

# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pascha • Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women, Sts.  
Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus



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**Paschal Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

**Entrance Hymn:** In the gathering places, bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection (Tone 2):** When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal one, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee!

**Apolytikion for St. Joseph of Arimathea (Tone 2):** The pious Joseph, having brought down Thy pure body from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, provided for it, and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

**Apolytikion for the Myrrh-Bearing Women (Tone 2):** Verily the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women: ‘Ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ is shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy!’

**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 Pascha (Tone 8):** Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal; Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming ‘Rejoice’ to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

## EPISTLE READING

*Prokeimenon – Psalm 117:14, 18*

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

### **The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-7)**

IN THOSE DAYS, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

The saying pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

## GOSPEL READING

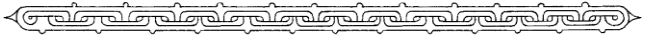
### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (15:43-16:8)**

AT THAT TIME, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate wondered if He were already dead, so summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. When he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where He was laid.

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb at the rising of the sun. They were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back – it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a long white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen; He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you.” And they went out quickly and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Paschal Megalyrnarion to the Theotokos (Tone 1):** The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead; rejoice, rejoice O ye people. Shine, shine, shine O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now, exalt, and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection of your Son.

**Communion Hymn:** Receive the body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality.



## Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

### Today:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am
- Baptism of Eleni Glassburn, daughter of Nicholas & Dimitra
- Coffee hour provided by last names A-F
- Church school for all ages. The adult class will be upstairs in the church, led by Fr. Pat.

**Tuesday, April 28:** Morning prayers, 9am

### **Wednesday, April 29:**

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-3pm
- Vespers, 7pm

**Thursday & Friday, April 30 & May 1:** Morning prayers, 9am

### **Saturday, May 2:**

- Men's breakfast & fellowship, 8:30am
- Vespers, 7pm

### **Next Sunday, May 3:**

- Orthros and Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names G-K
- Church school play practice, downstairs; adult class will be upstairs in the church as usual, led by Joseph Letendre.

### **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Inaugural Orthros & Liturgy at the new St. Katherine Antiochian Mission (meeting at St. Michael's Church in Niles), Saturday, May 16 at 9am.
- Church school play performance: Sunday, May 17
- Feast of the Ascension: Divine Liturgy Wednesday evening, May 20 at 7pm, and Festal Orthros Thursday morning, May 21 at 9am.
- All Saints feast-day weekend with Fr. Jeremy Davis – June 6-7
- Parish Life Conference – June 17-20 (Cleveland)
- Deanery picnic – Saturday, July 11 in La Grange. All of the churches in the Chicago deanery are sponsoring together this day of food, fellowship, and fun. We are seeking volunteers from All Saints; please see Eric and Cristina Pope.

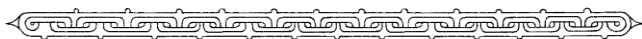


# Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
<b>Sun Apr 26</b> <i>Myrrhbearers</i>	Jim K	Dn Walid	Domitille	Zach C	A-F
<b>Sun May 3</b> <i>Paralytic</i>	Paul K	Sandy A	John O	Lydia A	G-K
<b>Sun May 10</b> <i>Samaritan</i>	Steve K	Sarah C	JoAnne T	Domitille	L-P
<b>Sun May 17</b> <i>Blind Man</i>	Joseph L	Sephora	Azizeh	<i>volunteer</i>	R-Z
<b><u>Wed May 20</u></b> <i>Ascension</i>	Rich C	Debbie K	Richard B	N/A	Potluck
<b>Sun May 24</b> <i>Holy Fathers</i>	Michelle	Pat K	Nancy L	Zach C	A-F
<b>Sun May 31</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	Sdn. Joseph	Domitille	Tobey	Lydia A	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.



## A Tribute to Elder Joseph of Roscoe, New York by His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

The monk is a man of prayer. The power of his prayer is shown by the outpouring of divine grace upon him. This is reflected in an inner peace unshaken by storms, and a warmth of welcome and hospitality surpassing the finest manners of the most polished social circles. It is the hospitality of Christ Himself, free from all human flattery and social formalities.

As for the radiant, cheerful countenance that reflects the clarity of heaven and the Kingdom of God on earth, He grants it to some of His faithful ones. I could see all these qualities in the face of Elder Joseph of St. Nektarios Monastery of Roscoe, New York, upon whom many graces from God were manifest. I dare to speak of them now, after he has gone to the dwellings of the Lord.

This is what I saw in you from the moment I met you for the first time, and it increased throughout three years, up to our last meeting. You did not change, nor were you altered. Even the grievous illness you endured in recent years was not an obstacle that prevented the heavenly light from shining on your face for a single moment; rather, it only increased. Nor did your physical pains conceal the gentle, transparent smile on your face!

How ashamed I felt when I learned that you had postponed receiving your chemotherapy by a day or two in order to hear my last confession, especially when I saw signs of fatigue upon you. I asked you then, "Are you in great pain, Father?" And so that I would not worry about you, you answered roundaboutly, with heavenly gentleness and a smile not of this world: "The chemotherapy dose tires me, and afterward, I spend several days as though I were dead!" Your answer was like an arrow that pierced me with the measure of love you carried!

By your conduct, you taught me the importance of faithfulness to the Lord until the final breath. Through you, I came to understand that faithfulness, and the deeds and labors that accompany it, are what draw forth the grace of God. This is what I had also learned from our Holy Fathers; yet in you, I saw it embodied.

From you, I learned that we struggle while knowing that our ascetical efforts do not grant us "merit" before God; yet He, glory to Him, sees our labors for His sake and grants us His grace, which sanctifies our lives and reflects His light within us. You also taught me, Father, that our God does not always grant this grace so that He may preserve us from pride. But what I witnessed in you was that He poured out His grace upon you abundantly and preserved it in you richly, after He saw your labors before Him and your faithfulness to Him. ...

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



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL 26–MAY 2, 2026

*Daily readings for the season of Pascha come from Acts and John. Additional readings have been taken from the resurrection accounts and Holy Week Old Testament lessons.*

**Sunday, April 26: Myrrh-Bearing Women, Sts. Joseph of Arimathea, & Nicodemus**

Luke 24:1-12 / Acts 6:1-7 / Mark 15:43-6:8

**Monday, April 27: Hieromartyr Symeon, Kinsman of the Lord**

Isaiah 61:10-62:5 / Acts 8:1-25 / John 6:28-40

**Tuesday, April 28: Nine Martyrs of Cyzicus**

Isaiah 61:1-9 / Acts 8:26-40 / John 6:41-59

**Wednesday, April 29: Jason and Sosipater, Apostles of the 70**

4 Kingdoms 4:8-37 / Acts 9:1-19 / John 6:60-71

**Thursday, April 30: Holy Apostle James Zebedee**

Isaiah 63:11-64:5 / Acts 9:20-31 / John 7:1-13

**Friday, May 1: Holy Prophet Jeremiah**

Jeremiah 1 / Acts 10:1-23 / John 7:14-24

**Saturday, May 2: Boris, King & Enlightener of Bulgaria**

Acts 10:24-48 / John 7:25-36

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