



# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, November 16, 2025**  
St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist



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**Apolytikion 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!

**Apolytikion for St. Matthew (Tone 3):** O holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

**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 Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4):** The most-pure Temple of the Savior, the precious chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, which the angels of God do praise. Truly this woman is the abode of heaven!

## EPISTLE READING

For the Holy Apostle Matthew

*Prokeimenon – Psalm 18:4, 1*

Their line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

**The reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (4:9-16)**

BRETHREN, God has displayed us, the Apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world,

both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the Gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

*Alleluia – Psalm 88:5, 7*

Let the heavens praise Thy wonders, O Lord; Thy faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

Who among the sons of God is like the Lord, a God feared in the council of the holy ones?

## **THE GOSPEL**

For the Holy Apostle Matthew

**The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
(9:9-13)**

AT THAT TIME, as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and He said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed Him. As He sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when Jesus heard it, He said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."



# 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, beginning at 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by households R-Z
- Church school for all ages; adult class taught by Fr. Pat

**Tuesday, Nov. 18:** Morning prayers, 9am

## Wednesday, Nov. 19

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- No Vespers this week due to Thursday's Liturgy

## Thursday, Nov. 20:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Vespersal Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos, 7pm, followed by potluck meal (fasting)

**Friday, Nov. 21:** Orthros for the Entrance, 9am

## Saturday, Nov. 22:

- Teen Bible Bowl study & dinner, 5:00pm
- Akathist of Thanksgiving, 7pm

## Next Sunday, Nov. 23:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by households A-F
- Church school for all ages; adult class will be taught by Fr. Pat

**NATIVITY FAST.** The pre-Christmas (Advent) period began yesterday, Nov. 15. Orthodox Christians observe the 40 days before Christmas with prayer, abstinence from meat, eggs, and dairy as we are able, repentance and confession, and generosity to each other and to the poor (although we are permitted to break the dietary fast on Thanksgiving Day). The goal is to simplify your life and your diet, so you have more time to pray and more resources for the poor. Of course not everyone will be able to fast

the same way due to health, age, pregnancy, or other concerns, but we should all abide by the rules when we come together to share meals as a church community. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Fr. Andrew.

**ADVENT FOOD DRIVE.** We are blessed to be able to participate in our Advent food drive for the poor in our city. Beginning **Saturday, Nov. 15**, please bring your donations of non-perishable foods. These will be given to individuals staying at their men's shelter and those living on the street who visit the drop-in center of Northside Housing. In particular, they are asking for items that don't need to be cooked, including heat-and-serve containers, and cans with pop-tops (there is a microwave available at the center). A list of suggested items is on the greeter table. Please place your donations in the back of the church on or near the table. **The deadline is Sunday, Dec. 21.** Monetary donations are also accepted; make checks to All Saints Church and write 'food drive' on the memo line.

If you have any questions, please call or email Sandy Abraham. God blesses those who remember the poor!

**ALL SAINTS TALENT SHOW.** Mark your calendars! Our church talent show returns **Sunday, January 4** after Liturgy and a potluck meal (no church school that day due to the holidays). Please see Eva Walter if you have any questions.

#### **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES:**

- **Monday, November 24:** Vespers at the new St. Katherine Orthodox mission in Niles (at St. Michael Church, 7313 N. Waukegan Rd.), 6pm
- **Tuesday, November 25:** Thanksgiving Liturgy at All Saints, 7pm
- **Saturday, Dec. 6:** Women's group fellowship and stocking stuffing (time TBD)
- **Saturday, Dec. 6:** Men's fellowship trip to the Oriental Institute. (See Subdeacon Joseph for details.)
- **Sunday, Dec. 7:** A visit from St. Nicholas!

# Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
<b>Sun 11/16*</b>	Rich C	Sephora I	JoAnne T	Alina S	R-Z
<b>Th. 11/20*</b> <i>Entrance</i>	Joseph L	Debbie K	Azizeh	N/A	Potluck
<b>Sun 11/23*</b>	Michelle	Pat K	Richard B	Zach C	A-F
<b>Tues 11/25*</b> <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Sdn. Joseph	Domitille	Nancy L	n/a	n/a
<b>Sun 11/30*</b>	Jim K	Cristina	Tobey	Lydia	G-K

*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.*

## EXCERPT FROM “IMPRESSIONS OF A VISIT, PART 2”

Metropolitan Saba

Today's believers cannot afford to live their faith superficially or by habit. Inherited customs alone are not enough to bear witness to Christ in an age that urgently needs such witness. Faithful living, and the awareness of the treasure that cannot rust, be stolen, or taken away (Matt. 6:19-21) must take priority for both the individual believer and the Church community. Anything that does not serve this purpose is secondary, a waste of time and energy and, one might say, a betrayal of the Gospel.

Perhaps the greatest gift God has given us through Saint Silouan is the importance of knowing God through the Holy Spirit. Too often, as believers, we appoint ourselves as guides to God simply because we have read something about Him or memorized a few commandments. But the true guide is the one who has been purified and humbled so that the Holy Spirit dwells within him and shines through him.

In the end, God Himself is the only true Guide, and we are but instruments through whom He reveals Himself. God is perfectly capable of drawing people to Himself without us even though we consider ourselves to be His disciples. His Spirit moves where it wills. He passes over us when we grow lazy or distracted by our passions, for He desires that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4). Our judgment will be great if we fail to recognize the value of the spiritual treasure entrusted to us, or the greatness of the calling we have received.

Lord, teach us to know You through the Holy Spirit personally, not theoretically. Teach us to rise above our faults and weaknesses until we behold Your radiant Face. Open our hearts fully to You, so that, before the joy of Your presence, all the pleasures of this world may seem small. Let us taste Your pure joy and make us worthy to be Your witnesses.



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS NOVEMBER 16-22, 2025

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

### **Sunday, Nov. 16: Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew**

Matthew 28:16-20 / 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 / Matthew 9:9-13

### **Monday, Nov. 17: Righteous Mother Hilda of Whitby**

Wisdom of Solomon 1 / 1 Thessalonians 3:9-4:8 / Luke 13:18-22

### **Tuesday, Nov. 18: Plato the Great Martyr of Ancyra**

Wisdom of Solomon 2 / 1 Thessalonians 4:9-18 / Luke 13:22-30

### **Wednesday, Nov. 19: Obadiah the Prophet**

Wisdom of Solomon 3 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1-28 / Luke 13:31-35

### **Thursday, Nov. 20: Gregory the Righteous of Decapolis**

Wisdom of Solomon 4 / 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 / Luke 14:1-11

### **Friday, Nov. 21: Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple**

Exodus 40:1-9, 34-35 / 3 Kingdoms (1 Kings) 8:1-13 / Ezekiel 43:27-44:4 / Hebrews 9:1-14 / Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

### **Saturday, Nov. 22: Holy Martyr Cecilia and those with her**

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17 / Luke 14:12-24

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