



# ST. LUKE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*"The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." Acts 11:26*

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## **Welcome to Saint Luke Orthodox Church!**

We're delighted you're here for a visit. Please fill out a visitor card from an usher, and join us for potluck fellowship after the service. We invite all prepared Orthodox Christians to receive Holy Communion. All visitors, catechumens, or penitents may come forward for a blessing & receive the blessed bread from a priest. It's our custom here to welcome new visitors during announcements after Divine Liturgy. If you'd like to be recognized, when the time comes please stand so we know you're here. If you're feeling shy this morning, that's fine too!

## **Parish Council**

Peter Mustian, *Chairman*

Denise McIntyre, *Vice Chair, Choir*

Rob Bell, *Treasurer*

George Rabtzwow, *Secretary*

Betty Duran

Sh. Margaret Ashton, *Antiochian Women*

Steve Knudtsen

Darrin Morkunas

Frances Reda, *Church School*

Gene Roberts

Bee Sturgis

Elizabeth Thompson

☩ December 10, 2023 ☩

**Second Tone — Fifth Eothinon**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost — Tenth Sunday of Luke**

*Martyrs Menas, Eugraphos & Hermogenes of Alexandria*

*Venerable Thomas Dephourkinos of Bithynia*

**Orthros** (8 am)

**Resurrection Gospel** Eothinon 5 (Luke 24:12-35)

**Great Doxology (8:55am) - Tone 5** ..... Page 24

**Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** (9 am) *White Service Book - begins on* ..... Page 30

**During the Entrance with the Gospel:**

**Resurrection Apolytikion-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. .... Chanters/All

**After the Entrance with the Gospel:**

**Resurrection Apolytikion-Tone 2:** (*see above*) ..... Chanters/All

**Apolytikion of SS. Menas, Eugraphos, & Hermogenes-Tone 8:**

Since they had slain through their abstinence and struggles the fiery ragings and fierce motions of the passions, the staunch Martyrs of Christ God laid hold on the graces to drive off the pains and illnesses of the sick and work wonders both while living and after death. Strange indeed is the miracle: that these bare bones should pour forth such overflowing streams of cures. Glory be to our only God ..... Chanters/All

**Apolytikion of St. Luke:** Let us praise, etc. .... Choir/All

**Kontakion of Preparation of Christ's Nativity:** The virgin cometh today, to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word Eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth at the message with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him, Who shall appear by His own will as a young Child, He who is from eternity, God..... Clergy

**Communion Hymns:** "Praise the Lord", "Of Thy Mystical Supper" the "Praise to the Incarnate Word", and Byzantine Hymns..... Choir/Chanters/All

**Veneration Hymns:** "The Shepherds in the Field Received" and Byzantine Hymns ..... Choir/Chanters/All

## ☪ Lectionary ☪

### **The Prokeimenon in Tone 2 (Psalm 117)**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation.

With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me, but He hath not given me over until death.

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (6:10-17)**

**B**rethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

### **Alleluia Verses in Tone 2 (from Psalm 19)**

The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

O Lord, save the king, and hearken unto us in the day when we call upon Thee.

### **The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)**

**A**t that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.



## ☪ Announcements ☪

### ***Sunday School for Adults, Children and Youth***

*Adult Class:* Fr. David continues teaching on Romans in the temple.

*Children and Youth Classes:* Reading by Mother Melania of The Nativity of Christ & Nativity Pageant Practice and costume distribution in Parish Hall.

*Nativity Pageant for All: Sunday, December 17 at 11a*

### ***Adult Education Class Schedule Change***

Fr. Dan teaches on the Early Church Fathers. Class will be Friday, December 15 at 10:30 am.

### ***Christmas Flowers***

If you would like to remember a loved one or to give thanks with a special donation for our Christmas flowers fund, please make out a check and indicate in the memo section: "Flowers: names or thanksgiving". Thank you for your generosity.

### ***Lakota Christmas Outreach***

Once again St. Luke is blessed to share the Nativity Season with our neighbors to the north. We will send needed items to Nancy LaPointe, Wraparound Care Coordinator at Sinte Gleska University Family Program on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. We order gifts, food, personal hygiene items, and cleaning supplies through Amazon. Amazon delivers directly to the University. Please give your check donation directly to Bee Sturgis or make it out to St. Luke with memo: "Lakota Outreach". Today is the last day to give. Gifts ordered as donations are received.

