



# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost • 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of St. Luke  
Venerable Chariton the Confessor of Palestine



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**Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Tone 7):** Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

**Apolytikion for St. Chariton (Tone 8):** The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears, and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Chariton, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

**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 to the Theotokos (Tone 2):** O undisputed intercessor of Christians, O Theotokos who is unrejected by the Creator: Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.

## EPISTLE READING

For the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Prokeimenon – Psalm 28:11, 1*

May the Lord give strength to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace. Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God; ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the  
Corinthians (6:1-10)**

BRETHREN, as workers together with Him, we also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation!

We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

**THE GOSPEL**

For the First Sunday of St. Luke

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke  
(5:1-11)**

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. He sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled

both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.



## **SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE**

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

Much is said these days about "truth." All people cling to their own truth, seeing it from their own perspective, whether for personal benefit or the interests of their group. Yet the Absolute Truth, God Himself, is often the most forgotten. Strangely, people still appeal to Him to justify their cause, and to strengthen their battle to obtain what they call their rights.

But in our faith, truth is not simply a law or custom—it is God Himself. The Lord said in the Holy Gospel: *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"* (John 14:6). He is both the Truth and the Way to the Truth. To follow Him, to walk according to His commandments, to love Him and to humble ourselves before Him – these allow His presence to fill us, protecting us and those around us from error and falsehood. The Lord also says: *"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"* (John 8:32).

If you are a follower of Christ, you belong fully to the Truth – not partially, but wholly. The presence of Christ within you purifies you from every stain and falsehood. You cannot belong to Him and to someone else at the same time. Either you open yourself entirely to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth (John 14:17 and 15:26), or you remain divided and unstable.

How, then, can you remain faithful to Him while sin still finds a place in you? Faithfulness lies in your sincere striving toward Him, in following His footsteps wherever they lead, and in remaining conscious always to live in loyalty to Him. Yes, you will face obstacles and temptations either from within yourself or from the outside. Do not be afraid, although the devil never sleeps: *"Like a roaring lion, he prowls around looking for someone to devour"* (1 Peter 5:8). Do not despair if you fall once or many times. What matters most is that you rise quickly after each fall. Faithfulness to the Lord does not mean you will never sin. Rather, it means that when you do sin, you are ready to repent, to be corrected, and to continue walking toward Him in truth.

The Lord has not left you alone in this struggle. He promised: *"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter to be with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you"* (John 14:16–17). To stray from the truth, then, is to turn away from the Spirit of God dwelling within you.

In your search for truth, you may sometimes confuse what is actually the truth with what only appears to be so. Your passions and lack of purity — whether as an individual, a group, a worldly institution, or even a church in this fallen world — play large roles in clouding your vision. Imagine, for example, the magnitude of the deception when you are under pressure from your friends or those around you! Reflect also on how dangerous it becomes when the truth to which you cling and defend is shaped by competing interests, politics, and the struggles for influence and power that dominate this world. To remain faithful, you must be willing to die to yourself in order to live in truth, integrity, and loyalty to God.

(Read the entire article at [www.antiochian.org](http://www.antiochian.org))

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

*For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website  
[www.allsaintsorthodox.org](http://www.allsaintsorthodox.org)*

## **Today:**

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names G-K
- Church school for all ages. Joseph Letendre will teach the adult class upstairs after coffee hour.

## **Tuesday, Sept. 30:** Morning prayers, 9am

## **Wednesday, Oct. 1:**

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

## **Thursday, Oct. 2:**

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Miloshevski karate school, 7pm

## **Friday, Oct. 3:** Morning prayers, 9am

## **Saturday, Oct. 4:**

- Men's fellowship: coffee, donuts, & discussion, 8:30am
- Teen Bible Bowl study & dinner, 5:30pm
- Vespers, 7pm

## **Next Sunday, Oct 5:**

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am
- Coffee hour will be a potluck meal
- Annual convocation, upstairs after the meal

**CONVOCATION.** Our all-church annual meeting will take place next **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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Prospora</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Food</b>
<b>Sun 9/28</b>	Joseph L	Sandy A	JoAnne T	Lydia A	G-K
<b>Sun 10/5</b> <i>Convocation</i>	Rich C	Debbie K	Azizeh	Domitille	<i>Potluck</i>
<b>Sun 10/12</b>	Michelle	Pat K	Richard B	Alina S	L-P
<b>Sun 10/19</b>	Sd Joseph	Domitille	Nancy L	Zach C	R-Z
<b>Sun 10/26</b>	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** **SEPT. 28–OCT. 4, 2025**

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

**Sunday, Sept. 28: Venerable Chariton the Confessor of Palestine**  
Luke 24:12-35 / 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 / Luke 5:1-11

**Monday, Sept. 29: Kyriakos the Hermit of Palestine**  
Proverbs 18 / Ephesians 2:11-22 / Luke 4:38-44

**Tuesday, Sept. 30: Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop of Armenia**  
Proverbs 19 / Ephesians 3:1-7 / Luke 5:12-16

**Wednesday, Oct. 1: Ananias, Apostle of the 70**  
Proverbs 20 / Ephesians 3:8-13 / Luke 5:17-26

**Thursday, Oct. 2: Hieromartyr Cyprian & Virgin Martyr Justina**  
Proverbs 21 / Ephesians 3:14-21 / Luke 5:27-32

**Friday, Oct. 3: Dionysios the Areopagite**  
Proverbs 22 / Ephesians 4:1-10 / Luke 5:33-39

**Saturday, Oct. 4: Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens**  
Ephesians 4:11-24 / Luke 6:1-5

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