

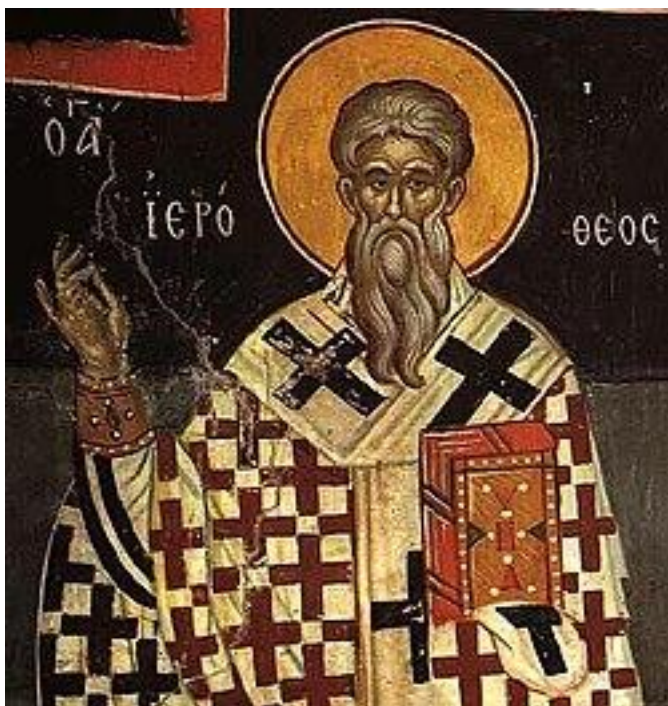


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18th Sunday after Pentecost · 2nd Sunday of St. Luke



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FIRST EPISTLE READING

For the 18th 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 from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (9:6-15)

BRETHREN, this I say: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.”

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the Gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

SECOND EPISTLE READING

For the Baptism

Prokeimenon – Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (6:3-11)

BRETHREN, do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

FIRST GOSPEL READING

For the 2nd Sunday of St. Luke

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (6:31-36)

THE LORD SAID: As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

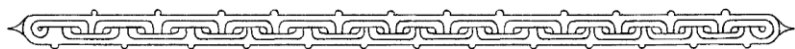
SECOND GOSPEL READING

For the Baptism

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (28:16-20)

AT THAT TIME, the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”



Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- **Baptisms of Heidi and Hannalee Kushiner**
- Coffee hour provided by last names G-K
- Church school for all ages. Joseph Letendre will teach the adult class upstairs.

Tuesday, Oct. 6: Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, Oct. 7:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday & Friday, Oct. 8-9: Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, Oct. 10: Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, October 11:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names L-P
- Church school for all ages. Joseph Letendre will teach the adult class upstairs.



ALL SAINTS EVE

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 31, beginning at 4:30pm!**

This is our annual fall festival, and we are expecting guests from Holy Transfiguration in Warrenville, St. George in Spring Valley, and others. **This is a big event, and as always we need volunteers!** Please see the volunteer sign-up sheets on the back

of the front doors and be willing to serve.

The evening will include:

- **Potluck meal:** Please bring a dish or dessert to share.
- **Pumpkin/gourd contest:** Whatever your level of artistic talent, consider painting or carving a pumpkin or gourd to enter. (Christian themes/artwork/symbols only, please.)
- **Saint presentations:** Kids of all ages are invited to dress up as saints or Bible characters. Bring a riddle, poem, or clues so we can guess who you are. We also need adults to portray the seven Saint of the Year nominees (see the sign-up sheet).
- **Saint of the Year** booklet and election.

We had a record number of saint nominations this year, and the following have been chosen for the booklet: **Theodora the Empress, Alexis Toth, Raphael of Brooklyn, Olga of Alaska, Maria of Paris, Dymphna, and Monica of Tagaste.** Many thanks to all who submitted nominations!

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun Oct 4	Jim K	Pat K	Nancy L		G-K
Sun Oct 11	Paul K	Cristina P	Tobey L		L-P
Sun Oct 18	Steve K	Dn Walid	John O		R-Z
Sun Oct 25	Joseph L	Sarah C	JoAnne	Zach C	A-F
Sun Nov 1	Rich C	Sephora	Richard B		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.*

***Clean-up** is primarily the responsibility of those assigned to bring food, but let's all help clean up after ourselves: sweep, wipe down tables, wash dishes, etc. Many hands make light work!*

***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.*

October 2026 • Youth Month and Seminary Month

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

The Church is always called to look toward the future—not simply by preserving what we have received, but by faithfully handing the Orthodox Christian life to those who will come after us. St. John Chrysostom reminds us of this sacred responsibility: "The care of children is the greatest of all arts." The formation of our young people and the formation of those who will shepherd them are inseparable responsibilities.

In the Antiochian Archdiocese, October is traditionally observed as Youth and Seminary Month. These two observances belong together because the young people of today are the faithful, parents, parish leaders, and clergy of tomorrow. At the same time, the seminarians of today are preparing to become the priests who will baptize and chrismate our children, teach the faith, celebrate the Divine Mysteries, counsel families, comfort the suffering, visit the sick, reconcile the penitent, and proclaim the Gospel of Christ to a world that desperately needs His truth and mercy.

Priests must possess knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, the teachings of the Fathers, theology, history, and pastoral ministry. But they must also be formed in prayer, humility, repentance, compassion, and love for the people whom they will one day serve. Education and spirituality must work together so that our future priests are prepared not only to speak about Christ, but to live and proclaim life in Christ.

Our seminarians depend upon the generosity of the faithful, and so do the institutions who help form them: St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and the Archdiocese's own Antiochian House of Studies. Supporting these institutions is an investment in the spiritual life of our parishes.

Prayerfully consider making a generous contribution through your parishes to help prepare the shepherds who will serve our parishes and strengthen the Church that will nurture our children and grandchildren.

May our Lord bless our youth and our seminaries. May He bless you and your families and reward your generosity.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

OCTOBER 4-10, 2026

*Based on the lectionary readings of the Antiochian
Archdiocese*

Sunday, October 4: Hierotheos, Bishop of Athens

John 20:1-10 / 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 / Luke 6:27-36

Monday, Oct. 5: Charitina the Martyr

Exodus 22 / Philippians 1:1-11 / Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, Oct. 6: Holy Apostle Thomas

Exodus 23 / Philippians 1:12-18 / Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, Oct. 7: Martyrs Sergius & Bacchus of Syria

Exodus 24 / Philippians 1:19-26 / Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, Oct. 8: Pelagia the Righteous

Exodus 25 / Philippians 1:27-30 / Luke 6:37-42

Friday, Oct. 9: Holy Apostle James, son of Alphaeus

Exodus 26 / Philippians 2:1-11 / Luke 6:43-49

Saturday, Oct. 10: Eulampius & Eulampia the Martyrs

Philippians 2:12-18 / Luke 7:1-10

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