

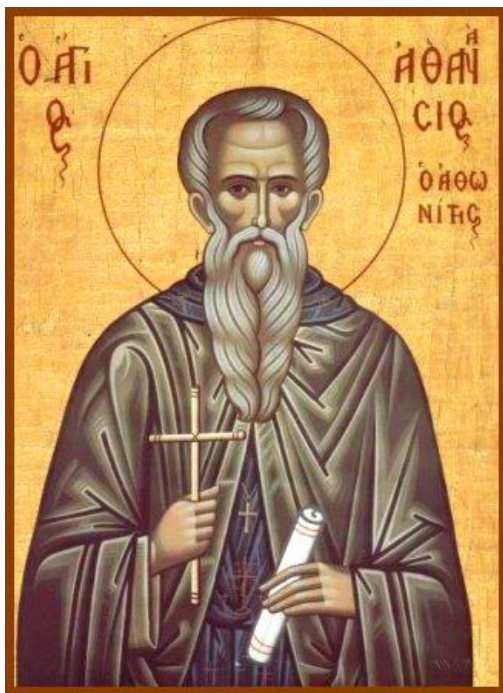


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Athanasius of Mt. Athos • Fifth Sunday of St. Matthew



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Apolytikion of the Resurrection (Tone 4): Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying: “Death hath been spoiled! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

Apolytikion for St. Athanasius of Mt. Athos (Tone 3): The angels’ ranks were awed by thy life in the flesh, how, though corporeal, and clad with earthly clay, thou didst set forth with courage to invisible wars and wrestlings and didst boldly smite the hordes of the demons with mortal wounds. Wherefore, Christ rewarded thee with abundant gifts in return. Entreat Him that our souls find salvation, O most renowned Father Athanasius.

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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prokeimenon – Psalm 103:24, 1

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (10:1-12)

BRETHREN, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but

not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to everyone who believes. Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the Law: "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way: "Do not say in your heart, Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says: "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

GOSPEL READING

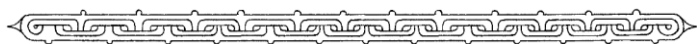
For the Fifth Sunday of St. Matthew

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (8:28-9:1)

AT THAT TIME, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine!" And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters.

The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their

neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.



What can we learn from America's first Orthodox bishop?

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

"I am an Arab by birth, Greek by primary education, American by residence, Russian at heart, and Slav in soul." — St. Raphael of Brooklyn

Many saintly, dedicated, and faithful servants helped plant the seeds of Orthodoxy in America, but few were as well-prepared for such labor as St. Raphael of Brooklyn. As the quotation above suggests, St. Raphael embodied the evangelical and missionary spirit needed in his own time which is all the more needed in ours as we mark the 250th anniversary of our nation.

Before reflecting further on St. Raphael and his example, I would like to mention a photograph that struck me in the hall of our St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, NY. Taken at the consecration of our current Cathedral on State Street in 1920, the photograph shows a massive crowd gathered outside. What covered the cathedral's façade was not, as one might expect today, a mix of American flags and those of the immigrants' countries of origin. Rather, the façade was completely draped in the flags of the United States of America alone. That image left a profound impression on me and speaks volumes to the mindset of those early immigrants. They loved the cities, villages, and families they had left behind, yet they knew they were here to stay in America. They desired to be full participants in their adopted land while preserving their ancient faith and traditions. It was into this context that St. Raphael, then Archimandrite Raphael Hawaweeny, arrived to New York in 1895.

Prior to arriving in the United States, St. Raphael lived in several centers of Orthodoxy, from his native Damascus, to Constantinople and the island of Halki where he studied, and to Kiev and Moscow. It is in this way that, through his extensive travels and his acquisition of multiple languages in both colloquial and liturgical contexts, St. Raphael, by God's providence, was well-prepared to undertake his mission in this new land: to help establish parishes for newly-arrived Orthodox immigrants of

various ethnic backgrounds. Although his primary calling was to serve Arabic-speaking immigrants from Greater Syria—that is, modern-day Syria and Lebanon—through the newly-formed Syro-Arab Mission of the Russian Orthodox Church, St. Raphael became a respected and beloved figure among Orthodox immigrants more broadly, especially in the New York area. His tireless missionary efforts took him across the United States, Canada, and even Mexico, where he baptized, married, and served memorials for faithful people living in remote areas. In each locale, he also encouraged the faithful to found parishes and promised them priests once they committed themselves to this holy task.

