



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Tone 8 / Eothinon 9;

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

& Ninth Sunday of Matthew

**Relics Translation of Proto-martyr Stephen
the Archdeacon**

Venerable Photeini the Wonderworker of Carpasia in Cyprus;
Blessed Basil the fool-for-Christ, Wonderworker of Moscow



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are glad you are with us this morning
to join our worship of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit!

Please join us on the patio after the Liturgy for
the Agape Meal.

We'd love to meet you!

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

**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—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 was cruci-
fied, 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.

**We sing the following hymns of the day after
 The Little Entrance:**

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend,
 O Compassionate One;
 and Thou didst submit to the three day burial,
 that Thou might deliver us from passion.
 Thou art our Life and our Resurrection,
 O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion for Translation of the Relics of St. Stephen

Tone 4

Your relics have risen from the depths of the earth,
 like a treasury for the immortal life of all creation.
 The Church, rejoicing in the grace that she receives from them,
 dutifully honors you, O Protomartyr Stephen.//
 Preserve us from error and heresy by your intercession!

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 Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Tone 7

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
 and Your disciples saw Your glory as far as they were able,
 so that when they saw You crucified,
 they might know that You suffered voluntarily,
 and might proclaim to the world
 that You are truly the radiance of the Father.

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon)

Tone 8

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

Verse: *God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel

Tone 8

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior.

Verse: Come before His countenance with thanksgiving, and with psalms let us shout in jubilation unto Him.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

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 Hymns

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

Holy Communion

In the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have humbly prepared to receive through prayer, fasting, and a recent Sacramental Confession.

Non-Orthodox people and those not communing today may approach during Communion for a priestly blessing by saying, “Father, bless.” After this you may take a piece of antidoron (blessed bread) offered in the bowls.

If you are interested in joining the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, speak with our Pastor about how to become an Orthodox Christian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES BEGIN ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th and will be taught by a team of catechists from within the parish. Catechumens will be dismissed for their lessons right after the Prayer for the Catechumens. (We are offering most of the classes at this time so that our Catechumens can participate in the entire Agape Meal and get to know our parish family.) On the Sundays when Fr. Symeon teaches, the class will be at 12:15 p.m. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith, please contact Fr. Symeon for a blessing to join the Catechism Class.

SERVICES FOR THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Wednesday, August 5 3:30 p.m. Baptism of Martin Wilson
 5:30 p.m. Festal Vespers
 6:20 p.m. Festal Divine Liturgy
 followed by supper hosted by Dr. Scott & Terri Speier

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

8/3 David Vander Laan
8/4 Lauren Rascon
8/7 Howard Lange, Marta Chala
8/8 Oliver Palmer, Abdu Mashhour, Steve Thomas

Patronal Feast Days

8/3 St. Lydia, Seller of Purple Cloth Lydia Sieck
8/7 St. Theodora of Silha Adora Wayne

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:

His Beatitude, Patriarch John X
Metropolitan SABA
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Abp. Benjamin
Fr. James in Nigeria (OCMC)
Fr. Jon B.
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.
Fr. Nicholas & Jan
Fr. Turbo & St. Mary parish
Fr. Paul and St. Moses parish
Hieromonk Siloan
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family in Albania (OCMC)
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya
Duane F.
Richard and Susan B.
Kh. Melissa H.
Jeremiah & Sarah H. (military)
Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Julianna & Zaron D. (military)
Peter S. (military)

Steve T.
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Kh. Peggy K.
Kh. Janet Henderson
Fr. Joseph A.
Galeyna T.
Shirley D. and Family
Penny B.
Justin & Amber B.
Cameron B.
Oleg
Alla
Amanda M.
Lazarus "Crow"
Jake H.
Jose
Maria D.R.

For the local agencies and their
leaders who are working to fight
human trafficking.
The Ethiopian Orthodox Church

All those suffering and in danger in Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East

OUR CATECHUMENS:

Capri Acquistapace
Ben & Tiphany Brymer & Florence
Daisy Cruz
Sean Davis
Sofia De La Cruz
Tanner Diamond
Joshua Dunford
Roman Garcia
Nicole Gow
Kartik Kommu
Lucy Mangum
Sahit Rampilla
Jacob Salas
Tricia Travers
Tyler Vrem
Joshua Weiss (currently lives abroad)
Sarah Wildwood
Martin Wilson
Nathan Wright, Owain & Gavin

For repose of the souls of: Phyllis M., Elizabeth G.

