

# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha • Sunday of the Paralytic



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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 3):** Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of hades, granting the world the 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**

For the Fourth Sunday of Pascha

*Prokeimenon – Psalm 46:6, 1*

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Clap your hands, all peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!

### **The reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:32-42)**

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went through all parts of the country, he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you.

Arise and make your bed!” Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise!” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. It became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

## GOSPEL READING

For the Fourth Sunday of Pascha

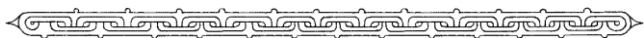
### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (5:1-15)**

AT THAT TIME, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called *Bethesda*, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water, for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water. Whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water, was healed of whatever disease he had.

One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” At once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath, so the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet!” But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place.

Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.



**Megalynarion for the Sunday of the Paralytic (Tone 1):** We believers in unison bless thee, O Virgin, crying: ‘Rejoice, O gate of the Lord! Rejoice, O living city! Rejoice, O thou from whom didst rise upon us from the dead the light of resurrection, He who was born of thee.’

**Paschal Megalynarion 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
- Coffee hour provided by last names G-K. *If your last name begins with G through K, please plan to bring something simple to share for coffee hour, and be prepared to help clean up afterwards.*
- Church school play practice will be downstairs after coffee hour.
- The adult class will be upstairs as usual, led by Joseph Letendre. *All adults should participate in the class, as the downstairs hall will be used for play practice.*

**Monday, May 4:** Bible Bowl study (online) for teens and pre-teens, 7pm.  
*All are welcome to participate, even if you do not plan to join the Bible Bowl team.*

**Tuesday, May 5:** Morning prayers, 9am

## Wednesday, May 6:

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

**Thursday & Friday, May 7-8:** Morning prayers, 9am

**Saturday, May 9:** Vespers, 7pm

## Next Sunday, May 10: St. Photini, the Samaritan Woman

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

## 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.

**MISSION TEAM CHICAGO** will be hosting its annual dinner to support the work of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center. Consider attending if you would like to support Orthodox worldwide missionary efforts! Dinner is **Tuesday, June 2 at 6pm**, at Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Glenview. See the separate flyer for the reservation QR code, or email [events@ocmc.org](mailto:events@ocmc.org) for more information.

**ST. GEORGE SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL** will take place June 8-11 (Monday-Thursday) at the church in Cicero. This is open to ages 6 to 14, and registration is \$100/camper. Deadline for registration is May 10; please see separate flyer for QR code.

**HOME BLESSINGS RESUME.** If you have not yet had your home blessed this year, please see Fr. Andrew to schedule an appointment! Home blessings traditionally are done after Theophany (Jan. 6) and may resume again after Pascha. As always, you are not required to pay or feed your priest, and you are not obligated to have his entire family over. See Fr. Andrew if you have any specific questions.

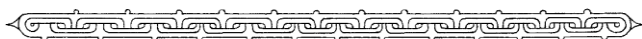


# Volunteer Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Prospora</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Food</b>
<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.***





## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MAY 3-9, 2026

*Daily readings for the season of Pascha come from Acts and John. Old Testament readings return to the Wisdom of Sirach, which we began reading before the Great Fast.*

**Sunday, May 3: Sunday of the Paralytic**

Luke 24:12-35 / Acts 9:32-43 / John 5:1-15

**Monday, May 4: Pelagia the Nun & Martyr of Tarsus**

Wisdom of Sirach 24 / Acts 11:1-18 / John 7:37-53

**Tuesday, May 5: Great-Martyr Irene**

Wisdom of Sirach 25 / Acts 12:1-19 / John 8:1-11

**Wednesday, May 6: Mid-Pentecost & Job the Long-Suffering**

Micah 4:2-5, 6:2-8 / Isaiah 55:1-13 / Proverbs 9:1-11

Acts 12:20-13:12 / John 8:12-20

**Thursday, May 7: Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem**

Wisdom of Sirach 26 / Acts 13:13-43 / John 8:21-30

**Friday, May 8: Holy Apostle John the Theologian**

Wisdom of Sirach 27 / Acts 13:44-52 / John 8:31-36

**Saturday, May 9: Holy Prophet Isaiah**

Isaiah 6 / Acts 14:1-28 / John 8:37-47

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