As the mission grew, the then-head of the Russian Orthodox diocese in North America, St. Tikhon of Moscow, recognized that St. Raphael should be made a bishop to oversee the young mission parishes throughout the United States expanding work, with the agreement of both the Patriarch of Moscow and the Patriarch of Antioch. On March 13, 1904, St. Raphael was elevated to the episcopacy at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York, becoming the first Orthodox bishop of any background to be consecrated on American soil. Without his missionary zeal and steadfast dedication to serving the faithful, many Orthodox immigrants might well have been religiously assimilated as they pursued the American dream in their new homeland.

St. Raphael's ability to move between cultures and to draw on the best of Orthodox customs makes him a model for our own time. He could speak to people in their own language and understood their traditions because of his life experiences, while also encouraging them to adapt to their new homeland. He upheld the teachings of the Church with vigor and protected his flock from ravenous wolves, while adapting to the realities and norms of the American experience without compromising the faith.

What, then, can we learn from St. Raphael's life as we celebrate 250 years of the American democratic experiment? We should be deeply grateful for figures like St. Raphael who cultivated the seeds of Orthodoxy in America. Just as American citizens look to the founding fathers of our nation and to the sacrifices they made to build a stronger and better country, so too should we look to our own "founding fathers," of Orthodoxy in America, learn from their witness, and make it our own. We

must continue to nurture what has grown from their early labors, even as we welcome those who now embrace the Holy Orthodox Faith by choice.

Just as America has been called “the great melting pot,” so too does the Orthodox faith gather into one those who seek to embrace Jesus Christ within the ark of the Church, where “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28). To Him be all glory and honor forever and ever.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services, visit www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Today:

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

Tuesday, July 7:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Parish council meeting, 7pm (in person)

Wednesday, July 8:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday & Friday, July 9 & 10: Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, July 11:

- Deanery Summer Picnic, 12pm at Brezina Woods Grove #2 in La Grange Park. *Entry is free, but bring cash/ card for food to support the event & deanery. Bring the whole family & chairs/ blankets to enjoy the park!*
- Vespers, 5pm at the park. *Note there will be no services at All Saints on this day.*

Next Sunday, July 12: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Grace Bishop John, and the ordination of Joseph Freve to the diaconate

- Orthros & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- A main course will be provided for coffee hour, but please bring sides and desserts to share!

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The Sacred Music Institute begins this Wednesday at Antiochian Village in Pennsylvania. Please pray for the safety of our singers who will be travelling.
- **The Dormition Fast** begins Saturday, Aug. 1 and ends after the Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos on Friday night, Aug. 14.
- Our next round of baptisms/chrisinations will be Sunday, Aug. 16. May God grant His grace and blessings to our catechumens who are preparing for illumination!
- Wedding of C. J. DeFabio and Shelby Kellar will be Saturday, Aug. 22 at St. George in Cicero.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
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
Sun Aug 2*	Steve K	Dn Walid	John O	Lydia A	A-F
Sun Aug 9*	Joseph L	Sarah C	JoAnne T	Domitille	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.

****Shaded dates indicate fasting.** No meat, eggs, or dairy should be served at church functions on these dates.*



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JULY 5-11, 2026

*The lectionary readings continue through St. Paul's
Epistles and St. Matthew's Gospel; the Old*

Testament readings will continue through the Pentateuch in the coming months.

Sunday, July 5: Venerable Athanasius of Mt. Athos

Luke 24:12-35 / Romans 10:1-12 / Matthew 8:28-9:1

Monday, July 6: Venerable Sisoës the Great

Genesis 14 / Romans 16:1-27 / Matthew 11:20-24

Tuesday, July 7: Ven. Acacius of Sinai

Genesis 15 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-31 / Matthew 11:25-30

Wednesday, July 8: Great-martyr Procopius of Cæsarea

Genesis 16 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 / Matthew 12:1-8

Thursday, July 9: Hiero-martyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina

Genesis 17 / 1 Corinthians 3:1-23 / Matthew 12:9-14

Friday, July 10: Ven. Anthony of the Kiev Caves

Genesis 18 / 1 Corinthians 4:1-13 / Matthew 12:14-21

Saturday, July 11: Equal-to-the-Apostles Princess Olga

1 Corinthians 4:14-5:13 / Matthew 12:22-30

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