



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, November 22, 2020

**Tone 7 / Eothinon 2; Twenty-fourth Sunday
after Pentecost & Ninth Sunday of Luke**

After-feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Apostles Philemon, Apphia, Archippos and Onesimos
of the Seventy; Clement, Bishop of Ochrid and
Enlightener of Bulgaria; Martyr Cecilia of Rome and those with
her; Venerable Kallistos Xanthopoulos of Athos;
Martyr Michael, prince of Tver; Venerable Iakovos of Evia



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 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

Monday, November 23

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

Tuesday, November 24

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, November 25

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
9 a.m.-12 Noon Showers of Blessing
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry
6:00 p.m. Akathist of Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

7:45 a.m. Akathist by Zoom

Friday, November 27

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, November 28

NO ADULT CLASS

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, Nov. 29

NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

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

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

Nov. 22 D. Dillon
Nov. 29 Morrison
Dec. 6 Jacobs
Dec. 13 Sieck

READERS

Nov. 22 Rdr. H. Lange
Nov. 29 D. Meyer
Dec. 6 Rdr. J. Butler
Dec. 13 D. Washburn

USHERS

Nov. 22 D. Washburn, M. Loulias
Nov. 29 P. King, J. King
Dec. 6 C. Berari, D. Meyer
Dec. 13 C. Speier, S. 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—Verses for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. 1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of you, o city of God. [Refrain]

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

Vs. 2 God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. [Refrain]

Vs. 3 Glory...now & ever...Amen. [Refrain]

Second Antiphon for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. 1 The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary. [Refrain]

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

Vs. 2 This is the gate of the Lord, by which the righteous shall enter. [Refrain]

Vs. 3 Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteous. [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 for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. 1 Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.

Refrain:

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice
and sing to her://
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

Vs. 2 The King’s daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. [Refrain]

Vs. 3 Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee. [Refrain]

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 7

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 of Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple

Tone 4

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her://
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

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 Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the Angels of God praise 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 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
Ephesians. (2:14-22)**

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

**Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God (Liturgy Book, Page 27)
(For the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos)**

The Angels beheld the Entrance of the Pure One and were amazed.
How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?
Since she is a living Ark of God
let no profane hand touch the Theotokos.
But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her,
praising her in joy with the Angel's song:
"Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

Communion Hymn

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! Alleluia! (Psalm 116:13)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ON SATURDAYS AT 4:30 p.m., ALL ADULTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN ORTHODOX STUDY GROUP.**

UPCOMING TOPICS for ORTHODOX STUDY GROUP

Nov. 28	NO CLASS
Dec. 5	Fasting: Building the Virtue of Self-control
Dec. 12	The Divine Services: Entering Heavenly Realities

- **THERE WILL BE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES NEXT SATURDAY OR SUNDAY DUE TO THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND.**

- **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 unheltered, 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 (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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR — LOOKING AHEAD

- Wednesday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m. Akathist of Thanksgiving
- Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16 at 6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis

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

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

11/22	Jami Stetler
11/24	Maryana Moskalyk
11/25	Dee Kern, Elizabeth Butler, Elleney King
11/26	Judy Braun
11/27	Shirley Dillon

Patron Saint Commemorations

11/24-25	St. Catherine the Martyr Catherine Braun, Diane Carrillo, Melissa Hedges, Gloria Morrison, Delaney Newhouse, Ekaterina Nikolov, Amanda Simonsen, Jami Stetler, Kate Vander Laan	
11/24	St. Clement of Rome	Farley Clementine Easbey
11/27	St. James of Persia	James Dillon

SAFETY PROTOCOLS UPDATE

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.**

The Feast of the Theotokos in the Temple

The main theme of the feast of Mary's entrance to the Temple, repeated many times in the liturgical services, is the fact that she enters the Temple to become herself the living temple of God, thus inaugurating the New Testament in which are fulfilled the prophecies of old that "the dwelling of God is with man" and that the human person is the sole proper dwelling place of the Divine Presence (Ezek 37.27; Jn 14.15–23; Acts 7.47; 2 Cor 6.11; Eph 2.18–22; 1 Pet 2.4; Rev 22.1–4).

Today is the preview of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: Rejoice, O Divine Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation (Troparion).

Thus, the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is the feast which celebrates the end of the physical temple in Jerusalem as the dwelling place of God. When the child Mary enters the temple, the time of the temple comes to an end and the "preview of the good will of God" is shown forth. On this feast we celebrate—in the person of Christ's mother—that we too are the house and tabernacle of the Lord.

... We are the temple of the living God, as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (2 Cor 6.16; Is 52.11).



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.

A Message From Fr. Symeon...

Greetings Men of St. Athanasius,

Praying that you all have had a fruitful first week of the Nativity Fast.

Now having heard back from many men interested in the new men's group, we will hold our first meeting on December 5th from 8:30am to 10:30 am.

*We will pray the First Hour prayers followed by breakfast and some fellowship. While we finish our meal we will have someone read from *Thirty Steps to Heaven: The Ladder of Divine Ascent for All Walks of Life* by Archimandrite Vassilios Papavassiliou for our spiritual meditation. We will follow this up with some practical spiritual group discussion.*

We will plan to meet every first Saturday morning of the month after this, so mark your calendars!

Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to make or provide a breakfast for about 20 men. We can begin a rotation once I know those who are willing to provide breakfast. If you are not cooking, come prepared to throw some cash into a collection to bless the cook and lighten the load of his hospitality.

Lastly, I ask you all to pray and think about patron saints for our new group. Come on the fifth with some saints to choose from and why you think we should take that saint as our namesake. Whose intercessions should we ask for as we learn together how to be men with righteous hearts?

Good strength and blessed fast.

In Christ,

+ Fr. Symeon Halsell

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.
Nina
Dasha
Wendy R.
Bev R.

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

For repose of the souls of:

Met. Maximos, Jim R., 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.

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

If you have any questions, please contact:

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**DEADLINE FOR
PHYSICAL
DONATIONS IS
12-1-20.**

