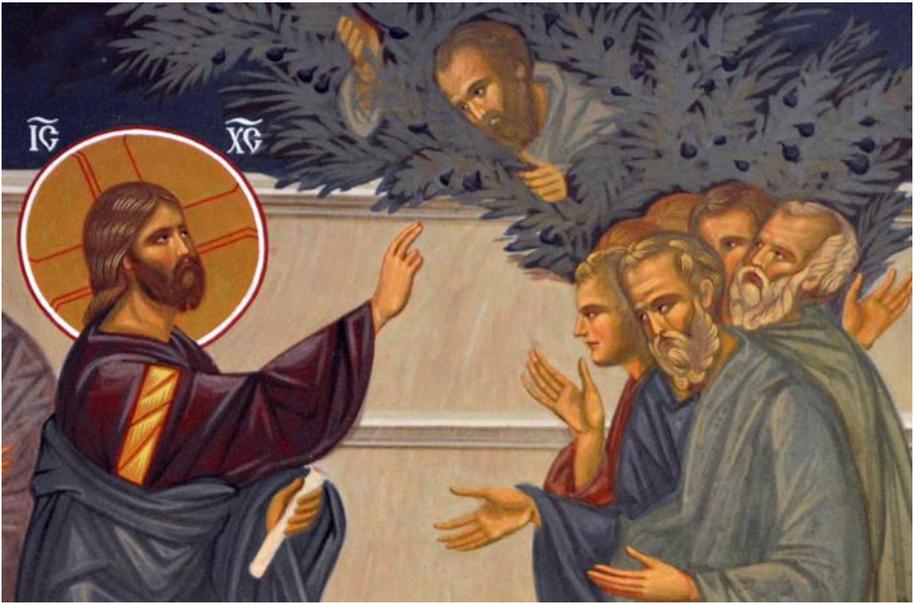


# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

Sunday of Zacchaeus • St. Gregory the Theologian



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**Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Tone 8):** From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate one, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection; O Lord, glory to Thee!

**Apolytikion for St. Gregory the Theologian (Tone 1):** The shepherd's pipe of thy theology conquered the trumpets of the philosophers; for since thou didst search out the depths of the Spirit, beauty of speech was added to thee. But intercede with Christ God, O Father Gregory, that our souls be saved.

**Apolytikion 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 Presentation (Tone 1):** Thou, O Christ God, who by Thy birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us: Preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

### **EPISTLE READING**

For the Sunday of Zacchaeus

*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 First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy (4:1-16)**

MY SON TIMOTHY, the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from

foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach.

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

### **GOSPEL READING**

For the Sunday of Zacchaeus

#### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (19:1-10)**

AT THAT TIME, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. There was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. He sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature, so he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way.

When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner!" Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the

half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

## **DIVINE EDUCATION: THE OLD TESTAMENT**

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

Divine revelation in Christianity is founded on God's own initiative to reveal Himself. God revealed Himself fully in Jesus Christ: "Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9); "No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6); "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). Yet this divine self-revelation required preparing human beings to become capable of receiving it. God patiently endured centuries of human frailty until He formed a faithful remnant—people who, through the spiritual maturity they attained, were able to respond to His transcendent truth. This spiritual growth came about through a direct, gradual, and formative divine education, beginning with Abraham and culminating in John the Baptist. God's salvific plan required that He Himself take the initiative, drawing near to humanity step by step and revealing, at each stage of human spiritual development, something new about Himself.

After the fall of the first humans from Paradise, humanity lost the path back and became incapable of walking it. Yet the image of God within humanity, though distorted by the fall, continued to long for its original source and archetype. Humanity imagined its god to be found in the forces that frightened it or sustained its life, and so it worshiped the sun, the wind, the rain, and the like. Christianity understands the rise of pagan religions as the expression of humanity's longing for its origin—an origin it no longer recognized. When a child is thirsty, he puts whatever is available into his mouth, thinking it will quench his thirst—whether water or alcohol, because cannot tell the difference. Only when he tastes does he realize his mistake. This is what happened to humanity. For this reason, no people before Christ existed without some form of religion.

We may liken the relationship between God and humanity after the fall of our first parents to two persons separated by many translucent silk curtains. God chose to remove these curtains one by one, to protect the eyes of His beloved—humanity—from the blinding brilliance of His light.

This is what we call God's salvific dispensation in the Old Testament. Thus, He began with Abraham, and the process continued until John the Baptist. Then "when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman" (Gal. 4:4). Jesus Christ was born, and "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Humanity's spiritual hardness compelled God to educate it anew, until it reached a level capable of receiving God as He truly is.

