

ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRSOSTOM

Sunday, November 15, 2020
Tone 6 / Eothinon 1; Twenty-third Sunday after
Pentecost & Eighth Sunday of Luke
Martyrs Guria, Shamuna and Habib
the Deacon of Edessa;
Thomas the New, Patriarch of Constantinople;

Venerable Paisios Velichkovsky



APOSTLE & EVANGELIST MATTHEW (November 16)

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, November 15—ADVENT BEGINS

9:00 a.m. Catechesis Levels II & III 9:00 a.m. Matins 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Education 11:45 a.m. Coffee /Beverages on patio

Monday, November 16

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

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

Tuesday, November 17

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, November 18

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry

6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis

Thursday, November 19

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

6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Friday, November 20

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, November 21

8:00 a.m. Readers Matins

8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Feast of the

Presentation of the Theotokos

4:30 p.m.6:00 p.m.7:00 p.m.Orthodox Study for AdultsGreat Vespers/ConfessionsCollege/Young Adult Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 22

9:00 a.m. Catechesis Levels II & III

9:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Education 11:45 a.m. Coffee/Beverages on the patio

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

EUCHARIST BREAD

Nov. 15 N. Tinyayeva Nov. 22 D. Dillon Nov. 29 Morrison Dec. 6 Jacobs

READERS

Nov. 15 M. Braun

Nov. 21 V. Gish (Liturgy for

Presentation of Theotokos)

Nov. 22 Rdr. H. Lange Nov. 29 D. Meyer Dec. 6 Rdr. J. Butler

USHERS

Nov. 15 C. Speier, S. Speier Nov. 22 D. Washburn, M. Loulias

Nov. 29 P. King, J. King Dec. 6 C. Berari, D. Meyer

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:

Resurrectional Troparion

Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic pow'rs shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted there-by, Thou did meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O Thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion for the Martyrs Gúrias, Samónas, and Abíbus

Tone 5

O Christ our God, You have granted us the miracles of Your holy martyrs Gúrias, Samónas, and Abíbus, as a stronghold and protection.

Through their prayers, strengthen those in authority in ev'ry good deed,// for You alone are merciful and lovest mankind!

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 Presentation of the Theotokos

Tone 4

The most pure Temple of the <u>Sav</u>ior; the precious Chamber and <u>Virgin</u>; the sacred Treasure of the <u>glory</u> of God, is presented today to the <u>house</u> of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the <u>Spirit</u>, therefore, the Angels of God <u>praise</u> her,

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 6

O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. (Ps. 28:9)

Verse: To Thee will I cry, O Lord, O my God, do not be silent unto me.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God -- not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel (Music on p. 65 of Liturgy Booklet)

Tone 6

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

- Vs. 1 He Who dwelleth in the help of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the protection of the God of Heaven. (Ps 90/91:1) Alleluia
- Vs. 2 He will say to the Lord, Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God, in Him will I hope. (Ps 90/91:2) Alleluia

GOSPEL READING Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise".

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)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR — LOOKING AHEAD ADVENT BEGINS TODAY, NOVEMBER 15th

• Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis

• Saturday, November 21 at 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Feast of the

Presentation of the Theotokos

• Wednesday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m. Akathist of Thanksgiving

• Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis

NO GATHERING THIS YEAR AT ST. BARBARA MONASTERY FOR THE FEAST OF ST. BARBARA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- THE MEN OF THE PARISH WILL GATHER AROUND THE FIREPIT, ONCE AGAIN, THIS MONDAY at 7:00 p.m. at the Harris residence.
- OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS WILL MEET THIS SATUR-DAY, NOV. 21st after Great Vespers for dinner. For more information, contact Mitch Denny. mitchdennyjr@gmail.com
- ON SATURDAYS AT 4:30 p.m., ALL ADULTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN ORTHODOX STUDY GROUP. 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.

UPCOMING TOPICS for ORTHODOX STUDY GROUP

Nov. 21	Developing a Spirit of Thanksgiving
Nov. 28	NO CLASS
Dec. 5	Fasting: Building the Virtue of Self-control
Dec. 12	The Divine Servies: Entering Heavenly Realities

HOLIDAY CARE PACKAGES FOR THE UNSHELTERED

Lucy Speier and some of her friends are collecting items to assemble in Christmas care packages for those in our community who are unsheltered, either living in their vehicles or on the streets. They will be collecting the following items between now and December 1st, with collection boxes here at our church:

Toothbrushes, hair brushes, mouth wash, dental floss, water bottles backpacks, bags, shampoo, soap, facial bars, body wipes, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, sunscreen, chapstick, lotion, razors, socks, large t-shirts, feminine products, tissues, gum

If you would like to make a monetary donation towards the purchase of supplies, go to: https://www.gofundme.com/f/hh56nt-holidays-for-the-homeless

If you have any questions, contact Lucy Speier at: lucy.speier18@gmail.com.

