



# 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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Bee Sturgis

Elizabeth Thompson

☩ March 24, 2024 ☩

**Tone One — Ninth Eothinon**  
**First Sunday of Great Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy)**

*Venerable Zachariah the recluse and Artemon, bishop of Seleucia*

**Orthros** (8 am)

**Resurrection Gospel** Eothinon 9 (John 20:19-31)

**Great Doxology** (8:55am) - Tone 6 ..... Page 24

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

**During the Entrance with the Gospel:**

**Apolytikion for the First Sunday of Great Lent:** Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world. .... *Chanters*

**After the Entrance with the Gospel:**

**Resurrection Apolytikion-Tone 1:** While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind..... *Chanters/All*

**Apolytikion for the First Sunday of Great Lent:** (*as above*) ..... *Chanters/All*

**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” and “I will take the cup” ..... *Choir/Chanters/All*

**Procession of the Holy Icons** (*children may join carrying icons; available for loan on the front row*)

The procession will stop for a litany in each of the four corners of the church,

with the chanters singing the **Apolytikion for the First Sunday of Great Lent**, (*as above*), before each stop and upon return to the solea.

**The Synodicon or Affirmation of Faith:**

“As the Prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the Teachers have dogmatized, as the universe has agreed, as Grace has shown forth, as Truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dissolved, as Wisdom has presented, as Christ has awarded: thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all, and accordingly offering them veneration” .....Clergy

“This is the Faith of the Apostles; this is the Faith of the Fathers; this is the Faith of the Orthodox; this is the Faith which has established the universe!” ..... All

**Nicene Creed:** (*see page 53 of Purple Book*) .....All

**Veneration Hymns:** “The Great Prokeimenon”, “O Give Thanks” .. Choir/Chanters/All

**✠ Lectionary ✠**

**The Prokeimenon in Tone 8 (from the Canticle of the Fathers):**

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

**The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews (11:24-26,32-40)**

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharoah’s daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated, of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And in all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

### **Alleluia Verses in Tone 4 (from Psalms 99:6; 34:17)**

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

They called upon the Lord, and He hearkened unto them.

### **The Holy Gospel according to St. John (1:43-51)**

**A**t that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."



## **Announcements**

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

This Sunday, adults will continue their study of Romans, focusing on the topic: "Faithfulness". Youth and children will learn about the Sunday of Orthodoxy and the Feast of the Annunciation (Monday, March 25). Please enjoy our Creative Festivals art display through today. Give the young artists encouragement about their work. No Sunday School March 31st due to Spring. Please remember that all Fr. David's Adult Sunday School presentations are recorded and then posted on our website.

### ***Iconography Installation***

Archbishop Gregory and his team will be here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday April 1, 2, and 3. We need a volunteer (with a pick up) to pick up the scaffolding on Monday and to return on Wednesday. We also need volunteers to prepare and serve fasting lunches on Monday and Tuesday. Please let Frances know if you can help.

### ***Pan Orthodox Vespers Sunday April 14th 5pm***

St Luke has the joy of hosting the 4th Sunday evening vespers, during our Lenten Season, Sunday April 14th at 5PM. Please be part of welcoming our brothers, sisters, and Fathers in Christ from many parishes throughout our Rocky Mountain region. It is a wonderful opportunity to worship

together with the greater Orthodox community, and afterward share a meal together, encouraging one another in our Lenten journey. We will need many hands to prepare for our guests. Look for the sign-up board in the parish hall next to the north wall. We will need many offerings of soup, salad, bread, and dessert (wine and oil allowed). Feel free to bring wine to share with guests at your table.

### ***Request from Fr. Raphael to Catechumens***

Dear Catechumens, if you are expecting to be received this year on Holy Saturday remember to schedule a meeting with Fr. Raphael, gather your paperwork and prepare your life confession.

### ***Erie Community Food Bank Needs***

Erie Community Food Bank appreciates our help. Please consider almsgiving by purchasing the needed items: beans, cereal, tomato sauce, canned meat, canned veggies, granola bars, strawberry jelly, Top Ramen, gluten-free items, canned and boxed meals. A handout of the listed items can be found on the donation table.

### ***Food for Hungry People Collection Boxes***

It's simple to participate. Pick up a FFHP collection box & activity calendar for your family today.

### ***Update from our True Vine Bookstore***

Stop by and shop our new lenten items and merchandise from Lift Up Uganda. Don't see what you are looking for? Ask Heather Wicht at heatherwicht@gmail.com

### ***Important Upcoming Dates:***

All Parish Workday: Saturday April 6 10 AM to 2:00 PM

Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Luke's: Sunday, April 14 at 5 PM, Lenten Potluck following

Orthodox Day of Service: Saturday, April 20: Contact Steve Thompson at sbtattorney@gmail.com

Pysanky Workshop for Women and Youth: Saturday April 20, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

### ***Save the Date for Vacation Bible School: Scuba!***

Last year, children and teachers had a blast. We hope you will join us this summer June 17-20 to dive into friendship with God. Stay tuned for more information & registration. Please let Frances know if you are interested in teaching. admin@stlukeorthodox.org

### ***Save the date (and donations) for St. Luke's Garage Sale***

St. Luke's is going to have a huge Garage Sale on August 2 & 3. Please start saving all of your good stuff to bring for the sale. Do some downsizing, clean out those closets and garage spaces. Only bring clean and good working items. No clothing or old TV's. See Rita Rosson (ritarosson@msn.com) or Sue Nelson (ssnelson22@aol.com) with questions.

### ***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!

## ☩ Weekly Schedule ☩

### **Monday, March 25: Annunciation of the Theotokos**

8:30AM Orthros

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

### **Wednesday March 27**

5:30PM Presanctified Liturgy & Fasting Potluck

### **Friday, March 29**

9:30 AM Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 PM Second Akathist

### **Saturday, March 30**

4:00 PM Great Vespers

### **Sunday, March 31**

7:50 AM Orthros

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

11:00 AM No Sunday School; extended Coffee Fellowship

5:00 PM Pan-orthodox Vespers @ Transfiguration Cathedral

