St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Tone 4 — **October 25, 2026** — Eothinon 10

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
MARTYRS MARCIAN AND MARTYRIOS THE NOTARIES
MARTYRS VALERIOS AND CHRYSAPHIOS;
TABITHA THE MERCIFUL, RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE APOSTLE PETER

Today's Reader: Dan Lively

Next Sunday – November 1, 2026

Reader for November 1, 2026: **Christopher Clay**

Commemorations and Bread Offerings for November 1, 2026: **Christopher Moore Family**

Luncheon on November 1 will be prepared by **The Youth Activity Team**

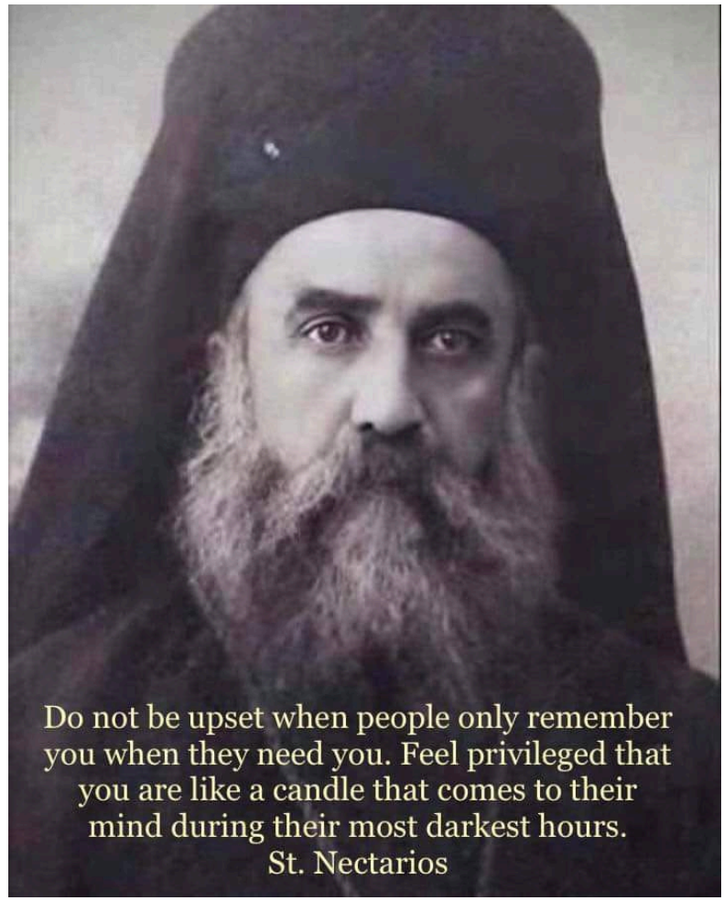
Bread for the Holy Oblation is Offered for the health & salvation of the Archpriest Samuel, Matushka. Loretta, Nora, Nicholas, Rachel, Thomas, Shiloh, Sophia, Elizabeth, Mary, Timothy, Annie, and David, the members of the Haddad, Thabet, Jett and Abbott Families.

It is also offered in loving memory of Clifford, Ruth, Ned, Josephine, William, Mary, Samuel, Bessie, Tannos, George, Jenny, the departed members of the Haddad, Thabet, Jett and Abbott Families.

"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.



"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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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
& Sixth Sunday of Luke

Martyrs Marcian and Martyrios the Notaries Martyrs Valerios and Chrysaphios; Tabitha the merciful, raised from the dead by the apostle Peter; relics translation of Venerable Sabbas the Sanctified & Venerable John of Beverly

Troparion for the Resurrection, *in the Fourth Tone*

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

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

Galatians 2:16-20

Prokeimenon: O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

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.

Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

Calendar: October ~ November 2026

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 25, 2026	Saints of the Day
Sunday—October 25, 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**	Marcianus and Matyrius the Martyrs
Monday— October 26, 2026	**Demetrius the Myrrh-Streaming**
Tuesday– October 27, 2026	Nestor the Martyr
Wednesday—October 28, 2026 **Fast**	Terentius, Neonilea
Thursday—October 29, 2026	Anastasia the Roman; Righteous Abraamius
Friday—October 30, 2026 **Fast**	Zenobius and Zenobia the Martyrs
Saturday— October 30, 2026 **5:00 pm Great Vespers** **Confessions afterward**	Stachus, Apelles, Amplias, Urbanus, Narcissus, & Aristobulus the Apostles
Sunday—November 1, 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**	Wonderworking Unmercenary Physicians, Cosmas and Damian

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
The Most Reverend
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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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SPECIAL OLYMPICS
Awareness Day

AS NAC TEEN SOYO PREPARES TO SPONSOR THE HISTORIC 46TH ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPORTS CAMP AT ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE IN AUGUST 2027, WE ASK FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT TO HELP MAKE THIS BELOVED MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

EACH YEAR, APPROXIMATELY 300 SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES AND COACHES PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMP. TEEN SOYO MEMBERS FROM ACROSS OUR ARCHDIOCESE VOLUNTEER A WEEK OF THEIR TIME AND LIVE IN SERVICE TO THE ATHLETES—FULFILLING THE SCRIPTURAL CALL TO SERVE "AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR MEN" Colossians 3:23.

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Today our teens will be collecting financial donations to help sponsor this remarkable event. Your contributions make it possible for every athlete, coach, and teen volunteer to attend the camp at no cost. They also help cover travel expenses for the SOYO members who come to serve.

As a token of appreciation, our teens will offer bookmarks featuring an icon of Sts. Peter and Paul to all who contribute.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to this ministry. Your support helps our youth grow in Christ by giving them a unique opportunity to love and care for others.

Checks may be made payable to your local Teen SOYO group, with "SOAD 2026" in thememo line.

Donations can also be made online at www.teenso):'.o.org.L.§.P-ecial-olY-mP-ics.
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Your donations make this ministry possible!

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, NAC Teen SOYO covers the cost of the camp, approximately $75,000, through the generosity of our fellow parishioners. Through the years, we have hosted more than 8,600 athletes and coaches. Around 1,200 of our teens have had the unique experience of being a coach or volunteer at the camp.

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Appeal for Special Olympics Sports Camp

Beloved clergy and faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christi

This coming year marks the 4<5"' year that our Teen SOYO chapters have sponsored and participated in the Special Olym pies Sports Camp a.I the ilntiochian Village. We h a.ve now entered the third generation of this wonderful ministry-an experience that is life-changing not only for the Special Olympians, but also for our teens who learn invaluable lessons of love, compassion, service, and faith as they accompany and assist these athletes in competition.

Ea.ch year, Teen SOYO sponsors-free of charge {l week filled with joy, fellowship, and faith for more than 320 athletes and coaches. I had the honor to be present this year and share in this experience I even met and spoke with one Speci21 Olympian, Loretta. Claiborne, who has not missed one year a.I Antiochian Village for Sports Camp She said, "If I get a c211 to go to the White House and it's August, I'll tell them, Wait a.hot beat, I'm sorry, I can't go. I'll be on God's mountain.

And Loretta. means it! She has met with every sitting U.S. president in her lifetime and received numerous invitations to the White House. One year, she declined a run with President Clinton to attend Sports Camp a.I the ilntiochian Village. This is dedication and this is the love th at this speci21 place cultivates not only among our Orthodox faithful, but to a.II who ascend this holy mountain.

For Loretta. and 211 our beloved Speci21 Olympians {lfid because of the ever-increasing costs of providing this blessed experience for them-----we ask each year that our faithful help offset the expenses of this outreach of love. Through y:,ur generosity, you make it possible for this ministry to continue touching lives and bringing the love of Christ to so many.

In appreciation, our teens will once again offer a beautiful icon card. This year's card features the patrons of our Holy Antio chi an See, Ss. Peter and Paul, as a. reminder of our spiritual roots and mother Church, the Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East

Praying that our Lord will bless 211 who participate, serve, assist, and contribute to this beautiful cause, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

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