



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*

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☩February 11, 2024 ☩

Tone Three — Third Eothinon

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Sixteenth Sunday of Matthew
Hieromartyr Blaise, bishop of Sebastia, and companions**

Theodora the empress; New-martyr George of Serbia

Orthros (8 am)

Resurrection Gospel Eothinon 3 (Mark 16:9-20)

Great Doxology (8:55am) - Tone 3..... 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 3: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy..... Chanters

After the Entrance with the Gospel:

Resurrection Apolytikion-Tone 3: (*as above*) Chanters

Apolytikion of St. Blaise-Tone 4: By choosing the Apostles' way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Holy Martyr among bishops Blaise. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls. Chanters

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

Kontakion of the Presentation of Christ-Tone 2: O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee..... Clergy

Communion Hymns: "Praise the Lord", "Receive Me Today", "The Righteous Shall be in Everlasting Remembrance" and Byzantine Hymns..... Choir/Chanters/All

Trisagion Memorial Prayers: James Hynes, Lydia Shiller, Doris Raineault, Theodora Benson, Ty Luke McCartney, Jean Frasca, Jim King, Jean Landis, Kh. Patricia Pierce, and Elizabeth Richter..... Clergy and All

Installation of Parish Council Members

Veneration Hymns: “Come All of You Works of God the Lord”, and Byzantine

Hymns Choir/Chanters/All

✠ Lectionary ✠

Prokeimenon in Tone 3 (Psalm 46)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing.

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation.” Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known: as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Alleluia Verses in Tone 3 (from Psalms 30)

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me not be put to shame in the age to come; in Thy righteousness deliver me, and rescue me

Be Thou unto me a God to defend me and a house of refuge to save me.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (25:14-30)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ And he

also who had received the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You know that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'"

As he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



🎨 Announcements 🎨

Sunday School for Adults, Children and Youth

Everyone resumes their studies on Romans. Children and youth began their projects for the Creative Arts Festival last week. Children and youth may work on their projects at home or after Wednesday Divine Liturgies. Projects are due on March 10th and will be displayed from March 15 through March 24. Please see Frances with questions.

Adult Sunday School classes are recorded and posted on our website. However, Fr. David will be in Egypt on February 25 and March 3 and adults will have extended fellowship time.

Parish Council meeting on Tuesday

Parish Council will meet at 6 PM in Classroom #4. All welcome.

Completion of Roof Replacement

Our beautiful new steel roof has been fully installed, thanks be to God and our generous donors. Although the roof is steel, please be advised that we are prohibited from walking on it without the approval of Black Roofing. This is because the roof must be approached in a specific manner and if it is not, damage may occur. Please do not walk on our roof for any reason. If there is a need to access the roof, please notify Frances Reda or Denise McIntyre. You will also notice that all of our gutters, downspouts and decorative stucco has been replaced and we give thanks to God for this also.

Adult Education Class

As Orthodox Christians, we have an appreciation and affection for our Divine Liturgy. The scripture readings, the prayers, and the hymns are spiritually nourishing. We know the Divine Liturgy arose from the Last Supper, but how did it come to be the liturgy we know now? Thanks to historians, the history of the Divine Liturgy is accessible. If you would like to learn about this history, please join us beginning on Thursday, February 1 at 10:30 AM. There will be no classes during Great Lent. Fr. Dan will offer a series of classes on the later Church Fathers sometime in the future. All are welcome to the classes. Our classes are recorded and posted on our website.

More Precious Than Rubies - Pre-Lenten Retreat for Antiochian Women

Come hear from several St Luke women, including Kh. Annette, Kh. Elfriede, Sh. Margaret, Aimee Colyer, Nancy Knudsen, Kathryn Morkunas, and Bee Sturgis, and become better acquainted with each other, as we interactively explore the Orthodox approach to the pursuit of virtue and ways to abide in Christ. We'll discuss how to obey God's command, "Be holy, for I am holy," through Christ Himself, the Holy Spirit, and our choices. There's an opportunity for you to share something about your patron saint as well (see RSVP form for details). Saturday, February 17, 2024: 10:00AM - 3:30PM. RSVP: www.tinyurl.com/AWRubies; Lunch + a special something: \$20

Youth Camp Opportunities in 2024

- Interested in attending Project Mexico July 30-Aug. 5 Contact Matt Richardson: cirrusio@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 Mimi Sawaked: mimisawaked@gmail.com
- Interested in attending Rocky Mountain Orthodox Camp July 22-25. Contact Steve Knudsen: sknudtsen8@gmail.com

Scholarships available for Camp St. Raphael and AV Camp. See bulletin board or Mimi.

Youth Activities this Month

Mimi Sawaked, our Youth Director, will lead a Saint Study on Wednesday, February 21 after Liturgy during dinner. Also, save the date for the afternoon of Saturday, March 2 for a local hike. Contact Mimi: mimisawaked@gmail.com

Farewell Brunch for the Sittler Family

We will host a special fellowship time on Sunday, February 25 with a potluck brunch for Shelli, Neil, Ezra and Annabel (Asher is out of state for college). Their family is moving to Michigan in early March. Shelli and Neil, as well as their children, have served in many capacities as members of St. Luke's. We will dearly miss them and wish them all the best. Many years to the Sittler family!

Invitation to HOPE Group

Are you a woman who has experienced trauma, difficult relationships, or challenging life events and find that they are still impacting your life? If so, you're not alone! We invite you to join a safe and supportive community where understanding and healing come together. For more information or to join HOPE, please contact Sh Margaret Ashton or Frances Reda or apply here: <http://tinyurl.com/StLukeHOPE>

Parish Directory

Are you listed in the parish directory? Are you there, but without a photo? Are your family birthdays and wedding anniversary on the list for prayers? Is your family photo so old that it shows your kids as toddlers as they prepare to graduate from high school? Sh Margaret Ashton is happy to help you get all these items updated! Please look for her at coffee hour or send an email to: shamassy@gmail.com!

Antiochian Women Fundraiser

Our chapter of Antiochian Women is hosting a bake sale on March 3 in the Founder's Walk after liturgy to raise money for an endowment fund for widowed clergy-wives in our archdiocese. We will have many different offerings for purchase! Please bring cash or check, a digital payment option will also be available. Come enjoy some homemade treats and support those who support us!

