



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, January 24, 2021
**Tone 8 / Eothion 11; Thirty-first Sunday after
Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Luke**
Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ

Righteous Mother Xenia the Merciful of Rome;
Hieromartyr Babylas of Sicily;
Venerable Philotheos, Founder of Philotheou
Monastery on Athos



We welcome children of all ages in our worship.
“Let the little children come unto Me for of such is
the Kingdom of Heaven.” Luke 18:16

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 24 — ST. XENIA

9:00 a.m.	Matins
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy

Monday, January 25

6:45 a.m.	Daily Matins
5:00 p.m.	Akathist by Zoom

Tuesday, January 26

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, January 27

6:45 a.m.	Daily Matins
12:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Thursday, January 28—ST. EPHRAIM

7:45 a.m.	Akathist by Zoom
9:00 a.m.-12	Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m.	Daily Vespers

Friday, January 29

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, January 30
THREE HIERARCHS

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, January 29

9:00 a.m.	Matins
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy

EUCHARIST BREAD

Jan. 24	Kern
Jan. 31	Dillon
Feb. 2	Kern (Feast of Presentation)
Feb. 7	Morrison
Feb. 14	Jacobs

READERS

Jan. 24	M. Braun
Jan. 31	D. Meyer
Feb. 2	Rdr. M. Kern (Liturgy-Feast of Presentation)
Feb. 7	Rdr. J. Butler
Feb. 14	D. Meyer

USHERS

Jan. 24	P. King, J. King
Jan. 31	C. Berari, D. Meyer
Feb. 7	S. Speier, C. Speier
Feb. 14	M. Loulias, D. Washburn

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

★	1/24	Fay Young
★	1/25	Terri Speier
★	1/27	Jeff Petersilia
★	1/29	Galen Wiley
★	1/30	Audrey Dal Porto, Glenn Hoppe

Patronal Feast Days

★ 1/30 Three Holy Hierarchs Ben Hedges

**At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology
followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion**

**THE DIVINE LITURGY
OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

THE GREAT LITANY

FIRST ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High;
To proclaim Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. [Refrain]

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Vs. Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. [Refrain]

Vs. Glory...now & ever...Amen. [Refrain]

SECOND ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength and
hath girded Himself.

**Refrain: O Son Of God Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee,
Alleluia!**

Vs. For He hath established the world which shall not be shaken. [Refrain]

Vs. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore. [Refrain]

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages
of ages. Amen.

Only begotten Son and immortal Word of God, who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate
of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, who without change didst become man and was
crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, who art one of the Holy Trinity,
glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON—The Beatitudes or “Sermon on the Mount”

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord,
when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are you when men shall revile you and shall persecute you, and shall say all manner
of evil against you falsely for my sake.
Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

**AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR AT THE
LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING
HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

Troparion of the Resurrection	Tone 8
From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One; and Thou didst submit to the three day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.	
Troparion for St. Xenia	Tone 5
Having lived as a stranger in the world, you outwitted the deviser of evil by your pretended foolishness, O Xenia. You received the grace from God to foresee and foretell things to come. Now as you have been transported from earth to heaven, You are numbered with the choirs of the angels.	
Troparion to St. Athanasius	Tone 3
Holy Bishop Athanasius, you became a stronghold of Orthodoxy, strengthening the Church through your divine teachings. Opposing the heretical opinion of Arius, you explained and taught that the Son is equal in nature with the Father. O holy Father, intercede with Christ God that He may grant us abundant mercy.	

Kontakion of The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple **Tone 1**
By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb!
And blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God.
Now You have come and saved us through love.
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN
Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.
+Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

Deacon: With strength!
People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle **Tone 8**

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

Verse: *God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

EPISTLE READING
Timothy1:15-17
Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel **Tone 8**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior.

Verse: Come before His countenance with thanksgiving, and with psalms let us shout in jubilation unto Him.

GOSPEL READING
Luke 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God

It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos, ever blessed and most pure and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. Without defilement you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify you.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is, once again, the time of year when we bless our dwellings and pray for God’s protection in the coming year. Don’t forget to call one of our priests to set up a time to have your home blessed!

The new Men’s Fellowship of St. John the Theologian will meet on the following Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. between now and June:
February 6, March 13, April 17, May 8, June 5

CONGRATULATIONS to Sonia (Chala) Tower, who has been appointed by the Biden Administration to the position of Director of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs for the National Endowment for the Arts. (NEA) May God protect her in her travels, and grant her good health and success in this exciting new opportunity and many years!

LITURGICAL CALENDAR — LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple
Divine Liturgy at 6:00 p.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests received through the parish office will be printed in the bulletin and will be prayed for during the litanies at the daily services. Prayer requests received in the box at the church will be prayed for quietly at the altar at all services. Prayer requests remain for 40 days unless requested otherwise.

Send prayer requests for the bulletin to: office@stathanasius.org.

Please pray for the health of:

Metropolitan JOSEPH
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Markos
Mother Christophora
Fr. Jon B.
Joseph B.
Dn. Richard E.
Kh. Diane C.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family in Albania
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya
Duane F.
Richard and Susan B.
Monsignor J. Yanek
Kent F.
Bob N.
Fr. Jon-Stephen & Melissa H.

Cole K. (military)
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)
Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Steve T,
Olga Marie G.
Dn. John Y.
Mitch D. Sr.
Dn. Gary B.
Harvey G.
Stephen B.
Kris F.
David D.
Anneli C.
Kh. Erin K.
Nina
Dasha
Wendy R.

Bev R.
Phyllis M.
Christina & Anthony
Lee Family
Fr. Wayne W.
Audrey
Sarah G. and Family
Zack

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church
The Church & people in Lebanon
All those suffering and
in danger in Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East

Please pray for the raising up and
support of long-term missionaries from
our parish.

For repose of the souls of:

Neyla, Kiro, Jim R., Betty, Lynn S.
All who have died in the conflicts in Ukraine Africa & the Middle East
Those who lost their lives in the explosion in Lebanon

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall - two enclosed cabinets containing items that are FOR SALE. One cabinet holds icons, crosses, incense, prayer ropes, etc. The bookshelf has books for sale, arranged alphabetically by book title. Children’s books are on the bottom shelf. See Terri Speier if you are looking for jewelry such as a cross or chain. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Nicholas’ office. Make checks payable to **S.A.O.C. Bookstore**. (The pamphlets in the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.)

All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Metropolitan Joseph has given us a blessing to continue to do our services inside the nave. The Parish Council asks the members of the parish to adhere to the following:

- During services, please maintain at least 6 ft. of distance on all sides, including in the Communion line, and wear a mask that covers both YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE. (Families may sit together but should have six feet of space in front and behind them.
- The Sunday Divine Liturgy is being broadcast in the hallway and on the patio for overflow crowd and for those who are not comfortable sitting inside the nave.
- **There will be no COFFEE HOUR for now. Please do not linger inside the building after the services unless you are buying something from the Bookstore.**

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Christians who are baptized in the name of the Trinity and chrismated into the Orthodox Faith. Non-Orthodox believers **may approach the chalice for a blessing and the blessed bread instead of the Eucharist.** So that the priest

is aware of this, please just say,
“Father, bless” when you get to the chalice.

Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, we offer the prayers of thanksgiving for having received the Body and Blood of Christ. These beautiful prayers help us to reflect on the mystery in which we have just partaken, and prepare us for our transition back into the “world.” We invite you to listen to these beautiful prayers during and after the veneration of the cross at the end of the service, and ask that you show courtesy to those who are remaining to hear the prayers in their entirety by waiting until Coffee Hour to socialize.