

OCTOBER 18, 2026
TONE 3 / EOTHINON 9
THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST LUKE
MARTYR MARINOS THE ELDER AT ANAZARBOS; VENERABLE
THEODORE, SIMEON AND EUPHROSYNE



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 with you.

Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and recent confession may participate in Holy Communion. We invite all, however, to partake of the blessed bread which is distributed at the dismissal.

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

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The firstborn of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST (Tone 3)

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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

His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (4:5-11, 14-18)

Brethren, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. Tychicus will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have

sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord.” I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:16-21)

The Lord said, “He who hears you hears Me, and he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.” The Seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Thy Name!” And Jesus said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the spirit and said, “I thank Thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was Thy gracious will.”

KOINONIKON FOR ST. LUKE (Tone 8)

His sound hath gone out into all the earth; and his words to the ends of the world. Alleluia.

HOLY OBLATIONS

Prayers are offered for **George and Josephine Dabbour** on the occasion of their 12th Anniversary, and happiest birthday to their boys, **Nicholas & Christopher**. May God grant them many years.

Prayers are offered for **Luke Nassief** on the occasion of his birthday and name day. May God grant you many years.

Prayers are offered for **Sh. Brigid Gilmartin** on the occasion of her birthday. May God grant you many years.

Prayers are offered for **Lucas Ajalat** on the occasion of his name day. May God grant you many years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make plans to join us for our "**Trunk-or-Treat**" on Sunday, October 25th, immediately following Sunday School. If you would like to decorate your trunk, please sign-up at on the table just inside the front door. **Remember when decorating your trunk – and also when children are choosing costumes – to not glorify anything that Orthodox Christians should abhor, put down, reject or flee from.**

October is Youth Month. TODAY our teens will be making a presentation about Special Olympics and asking for your financial support. In thanksgiving for your generosity, they will be handing out icon bookmarks.

Please join us as we continue our weekly **Bible Study** at the Church **every Tuesday** evening, starting at **6:30 PM**. We have a video conference option available for those who are further away.

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. **Please only bring items from the list posted by the donation box by Fr Andrew's office and don't bring expired items.**

The Diocese of Los Angeles Fall Gathering is next weekend
The **Saturday, October 24** morning schedule is:

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

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.

Save the Date: We will be holding a “Young Family Night” on **Saturday, November 14 starting at 5:30PM.** The schedule will include Vespers followed by dinner, fellowship and a movie night for the kids. While the kids are watching the movie, the adults will have time for a discussion. For more information, see Janine Ajalat. We hope this will be the first of an ongoing series of activities for our young families.

**All submissions for the bulletin must be received at
bulletin@scvorthodox.com by 9 P.M. on WEDNESDAY!**

Epistle Reading Schedule

October 18-Emma Ajalat	November 1- Available
October 25-Olivia Resendez	November 8- Available

Greeter Schedule

October 18 – Konrad Gubran (8:20-9:00); Jonathan Flint (9:00-9:40)
October 25- Chris Stinnett (8:20-9:00); Jorge Gonzalez (9:00-9:40)

Coffee Hour Schedule

October 18 - Mark Nassief	November 8 - Nicole Abraham
October 25 - Alex Heacock	November 15 - The Blanski's
November 1 - Available	November 22- Available

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Letter from Metropolitan Saba

Beloved clergy and faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese, Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

This coming year marks the 46th that our Teen SOYO chapters have sponsored and participated in the Special Olympics Sports Camp at the Antiochian Village. We have 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.

Each year, Teen SOYO sponsors—free of charge—a 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 Special Olympian, Loretta Claiborne, who has not missed one year at Antiochian Village for Sports Camp. She said, "If I get a call 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 the White House. One year, she declined a run with President Clinton to attend Sports Camp at the Antiochian Village. This is dedication and this is the love that this special place cultivates not only among our Orthodox faithful, but to all who ascend this holy mountain.

For Loretta and all our beloved Special Olympians—and 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 your 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 with our thanks to our generous supporters.

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

Your Father in Christ,

+SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

On St Luke (Commemorated Today)

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, was a native of Syrian Antioch, a companion of the holy Apostle Paul (Phil.1:24, 2 Tim. 4:10-11), and a physician enlightened in the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself. As one of the Seventy Apostles, Saint Luke was sent by the Lord with the others to preach the Kingdom of Heaven during the Savior's earthly life (Luke 10:1-3). After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saints Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus.

Luke accompanied Saint Paul on his second missionary journey, and from that time they were inseparable. When Paul's coworkers had forsaken him, only Luke remained to assist him in his ministry (2 Tim. 4:10-11). After the martyric death of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul, Saint Luke left Rome to preach in Achaia, Libya, Egypt and the Thebaid. He ended his life by suffering martyrdom in the city of Thebes.

Tradition credits Saint Luke with painting the first icons of the Mother of God. "Let the grace of Him Who was born of Me and My mercy be with these Icons," said the All-Pure Virgin after seeing the icons. Saint Luke also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul. Saint Luke's Gospel was written in the years 62-63 at Rome, under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. In the preliminary verses (1:1-3), Saint Luke precisely sets forth the purpose of his work. He proposes to record, in chronological order, everything known by Christians about Jesus Christ and His teachings. By doing this, he provided a firmer historical basis for Christian teaching (1:4). He carefully investigated the facts, and made generous use of the oral tradition of the Church and of what the All-Pure Virgin Mary Herself had told him (2:19, 51). In Saint Luke's Gospel, the message of the salvation made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the preaching of the Gospel, are of primary importance.

Saint Luke also wrote the Acts of the Holy Apostles at Rome around 62-63 A.D. The Book of Acts, which is a continuation of the four Gospels, speaks about the works and the fruits of the holy Apostles after the Ascension of the Savior. At the center of the narrative is the Council of the holy Apostles at Jerusalem in the year 51, a Church event of great significance, which resulted in the separation of Christianity from Judaism and its independent dissemination into the world (Acts 15:6-29). The theological focus of the Book of Acts is the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who will guide the Church "into all truth" (John 16:13) until the Second Coming of Christ.

St Simeon Church Look Ahead Calendar

Date	Time	Event
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 (No Confessions This Week)
Su 10/25	8:30AM	Sunday Orthros
Su 10/25	9:30AM	Divine Liturgy
Su 10/25	11:30AM	Children's Trunk or Treat
Mo 10/26	7:30AM	Divine Liturgy – St Demetrius
Tu 10/27	6:30PM	Bible Study
Sa 10/31	5:30PM	Great Vespers
Su 11/1	8:30AM	Sunday Orthros
Su 11/1	9:30AM	Divine Liturgy
Sa 11/7	9:00AM	Men's Fellowship Meeting
Sa 11/7	4:00PM	Catechism
Sa 11/7	5:30PM	Vespers followed by Confessions
Su 11/8	8:30AM	Sunday Orthros
Su 11/8	9:30AM	Divine Liturgy
Tu 11/10	6:30PM	Bible Study
Sa 11/14	4:00PM	Catechism
Sa 11/14	5:30PM	Great Vespers & Young Family Night
Su 11/15	8:30AM	Sunday Orthros
Su 11/15	9:30AM	Divine Liturgy