



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, February 28, 2021

Tone 5 / Eothinon 5

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Venerable Basil the Confessor,
Companion of Prokopios of Decapolis;
Hieromartyr Proterios, Archbishop of Alexandria;
Righteous Kyra and Marana of Beroea in Syria;
Apostles Nymphas and Euvoulos;
New-martyr Kyranna of Thessalonica



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, February 28—Prodigal Son

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

Monday, March 1

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

Tuesday, March 2

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, March 3

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry
7:00 p.m. Trisagion Prayers for Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges

Thursday, March 4

7:45 a.m. Akathist by Zoom
9:00 a.m.-12 Showers of Blessing
1:00-5:00 p.m. Open visitation for community to pay respects—Fr. Jon-Stephen
7:00 p.m. “Funeral for a Priest” for Fr. Jon-Stephen

Friday, March 5

Service schedule TBA

Saturday, March 6

8:30 a.m. Soul Liturgy
5:00 p.m. Adult Study: “The Aim of the Spiritual Life”
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, March 7—Meatfare Sunday

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

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

Feb. 28 D. Washburn
March 7 M. Kern
March 14 N. Tinyayeva
March 21 Fr. Nicholas

READERS

Feb. 28 Rdr. J. Butler
March 7 M. Braun
March 14 Rdr. V. Gish (Liturgy)
March 14 Rdr. M. Kern (Vespers)
March 17 Rdr. H. Lange (Presanctified)
March 21 D. Meyer

USHERS

Feb. 28 C. Berari, D. Meyer
March 7 S. Speier, C. Speier
March 14 M. Loulias, D. Washburn
March 21 P. King, J. King

**REMINDER:
GREAT LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 15.**

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays
 ★ 3/3 Mark Kern
 ★ 3/4 Juliana Brunner, Dominic Dopico
 ★ 3/7 Mateo Finley

Patronal Feast Day Celebrations
 ★ 3/4 St. Juliana Juliana Brunner
 ★ 3/4 St. Gerasimas of Jordan Mason Speier

**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 rose 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 wast
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 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born of the Virgin for our salvation.
For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh
to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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 for the Prodigal Son

Tone 3

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father;
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You gave me.
And now I cry to You as the Prodigal:
“I have sinned before You, O merciful Father;
receive me a penitent,
and make me as one of Your hired servants!”

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 (Prokeimenon)

Tone 1

Reader: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee. (Ps 32/33:22)

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise is becoming to the upright.

THE EPISTLE READING
(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)
1 Corinthians. 6:12-20

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, "The two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel

Tone 5

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

Verse: I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth;
I will make known Thy faithfulness to all generations. (Ps 88/89:1)

Verse: For Thou hast said: "Mercy shall be built up forever;
In the heavens shall Thy truth be established." (Ps 88/89:2)

THE GOSPEL READING
(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)
Luke 15:11-32

The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.’” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

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 Hymn

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

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES & SEMINARS

Saturday, March 6 8:30 a.m.

SOUL LITURGY

Sunday, March 7

MEATFARE SUNDAY

Sunday, March 14

**CHEEEFARE SUNDAY
FORGIVENESS VESPERS at 6:00 p.m.**

**We will do Forgiveness Vespers a bit differently this year
in order to observe whatever health and safety protocols are in place by March 14.**

Monday, March 15

FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT

All services at 6:00 p.m.:

Monday—Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew

Tuesday—Little Compline with portion of Canon

Wednesday—Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday—Little Compline with portion of Canon

Friday—Akathist to the Mother of God

There will be no pan-Orthodox Vespers this year for the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

Wednesday, March 24 6:00 p.m.

Vesperal-Liturgy for Feast of Annunciation

During Great Lent, we do not have Tuesday/Thursday Daily Vespers.

We pray the following services at 6:00 p.m.:

Great Compline on Mondays

Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays (except for March 24—Feast of Annunciation)

Akathist on Fridays

SOUL LITURGIES: Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.: March 27, April 3, April 10

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.

SOUL LITURGIES

The Soul Saturday liturgies have a twofold meaning. The first is the remembrance of death and our departed loved ones. The second is the hope of the Resurrection. The dead live. “God is not a God of the dead, but of the living.” (Matthew 22:32) So as we pray for mercy for the living, we also pray the same for the departed, knowing that the mercy and justice of God are moved by our heartfelt prayers. These prayers are especially effective when offered in the divine liturgy where the departed are remembered at the Proskomedia (Preparation of the Gifts) and one by one placed on the paten next to the Body of Christ.

St. John of Kronstadt says about those gone before us that the “Church of the first born, whose names are written in heaven,” (Hebrews 12:25) in her love continually prays to God for us, and expressly names before God those who pray for them—equal for equal.

