

# 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 Rabtzow, *Secretary*

Sh. Margaret Ashton, *Antiochian Women*

Steve Knudtsen

Darrin Morkunas

Frances Reda, *Church School*

Gene Roberts

Bee Sturgis

Elizabeth Thompson

☩ December 3, 2023 ☩

**First Tone — Fourth Eothinon**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost — Fourteenth Sunday of Luke**

*The Holy Prophet Zephaniah; Martyrs Agapios, Seleukos and Mamas; Venerable Theodoulos, Eparch of Constantinople; Venerable Theodoulos of Cyprus*

**Orthros** (8 am)

**Resurrection Gospel** Eothinon 4 (Luke 24:1-12)

**Great Doxology** (8:55am) - **Tone 4** ..... 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 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

**After the Entrance with the Gospel:**

**Resurrection Apolytikion-Tone 1:** (*see above*) ..... Chanters/All

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

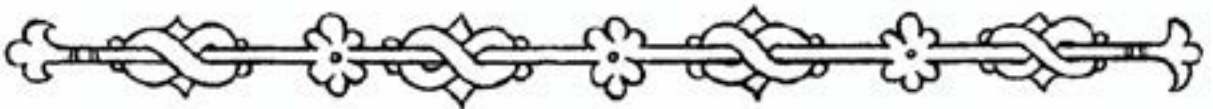
**Kontakion of Preparation of Christ's Nativity:** The virgin cometh today, to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word Eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth at the message with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him, Who shall appear by His own will as a young Child, He who is from eternity, God..... Clergy

**Communion Hymns:** "Praise the Lord", "Of Thy Mystical Supper" the "Praise to the Incarnate Word", and Byzantine Hymns..... Choir/Chanters/All

**Trisagion Memorial Prayers:** Remembering Deborah Brown, Fr. John Falcone, Joseph Fascona, Wallace Griffiths, Richard Lynn Cleveland, Nina Dutcher

**Children's Message:** Children are invited to join Fr. Daniel on the solea.

**Veneration Hymns:** "Troparion of St. Nicholas" and Byzantine Hymns ..... Choir/Chanters/All



## Lectionary

### **The Prokeimenon in Tone 1 (Psalm 33)**

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright.

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (5:8-19)**

**B**rethren, walk as children of light—for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true—and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

### **Alleluia Verses in Tone 1 (from Psalm 18)**

Oh God Who givest avengement unto me and hast subdued peoples under me.

It is He that magnifieth the salvation of His king and worketh mercy for His anointed, for David, and for his seed into eternity.

### **The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18: 35-43)**

**A**t that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



## ☞ Announcements ☞

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

Sunday School welcomes Guest Speaker for All: Fr. Simon Menya, Northern Uganda Self Sufficiency Project. Children and Youth will be dismissed after 15 minutes for Pageant Practice in the Temple.

### ***Youth Activity: Wednesday, December 6 after Divine Liturgy***

Stay for our potluck dinner and decorate gingerbread houses, discuss Winter Camp, and plan 2024.

### ***Lakota Christmas Outreach***

Once again St. Luke is blessed to share the Nativity Season with our neighbors to the north. We will send needed items to Nancy LaPointe, Wraparound Care Coordinator at Sinte Gleska University Family Program on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. We order gifts, food, personal hygiene items, and cleaning supplies through Amazon. Amazon delivers directly to the University. Please give your check donation directly to Bee Sturgis or make it out to St. Luke with memo: "Lakota Outreach". The last day for this outreach is December 10. Gifts ordered as donations are received.

### ***Advent Retreat with Mother Melania: Please register by December 6***

Everyone is invited to our Advent Retreat Dec 8-9, 2023. The speaker is Mother Melania, Abbess of Holy Assumption women's monastery in Calistoga, CA. She will be speaking on the following topics:

*On Friday evening, for the women's group:* "The Theotokos as Virgin Mother, Queen, and Champion Leader".

*On Saturday, open to all:* "Living the Beatitudes", "The Three Powers of the Soul (Nous, Appetitive/Desiring, and Angering/Spirited)", "One Christian Life, Two Ways to Live It -Marriage and Monasticism". Sign-up for both Friday evening and Saturday here:

<http://bit.ly/StLuke2023Advent>

### ***Adult Education Class Thursdays at 10:30a***

Fr. Dan teaches on the Early Church Fathers. All welcome.

### ***School Sponsorship for St. Nektarios Nursery and Primary School, Akonyibedo Village, Gulu, Uganda***

In 2023, Lift Up Uganda began a school sponsorship program with forty St Luke families on a trial basis. It was a huge success for the 40 girls and boys who received three terms of tuition plus a uniform. Parents/guardians were so grateful for an uninterrupted school year. Parents/guardians did their share by providing food and other requirements. As a bonus, the children learned new literacy skills to exchange letters with their donors. All 40 students did well this year and will advance to the next grade level when the first term of school begins February 5, 2024. Education is a tremendous gift to a poor child. Please consider sponsoring a child in 2024. The one time cost is \$150 for 3 terms of tuition and a uniform. Deadline is December 15. Please contact Sue Nelson at [ssnelson22@aol.com](mailto:ssnelson22@aol.com).

*Please pick up your wreaths in the bulletin board hallway.*

## ***2024 Calendars Available in the Narthex***

### ***Do you love to sing?***

Please see Denise McIntyre if you are interested in joining Choir.

### ***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.easytith.com/app/giving/stlukeorthodox>. Please note in memo: "Hail Storm".

## **☪ Weekly Schedule ☪**

### ***Nativity Fast continues***

#### **Monday, December 4**

10:30am St. Luke Co-op  
6:30pm HOPE meeting

#### **Wednesday, December 6**

5:30pm Divine Liturgy & Fasting Potluck; Youth Group Activity

#### **Thursday, December 7**

10:30am Adult Education Class

#### **Friday, December 8**

7:00pm Advent Retreat for Women

#### **Saturday, December 9**

9:00am Advent Retreat for Men and Women  
4:00pm Vespers  
5:00pm HOPE Dinner

#### **Sunday, December 10**

8:00am Orthros  
9:00am Divine Liturgy, Coffee Fellowship  
Sunday School for All

# ☞ 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 November 30, 2023 (names listed in alphabetical order as they were submitted).

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Deacon Aidan and Sh. Margaret Ashton

Rob Bell

Hierodeacon Mark Berge

Deacon John Bourquin

Ronald Brotzman

Anthony Cirbo

Fr. Daniel and Kh. Elfriede Daly

Fr. Raphael and Kh. Zohreh Daly

Betty and Roman Duran

Margaret Evans

Joe and Rose Faissal

Debra Ferriter

John and Bethany Fu

Alex Gerthe

Quinton Hennigh

Laith Hodi

Michael Holeman

Theophanes John

Johanna Kasten

Stevan Kelly

Steve and Nancy Knudtsen

John Kuepper

Benjamin Kurtz

Larry Lofquist

Denise and Jerry McIntyre

Jessica McCrery

Matt McCrery

Marcus Miers

Darrin and Kathryn Morkunas

Peter Mustian

Debra Neeland

Joyce Neeland

Susan Nelson

Mitchell and Cathy Paxton

George Rabtzow

Frances Reda

Gene and Gwen Roberts

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Kirk and Lisa Tatusko

Steve and Liz Thompson

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Christina Vasquez

Denise Voris

Carol A. Wilson

Alana and Joseph Worth

Lou and Michelle Zeman

## Stewardship Goals

100 Pledges

\$600,000 in commitments