St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Tone 1 **August 9, 2026** Eothinon 10

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost & Tenth Sunday of Matthew
After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ

Apostle Matthias; translation of the relics of Venerable Herman of Alaska, wonderworker of America

Today's Reader: Dan Lively

Next Sunday – August 16, 2026

Reader for August 16, 2026: **Suresh Thomas**

Commemorations and Bread Offering for August 16: **The Shammaa Family**

Coffee Hour Luncheon next will be prepared by the Thomas and Caperton Families

Bread for the Holy Oblation is Offered by the Lively Family for the health and salvation of Daniel, Maria, Archpriest Samuel-Matushka Loretta, Archimandrite Ioakeim, Abbess Agne, Rachel, Elias, Daisy, Bryan, Braxton, Delta, Dorothy, Tillie, Kase, Finley, Maria, Kassiani, Rafael, Nonna, Michael, Sophia, Gabriel, Innocent, Nicholas, Mary, Joanna, Elias, John, Liz, George, and Virginia.

It is also offered in loving memory of Konstantinos, Ioannis, Elizabeth, Charalambos, Alexandra, Ana-stasios, Maria, Stavros, Stamatios, Eleni, and all the Bouhoutsou, Mavroidi, Polydoros departed family members, Elder Ephraim, Abbess Taxiarchia, Vicki, Christopher, Malcolm, Judie, and Tawny.

"the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

Please note that **Holy Communion is reserved for members of the Holy Orthodox Church** who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession. However, all are welcome to partake of the blessed bread at the dismissal.

Please join us during our fellowship at the Coffee Hour immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

Make Note of the Following:

IMPORTANT ~ The Parish Council Meeting that was schedule for Next Sunday (August 16) has been cancelled. This meeting will be rescheduled at a time and day to be announced very soon.

Services for the Remainder of the Dormition Fast

Aug 10 (Mon) 5:00pm ~ Paraklesis Service

Aug 12 (Wed) 5:00pm ~ Paraklesis Service

Aug 14 (Fri) 5:00pm ~ Great Vespers for the Feast of the Dormition

Aug 15 (Sat) 10:00am ~ Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition

THE DORMITION FAST – AN OUTLINE
August 1-14

DAYS	THE HOLY CANONS SPECIFY THE FOLLOWING:	
	Abstinence of:	No Abstinence of:
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Meat & Meat products Dairy products Fish Wine Oil	Fruit Shellfish Vegetables & vegetable products
Saturdays and Sundays		Wine and oil are permitted.
August 6 Feast of the Transfiguration		Fish, wine and oil are permitted

"Blessings Box" Collection Update

Beloved in Christ,
This year, we are collecting non-perishable food for our new BLESSING BOX! PLEASE KEEP BRINGING FOOD so that we may continue to stock our shelves and have food to stock adequately. We need to continue our efforts in providing food for those who are truly Hungry. God bless everyone for your holy efforts!

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Troparion of the Resurrection, *in the First Tone*

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.

Troparion of the Transfiguration, *in the Seventh Tone*

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O God Thou bestower of light, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. Nicholas, *in the Fourth Tone*

Thy righteous acts have manifested thee to thy flock as a model of faith, a reflection of humility, and a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Therefore, through humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and through poverty riches. Intercede thou with Christ to save our souls.

Kontakion of The Transfiguration, *in the Fourth Tone*

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father

Epistle

I Corinthians 4:9-16

Prokeimenon: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel

Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

Gospel *con't on following insert*

Calendar: August 2026

Dormition Fast 8/1/2026 - 8/14/2026		
8/10/2026 (Mon)	5:00 pm	Paraklesis Service (Supplication to the Theotokos)
8/12/2026 (Wed)	5:00 pm	Paraklesis Service (Supplication to the Theotokos)
8/14/2026 (Fri)	5:00 pm	Great Vespers for the Feast of the Dormition/Artoklasia
8/15/2026 (Sat)	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy—Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
8/20/2026		The Prophet Samuel
8/29/2026		The Beheading of John the Baptist

Please Note

Important Announcement about the Parish Library:

- Temporarily, we will be pausing the lending of books from the library as we add new books to our collection. It is my hope that we will complete our work and open it back for lending around September 1.
- If you have books that you have borrowed and are finished reading them, please bring them back and leave them on the Conference Room table so we can include them in our inventory accounting.

Calendar for the Week of August 9, 2026	Saints of the Day
Sunday— August 9, 2026 Fast 9:20 am Orthros 10:30 am Divine Liturgy	The Apostle Matthias
Monday— August 10, 2026 Fast 5:00 pm Paraklesis Service	Archdeacon Lawrence the Martyr
Tuesday—August 11, 2026 Fast	Deacon Euplus the Martyr
Wednesday—August 12, 2026 Fast 5:00 pm Paraklesis Service	Photius and Anicetus the Martyrs
Thursday—August 13, 2026 Fast	Maximus the Righteous Confessor
Friday—August 14, 2026 Fast 5:00 pm Great Vespers for the Feast Artoklasia	The Righteous Martyr Domitius
Saturday— August 15, 2026 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos 5:00 pm Great Vespers Confessions afterward	The Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos
Sunday—August 16, 2026 9:20 am Orthros 10:30 am Divine Liturgy	Diomedes the Martyr

Please note that Confessions are heard at the time noted above in the coming week's schedule, or by appointment by calling Fr. Samuel at: (304) 254-0470, (304) 562-9129, or (304) 541-8550.