

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
TONE 8 / EOTHINON 6;
FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE
MARTYR KALLISTRATOS AND THE 49
MARTYRS WITH HIM

THE APOSTLES ARISTARCHOS, ZENON AND MARK OF THE SEVENTY



St Simeon Orthodox Church

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VISITORS WELCOME

St. Simeon Orthodox Church welcomes you to our community this Sunday. Please join us at the coffee hour following Liturgy. The table with a **blue tablecloth** is reserved for visitors so that our clergy can meet and chat with you.

Please note that Orthodox Christians must prepare for Holy Communion through recent confession, prayer, and fasting and be at peace with everyone.

During the Little Entrance, chant the Resurrectional Apolytikion; then after the entrance, chant these hymns in order:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 8)

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE MARTYRS (Tone 4)

*(**Be quick to anticipate**)*

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. SIMEON (Tone 1)

Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice, thou also, O righteous Elder, as thou receivest in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection

ORDINARY KONTAKION (Tone 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them,” says the Lord, “and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading According to St. Luke. (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

HOLY OBLATIONS

Prayers are offered for our dear **Fr. George** on the occasion of his **birthday today!** May God grant you a beautiful year filled with many, many blessings! With all of our love, your loving family along with the entire community of St Simeon Church.

Prayers are offered for **Samantha Nassief** on the occasion of her name day (St. Thekla) which was September 24. Many years.

Prayers are offered for **John Fitzgerald** on the occasion of his name day (John the Evangelist) which was September 26.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit your announcements and oblations to:
bulletin@scvorthodox.com by 9 P.M. on WEDNESDAY!

This Sunday we will attempt to set up the TV in the Lunchroom tuned to our YouTube live stream of Orthros and the Divine Liturgy. We hope that this gives people who for whatever reason need to step out of the nave an opportunity to still see and hear the Liturgy while they are attending to the needs of their family. It will be a few seconds delayed from the live broadcast but hopefully will be of value to those who need to step out.

Please join us as we continue our weekly **Bible Study** at the Church **every Tuesday** evening, starting at **6:30 PM**. This is open to all... but catechumens, parents of Sunday School students, and our teachers are highly encouraged to attend. We are attempting to add a video conference capability to the bible study and if we are successful, a link will be provided prior to the meeting. That said, the best experience is usually in person.

Join us on **1st - 4th Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.** to learn more about the Orthodox Faith. Topics include Church Dogma, Theology, Holy Tradition, Scripture, Worship, Prayer, and how to apply these concepts in our lives and conscript them to our hearts.

Please see flyers on the bulletin board for activities going on at other churches (like Parish Festivals and the Debutante Reunion Luncheon, and the Consecration of a new church in Mexico). Information on how to participate is on the flyers.

The Diocese of Los Angeles Fall Gathering is the weekend of October 23-25. This is an opportunity for the men, women, young adults and teens from the diocese to come together to pray, work and have fellowship. This year's host is St Michael Church in Whittier. For those who can't commit a weekend, most activity is Saturday morning through lunch. See the flyer on the bulletin board for QR to sign up. The Saturday morning schedule is:

8:00AM	Western Rite Liturgy with Communion
9:00AM	Opening Address by Bishop Anthony
10:00AM	Organizational Meetings
1:00PM	Lunch

Fourth Quarter Food Drive: For 43 years, the Archdiocese *Food for Hungry People* program has supported our hungry neighbors through local food banks. **Between October and December**, we will collect food items to be delivered to the Santa Clarita Food Pantry. The food pantry provided this needs list. **Please only bring items from this list and don't bring expired items:** Pasta, Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna, Salmon, Chicken; Canned Beans, Rice and Lentils; Instant Mashed Potatoes; Canned Soup, Chili, Broth; Pasta Sauce, Salsa, Canned Tomatoes; Canned Veggies; Canned Fruit, Applesauce, Jam; Cooking Oil and Spices; Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo); Powdered or Boxed Milk; Breakfast Cereal and Oatmeal; Pancake and Muffin Mix; Granola Bars, Trail Mix, Nuts, Popcorn; Crackers, Snacks; Flour, Sugar, Baking Supplies; Coffee. **A bin will be in place near Fr Andrew's office starting on October 1.**

Men's Fellowship Lunch: All the men of the parish are invited to the home of Larry Resendez for our kick-off of the Men's group for this liturgical year. Lunch will be provided and we will discuss plans for the group and get your input on activities and service we can do together to strengthen our parish and to strengthen each other. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for the QR code to sign up. Larry is asking RSVPs to come by October 1, so we have time to order sufficient food for the lunch.

