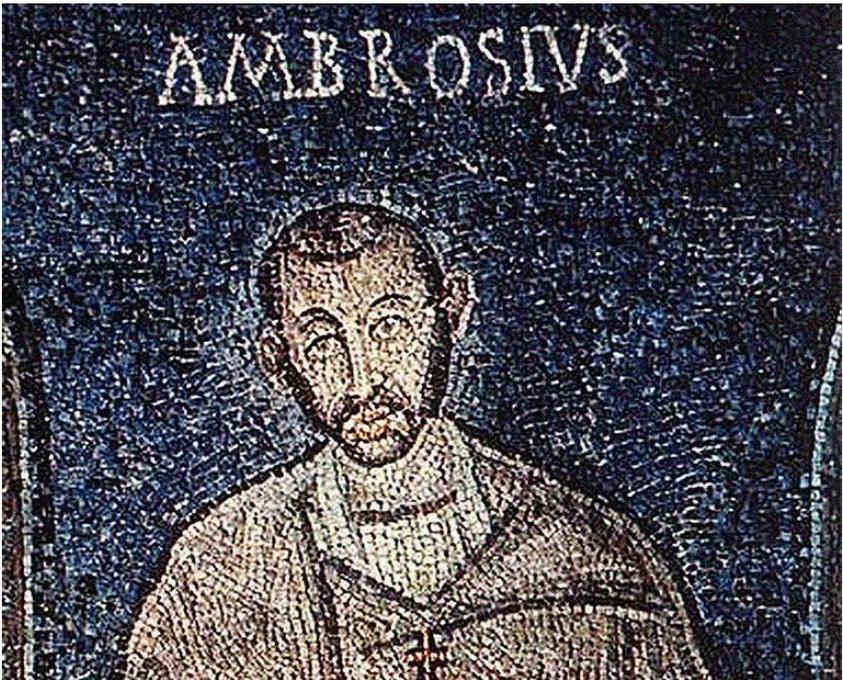


# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan • Tenth 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 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 Nativity Fast (Tone 3):** Today the Virgin cometh unto the cave to give birth to the Word, who was born before all ages, begotten in a manner that defies description. Rejoice therefore, O universe, if thou should hear; and glorify with the angels and the shepherds, glorify Him who by His will shall become a newborn Babe, and who is our God before all ages!

### **THE EPISTLE READING**

For the 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians  
(5:8-21)**

BRETHREN, you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of

those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.

## **THE GOSPEL READING**

For the 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke

### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (13:10-17)**

AT THAT TIME, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. There was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.” He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God.

But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day!” Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

## **MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM, IN COMPLEMENTARITY (Excerpts)**

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

It has long been repeated in popular Christian and secular discourse that Christianity is a "feminine religion," evidenced by the predominance of women over men in Orthodox worship gatherings. This is not true everywhere. Now, some accuse Orthodoxy of being "masculine" simply because they have observed an increase in young men joining the Church. Yet this phenomenon does not apply to all parishes, and therefore this claim is not accurate. ...

Truly, many newly converted men and women find a peaceful life in the embrace of the Orthodox Church because Orthodox tradition preserves the dignity of both roles and offers a faithful interpretation of these texts. The man serves his wife and children with devotion, sensing that his masculinity demands this of him, while respecting his responsibility as the head of the household and his place as father and husband. The woman, in turn, finds inner peace knowing she is loved, respected, and supported by her husband. This is what we observe as pastors among our spiritual children in general.

There is a complementarity between man and woman that the Orthodox Church proclaims. And it teaches that this complementarity requires a life of spiritual struggle and ascetic discipline, so that both may overcome the passions that push men to dominate women, and women to flatter or deceive men in self-protection. One does not gain his or her rights by imitating the other or by suppressing his or her own personality, but by realizing his or her own true self. A man does not gain his freedom by dominating a woman, nor by feminizing himself, nor by abandoning his masculinity. A woman does not gain her freedom by becoming a second man, nor by abandoning her femininity. Without the struggle to purify and elevate the self, through the cooperation of both man and woman, the world will continue to witness injustice here and confusion of roles there.

*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, beginning at 8:30am, followed by our annual visit from St. Nicholas!
- Coffee hour provided by households L-P
- Church school for all ages. The adult class will be taught by Joseph Letendre in the church.

**Tuesday, Dec. 9:** Morning prayers, 9am

## **Wednesday, Dec. 10:**

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

## **Thursday, Dec. 11:**

- *No morning prayers at the church*
- Miloshevski karate school 6-8pm

**Friday, Dec. 12:** Morning prayers, 9am

## **Saturday, Dec. 13:**

- Ladies' Group Christmas decorating and fellowship, 10am
- Choir practice, 4pm
- Intro to Orthodoxy class 6pm
- Vespers, 7pm

## **Next Sunday, Dec. 14:**

- 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 Fr Pat in the church.
- Christmas tree decorating, immediately after Church school.

- Musicians' play date, 1:30pm downstairs. *Note this is not a concert but a fun time for musicians! Please see Subdeacon Joseph if you are interested in participating.*

**NATIVITY FAST.** 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. 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.** During this holy season, we continue to collect donations of non-perishable foods for the men's shelter at 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:**

- **Tuesday, Dec. 16:** Parish council meeting (online), 7:30pm
- **Friday, Dec. 19:** Funeral services for Debra Johnson (Jeanetta Obah's mother) at Muzyka and Sons Funeral Home. Visitation begins 10am and Orthodox funeral rite at 11am. May her

memory be eternal, and may the Lord grant consolation and comfort to Jeanetta and the entire Obah family.

- **Wednesday, Dec. 24:** Nativity Orthros and Divine Liturgy, beginning 10pm

## Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
<b>Sun 12/7*</b>	Paul K	Dn Walid	Domitille	Domitille	L-P
<b>Sun 12/14*</b>	Steve K	Sandy A	John O	<i>volunteer</i>	R-Z
<b>Sun 12/21*</b>	Joseph L	Sephora	JoAnne	Zach	A-F
<b>Wed 12/24</b> <i>Christmas</i>	Rich C	Debbie K	Azizeh	n/a	n/a
<b>Sun 12/28</b>	Michelle	Pat K	Richard B	Lydia A	G-K
<b>Wed 12/31</b> <i>St. Basil</i>	Sd Joseph	Domitille	Nancy L	n/a	n/a

***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 DECEMBER 7-13, 2025

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

### **Sunday, December 7: St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan**

Luke 24:1-12 / Ephesians 5:8-21 / Luke 13:10-17

### **Monday, Dec. 8: Righteous Patapius of Thebes**

Wisdom of Solomon 15 / 2 Timothy 4:1-22 / Luke 19:28-40

### **Tuesday, Dec. 9: Conception of the Holy Theotokos**

Wisdom of Solomon 16 / Titus 1:1-16 / Luke 19:41-48

### **Wednesday, Dec. 10: Menas, Hermogenes, & Euegraphos, Martyrs of Alexandria**

Wisdom of Solomon 17 / Titus 2:1-10 / Luke 20:1-8

### **Thursday, Dec. 11: Daniel the Stylite**

Wisdom of Solomon 18 / Titus 2:11-3:2 / Luke 20:9-19

### **Friday, Dec. 12: Spyridon the Wonder-worker of Trymithous**

Wisdom of Solomon 19 / Titus 3:3-15 / Luke 20:20-26

### **Saturday, Dec. 13: Martyr Lucia & Herman of Alaska**

Philemon 1-25 / Luke 20:27-40

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