



# 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*

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Gene Roberts

Bee Sturgis

Elizabeth Thompson

☩ April 21, 2024 ☩

**Plagal First (Tone Five) — Second Eothinon**

**Fifth Sunday of Great Lent**

**Commemoration of our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt**

*Hieromartyr Januarios, bishop of Benevento & companions;*

*Martyr Alexandra the Queen & companions*

**Orthros** (8 am)

**Resurrection Gospel** Eothinon 2 (Mark 16: 1-8)

**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 5:** Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection..... Chanters

**After the Entrance with the Gospel:**

**Resurrection Apolytikion-Tone 5:** (*as above*) ..... Chanters

**Apolytikion of St. Mary of Egypt-Tone 8:** Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels ..... Chanters

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

**Ordinary Kontakion-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”, “Of Thy Mystical Supper”, “What Shall I Render to the Lord”, and Byzantine Hymns..... Choir/Chanters/All

**Wedding Anniversary Blessing** Bee and Harold Sturgis

**Veneration Hymns:** “ The Hymn of St. Kassiane” and Byzantine Hymns.....  
..... Choir/Chanters/All

## ☪ Lectionary ☪

### **Prokeimenon in Plagal First Tone (Psalm 11)**

Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and shalt preserve us from this generation, and forevermore. Verse: Save me, O Lord, for a righteous man there is no more.

### **The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews (9:11-14)**

**B**rethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

### **Alleluia in the Plagal First Tone (Psalm 88)**

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. Unto generation and generation will I declare Thy truth with my mouth.

Verse: For Thou hast said: Mercy shall be built up forever. In the Heavens shall Thy truth be established.

### **The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 10:32-45**

**A**t that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and scourge him, and spit upon him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## ☞ Announcements ☞

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

Today, children and youth will learn about St. Mary of Egypt and continue Pascha preparations. Fr. David will focus on spiritual, historical, and scriptural aspects of his recent pilgrimage to Egypt: Part 3. 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***

**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>

Graduating students: Fr. Raphael will bless graduates on Sunday, May 19. Please let Frances know who you are.

### ***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)

### ***Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary***

Congratulations to Bee and Harold Sturgis on their 40th Wedding Anniversary. May God grant you many years!

### ***Pan-Orthodox Vespers Thank you***

We had over 260 people in attendance for Vespers last week. Thank you to Nancy Knudtsen and her team of volunteers for a wonderful meal.

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

Archbishop Gregory, Bishop John, and Novice Nicholas will return this week on 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, 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



### ***Summer Chant Class***

Fr. Raphael will be offering a series of classes on chanting. Please complete the interest survey: <https://tinyurl.com/chantclass24>

### ***Thursday Morning Adult Education Class Returns***

On Thursday May 9, Fr. Dan will begin a series of classes on the Seven Ecumenical Councils. These will run at least through May 30. Class meets at 10:30 AM in Classroom #4.

### ***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 would like to begin registration next week. Please let Frances know if you are interested in teaching.

### ***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 21 Sunday of Mary of Egypt**

- 7:50 AM Orthros
- 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Sunday School for All
- 5:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St. Elias

### **Monday, April 22**

- 10:30 AM St. Luke Co-op
- 6:30 PM HOPE Group

### **Tuesday, April 23- Wednesday April 24**

Installation of Iconography

### **Wednesday, April 24**

- 5:30PM Presanctified Liturgy & Fasting Potluck

### **Friday, April 26**

- 9:30 AM Presanctified Liturgy

### **Saturday, April 27**

- 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
- 4:00 PM Great Vespers

