

# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Sunday, June 14, 2026

All Saints of Antioch & North America • 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of St.  
Matthew



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**Apolytikion of 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.’

**Apolytikion for All Saints of Antioch (Tone 4):** O fellow travelers in the way of the faithful, the saints of Antioch now let us all honor: the pure and blest Apostles with the hierarchs, martyrs with the righteous ones, their worn path wisely walking, wondering at their holy lives overflowing with wonders; thus let us walk in peace and fear of God so that we all win the dwelling in Paradise.

**Apolytikion for All Saints of N. America (Tone 8):** As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation, the lands of North America offer unto Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. By their prayers, keep the Church and our land in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most merciful one.

**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 to the Theotokos (Tone 2):** O undisputed intercessor of Christians, O Theotokos who is unrejected by the Creator: Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.



## **EPISTLE READING**

For the Second 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 Romans  
(2:6-16)**

BRETHREN, God will render to each one according to his deeds: eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God.

For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified. For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my Gospel.

*Alleluia – Psalm 17:47, 50*

O God who gave me vengeance and subdued peoples under me.  
Great triumphs He gives to His King and shows mercy to His anointed,  
to David and his seed forever.

**GOSPEL READING**

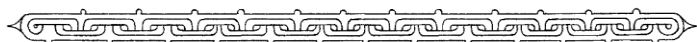
For the Second Sunday of St. Matthew

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
(4:18-23)**

AT THAT TIME, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



## **THE FAITHFUL AND SECULARISM, PART ONE**

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

Secularism refers to a purely earthly way of thinking, that is, a philosophy of life based only on the givens of earthly existence. In Arabic, according to *Al-Munjid* dictionary, a *dawqibrī* is an atheist who says that the world has existed from eternity and will remain forever, having no Creator. In this sense, the word is similar to the word "world" as it appears in the Gospel of John. The Christian is in this world, but he is not of it. In other words, he lives in the world, but he draws his way of life from the Gospel, not from the world.

In its contemporary practical sense, secularism means managing the affairs of life by human ability alone, without God. Man alone becomes the reference point, starting point, and source of the secular world. This concept began to grow stronger and to prevail, becoming a philosophy and policy adopted by people, societies, and states, roughly three hundred years ago. And the more technological abilities have developed, granting man the power to overcome the difficulties of life, and means to confront and eliminate them, the more the secular manner of life has become established and deeply rooted in human consciousness.

The danger of secularism does not lie only in the fact that it replaces God with man as the reference point of humanity. Its danger also allows one to deny God's action in the world not only theoretically but practically. Secularism turns God into something into nothing more than an image, a form, or a theoretical belief. It may preserve religious practice, but it empties that practice of its essence and replaces it with something purely worldly. It separates life from faith and confines the life of faith to a few religious practices. Thus, the secular man does not live according to the

demands of his faith so much as he lives according to the demands of secular culture.

According to secularism, the affairs of life are handled in a worldly manner, while the affairs of God are handled in the temple on Sunday. That behavior becomes separated from faith, as do morals, values, and ways of living. Man becomes confined to the earthly dimension of his life, and he turns the spiritual dimension into a kind of perfume that gives him the feeling that his conscience has been satisfied, while preventing him from examining himself in the light of the Gospel and, consequently, from demanding of himself more than what he already is.

There is nothing sacred in secularism. Man no longer lives in the anticipation and realization of eternity—or, more precisely, in the experience of it, even as a murmur, here and now. His earthly life is no longer an imitation of the things above and an embodiment of the things to come. Rather, the present world charts the path, direction, and aim of life. Indeed, quite the opposite happens: earthly life itself becomes the goal and the end, and all available possibilities, including religious and spiritual ones, are placed at its service. The happiness of earthly life becomes the framework within which this philosophy imprisons man, neglecting his non-material dimensions. ...