• ORTHODOX LIFE IN KENYA: The Impact of Missions

Join OCMC for a livestream webinar series on four Thursdays (Nov. 19, Dec. 3 & 10). Topics include the "Effects of Dependency," "Response to Change," and "Education and Liturgical Needs." Pre-register by email at: orthodoxkenya18@gmail.com

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

11/15 Anna Grace Butler

11/16 Cole Keller

11/17 Catherine Braun, John Heiduk

11/19 Atalia Finley, Juliet Iris Macdonald, Kristen Roberts

Patron Saint Feast Days

11/16 **St. Matthew the Apostle** Alec de Bruin, Mateo Finley,

Larry Lander, Galen Wiley

11/17 **St. Gregory the Wonderworker** Cole Keller

11/21 The Theotokos (Feast of Presentation) Lauren Shackelford Rascon

CONTINUED SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Please note that the local health department continues to mandate social distancing and the wearing of masks in public gatherings. 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.
- DURING COFFEE HOUR; After being served your beverage, please sit down at one of the tables to ensure better distancing and to limit contact. If you do not sit down, or are not drinking a beverage, please keep your mask on and maintain social distancing while standing in conversation.



On November 1, 2020, Galen Matthew Wiley was tonsured as a Subdeacon by Metropolitan Joseph at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Post Falls, Idaho. Galen went to Post Falls in September to visit Tom Williams and Michael Andonian, who relocated to Idaho from Santa Barbara earlier this year. Galen is working in Idaho remotely until December and considering a permanent move there. May God grant him many years in service to His Holy Church.



A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Lord, Jesus Christ, at your holy birth
you deemed a lowly cave to be a fit dwelling place,
so in Your mercy make our souls and bodies temples
worthy to contain You, the uncontainable God.
And as we make our Advent journey,
open our ears to heed the prophets' warning to
"Prepare the way of the Lord!"
For we glorify you along with the angels and shepherds,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

NEW PORTABLE BARBECUE GRILL

The PC approved the purchase of a 30" x 60" ranch style BBQ made by JD Fabrications in Santa Maria. We look forward to various ministries being able to use this for outdoor gatherings and celebrations. The holding area/service entrance was cleaned out to provide a storage place for the BBQ. Funds were used from the Social Committee's budget, as most of our social events have had to be cancelled this year. Thank you to Chris and Christie Robinson for their work on this project!

LENDING LIBRARY

The PC approved funds for church lending library book shelves. The bookcases are in, books are being catalogued, and more donated books are to arrive soon! Thank you to Margaret Easbey, who recently received a Master's Degree in Library Science, and Dana Alexander who will head this team project.

PATIO EXTENSION/LAWN ADDITION

The PC approved an 1100 square foot patio extension, a new lawn addition (30' x 54') and new planter bed (20' x 25'). A combination of funds will be used from the last golf tournament and monies that have been donated specifically for the project. Thank you to Carla Brunstead for her work on this. Fr. Symeon will now oversee the patio extension.

OUTSIDE PATIOS (front and back)

Outside Patios at the Church (front and back) were recently cleaned and power washed. Extra furniture on the front patio was put away in an effort to discourage folks from camping out.

AUDIO STREAMING OF SUNDAY LITURGY

Sunday Liturgy is being audio streamed on our Facebook page and also by an outdoor speaker to the back patio for those who would like to attend liturgy outdoors. Thank you to Michael Easbey and Ben Hedges for their ongoing efforts on sound, audio and streaming.

WARMING KITCHEN PROJECT

The Warming Kitchen plans/drawings have been formally submitted to the County. We hope to hear back with approval in two to six months. Thank you to Dn Scott for his work on this!

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. 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. 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.

David D. Anneli C. Kh. Erin K.

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.

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For repose of the souls of:

Met. Maximos, Zac B., Hilda, Robert M.

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. ********************************

Holidays for the Homeless

Organized by Mia Bazzani, Lucia Metcalfe, Lucy Speier, and Annelise Fuhrer

Please help us reach our goal of \$2,800 in order to fill individualized packages with basic necessities and small gifts to be distributed throughout the community starting December 1st! This fundraiser is our way of inspiring hope in our community.

We have been fortunate enough all our lives to never have to worry about whether or not we would wake up to presents on Christmas morning. We want to share this same joy with those who aren't as fortunate. Every person deserves to feel special, cared for, and loved on the most joyful holiday of the year and we want to provide that happiness this holiday season! The holidays are for giving, cheer, and helping those in need. Depending on how much we are able to raise, we want to help as many people as possible.

DEADLINE FOR PHYSICAL DONATIONS IS 12-1-20.

We would love to donate things such as......

Toothbrushes, hair brushes, mouth wash, floss, toothpaste, deodorant, water bottles, backpacks, bags, shampoo, soap, facial bar, body wipes, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, sunscreen, chapstick, lotion, razors, socks, large t-shirts, feminine products, tissues, gum etc.

We want to encourage and support local homeless shelters so all gifts will be distributed there.

If you would like to help us on our journey, please donate to our GoFundMe by typing in this link, or searching the name "Lucy Speier" into the GoFundMe search:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/hh56nt-holidays-for-the-homeless

or drop any new, unopened supplies at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church (300 Sumida Gardens Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93111). There will be a bin inside to collect donations at these hours: Tuesday/Thursday 5:00-6:00 p.m. Saturday 4:30-7:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m

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