Steve K	Dn Walid	John O	Zach C	A-F
Sun 9/28	Joseph L	Sandy A	JoAnne T	Lydia A	G-K
Sun 10/5 <i>Convocation</i>	Rich C	Debbie K	Azizeh	Domitille	<i>Potluck</i>
Sun 10/12	Michelle	Pat K	Richard B	Alina S	L-P
Sun 10/19	Sd Joseph	Domitille	Nancy L	Zach C	R-Z
Sun 10/26	Jim K	Cristina P	Tobey L	Lydia A	A-F

For Sunday coffee hour, the last names of our church members have been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

If you have children, monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and make sure they don't take more than they can eat. Please also help your children clean up after themselves.

Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour, but of course, things go faster when we all pitch in and help!

**Shaded dates indicate fasting. No meat or dairy should be served at church on these dates.*



DAILY BIBLE READINGS SEPTEMBER 21-27, 2025

**ADAPTED FROM THE
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN
ARCHDIOCESE**

Sunday, Sept. 21: Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross
Luke 24:1-12 / Galatians 2:11-21 / Mark 8:34-9:1

Monday, Sept. 22: Martyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope
Proverbs 13 / Galatians 5:11-26 / Luke 3:1-22

Tuesday, Sept. 23: Conception of St. John the Baptist
Proverbs 14 / Galatians 4:22-27 / Luke 1:1-25

Wednesday, Sept. 24: Martyr Thekla, Equal to the Apostles
Proverbs 15 / Galatians 6:1-18 / Luke 3:23-38

Thursday, Sept. 25: Finbar the Confessor, First Bishop of Cork
Proverbs 16 / Ephesians 1:1-23 / Luke 4:1-13

Friday, Sept. 26: Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist
Proverbs 17 / 1 John 4:12-19 / John 19:25-27, 21:24-25

Saturday, Sept. 27: Martyr Callistratus & 49 companions
Ephesians 2:1-10 / Luke 4:14-37

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