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of our building. The tables and cabinets contain items that are FOR SALE. If you need a cross or chain and jewelry is not displayed on Sunday, contact **Terri Speier at: bookstore@stathanasius.org**.

Payment should be made at the time of purchase. Cash and checks may be placed in the brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Symeon's office. Make checks payable to **S.A.O.C. Bookstore**.

Online payment can be made at www.stathanasius.org. (Select "MAKE A DONATION," and then use the dropdown earmark for BOOKSTORE.)

The pamphlets in the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.

All proceeds go to the parish Temple Fund.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**The Dormition Fast is from
August 1-15.**

Sunday, August 2

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
12:20 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, August 3

3:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
(Akathist for St. Nikiforos)

Tuesday, August 4

5:30 p.m. Paraklesis
6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, August 5

11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
3:30 p.m. Baptism of Martin Wilson
5:30 p.m. Festal Vespers for Transfiguration
6:20 p.m. Festal Liturgy for Transfiguration
8:00 p.m. Dinner on patio hosted
by Scott & Terri Speier

Thursday, August 6

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Paraklesis
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Friday, August 7

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, August 8

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, August 9

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
12:20 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY
MORNING VOLUNTEERS!**

EUCCHARIST BREAD

August 2 Jacobs
August 9 Morrison
August 16 Wolfington
August 23 Vander Laan

READERS

August 2 Butler
August 5 Lange
August 8 Wood (Vespers)
August 9 Meyer
August 14 Clements (Vespers for Dormition)
August 15 Gish (Liturgy for Dormition)
August 15 Clements (Vespers)
August 16 Lange
August 23 Butler

WELCOMING MINISTRY

August 2 M. Loulias/H. Lange
August 9 N. Aviles/A. Clouse/L. Sieck
August 16 K.L. King/K.P. King
August 23 A.G. Salinas/C. Clements

USHERS

August 2 P. King/J. King
August 9 S. Speier/C. Speier
August 16 M. Loulias/D. Washburn
August 23 K.L. King/D. Meyer

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

August 2 Team Wayne
August 9 Team Aviles/Wood
August 16 Team Meyer
August 23 Team Lander

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO CLEAN UP
YOUR OWN AREA AFTER THE SERVICE.**

Service booklets should be returned to the hallway.
Bulletins and Matins texts may be taken home.

UPCOMING FESTAL SERVICES

THE DORMITION FAST IS FROM AUGUST 1-15.

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Friday, August 14	5:30 p.m.	Festal Great Vespers with Lamentations
Saturday, August 15	9:00 am.	Festal Matins/
	10:00 a.m.	Festal Divine Liturgy

NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Tuesday, September 8	8:30 a.m.	Festal Matins
	9:30 a.m.	Festival Divine Liturgy

ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

(transferred to Sunday, September 13)

Saturday, September 12	5:30 p.m.	Festal Vespers
Sunday, September 13	9:00 a.m.	Festal Matins
	10:00 a.m.	Festal Divine Liturgy

THE DORMITION FAST

The feast of the Dormition, to which the fast owes its name, does not commemorate the death of the Mother of God, but Her translation from earth to everlasting life in heaven. Christians believe that the Most Holy Theotokos intercedes for the Christians at the throne of the Lord for all the faithful who invoke Her name in prayer.

The Dormition Fast has been observed since the time of the early church, and its first mentions in historical records date back to the fifth century. The Constantinople Council of 1166 determined when the Dormition of the Theotokos fast should start and end. Many associate fasting with avoidance of certain foods, but we should remember that a fast is not about dieting.

Fasting is above all an exercise in prayer and righteousness. While fasting, we do not just abstain from food, but also from evil thoughts, passions, anger, and evil-doing. Today, believers are advised to diet according to their health and capabilities, without neglecting to give alms, do charity and avoid unnecessary entertainment. Some of us may find it a good time to reconsider our television viewing, computer and phone use, and news consumptions to free up the much-needed time to accumulate the riches in heaven for the salvation of our souls. (Taken from: <https://obitel-minsk.org/en/dormition-fast-2022>)

WE WILL PRAY THE PARAKLESIS for this season of the Dormition Fast on the following days at 5:30 p.m.:

Tuesday, Aug. 4	Thursday, August 6	
Tuesday, Aug. 11	Wednesday, August 12	Thursday, Aug. 13