### ***School Sponsorship for St. Nektarios Nursery and Primary School, Akonyibedo Village, Gulu, Uganda***

In 2023, Lift Up Uganda began a school sponsorship program with forty St Luke families on a trial basis. It was a huge success for the 40 girls and boys who received three terms of tuition plus a uniform. Parents/guardians were so grateful for an uninterrupted school year. Parents/guardians did their share by providing food and other requirements. As a bonus, the children learned new literacy skills to exchange letters with their donors. All 40 students did well this year and will advance to the next grade level when the first term of school begins February 5, 2024. Education is a tremendous gift to a poor child. Please consider sponsoring a child in 2024. The one time cost is \$150 for 3 terms of tuition and a uniform. Deadline is December 15. Please contact Sue Nelson at [ssnelson22@aol.com](mailto:ssnelson22@aol.com).

### ***Youth Opportunities in 2024***

Interested in attending Winter Camp in January 12-15? Contact Mimi Sawaked: [mimisawaked@gmail.com](mailto:mimisawaked@gmail.com)

Interested in attending Project Mexico next summer? Contact Matt Richardson: [cirusio@pm.me](mailto:cirusio@pm.me)

Interested in attending Camp St. Raphael June 23-29 or Antiochian Village Camp July 14-26?

Fr. Raphael is attending both camps. Registration for AV Camp opens on January 7.

Contact [admin@stlukeorthodox.org](mailto:admin@stlukeorthodox.org)

### ***2024 Calendars Available in the Narthex***

***Do you love to sing?***

Please see Denise McIntyre if you are interested in joining Choir.

***Alone for the Holidays?***

Let us know if want assistance making connections! [admin@stlukeorthodox.org](mailto:admin@stlukeorthodox.org)

***2024 Calendars Available in the Narthex***

***Please return library books that you are no longer using.***

***Thank you to everyone who decorated beautifully for Christmas this past week.***

***Hail Storm Expenses***

Donations requested to meet additional expenses due to the recent hail storm. Contribute with check or <https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/stlukeorthodox>. Please note in memo: "Hail Storm".

**☪ Weekly Schedule ☪**

***Nativity Fast continues***

**Tuesday, December 12**

6:00 pm Parish Council Meeting.

**Wednesday, December 13**

7:00 pm Trisagion Memorial Prayers for Frank Kowalik

**Thursday December 14**

9:30 am Funeral for Frank Kowalik, Meal of Mercy to follow

12:30 am Burial at Ft. Logan Cemetery

**Friday, December 15**

10:30am Adult Education Class

**Saturday December 16**

10:00 am Choir Practice

2:30 pm Catechism Class

4:00 pm Great Vespers

**Sunday December 17**

8:00 am Orthros:

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

11:00 am Sunday School for All: Nativity Pageant

# ☞ Stewardship Campaign 2024 ☞

“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

## This Week's Stewards

Your friends below have made their commitment to God's work through St. Luke Orthodox church for 2024. Please join them by returning your own statement of intent today, keeping in mind that if your situation changes, you may alter or cancel your commitment anytime. God will bless you for your support of His work. Return your commitment by this Lord's Day and be listed among This week's stewards. This list reflects commitments received through December 8, 2023 (names listed in alphabetical order as they were submitted).

Deacon Aidan and Sh. Margaret Ashton Michael Basham Rob Bell Hierodeacon Mark Berge Deacon John Bourquin Marie Boyko LaGuardia Ronald Brotzman Anthony Cirbo Fr. Daniel and Kh. Elfriede Daly Fr. Raphael and Kh. Zohreh Daly Betty and Roman Duran Margaret Evans Joe and Rose Faissal Debra Ferriter John and Bethany Fu Marilyn Geerdes Alex Gerthe Quinton Hennigh Kelly Hesse Laith Hodi Michael Holeman Carol Hynes Theophanes John Johanna Kasten	Stevan Kelly Steve and Nancy Knudtsen John Kuepper Benjamin Kurtz Larry Lofquist Denise and Jerry McIntyre Jessica McCrery Matt McCrery Theresa Metzger Marcus Miers John and Janet Milosovich John Milosovich Jr. Darrin and Kathryn Morkunas Peter Mustian George and Loulou Najjar Debra Neeland Joyce Neeland Susan Nelson Renee Newhouse Mitchell and Cathy Paxton Olga Peyton George Rabtzow Frances Reda Sasha Richardson Gene and Gwen Roberts Greg and Robin Rold Mike and Rita Rosson	Ken Rott Ronda Sarris Edward Stanfield Michael and Debby Stephan Harold and Bee Sturgis Kirk and Lisa Tatusko Steve and Liz Thompson Archdeacon John and Sh. Denise Timby Conner Toennis Virginia Tschanz Vasquez Family Denise Voris Carol A. Wilson Katriona Wolff Alana and Joseph Worth Lou and Michelle Zeman
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## Stewardship Goals

100 Pledges

\$600,000 in commitments