St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Tone 2 **October 11, 2026** Eothinon 8

Sunday of Holy Fathers of Seventh Ecumenical Council & Fourth Sunday of Luke

Apostle Philip, one of the Seven Deacons; Venerable Theophanes the branded

Today's Reader: Reader Varik Meiggs

Next Sunday – October 18, 2026

Reader for October 18, 2026: **Liz Daigle**

Commemorations and Bread Offering for October 18, 2026: **The Sneed Family**

The Luncheon on October 18 will be prepared by the **Sneed and Stroud Families**

Bread for the Holy Oblation is offered for the Health and Salvation of Eddie, Tyra, Eddie, Ellie, and the members of the Owens Family.

It is also Given In Loving Memory of Eddie and the departed members of the Owens Family.

"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.

Important Announcements . . .

On Saturday, October 17th, **(next Saturday) the Men's Fellowship of St. Seraphim of Sarov will undertake a *Deep Cleaning of the Church (Narthex, Nave, and Loft)* between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. See Chris Moore for more information and to sign up to help clean.**

***Next Sunday (October 18th),* the Parish Council will meet at 1:00 pm. If a member of the Council cannot attend this meeting, please see Sdn. James Nemitz after the Divine Liturgy today.**

On Saturday, November 7, 2026, **(rescheduled) the Women of the Holy Myrrh-Bearers will undertake a *Deep Cleaning of Church Kitchen* between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. See Christine Cacic for more Information and to sign up to help clean.**

October 18, 2026 at 12:30 pm

Nathaniel & Grace Keith

The Keith's are Expecting a Girl!

For more information please see Christine Cacic

"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 for the Resurrection, *in the Second Tone*

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Holy Fathers, *in the Eighth Tone*

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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 Ordinary Sundays, *in the Fourth Tone*

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, although we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time , who cry unto thee in faith; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

Epistle

Titus 3:8-15

Prokeimenon: Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 8:5-15

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Calendar: October ~ November 2026

10/11/2026 (Sun)	1:30 pm	Youth Activity (See Christopher Clay for details)
10/11/2026 (Sun)	1:30 pm	Choir Practice
10/17/2026 (Sat)	9am-3pm	Men's Fellowship—Deep Cleaning of Church
10/18/2026 (Sun)	1:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
10/18/2026 (Sun)	12:30 pm	WHMB Baby Shower for Baby Keith
Christmas Fast 11/15/2026—12/24/2026		
11/1/2026 (Sun)	1:30 pm	Choir Practice
11/7/2026 (Sat)	10am–2pm	WHMB—Deep Cleaning of Kitchen
11/8/2026 (Sun)	1:30 pm	Youth Activity
11/15/2026 (Sun)	1:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
11/20/2026 (Fri)	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy for Entrance of Theotokos
11/21/2026		Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Calendar for the Week of October 11, 2026	Saints of the Day
Sunday—October 11, 2026 **No Church School Today** **9:25 am Orthros** **10:30 am Divine Liturgy** **1:30 pm Choir Practice** **Youth Activity**	Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens
Monday— October 12, 2026	Charitine the Martyr
Tuesday– October 13, 2026	Thomas the Apostle
Wednesday—October 14, 2026 **Fast**	Sergius & Bacchus the Martyrs
Thursday—October 15, 2026	Pelagia the Righteous
Friday—October 16, 2026 **Fast**	James, son of Alphaeus
Saturday— October 17, 2026 **9:00 am to 3:00 pm** **Men's Fellowship of St Seraphim of Sarov** **Deep Cleaning of Church** **See Chris Moore for Information** **5:00 pm Great Vespers** **Confessions afterward**	Euphlampius & Eulampia the Martyrs
Sunday—October 18, 2026 **9:25 am Orthros** **9:30 am High School** **10:00 am Youth Ministry** **10:30 am Divine Liturgy** **After Liturgy- Junior &Youngsters Church School** **1:00 pm Parish Council Meeting**	Philip the Apostle; Theophanes the Righteous

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.

The Pocahontas Center Project

Background:

The WHMB is organizing a parish-wide outreach project to provide support to The Pocahontas Center, a 68-bed nursing home in Marlinton, over the Christmas holiday and potentially beyond. This support will focus on both the residents and the staff. **We are planning a visit on the morning of Saturday, December 12; all are welcome and encouraged to come.** The visit will include distribution of gifts and Christmas cards, provision of snacks and small gifts for the staff, Christmas caroling, and spreading of goodwill and cheer.

The Angel Tree and how it works:

While we will engage with all 68 residents, we have "adopted" 10 individuals who have no one with whom to celebrate the holidays. We have their gift wish lists and have erected an Angel Tree in the social hall to give everyone the opportunity to purchase gifts for them. Each angel has a name and a corresponding gift from the wish lists. Take a look at the angels on the tree; if you would like to purchase a gift, take the angel off the tree and sign up for that gift on the itemized list on the clipboard. Keep the angel as a reminder to purchase the gift. When you bring the unwrapped gift to church, tape the angel to it to help us keep track of which gifts are for whom. Gifts range from sodas and snacks to a small TV; I hope everyone will be able to participate. If you prefer to help defray other costs (small gifts and cards, snacks, etc.), please give your donation to Fr. Samuel with a note indicating you would like it to be applied to the Pocahontas Center project.

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of this project!

His Eminence
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October 2026

Youth Month and Seminary Month

Beloved clergy and faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

The Church is always called to look toward the future—not simply by preserving what we have received, but by faithfully handing the Orthodox Christian life to those who will come after us. St. John Chrysostom reminds us of this sacred responsibility: "The care of children is the greatest of all arts." The formation of our young people and the formation of those who will shepherd them are therefore inseparable responsibilities.

In the Antiochian Archdiocese, October is traditionally observed as "Youth Month and Seminary Month." These two observances belong together because the young people of today are the faithful, parents, parish leaders, and clergy of tomorrow. At the same time, the seminarians of today are preparing to become the priests who will baptize and chrismate our children, teach the faith, celebrate the Divine Mysteries, counsel families, comfort the suffering, visit the sick, reconcile the penitent, and proclaim the Gospel of Christ to a world that desperately needs His truth and mercy.

Priests must possess knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, the teachings of the Fathers, theology, history, and pastoral ministry. But they must also be formed in prayer, humility, repentance, compassion, and love for the people whom they will one day serve. Education and spirituality must work together so that our future priests are prepared not only to speak about Christ, but to live and proclaim life in Christ.

Our seminarians depend upon the generosity of the faithful, and so do the institutions who help form them: St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and the Archdiocese's own Antiochian House of Studies. Supporting these institutions is an investment in the spiritual life of our parishes.

Prayerfully consider making a generous contribution through your parishes to help prepare the shepherds who will serve our parishes and strengthen the Church that will nurture our children and grandchildren.

May our Lord bless our youth and our seminaries. May He bless you and your families and reward your generosity.

Your Father in Christ,

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"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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