

ST. LUKE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

“The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” Acts 11:26

Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross
September 17, 2023

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We are a parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America under His Eminence Metropolitan SABA Fr. Raphael Daly, Pastor; Fr. David Mustian, Pastor Emeritus; Fr. Dan Daly, Fr. Jason Falcone, Fr. Stephan Close, Attached Deacons: Fr. Mark Berge, Rev. John Timby, Rev. John Bourquin, Rev. Aidan Ashton

Today’s Services - Use the Cream Service Book of St. John Chrysostom

Martyrs Sophia and her daughters Faith, Love and Hope

Orthros (8 am) with Resurrection Gospel St. Luke (24:1-12) - *See Service Book, begins* Page 2

Great Doxology (8:55am) - *Tone 4* Page 24

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (9 am) *Cream Service Book - begins on* Page 30

During the Entrance with the Gospel:

Second Antiphon: “O Son of God, Who wast crucified in the flesh, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia! Choir/All

Apolytikion of the Elevation of the Holy Cross “O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the pow’r of thy Cross preserving thy community” Chanters/All

After the Entrance with the Gospel:

Resurrection Apolytikion- Tone 6: “When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee” Chanters/All

Apolytikion of the Elevation of the Cross (*see above*) Chanters/All

Apolitikion of St. Luke Choir/All

Kontakion of the Elevation of the Holy Cross-Tone 4: “Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible”..... Priest

Communion Hymns: “Praise the Lord”, “What Shall I Render to the Lord”, “The Light of Thy Countenance”, and Byzantine Hymns..... Choir/Chanters/All

Veneration Hymns: “Before Thy Cross” and “Apolytikion of the Holy Cross”..... Choir/Chanters/All

Announcements

We welcome visitors today. 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.

Wednesday Night Liturgy continues this week at 5:30p. Lenten potluck to follow.

Today’s Scriptures

Galatians (2:16-20): Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Mark (8:34-9:1) The Lord said, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power.”

Announcements Continued

First Day of Sunday School for Adults, Children and Youth is today at 11a. We will ALL begin in Parish Hall (students, teachers, adults) immediately following Potluck meal. If you have not done so already, parents please register your children at office shelf & <https://tinyurl.com/SundaySchool23-24>.

Adult Education Class Thursdays at 10:30a. Topic: “Early Church Fathers.” Please see Fr. Daniel Daly. djdaly38@aol.com. All welcome. Classroom #4.

Save the Date for our Youth Group Kick Off: Teens & Parents Game Night! Saturday, September 30 at 5pm. If you would like to help or need more information, see Frances.

Do you love to sing? Do you enjoy singing along with our choir on Sundays? Now is the perfect time to join the St. Luke Liturgical Choir! Our practices are generally held on Wednesday evenings, some Saturdays, and warm up every Sunday at 8a. Please see Denise McIntyre or mcintyrelaw@comcast.net.

Coffee Fellowship Ministry needs volunteers for clean up crews. Please see Bethany Fu if you can help. bethanyjohnfu@gmail.com

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”. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Weekly Schedule: (Regular weekly fasting on Wednesday and Friday)

- Wed. 5:30p Divine Liturgy, Lenten Potluck Dinner immediately following
- Thurs. 10:30 Adult Education Class: “Early Church Fathers”
- Sat. 4:00p Great Vespers
- Sun. 8:00a Orthros
- 9:00a Divine Liturgy & Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00a Sunday School for All