



# 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*

George Rabtzwow, *Secretary*

Betty Duran

Sh. Margaret Ashton, *Antiochian Women*

Steve Knudtsen

Mitch Paxton

Frances Reda, *Church School*

Gene Roberts

Bee Sturgis

Elizabeth Thompson

☩ February 25, 2024 ☩

**Plagal First (Tone 5) — Fifth Eothinon  
Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican**

*Tarasios the confessor, archbishop of Constantinople;  
Hieromartyr Markellos, bishop of Apamea in Syria*

**Orthros** (8 am)

**Resurrection Gospel** Eothinon 5 (Luke 24:12-35)

**Great Doxology** (8:55am) - Tone 8 ..... 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 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. Luke:** Let us praise, etc. .... Choir/All

**Kontakion for the Pharisee and Publican-Tone 4:** Let us flee the Pharisee’s conceited vaunting; let us learn the Publican’s humility, and cry with groans unto the Savior: Thou Who alone art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us. .... Chanters

**Communion Hymns:** “Praise the Lord”, “Kontakion for the Pharisee and Publican”, “Praise the Lord”, and Byzantine Hymns ..... Choir/Chanters/All

**Veneration Hymns:** “O Give Thanks”, 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 Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy (3:10-15)**

**T**imothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

### **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. Luke 18:10-14**

**T**he Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



## 🌀 Announcements 🌀

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

Everyone continues their studies on Romans: Supplemental Themes. To prepare for the Creative Arts Festival, children and youth may continue their art projects at home or at church after Wednesday Divine Liturgy. Projects are due on March 10th and will be displayed from March 15 through March 24. Please see Frances with questions.

No Adult Sunday School today. Enjoy extended fellowship.

Adult Sunday School classes are recorded and posted on our website.

### ***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 feel free to join us. 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.

### ***Youth Activities this Month***

Mimi Sawaked, our Youth Director, will lead a hike to Thomas Reservoir (from Church) on Saturday, March 2 at 1:30 PM. The youth will return in time for Great Vespers. Contact Mimi: [mimisawaked@gmail.com](mailto:mimisawaked@gmail.com)

### ***Farewell Brunch for the Sittler Family***

Today, we have a special 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!

### ***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!

### ***Project Mexico in 2024***

• Interested in attending Project Mexico July 30-Aug. 5 Contact Matt Richardson: [cirrusio@pm.me](mailto:cirrusio@pm.me)

### ***Save the Date for Vacation Bible School***

Last year, children and teachers had a blast. We hope you will join us this summer June 17-20. Stay tuned for more information & registration. Please let Frances know if you are interested in teaching. [admin@stlukeorthodox.org](mailto:admin@stlukeorthodox.org)

### ***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](mailto:shamassy@gmail.com)!

### ***Lost and Found Items***

Please check the Lost and Found Closet (across from the bulletin board) for missing items. The contents will be donated Monday, March 4.

## ☪ Weekly Schedule ☪

### **Wednesday, February 28**

5:30 PM      Divine Liturgy & Fast-free Potluck

### **Thursday, February 29**

10:30 AM      Adult Education Class

### **Saturday, March 2**

9:00 AM      Men's Group

2:30 PM      Youth Hike

4:00 PM      Great Vespers

### **Sunday, March 3: Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

8:00 AM      Orthros

9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy, Memorial Prayers & Coffee Fellowship

10:45 AM      Antiochian Women's Bake Sale

11:00 AM      Myrrhbearers Meeting

11:00 AM      Sunday School for Children & Youth, Adult Fellowship extended

