





# 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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☪April 14, 2024 ☪

**Tone Four — First Eothinon  
Fourth Sunday of Great Lent**

**Commemoration of John Climacus, Author of “The Ladder”**

*Apostles Aristarchos, Pudens and Trophymos of the Seventy*

**Orthros** (8 am)

**Resurrection Gospel** Eothinon 1 ( Matthew 28:16-20)

**Great Doxology** (8:55am) - Tone 1 ..... Page 24

**Divine Liturgy of St. Basil** (9 am) *Purple Service Book - begins on* Page 33

**During the Entrance with the Gospel:**

**Resurrection Apolytikion-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..... Chanters

**After the Entrance with the Gospel:**

**Resurrection Apolytikion-Tone 4:** (*as above*) ..... Chanters

**Apolytikion of St. John Climacus-Tone 8:** The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls ..... Chanters

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

**Kontakion for Sundays in Great Lent:** To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom ..... Clergy

**Communion Hymns:** “Praise the Lord”, “Of Thy Mystical Supper”, “What Shall I Render to the Lord”, and Byzantine Hymns..... Choir/Chanters/All

**Memorial Prayers** Paige Clyker, Audrey Khan, Joseph Worth, Imogene King, Donna McLean, Evgeniy Muzzaev

**Veneration Hymns:** “ The Beatitudes” and Byzantine Hymns..... Choir/Chanters/All

## ☩ Lectionary ☩

### **Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone (Psalm 103)**

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly.

### **The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews (6:13-20)**

**B**rethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two changeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

### **Alleluia in the Fourth Tone (Psalm 44)**

Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

Verse: Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity. Wherefore God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness more than Thy fellows.

### **The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark 9:17-31**

**A**t that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And Jesus answered him, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” and Jesus said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went out from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his

disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and after he is killed, he will rise on the third day."



## 🌀 Announcements 🌀

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

Today, children and youth will learn about St. John of the Ladder and beginning Pascha preparations. Fr. David will focus on spiritual, historical, and scriptural aspects of his recent pilgrimage to Egypt: Part 2. Information about Orthodox Tours posted on our Bulletin Board. Please remember that all Fr. David's Adult Sunday School presentations are recorded and then posted on our website.

### ***Youth Activities***

Saturday, April 20: Pysanky Workshop 9:30 AM to 12:20 PM

Friday, May 3: Holy Friday All Night Vigil

Sunday, May 19 at 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM: End of Year Celebration at Erie Rec Center. Swim, climb, pizza! Please register by May :1 <https://tinyurl.com/youthclimbswim24>

### ***Girls: Holy Friday Procession***

If your daughter is interested in participating in the procession around the tomb on Holy Friday, May 3, please sign up on the sign up sheet in the hallway. Girls between the ages of 4-17 are welcome to participate. They need to wear either a white or cream colored dress or a shirt/skirt combination. If your daughter does not have one, we do have a variety of dresses at the church she can borrow. After the service that Friday night, we try to have as many of the girls stay to take a picture altogether in front of the tomb. If you have any questions, contact Janelle Payne: [dj72002@comcast.net](mailto:dj72002@comcast.net))

### ***Pan-Orthodox Vespers this evening at St. Luke's***

We are looking forward to our Pan-Orthodox vespers together. Thank you for bringing something to share, helping with set up and clean up, and welcoming our guests.

### ***Rocky Mountain Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood: Christ's Call to Love***

Good Samaritan Project this year for the 2024 Orthodox Day of Service is Saturday April 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Lunch Provided). The workday will be held at MHM Joshua Station/Justice & Mercy Legal Aid Center (JAMLAC) 913 Wyandot Street, Denver, CO 80204 with various painting, planting, ground keeping, and maintenance projects and prayer at Joshua Station and JAMLAC. Joshua Station is a Christian transitional housing program for families, read more about Joshua Station here: <https://milehighmin.org/joshua-station/> JAMLAC is a Christian poverty law center, read more about JAMLAC here: [www.jamlac.org](http://www.jamlac.org). All St. Luke and Sts. Peter and Paul Parishioners are invited (and anyone from other parishes as well). Must

be 18 years old and older. Limited to 30 participants, so RSVP soon to Steve Thompson: sthompson@jamlac.org The mission of the Good Samaritan Project is to help Orthodox faithful to understand and serve our brothers and sisters in need consistent with Christ's call to love in deed and truth.

### ***Pysanky Workshop for Women and Youth***

Saturday April 20 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM Join us for Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating Register <http://tinyurl.com/pysanky2024>

### ***Iconography Installation: Phase 2***

Archbishop Gregory, Bishop John, and Novice Nicholas will return April 23 and 24 to add to the iconography in the Narthex.

### ***Holy Week and Pascha Preparation***

- **Preparation for Chrismation and Confirmation:** Pre-baptism and Chrismation instructions are given in Weekly Announcements. Please reach out with questions.

- **Schedule** available on our office shelf. Please join as many services as you can.

- **Almsgiving** continues for Erie Food Bank and Food for the Hungry collections

- **Palm Crosses** after Lazarus Saturday Liturgy: It only takes about an hour or less, if there are many hands. Thank you.

- Decorating the **Tomb** on Holy Friday: Please talk to Rita Rosson if you are available. She needs to know how many are coming. Contact Rita at [ritarosson@msn.com](mailto:ritarosson@msn.com)

- **Flowers:** Please consider donating to the Pascha Flower fund to honor a loved one, in memory of, or in thanksgiving. Please mark in the memo line Pascha Flowers. Flowers in the church add beauty reminding us of God's creation and the beauty of His handiwork.

- **Celebration:** Please sign up to help prepare, set up, serve, clean up or cook for our Brunch. Questions? Contact Christine Twining at [christinetwining@yahoo.com](mailto:christinetwining@yahoo.com)



### ***Parish Life Conference (DOWAMA): June 12-15***

PLC 2024 will be hosted by St. Michael Church, in Beaumont, Texas. The host parish has been working diligently to prepare for our participation, and we are excitedly looking forward to joining together again as one Diocesan family. Please mark your calendars for this special annual gathering.

### ***Need Teachers for Vacation Bible School***

We need teachers and teens who are interested in teaching or assisting during June 17-20. We cannot open registration to children until we have enough volunteers. Please let Frances know if you are interested in teaching. [admin@stlukeorthodox.org](mailto:admin@stlukeorthodox.org)

### ***Parish Directory***

Need your directory listing updated? 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](mailto:shamassy@gmail.com)!

# Weekly Schedule

## **Sunday April 14 Sunday of St. John Climatus**

11:00 AM Sunday School for All  
5:00 PM Pan-orthodox Vespers @ St. Luke

## **Monday, April 15**

6:30 PM HOPE Group

## **Tuesday, April 16**

1:00 PM Caregivers Group

## **Wednesday, April 17**

6:00 PM Great Compline with the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

## **Thursday, April 18**

5:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy & Fasting Potluck

## **Friday, April 19**

9:30 AM Presanctified Liturgy  
7:00 PM Fifth Akathist

## **Saturday, April 20**

9:30 AM- 12:30 PM Pysanky Workshop  
10:00 AM-2:00 PM Good Samaritan Project  
4:00 PM Vespers



