



## ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

**Tone 7 / Eothion 5;**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
& First Sunday of Luke**

Martyr Kallistratos and the 49 Martyrs with him;  
Apostles Aristarchos, Zenon and Mark of the Seventy;

New-martyr Aquilina of Thessalonica;

Venerable Ignatius, Abbot in Asia Minor;

Venerable Savvatos of Solovky



**St. Romanos the Melodist—October 1**

**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, September 27**

#### **Blessing of Choir members and chanters**

9:00 a.m. Catechesis Levels I and II  
9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Trisagion Prayers  
for Joan Thomas & Dn. Howard Shannon  
11:30 a.m. "Holy Heroes: Stories of Awe  
and Wonder" for children  
ages 3 yrs—Kindergarten

### **Monday, September 28**

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

### **Tuesday, September 29**

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers with Canon of  
Reconciliation from the  
Fellowship of St. Moses the Black

### **Wednesday, September 30**

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

### **Thursday, October 1**

#### **Protection of the Theotokos/ St. Romanos**

7:45 a.m. Akathist by Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing  
(no refreshments served by our team yet)  
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers  
6-7:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group  
6:30-8 p.m. High School Youth Group

### **Friday, October 2**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

### **Saturday, October 3**

4:30 p.m. Orthodox Study for Adults  
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

### **Sunday, October 4**

9:00 a.m. Catechesis Levels I and II  
9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:30 a.m. "Holy Heroes: Stories of Awe  
and Wonder" for children ages 3-K

**Fr. Nicholas will continue to give Confession  
and/or Communion by appointment.**

## ***Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule***

### **EUCCHARIST BREAD**

Sept. 27 Morrison  
Oct. 4 Cocores  
Oct. 11 D. Washburn  
Oct. 18 Fr. Nicholas

### **READERS**

Sept. 27 Rdr. J. Butler  
Oct. 4 M. Braun  
Oct. 10 Rdr. M. Kern (Vespers)  
Oct. 11 Rdr. V. Gish  
Oct. 18 Rdr. H. Lange

### **USHERS**

Sept. 27 D. Washburn, M. Loulias  
Oct. 4 P. King, J. King  
Oct. 11 C. Berari, D. Meyer  
Oct. 18 C. Speier, S. Speier

### **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**

**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”**

After each of the verses, the choir and congregation sing the refrain:

**“Remember us, O Lord, when you come in your Kingdom.”**

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

**Troparion of the Resurrection**

**Tone 7**

**(Music on p. 51 of Liturgy book)**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross;  
Thou didst open paradise to the thief;  
Thou didst turn the sadness of the  
ointment bearing women into joy,  
and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim  
a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ,  
granting the world the great mercy.

**Troparion to St. Athanasius**

**Tone 3**

**(Music on p. 54 of Liturgy book)**

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 - Ordinary Sundays**

**Tone 4**

O undisputed intercessor of Christians,  
O mediatrix, who is unrejected by the creator.  
Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners.  
Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith,  
for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos,  
who dost always intercede for those who honor thee.

**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      Tone 7**

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Vs:      Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

**EPISTLE READING**

**Corinthians (6:1-10)**

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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

**Tone 7**

Chanter:      Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People:      Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Verse:**      It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Thy  
Name, O Most High. **Alleluia...**

**Verse:**      To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth  
in the night. **Alleluia...**

**GOSPEL READING**

**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.

## HOMILY

### 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 Hymn

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

## ***CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK***

### **Birthdays**

9/27 Gianni Madrigal, Sherie Shackelford  
9/28 Jessica Berari, Dn. John Young  
9/29 Nicole Berari, Elijah Landrum  
9/30 Michael Loulias  
10/1 Jase Speier  
10/2 Andrew Macdonald  
10/3 Kassiana Van Wagoner

### **Patronal Feast Days**

|      |                                 |                   |
|------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 9/28 | <b>St. Jerome</b>               | Tyson Shackelford |
| 10/1 | <b>St. Sidonia of Georgia</b>   | Suzi Wiley        |
| 10/2 | <b>St. Justine of Nicomedia</b> | Justina King      |

## FRIENDLY REMINDER:

We ask that those attending services continue to wear facial masks. If you decide not to wear a mask, we ask that you stay a **SIGNIFICANT DISTANCE** from the rest of those present at worship services. Please continue to observe **SOCIAL DISTANCING** during services, **IN THE COMMUNION LINE**, and while socializing after services. 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY YEARS TO TYLER AND TAYLOR SPEIER** on the birth of their daughter, Maisy Wonder Speier, born on September 18th. Congratulations also to big sister Lucy, big brother Wesley, Grandparents Jami and Stoney Stetler and Scott and Terri Speier, and GREAT Grandparents Fr. Nicholas and Jan Speier, Penny Brunner, and Marilyn Gillquist!
- **TODAY THERE WILL BE A BLESSING PRAYED OVER OUR LITURGICAL MUSICIANS** at the end of the Liturgy, in remembrance of the Feast of St. Romanos, the Melodist, celebrated on October 1.
- **THE AKATHIST SERVICE (VIA ZOOM) that was on Fridays last semester has been moved to Mondays at 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. from now through the end of October.** If you want to participate, contact Dorothy Alexander at: **dotalexander@westmont.edu.**
- **CANON FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION**  
This Tuesday, September 29th, we will pray the Canon of for Racial Reconciliation during Daily Vespers at 5:30 p.m. The text to the Canon can be found at: <http://mosetheblack.org/resources/canon/>
- **NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, WE WILL BEGIN AN ORTHODOX STUDY GROUP** that will meet on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. This class will cover a wide variety of topics, and is open to all adults 18 years and older. It is not our regular Catechism class, but inquirers and catechumens are invited and strongly encouraged by the clergy to attend as a part of their preparation.



## THANK YOU TO...

...all those you helped make last Sunday's  
**Welcome Reception** for Fr. Symeon,  
Kh. Cayce-Marie and Niko  
such a festive occasion!!

...Our Coffee Hour Team,  
Set-up & Clean-up crews,  
Lucy Speier and company for the delicious cupcakes,  
our musicians for the entertainment

**...and all of YOU**  
**for staying for the festivities**  
**and being such an appreciative audience!**

## 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 & Fernando J. (military)  
Chase K. (military)  
Nick & Kristine J. (military)  
Steve T,  
Olga Marie G.  
Dn. John Y.  
Glenn F.  
Mitch D. Sr.  
Michael K.  
David W.  
Dn. Gary B.  
Harvey G.  
Stephen B.  
Kris F.

Dn. Gary B.

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:**

Melvin L., Fr. Raphael J., Bonita M., Manuel  
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.**