



# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew • Martyr Julian of Tarsus



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**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 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 Third Sunday after Pentecost

*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 Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans  
(5:1-11)**

BRETHREN, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

*Alleluia – Psalm 19:1, 9*

The Lord answer thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of  
Jacob protect thee.

Give victory to the King, O Lord; answer us when we call.

### **GOSPEL READING**

For the Third Sunday of St. Matthew

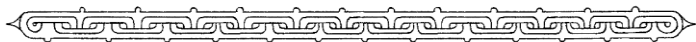
**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
(6:22-33)**

THE LORD SAID: The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown

into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.



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

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

What are we to expect when the spirit of piety and the sanctifying life grow weak; when the spirit of prayer is neglected and reduced to the mere performance of rituals; when the life of prayer is replaced by work and organizations; when the spiritual dimension is neglected; when the faithful lose the sense of sin and forget repentance; and consequently, when the eschatological dimension of the Christian faith disappears—or is made to disappear?

Then the Church becomes an institution of this age and loses the very essence of her existence. At best, she is transformed into a humanitarian institution, perhaps even one of high caliber, but she loses her mission of sanctifying man, raising him up to the Kingdom of God, and thus bringing him to salvation.

One of the dangers of secularism is that it changes the mind without coercion. It confines the mind's thinking to what is sensible and tangible, causing the household of God—the children of the Church—to rush into following the ways and methods of the people of this age, even in ecclesial ministries. Thus, you see them pursuing dazzling achievements at the expense of the human person. They give priority, in their planning, to establishing institutions and ensuring their survival, with the aim of serving man; yet they neglect serving the very man they intend to serve until construction of the institution is completed. Then they discover that the institution itself requires constant development and support, exhausting the efforts of those responsible for it. And so the poor, the wounded, the suffering, the despairing, and the grieving remain forgotten. Where, then, is living and active love embodied?

They may also seek to modernize pastoral and spiritual ministry by following the methods of this age: planning, calculations, and endless meetings. God is forgotten, and souls no longer hope for His blessing upon the ministry they seek to offer. At that point, the work becomes entirely a human endeavor, while those carrying it out remain convinced that they are serving God. The spiritual dimension may disappear without anyone noticing, and the Church becomes a "sector" that may be called "spiritual," but only alongside a number of other sectors that human beings need. What remains of her essence if she becomes like the rest, and is no longer the one who directs, gives meaning to, and grants life? Indeed, when she loses the essence of her existence and imitates the other sectors, she appears either feeble or artificial, and she loses her precedence before other worldly institutions and organizations, which may surpass her in reaching the intended goal because they are more specialized and professional.

In his book *For the Life of the World*, Father Alexander Schmemmann says: "The Church is in the world but not of the world. Only because she is not of the world can she reveal the 'world to come,' that which transcends the world." What truly remains of her if she loses this role? Activism prevails and prepares the way for fundamentalism to arise as a reaction to the loss of purpose.

When activism overwhelms the Church—that is, when pastoral activities or practical witness dominate while the spirit of prayer and repentance recedes—the balance is disturbed, and the scales tip toward resembling the fallen world. Activities then become the goal in themselves. Conversely, when the Church removes active pastoral care from her ministry, isolates herself from this world in her thought and service, cuts herself off from it, and contents herself with preserving the right faith apart from Christian love in imitation of Christ—when she does not strive unceasingly to embrace the world and seek its salvation—then she falls into fundamentalism. In truth, both secularism and fundamentalism are forms of alienation from the spirit of the Gospel and a terrible betrayal of true Christianity.

(Read the full article: <https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2845>)

# 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 R-Z

**Tuesday, June 23:** Morning prayers, 9am

**Wednesday, June 24: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

- Festal Orthros, 9am
- Vespers, 7pm

**Thursday, June 25:** Morning prayers, 9am

**Friday, June 26:** Morning prayers, 9am

**Saturday, June 27:** Vespers, 7pm

**Next Sunday, June 28: Holy Apostles Peter & Paul**

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Baptism of Moses Fajardo
- Coffee hour provided by last names A-F

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Camp St. George** is June 28 through July 4 this year, at Camp Ewalu in Strawberry Point, Iowa. Please pray for the safety of our campers and staff!
- **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 21                        | Steve K  | Sarah C    | JoAnne T  | volunteer | 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<br><i>Bishop John</i> | Michelle | Pat K      | Nancy L   | Domitille | <u>All Church</u> |
| Sun July 19<br><i>Typika</i>      | Jim K    | Domitille  | Tobey L   | volunteer | 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.*

**“GLORY IN THIS LIFE IS OF LESS SIGNIFICANCE THAN A SPIDER’S WEB, AND MORE INSUBSTANTIAL THAN DREAMS; THEREFORE LIFT UP YOUR MIND TO WHAT IS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE, AND YOU WILL EASILY CALM YOUR SADDENED SOUL. HE WHO SEEKS THE ONE GLORY AND THE OTHER CANNOT ATTAIN THEM BOTH. IT IS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE BOTH, ONLY WHEN WE SEEK NOT BOTH, BUT ONE: HEAVENLY GLORY. THEREFORE, IF YOU DESIRE GLORY, SEEK DIVINE, HEAVENLY GLORY, AND EARTHLY GLORY WILL OFTEN FOLLOW ON FROM IT.” (ST. ISIDORE OF PELUSIUM)**



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE 21-27, 2026

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

### **Sunday, June 21: Martyr Julian of Tarsus**

Mark 16:9-20 / Romans 5:1-11 / Matthew 6:22-33

### **Monday, June 22: Alban, Proto-martyr of Britain**

Genesis 6 / Romans 9:14-24 / Matthew 8:1-4

### **Tuesday, June 23: Mark, Bishop of Ephesus**

Genesis 7 / Romans 9:22-10:21 / Matthew 8:14-17

### **Wednesday, June 24: Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

Genesis 17:15-19; 18:9-15; 21:1-8 / Judges 13:2-25 / Isaiah 40:1-11  
Romans 13:11-14:4 / Luke 1:57-80

### **Thursday, June 25: Righteous Martyr Febronia**

Genesis 8 / Romans 11:1-18 / Matthew 8:18-27

### **Friday, June 26: David the Righteous of Thessalonika**

Genesis 9 / Romans 11:19-36 / Matthew 9:9-17

### **Saturday, June 27: Samson the Hospitable**

Romans 12:1-8 / Matthew 9:18-26

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