You can submit to Fr. Nicholas names of departed loved ones to be remembered any time before the Soul liturgies on Saturday mornings. The first Soul Saturday liturgy is this coming Saturday, March 6th at 8:30 a.m. If you have submitted names in the past, we have kept a record of them and they will be remembered at all Soul Liturgies.

Soul Liturgies during Great Lent are these Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.:
March 27, April 3, April 10

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Some Reminders

Our journey to Church is actually a journey to heaven and thus we need to appropriately prepare ourselves. If possible, one should attend the services preceding the Liturgy (Great Vespers and Sunday Matins) and make an effort to be on time.

It is important to have a time of reflection to examine ourselves, to determine if there are sins that need to be confessed, and to attempt to be at peace with everyone (to the degree possible).

We should have no food or drink before Communion and read the prayers designated for “before Communion” in the little red prayer book.

The grace received in this sacrament of sacraments is the very life of Christ given for our salvation.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

goes to the entire Hedges family at the falling asleep in the Lord
of our dear Fr. Jon-Stephen.

VISITATION & SERVICE SCHEDULE for Fr. Jon-Stephen

We will use the patio for overflow seating for all services.

We are still under restrictions relative to COVID-19.

Wednesday, March 3

7:00 p.m.
Trisagion Prayers

Thursday, March 4

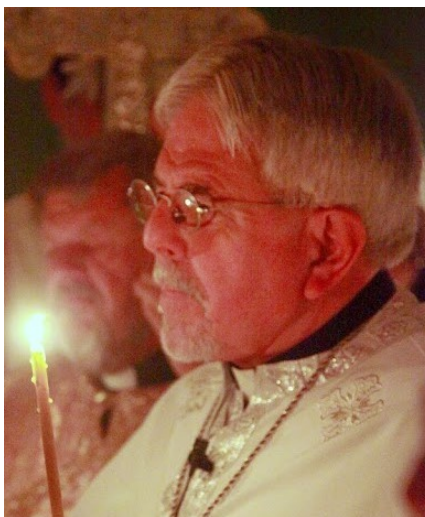
1:00-5:00 p.m.
Open Visitation/Last Respects

7:00 p.m.
Funeral for a Priest

**(St. Athanasius parishioners are encouraged to attend Wednesday
and/or Thursday evenings' services.)**

Friday, March 5

Liturgy, Funeral for Layman & Burial
Schedule TBA
Attendance may have to be restricted.



**May he rest with the saints,
and
may his memory be eternal.**

NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

NETWORK MEDICAL

Network Medical gives out "Welcome New Baby" bags to moms who come into Network Medical and decide to keep their babies. They have gone through their supply and are **currently in need of 5 neutral bags (items that can be for a boy or girl.)**

If you would like to contribute a full bag, an item in a bag or \$ toward these items, please contact Terri Speier. Welcome New Baby bags **contain a onesie, baby outfit, blanket, book, booties, etc. and some small care items for the mother (chap stick, lotion, fuzzy socks.)**

SUSIE'S CLOSET

Susie's Closet (sponsored by Network Medical) is a place in the Santa Barbara area that provides baby and toddler clothes for families in need. Families are referred from Cottage Nurses, IV Youth Projects or Social Workers. Currently, Susie's is out of some sizes and so have nothing to give to those families requesting these sizes. Perhaps you have some to share?

Urgently needed at Susie's Closet are clothing items in these sizes:

Boys 3T, Boys 4T, boys baby and toddler bibs.

If you have items to contribute toward these needs, or would like to give a cash donation (and Terri will go shopping), please contact Terri Speier or leave items or donations in the church office. (stspeier@cox.net)

Starting on March 6th: 7-week Orthodox Study on "Spirituality"

Saturdays 5:00-6:00 p.m. at St. Athanasius Church in the nave

March 6	The Aim of the Spiritual Life
March 13	Great Lent: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving
March 20	The Role of the Church in the Spiritual Life
March 27	Living the Beatitudes
April 3	Practice of Virtue
April 10	The Lord's Prayer
April 17	Practical Aspects of Spirituality in Life and Death

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
Fr. Jon 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
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,
Dn. John Y.
Mitch D. Sr.
Dn. Gary B.
Harvey G.
Stephen B.
Kh. Erin K.
Nina
Dasha
Wendy R.
Bev R.
Phyllis M.
Christina & Anthony
Lee Family
Fr. Wayne W.
Audrey
Sarah G. and Family

Zack
Keith
Kent F.
S. Washburn & Family
L. Jacobs

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:

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.

LOST & FOUND

Items left behind in the church, hallway, classrooms or on the patio are put in the little nook at the end of the long hallway, next to the sitting area with the sofas and library shelves. Lost and Found items are displayed every 4-6 months in the hallway or at Coffee Hour and if not claimed, given to the homeless or a thrift store. If you think you may have left something behind recently, check the Lost and Found.

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.**