October is Youth Month. **Starting next Sunday**, our youth will be volunteering as Epistle Readers during the Divine Liturgy. Also, on October 18, our Teens will be making a special presentation about Special Olympics and asking for your support.

Epistle Reading Schedule	
Sept 27 - Logan Resendez October 4 - Rose Lilly	October 11 - Elise Abraham October 18-Emma Ajalat

Greeter Schedule
September 27 – Larysa Lilly (8:20-9:00); Dennis Awad (9:00-9:40) October 4 – Kiro Kamel (8:20-9:00); Angela Rohan (9:00-9:40)

Coffee Hour Schedule	
Sep 27 - The Ajalat Children October 4 - Available October 11 - Nicole Abraham	October 18 - Mark Nassief October 25 - Raluca Cadar November 1 - Available
<i>We are transitioning to a new tool to sign up for Coffee Hour. Right now, both tools are live. The old system can be used to schedule any available dates through the end of October. The new system should be used to schedule any dates on or after November 1, 2026. Thank you for your support and for continuing to volunteer to sponsor our Coffee Fellowship.</i>	
<i>Signup: Dates Thru Oct 31</i> <u><i>Click to Sign Up</i></u> <i>Or us this QR</i>	<i>Signup: Dates Starting Nov 1</i> <u><i>Click to Sign Up</i></u> <i>Or us this QR</i>

New Hieromartyr Anthimus the Georgian the Metropolitan of Wallachia

Commemorated September 27

Anthimus was raised an Orthodox Christian in seventeenth-century Georgia (the Country not the US State). When he was young, he was captured by the Ottomans and enslaved in Constantinople. While there, he learned Greek and Arabic, which would later help him serve the Church. He also learned woodcarving, embroidery, and painting, and he put these skills to good use.

After a few years, Anthimus escaped captivity and found his way to the Ecumenical Patriarchate. He went to Wallachia and soon became a monk. He was later ordained to the priesthood and appointed to head the royal print shop in Bucharest. He went on to open a separate print shop at the Snagov Monastery, where sixty-three separate titles were printed in Romanian, Greek, Arabic, and Georgian. Anthimus wrote thirty-eight of these.

Later, he was consecrated a bishop and then Metropolitan of Wallachia. In this capacity, he established schools for impoverished children and constructed churches and monasteries. He utilized his talent as a woodcarver to enhance the beauty of many churches. He taught the saving truths of Orthodoxy and would offer words of consolation and encouragement. His sermons and books are part of the spiritual legacy of the Romanian Orthodox Church.

St Anthimus was arrested by the Ottomans in 1716 and was exiled to St Catherine Monastery on Mount Siani, but he never arrived there. He was killed by soldiers escorting him. They cut his body into small pieces and threw them into the Tungia River.

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. Hieromartyr Anthimus entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Apolytikion to St Anthimus the Georgian

St Simeon Church Look Ahead Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Su 9/27	8:30AM	Sunday Orthros
Su 9/27	9:30AM	Divine Liturgy
Tu 9/29	6:30PM	Bible Study
Sa 10/3	12:00PM	Men's Fellowship Lunch
Sa 10/3	4:00PM	Catechism
Sa 10/3	5:30PM	Vespers followed by Confessions
Su 10/4	8:30AM	Sunday Orthros
Su 10/4	9:30AM	Divine Liturgy
Tu 10/6	6:30PM	Bible Study
Sa 10/10	4:00PM	Catechism
Sa 10/10	5:00PM	Akathist for our Children
Sa 10/10	5:30PM	Vespers followed by Confessions
Su 10/11	8:30AM	Sunday Orthros
Su 10/11	9:30AM	Divine Liturgy
Tu 10/13	6:30PM	Bible Study
Sa 10/17	4:00PM	Catechism
Sa 10/17	5:30PM	Vespers followed by Confessions
Su 10/18	8:30AM	Sunday Orthros
Su 10/18	9:30AM	Divine Liturgy
Tu 10/20	6:30PM	Bible Study
Tu 10/20	7:30PM	Parish Council Meeting
Sa 10/24	All Day	Fall Gathering – St Michael, Whittier
Sa 10/24	4:00PM	Catechism
Sa 10/24	5:30PM	Vespers followed by Confessions