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14th Sunday after Pentecost • Archangel Michael



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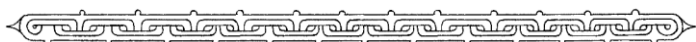


Apolytikion of the Resurrection (Tone 5): Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion for the Archangel Michael (Tone 4): Supreme Commander of the Hosts of the Heavens, we the unworthy, importune and beseech thee that by thy supplications thou encircle us in the shelter of the wings of thine immaterial glory, guarding us who now fall down and cry to thee with fervor: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great Marshal of the heavenly hosts on high.

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 for the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4): By your nativity, O Theotokos, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness, Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we your people freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: the barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life!



EPISTLE READING

For the 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prokeimenon – Psalm 11:7, 1

Do Thou, O Lord, protect us; guard us ever from this generation. Save,
Lord; for there is no longer any that is godly.

**The reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians
(1:18-2:4)**

BRETHREN, as God is faithful, our word to you was not ‘yes’ and ‘no.’ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not ‘yes’ and ‘no,’ but in Him was ‘yes.’ For all the promises of God in Him are ‘yes,’ and in Him ‘amen,’ to

the glory of God through us. Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me?

And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Alleluia – Psalm 88:1, 2

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will
proclaim Thy faithfulness to all generations.

For Thy mercy was established forever, Thy faithfulness is firm as the
heavens.

GOSPEL READING

For the 14th Sunday of St. Matthew

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(22:2-14)**

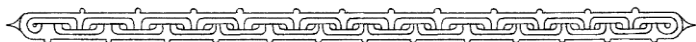
THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come.

Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast!' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was

angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen.



THE LABORERS ARE FEW! Part 2

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

It is indeed true that the priesthood is a calling. The Lord said to His disciples: "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you" (John 15:16). Yet another question arises here: How does the Lord call new apostles to Himself today? How does He call me? How do I know that He wants me to be His priest? How does He call my son? What are the signs that point to such a calling? And so forth.

For this reason, the Archdiocese, in cooperation with Ancient Faith Ministries, organized a spiritual retreat titled "[Do You Want to Be a Priest?](#)" It invited those young men of the Archdiocese who sense a desire for the priesthood but need to discern and deepen their calling.

I say to the young men: Remember the Lord's words, "The laborers are few," and do not wait for a stronger calling than this. What more do you need than His request: "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest"? Perhaps He has called you many times, my son, but you have not heard His voice. Listen to Him in the stillness of your prayer.

Place yourself in His hands and ask Him to do with you as He wills. What other calling are you awaiting, in the face of the Church's need and the growing number of converts, before casting yourself into this adventure of love—until He raises you into His Kingdom?

Take care, however, not to enter this ministry unless you are filled with love for God and His people.

May God have mercy on my father, who resisted my decision until the very last moment. Yet once he became convinced of my determination, he said in the commanding tone of a master: "Finish your university studies first, my son. The priesthood is a ministry that will either raise you to heaven or cast you down into hell. I want your path to be secure. If you discover that you are unable to continue along this path, or that you have made the wrong choice, your university degree will keep you from being forced to continue in it against your will and, consequently, from doing harm to it. I do not want my son to make a profession of priestly ministry."

He wanted me to be an apostle, not a functionary performing religious services. His words greatly troubled me at the time, but I later came to understand their truth and importance during my theological studies. I thanked God—and my father—for them many times, and I still do.

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, Sept. 8: Nativity of the Theotokos

- Divine Liturgy, 7pm, followed by potluck dinner

Wednesday, Sept. 9: Morning prayers, 9am

No Wednesday Vespers at All Saints this week

Thursday, Sept. 10 & Friday, Sept. 11: Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, Sept. 12: Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, Sept. 13: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- Orthros, Cross Procession, & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names L-P
- First day of church school classes

CHURCH SCHOOL: Mark your calendars! Church school for children, youth, and adults begins **next Sunday, Sept. 13**. Fr. Pat and Joseph Letendre will continue to teach the adult class. Your priest would like to see ALL children, teens, and adults participating each week! Many thanks to Michelle C. and all of our teachers and staff for all of your hard work.

TOUCHSTONE CONFERENCE: Touchstone magazine will host its 40th anniversary conference, *City on a Hill? Christians in America at 250* on September 24-26 at the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel in Oak Brook, IL. Speakers include Rod Dreher and our good friend Fr. Theophan Warren.

Discounted tickets for All Saints parishioners are available at the following links:

- <http://www.thetouchstoneconference.com/reduced-thursday>
- www.thetouchstoneconference.com/reduced-friday
- www.thetouchstoneconference.com/reduced-saturday
- www.thetouchstoneconference.com/reduced

ALL SAINTS EVE: We are rapidly approaching All Saints Eve on October 31. Last year we produced a wonderful storybook and enjoyed a fantastic turnout for our celebration of Saints. This year, we will once again extend the opportunity for everyone to nominate and research their favorite saints. I will compile the Saint of the Year storybook and distribute it at the end of October. Last year we elected Saint Miguel Pro Juarez as Saint of the Year. Who will it be this year?

The first step is to submit nominations. Is there a saint or two that you have recently learned about? Or an old favorite that has not recently been nominated? If so, we'd love to hear about them! The top 7 nominees will form our storybook of canonized saints (east or west). Please email nominations to Rich Coleman or to Fr. Andrew, including the name of your chosen saint and a short description (to distinguish between saints of the same name). Nominations will close on Monday, September 14th. Please also contact me (Rich C.) if you are willing to help with writing the stories or creating artwork this year.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun Sept 6	Steve K	Dn Walid	John O	volunteer	G-K
Sun Sept 13 <i>Holy Cross</i>	Joseph L	Sarah C	JoAnne T	volunteer	L-P
Sun Sept 20	Rich C	Sephora I	Richard B	volunteer	R-Z
Sun Sept 27	Michelle	Debbie K	Azizeh C	Zach C	A-F

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

September 6-12, 2026

*Based on the lectionary readings of the Antiochian
Archdiocese*

Sunday, September 6: Holy Archangel Michael

Mark 16:9-20 / 2 Corinthians 1:18-2:4 / Matthew 22:1-14

Monday, Sept. 7: Kassiani the Hymnographer

Exodus 4 / Galatians 2:11-21 / Matthew 24:29-44

Tuesday, Sept. 8: Nativity of the Holy Theotokos

Genesis 28:10-17 / Ezekiel 43:27-44:4 / Proverbs 9:1-11
Luke 1:39-56 / Philippians 2:1-11 / Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Wednesday, Sept. 9: Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna

Exodus 5 / Galatians 3:1-29 / Matthew 24:45-51

Thursday, Sept. 10: Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, & Nymphodora

Exodus 6 / Galatians 4:1-16 / Matthew 25:1-13

Friday, Sept. 11: Euphrosynos the Cook

Exodus 7 / Galatians 4:17-31 / Matthew 25:14-30

Saturday, Sept. 12: Leave-Taking of the Nativity

Galatians 5:1-10 / Matthew 25:31-46

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Archimandrite Jeremy Davis, Vicar for the Diocese of Toledo & the
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