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



## Announcements and Upcoming Events

*For a full calendar of events and services, visit [www.allsaintsorthodox.org](http://www.allsaintsorthodox.org)*

### **Sunday, Jan. 25:**

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- No coffee hour or church school today due to basement clean-up
- Sanctity of Life Prayer Service, 6:30pm at St. Luke Orthodox Church (10700 S. Kean Ave., Palos Hills)

**Tuesday, Jan. 27:** Morning prayers, 9am

### **Wednesday, Jan. 28:**

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Vespers, 7pm

**Thursday & Friday, Jan. 29-30:** Morning prayers, 9am

### **Saturday, Jan. 31:**

- Parish council & ministry leaders retreat with Fr. Chad Hatfield, 9am-3pm at St. George Church, Cicero
- Concert by Sara Beth Thomas, 5pm at All Saints
- Vespers, 7pm

### **Next Sunday, February 1: The Pharisee & the Tax Collector**

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

**THEOPHANY HOME BLESSINGS** have begun! It is customary for every Orthodox household to be blessed by a priest between January 6 and the beginning of Great Lent each year. It is not necessary to feed or pay the priest, and you are not required to have his entire family over. Please see Fr. Andrew to set up an appointment at your convenience.

**PARISH COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS' RETREAT.** All clergy, parish council members, and other ministry leaders and teachers are invited to participate in a retreat led by Fr. Chad Hatfield of St. Vladimir's Seminary, on **Saturday, Jan. 31**, from 9am to 3pm at St. George Church in Cicero. Please see Fr. Andrew if you have any questions! A flyer with QR code for registration is posted downstairs.

**THE ALL SAINTS ICON ACADEMY** will again host classes this spring on select Saturdays, to complete an icon from start to finish. This year, our icon will be of St. John the Baptist. Please see Eva W. for more details or Fr Andrew if you'd like a blessing to participate. Also, consider sharing the information with someone else you think may be interested.

**CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OF SERVICE.** On February 8, the children's church school classes will be participating in our annual Day of Service. This year's focus will be on creating hygiene kits for IOCC. We are looking for donations of travel sized shampoo, toothpaste, deodorants, full sized individually wrapped bars of soap, and individually wrapped toothbrushes. Please check out the Amazon wish list for additional requests. All donations are due on Wednesday, February 4.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/273SXHOTH0Y1?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/273SXHOTH0Y1?ref=wl_share)

**CHURCH FISCAL YEAR.** Due to Archdiocese financial and reporting requirements, our parish council has decided to move our church's fiscal year from October-September to match the calendar year January-December. Our Archdiocese member and financial reports are due after the close of the calendar year, so this change will enable our council and treasurer to prepare the information once instead of twice. This also means our next all-church convocation will be towards the end of January 2027. Please see Fr. Andrew or any parish council member if you have any questions or concerns.

**2025 DONATION STATEMENTS.** Dearest Parishioners: Typically the yearly donation statements for tax purposes are distributed in church the third and fourth Sunday in January. Due to the basement flooding, there may be some hesitation in attending church services these days. As a courtesy, I am happy to email anyone their donation statements. As transmitting this information electronically requires the donor's authorization, please email me at [allsaintsorthodox@outlook.com](mailto:allsaintsorthodox@outlook.com) and [asmilanich@att.net](mailto:asmilanich@att.net) if you prefer to receive an electronic donation statement this year. Thank you for your understanding! Regards, Alice Ilievski

## Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
<b>Sun 1/25</b>	Rich C	Debbie	Azizeh	n/a	n/a
<b>Sun 2/1</b> <i>Phar/Pub</i>	Michelle	Pat K	Richard B	Lydia A	G-K
<b>Sun 2/8</b> <i>Prodigal</i>	Sd Joseph	Domitille	Nancy L	Domitille	L-P
<b>Sat 2/14</b> <i>Soul Sat.</i>	Jim K	Dn Walid	Tobey L	n/a	n/a
<b>Sun 2/15</b> <i>Meatfare</i>	Paul K	Cristina P	Domitille	<i>volunteer</i>	R-Z

***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!***



# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JANUARY 25-31, 2026

*Old Testament readings resume from the  
Wisdom literature, while the Epistle and*

*Gospel are based on the standard Orthodox lectionary*

## **Sunday, Jan. 25: Sunday of Zacchaeus**

John 21:14-25 / 1 Timothy 4:1-16 / Luke 19:1-10

## **Monday, Jan. 26: Symeon the Elder of Mount Sinai**

Wisdom of Sirach 5 / 1 Peter 2:21-3:9 / Mark 11:1-19

## **Tuesday, Jan. 27: Relics of John Chrysostom**

Wisdom of Sirach 6 / 1 Peter 3:10-22 / Mark 11:20-33

## **Wednesday, Jan. 28: Ephraim the Syrian**

Wisdom of Sirach 7 / 1 Peter 4:1-11 / Mark 12:1-12

## **Thursday, Jan. 29: Relics of Ignatius of Antioch**

Wisdom of Sirach 8 / 1 Peter 4:12-5:14 / Mark 12:13-27

## **Friday, Jan. 30: Synaxis of The Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom**

Wisdom of Sirach 9 / 2 Peter 1:1-11 / Mark 12:28-37

## **Saturday, Jan. 31: Cyrus & John the Unmercenary**

2 Timothy 2:11-19 / Luke 18:1-8

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