Secularism, which dominates man in general, has created a schism between faith and life. It is not always easy for the believer to distinguish between what befits him as a believer and what does not. This confusion has entered deeply into human consciousness, and human communities have absorbed it to different degrees, according to each community and the extent of secularism's influence within its society.

The more technological progress develops, the more man's ability to control his reality increases. Consequently, he comes to depend on his own energy and capabilities, replacing God with them. ...

This spirit of secularism has entered into the heart of the Church. This is no surprise, for the people of the Church, whether pastors or flocks, are children of this age. If the influence of this age upon them is stronger than the influence of the Gospel, they will behave secularly, even in the Church, perhaps unknowingly in many cases.

(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)

## Today:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names L-P

*There will be no morning prayers this week at All Saints due to our diocese Parish Life Conference in Ohio. Please pray for our Bible Bowl teams and all those who will be travelling this week!*

**Monday, June 15:** Bible Bowl study (online), 6pm

**Tuesday, June 16:** English/Spanish prayers to the Theotokos (Rosary), 7pm. *This is a traditional western prayer discipline, which in the past few centuries has made its way into the Orthodox Church through St. Seraphim of Sarov and the traditions of the western rite. Prayers will be led by Agostin Fajardo.*

**Wednesday, June 17:** Vespers, 7pm

**Saturday, June 20:** Vespers, 7pm

## Next Sunday, June 21:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names R-Z

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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.
- Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Grace Bishop John, and the ordination of Subdeacon Joseph Freve to the diaconate – Sunday, July 12

**Apostles' Fast continues.** Each year, the church observes a meat and dairy fast from the Monday after All Saints day, through the feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul (June 29). Please observe the fast as you are able, with prayer, repentance, and generosity. It would be especially

appropriate to use this as a time of prayer for Orthodox missions and the evangelistic work of the Church.

## Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun Jun 14	Paul K	Dn Walid	John O	Domitille	L-P
Sun Jun 21	Steve K	Sarah C	JoAnne T	<i>volunteer</i>	R-Z
Sun Jun 28	Joseph L	Sephora	Azizeh	Zach C	A-F
Sun July 5	Rich C	Debbie K	Richard B	Lydia A	G-K
Sun July 12 <i>Bishop John</i>	Michelle	Pat K	Nancy L	Domitille	<u>All Church</u>
Sun July 19 <i>Typika</i>	Jim K	Domitille	Tobey L	<i>volunteer</i>	L-P
Sun July 26	Paul K	Cristina P	Domitille	Zach C	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.*

**“OUR STAY ON EARTH IS NOT FOR SOJOURNING,  
BUT FOR A PERSONAL CHOICE FOR GOOD OR FOR  
EVIL, FOR TRUTH OR FOR FALSEHOOD.”**

**(ST. NICHOLAI OF ZHICHA)**



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE 14-20, 2026

*The lectionary readings after Pentecost continue through Romans and Matthew; the Old Testament readings begin again with Genesis and will continue through the Pentateuch in the coming months.*

**Sunday, June 14: All Saints of Antioch & N. America**

Mark 16:1-8 / Romans 2:6-16 / Matthew 4:18-23

**Mon., June 15: Augustine of Hippo & Jerome the Righteous**

Genesis 1 / Romans 7:1-12 / Matthew 6:19-24

**Tuesday, June 16: Tychon the Wonderworker**

Genesis 2 / Romans 7:13-8:2 / Matthew 6:25-34

**Wed., June 17: Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, & Ishmael of Persia**

Genesis 3 / Romans 8:1-11 / Matthew 7:1-6

**Thursday, June 18: Martyrs Leontius, Hypatius, & Theodulus**

Genesis 4 / Romans 8:12-27 / Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday, June 19: Apostle Jude (Thaddeus)**

Genesis 5 / Romans 8:28-39 / Matthew 7:13-23

**Saturday, June 20: Martyr Methodios, Bishop of Olympus**

Romans 9:1-15 / Matthew 7:24-29

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