



ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council
4th Sunday of St. Luke



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Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Tone 1): While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy providence, O Thou who alone art the lover of mankind.

Troparion for the Holy Fathers (Tone 8): Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful one, glory to Thee.

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 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Prokeimenon – Psalm 32:22, 1

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in Thee.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the upright.

**The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the
Corinthians (9:6-15)**

BRETHREN, this I say: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one

give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.”

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the Gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

THE GOSPEL

For the 4th Sunday of St. Luke

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(8:5-15)**

THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. Some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.”

When His disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that

they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.”

As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”



THE BROKEN CHURCH

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

The Church, in her visible and human face, is always broken by the sins of her children. She is hanged upon the Cross of tension stretched between her longing for the heavens as a radiant bride without blemish or fault; and the passions, weaknesses, and falls of her earthly members who knowingly or unknowingly stain her garment, hinder her mission, and pull her downward. This is also the image of the Christian. A believer is one who fully recognizes his weakness and his inclination toward sin yet continually strives toward the heights. This is the struggle of a lifetime. He draws from the grace of God and from constant repentance both his hope and his path to salvation. That is why we find, in the lives of the saints, men and women who reached great heights of purity and holiness, yet still, on their deathbeds, begged for a few more days so that they might begin repentance.

The visible face of the Church is revealed through her members. They are human beings who, through their union with Christ the Head of the Church, are united to one another as one Body. At least, that is how it should be. In reality, they are not always this bright image. Their ongoing repentance, which should be their daily way of life, helps them approach that ideal. But in truth, many within the Church, in all her ranks and orders, are caught up in many other concerns more than in the Lord of

the Church Himself who is the very reason for their being in the Church at all.

The believers who are still living in this world are known as the "Church Militant," while those who have entered eternal life are called the "Church Triumphant." Yet the Church remains one; these are only educational terms, not dogmatic distinctions. The "Church Militant," like every human community, is always vulnerable to corruption and failure. Therefore, she constantly needs spiritual struggle, correction, and renewal. Every human group is susceptible to weakness, and the earthly Church is no exception though she possesses the gift of repentance that can wash away the soot of her children from her face. As the Apostle Paul said, "We have this treasure [faith] in earthen vessels, (2 Cor. 4:7)" not in vessels of steel.

The more her members long for eternal life and begin to live it here and now, the more the Church reflects the image of the Kingdom in this world. Otherwise, everything in her remains of this world, even if wrapped in religious language and called "Christian." Renunciation of worldliness and freedom from its temptations are essential conditions for the Church to remain faithful to her Lord. Whoever does not believe with certainty that in the Church we are "poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, yet possessing everything" (2 Cor. 6:10) is still far from the mind of Christ, which the Scriptures command us to acquire and make our own.

For many, the Church is seen as an organization to be run by the spirit of this world, since it holds resources, institutions, and influence. They think that as long as the Church has money, property, and administrative structures, her witness is secure. They imagine that material wealth alone can ensure her mission and thus they become careless about how it is obtained, justifying questionable means. They forget that the Lord of the Church provides what is needed when there are pure and faithful hearts devoted to Him. Certainly, earthly goods, when placed in service of the Gospel, can support the Church's witness and ministry. But they cannot create it. True witness is born only from souls in love with Christ, who have made eternal life their goal.

Read the entire article at www.antiochian.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 households L-P
- Church school for all ages. The adult class will be upstairs in the church, taught by Fr. Pat.

Tuesday, Oct. 14:

- Parish council meeting (in person), 7pm
- *No morning prayers at the church on Tuesday*

Wednesday, Oct. 15:

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

Thursday, Oct. 16:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Miloshevski karate school, 6:15-8pm

Friday, Oct. 17: Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, Oct. 18: Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, Oct. 19:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by households R-Z
- Church school for all ages. The adult class will be taught by Joseph Letendre.

CONVOCATION. Many thanks to all who attended last week's all-church convocation, and congratulations to our new parish council members Cristina Pope and Azizeh Constantinescu. If you have any follow-up questions or any questions about the council, please see Fr.

Andrew, chairman Rich Coleman, treasurer Alice Ilievski, or any council member.

ALL SAINTS EVE is coming up Friday, Oct. 31 at 6pm. Please see the sign-up sheets on the back of the front doors to volunteer for food, saint portrayals, or any other needs. Saint-of-the-year nominees are: Basil of Caesarea, Cloud of Orleans, Brendan the Navigator, Eligius, Edmund the Martyr of Anglia, John of God, and Miguel Pro Juarez.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun 10/12	Michelle	Pat K	Richard B	Alina S	L-P
Sun 10/19	Jim K	Domitille	Nancy L	Lydia A	R-Z
Sun 10/26	Subd. Joseph	Cristina P	Tobey L	Zach C	A-F
Sun 11/2	Paul K	Dn Walid	Domitille	Alina S	G-K
Sun 11/9	Steve K	Sandy A	John O	Domitille	L-P
Sun 11/16*	Rich C	Sephora I	JoAnne T	Alina S	R-Z
Th. 11/20* <i>Entrance</i>	Joseph L	Debbie K	Azizeh	N/A	<i>Potluck</i>

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

OCTOBER 12-18, 2025

New Testament readings are based on the traditional Orthodox lectionary. Old Testament readings are currently from the Wisdom Books

Sunday, Oct. 12: Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
John 20:1-10 / 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 / Luke 8:4-15

Monday, Oct. 13: Hieromartyr Jacob of Hamatoura
Proverbs 28 / Philippians 1:1-11 / Luke 7:17-35

Tuesday, Oct. 14: Righteous Paraskeve of Serbia
Proverbs 29 / Philippians 1:12-18 / Luke 7:36-50

Wednesday, Oct. 15: Lucian the Martyr of Antioch
Proverbs 30 / Philippians 1:19-26 / Luke 8:1-3

**Thursday, Oct. 16: Longinus the Centurion & two soldiers
martyred with him**
Proverbs 31 / Philippians 1:27-30 / Luke 8:16-21

Friday, Oct. 17: Hosea the Prophet
Ecclesiastes 1 / Philippians 2:1-11 / Luke 8:22-25

Saturday, Oct. 18: St. Luke the Evangelist
Philippians 2:12-18 / Luke 9:1-9

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