



## ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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## DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, August 16, 2020

**Tone 1 / Eothion 10; Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
& Tenth Sunday of Matthew**

After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos &  
Recovery from Edessa of the Icon of Christ  
Not Made by Hands: 'The Holy Napkin'



**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, August 16

9:00 a.m. Readers Matins **on the patio**  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy **on the patio**  
AUDIO LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

### Monday, August 17

7:00 p.m. Men's Firepit at Harris Residence

### Tuesday, August 18

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

### Wednesday, August 19

12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry  
by ZOOM

### Thursday, August 20

10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing  
(no refreshments served by our team yet)  
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group **on the patio**

### Saturday, August 22

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers **on the patio**

### Sunday, August 23

9:00 a.m. Readers Matins **on the patio**  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy **on the patio**  
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**Fr. Nicholas will continue to give Confession and/or Communion by appointment. Please read the pre-Communion prayers at home in preparation for receiving the Eucharist.**

## Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

### EUCCHARIST BREAD

August 16	Meyer
August 23	Dn. G. Braun
August 30	Tinyayeva
Sept 6	Dillon
Sept. 13	Jacobs

### READERS

August 16	Rdr. H. Lange
August 23	D. Meyer
August 30	M. Braun
Sept. 6	D. Washburn
Sept. 8	Rdr. V. Gish
Sept. 12	D. Alexander (Vespers)
Sept. 13	Rdr. J. Butler

### **A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AND HEALING**

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in Thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, Thy people gathered in Thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord Who lovest mankind, deliver us from this Corona Virus. Send Thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and frontline workers and preserve those who are healthy. Heal the wounds in our society created by racial tensions, bringing us all to a true love of neighbor. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace, that together we may glorify Thy most honorable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

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

**GREAT LITANY**

**First Antiphon verses for the Feast of Dormition with refrain:**

Vs. Shout with joy to God, all the earth. Declare His works among the nations. O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His name.

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

Vs. In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion. **[Refrain]**

Vs. Glory to the Father & to the Son & to the Holy Spirit, now & ever...Amen. **[Refrain]**

**Second Antiphon verses for the Feast of the Dormition & refrain**

Vs. The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob.

**Refrain: O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to  
Thee: Alleluia!**

Vs. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. **[Refrain]**

Vs. God hath laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people. **[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—Verses with Troparion Refrain for the Feast**

*Vs.* Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory.

**Troparion of the Feast of the Dormition**

**Tone 1**

In thy birthgiving, O Theotokos,  
Thou didst keep and preserve virginity,  
And in thy falling asleep thou hast not forsaken the world;  
For living thou wast translated,  
Being the Mother of Life.  
Wherefore, by Thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

*Vs.* What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? [**Refrain**]

*Vs.* I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. [*Refrain*]

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

**Troparion of the Resurrection**

**Tone 1**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews,  
and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,  
Thou didst arise on the third day,  
O Savior, granting life to the world.  
For which cause the heavenly pow'rs  
cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life;  
Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Thy kingdom!  
Glory to Thy providence, O Thou  
Who alone art the lover of mankind.

**Troparion for Icon of Christ Not-made-by hands**

**Tone 2**

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One;  
and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God.  
Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh  
and deliver Your creatures from bondage to the Enemy.  
Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to You:  
“You have filled all with joy, O our Savior,//  
by coming to save the world.”

**Troparion of the Feast of the Dormition**

**Tone 1**

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.  
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.  
You were translated to life, O Mother of Life,  
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

**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 Dormition****Tone 2 Serbian Chant**

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,  
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.  
For being the Mother of Life, //  
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

**TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 9 of Liturgy Book)**

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)

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

**THE EPISTLE READING****1 Corinthians 4:9-16**

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

**Alleluia before the Gospel**

**Tone 1**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

**Verse:** It is God Who avenges me, and subdues people under me. *(Ps 17/18:47)*

**Verse:** He gives great deliverance to His King, and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his seed forever. *(Ps 17/18:50)*

**GOSPEL READING  
Matthew 17:14-23**

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

**Instead of "It is Truly Meet," we sing the following Hymn to the Theotokos for the Feast of the Dormition. (From the 9th Ode of the Matins Canon)**

**Refrain:**

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

**Heirmos:**

The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin:  
for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death;  
a virgin after childbearing and alive after death,  
you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

**Communion Hymns**

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

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. *(Ps 115/116:13)*

**Congratulations to Glenn and Liz Hoppe, who were crowned last Sunday for their 25th wedding anniversary (Aug. 12). God bless you and grant you many, many years!**



## ***CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK***

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

8/16 Doug & Kristi King  
8/19 Richard & Susan Barre  
8/22 Jamie & Tiffany VanWagoner

### **Birthdays**

8/17 Susan Barre  
8/17 Salem Vander Laan  
8/20 Anna West

### **Patronal Feast Days**

8/15 **The Theotokos (Feast of Dormition)** Kh. Cayce Marie Halsell (Missed it last week!)  
8/20 **Samuel the Prophet** Bob Newsome

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE MEN'S FIREPIT** gathering will be this Monday, August 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Troy and Carla Harris.

**THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY meets on Wednesdays at noon.** If you would like to join the meeting by Zoom, contact Dorothy Alexander at: [dotalexander@westmont.edu](mailto:dotalexander@westmont.edu).

**OUR ARCHDIOCESE IS COLLECTING FUNDS FOR RELIEF IN BEIRUT, LEBANON.** The donated funds will be distributed between the Archdiocese of Beirut under the auspices of His Eminence Metropolitan Elias for distribution to needy families and St. George Orthodox Hospital that suffered severe damage as a result of the explosion. If you would like to make a donation, you can: 1) Put a check in the tithe box at the church; 2) Mail a check to the church; 3) Make a donation through our parish website donation page. Please be sure to designate in the memo line: PASTOR'S FUND: BEIRUT.

### **FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

We continue to wear facial masks at services and to observe social distancing at all times **INCLUDING DURING COMMUNION.** We ask that those attending services enter the building only to use the restroom, and that time spent in the building be kept at a minimum. We will continue to practice the same safety protocols that we have been observing since June, until we receive other guidelines from our Metropolitan and local health authorities. Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation.

**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](mailto:office@stathanasius.org).**

**Please pray for the health of:**

Metropolitan JOSEPH  
Mother Victoria  
Met. Paul & Abp. John  
Fr. Jacob  
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.  
Zac B.  
Monsignor J. Yanek  
Kent F.  
Bob N.

Fr. Jon-Stephen H.  
Cole K. (military)  
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)  
Lauren K. (military)  
Chase K. (military)  
Steve T,  
Olga Marie G.  
Dn. John Y.  
Glenn F.  
Mitch D. Sr.  
Samantha & Chris S. & family  
Jeff  
Tate & Anna F.  
Nick & Kristine J. (military)  
Michael K.  
David W.  
Harvey G.

Gary B. Jr.  
Bonita M.  
Stephen B.  
Kris F.

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:**

Fr. Raphael J., E. Moon, J. Barre  
All who have died in the conflicts in Ukraine Africa & the Middle East  
Those who lost their lives in the explosion in Lebanon

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**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.**

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