



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*

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Betty Duran

Sh. Margaret Ashton, *Antiochian Women*

Steve Knudtsen

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Frances Reda, *Church School*

Gene Roberts

Bee Sturgis

Elizabeth Thompson

☩ December 17, 2023 ☩

Third Tone — Sixth Eothinon

Sunday of Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths Ananias, Azarias and Mishael; Dionysios of Zakynthos, the wonderworker

Orthros (8 am)

Resurrection Gospel Eothinon 6 (Luke 24:36-53)

Great Doxology (8:55am) - **Tone 7** 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/All

After the Entrance with the Gospel:

Resurrection Apolytikion-Tone 3: (*see above*) Chanters/All

Apolytikion of the Forefathers-Tone 2:

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls 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", Hypakoe for Christmas, Kathisma for Christmas, 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 8 (Psalm 104)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name unto the ages.

For righteous art Thou in all which Thou hast done for us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Alleluia Verses in Tone 4 (from Psalm 98)

Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among them that call upon His Name.

The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the household-er in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."



🌿 Announcements 🌿

Sunday School for Adults, Children and Youth

Nativity Pageant for All: Today! Children and youth will meet in their classrooms briefly at 11:00 am to prepare for the play. Everyone is warmly encouraged to attend and to join in the singing.

Schedule Reminders

Friday, December 22 at 9 am: Royal Hours

Saturday, December 23 at 4 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, December 24 at 8 am: Orthros; 9 am: Divine Liturgy, fasting potluck meal following

Sunday, December 24: The Feast of the Nativity of Christ: 7 pm: Orthros, 8 pm Divine Liturgy

December 25-29: Church offices closed

Adult Education Class Schedule Change

There will be no class on December 21 and December 28. See you on January 4th at 10:30am.

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.

Youth Opportunities in 2024

Interested in attending Winter Camp in January 12-15? Contact Mimi Sawaked: mimisawaked@gmail.com

Interested in attending Project Mexico next summer? Contact Matt Richardson: 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

Caregiver Support Group

As our population ages, more people are providing caregiving. A person might be an ill spouse or partner, a child with a disability, or an aging friend or relative. About 1 in 3 adults in the US is an informal or family caregiver. While caregiving can have many rewards, it is also important to remember to care for yourself. A caregiver support group is a great way to receive support and learn about available resources from people who are going through similar experiences each day. If there is interest, Fr Stephan will begin facilitating a caregiver support group in January. If you have interest in this group, please call or email Debby Stephan (303-619-1941 or debbyk323@icloud.com) to sign up and receive additional information by January 14.

Temple Cleaning Team

Needs more volunteers to help keep our church clean and tidy. Please contact MaryDel Hiskey if you can help: mdhiskey@comcast.net

Alone for the Holidays?

Let us know if want assistance making connections! admin@stlukeorthodox.org

2024 Calendars Available in the Narthex

Please return library books that you are no longer using.

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

Monday, December 18

10:30am St. Luke Homeschool Co-op

6:30pm HOPE meeting

Wednesday, December 20

5:30pm Divine Liturgy and Fasting Potluck

Friday, December 22

9:00am Royal Hours

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☞ 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 14, 2023 (names listed in alphabetical order as they were submitted).

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

Stewardship Goals

100 Pledges

\$600,000 in commitments