



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, December 7, 2025

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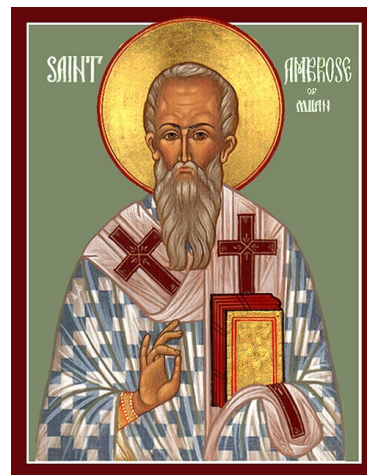
**Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
& Tenth Sunday of Luke**

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan;

Martyr Athenodoros of Mesopotamia;

Venerable Gregory,

Founder of Gregoriou Monastery on Mt. Athos



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 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”

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.

HYMNS SUNG AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE:

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 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 Preparation of Christ's Nativity

Tone 3

The virgin cometh today to the cave
to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal.
Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message;
with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him
Who shall appear by His own will as a young child,
He who is from eternity God.

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 1

Reader: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee. (Ps 32/33:22)

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

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:8-19

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

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

Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Communion Hymns

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

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.

PRAXIS

How we practice our Faith — Some Reminders

Preparation

Christians are not just individuals but are united as a single body with differing members; all involved in the bloodless sacrifice, but with differing roles. Therefore, all worship is ordered hierarchically in our services, that is every person has a role and there is also one who presides over the whole to ensure our 'oneness of mind and heart.'

The serving priest is the congregation's appointed presiding representative of all and for all, but his role does not make the laity a passive audience. All are called to a full participation in their body, mind, and spirit. When during the elevation of the Bread and Wine toward Heaven the priest says: "Thine own of Thine own, we offer unto Thee, in behalf of all and for all." He is offering up the elements of the Eucharist, and what each of you bear within yourself and what you bring through your participation in the service offered. Every service in its way reflects this reality, and it is made plain in the words of the Divine Liturgy! Every Christian must recognize and work to reflect this *ecclesial* reality by making themselves ready, chiefly in soul, but also in body, for the Offering and Reception of the Eucharist, and in a similar way for all the Divine Services.

It is vital that we remain attentive to preparing and presenting ourselves in a dignified manner before the Lord. If we look toward embodying the Beauty, Goodness, and Truth of the holy things of God while being attentive to a reverential sobriety, chastity, and modesty; we will see the blessings of the Holy Trinity multiply continually in our lives and our community. We Christians of this age must strive to not be lulled into the surrounding lackadaisical culture toward what is sacred. It is important we do not take our cues from those who have almost no understanding or appreciation of how to relate to the Holy. We must keep in mind that when we enter the church, we are entering the Heavenly Banquet.

Preparing for Holy Communion

Everyone who is planning to commune at any celebration of the Eucharist should come prepared to receive. We are never worthy to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, but we should come prepared.

Preparing for Communion means foundationally that the Christian knows their unworthiness to receive, and that they need God's mercy. This means that they have prepared through prayer and fasting to receive His very body and blood. It also means giving attention to their bodily cleanliness and how they dress to honor the sacrament. The communicant continues this preparation by being attentive within the services and crucially that they have forgiven all offenses. One should also have an ongoing and regular confessional relationship with an Orthodox Priest, called your Father Confessor, normally this is your parish priest.

Each time you commune you should prepare yourself by reading or listening to the Prayers before Communion, keeping the Eucharistic fast (no eating from the midnight before a morning Liturgy and no eating from mid-day on for an evening Liturgy). You should also arrive for the Divine Liturgy, as a bare minimum, before the Epistle and Gospel Reading, however, you should plan to be present by the beginning of the Divine Liturgy when the priest proclaims, "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." In this way, we keep ourselves humble and prepared to receive Jesus Christ's body and blood. After communing you should stay for the Dismissal of the Liturgy and the reading of the Prayers of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion, unless you have a specific task of service which the Pastor has blessed, such as preparing the Agape Meal. If you aren't serving, stay and thank God with these beautiful prayers. Reserve your social fellowship for outside the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TO READ METROPOLITAN SABA'S message for this week, "Male and Female He created them," go here: <https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2653>

TODAY WE WILL SAY THE TRISAGION PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED for Fr. Richard Ballew, the first pastor of this parish, who died on December 13, 2008. May his memory be eternal!

LITURGICAL CALENDARS FOR 2026 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE HALL-WAY. The cost of the calendars has gone up this year to \$3 per calendar. A small donation to cover your calendar is welcome and can be put in the TITHE BOX or made online through the website. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for our "Ninth Day of Christmas Family Night," on Friday, January 2nd at 6:00 p.m. The evening will include music, other entertainment, and holiday refreshments.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

We will, once again, be participating in the "Tree of Life" program sponsored by the Santa Barbara District Attorney's office, to help women and families who have been victims of human trafficking. We will provide Christmas gifts for a specific family. We will also be collecting gifts for the girls who are residents of Olive Crest's Hope Refuge. Watch for details by e-mail, with the link to a sign-up list.

For more information on Hope Refuge: <https://www.olivecrest.org/santa-barbara/>

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

12/11 Greg and Miki Hammel
12/12 Dn. Scott & Karen Jacobs

Birthdays

12/9 Amber Brunner, Teri Lynn Palmer, Jesse Speier
12/12 John Worthington

Patronal Feast Days

12/9 Hannah, Mother of the Prophet Samuel Hannah Sieck
12/13 St. Lucia Briana Bates, Lucy Speier

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Have you filled out your commitment card for 2026?

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th,
all of the Stewardship Commitment cards received thus far for 2026
will be put on the altar table during the Liturgy as an “offering,”
and we will pray that our commitments for the coming year will be blessed.
Please keep in mind that this just represents your intention, and it is
understood that circumstances can change during the course of the year.

If you have not filled out a Stewardship Commitment card yet, please fill one out today and
put it in the tithe box, or hand it to Fr. Symeon.

You can also fill out the form online here:

<https://www.stathanasius.org/stewardship/time-talent-treasure-commitment/>

How does Stewardship help The Church?

Money is a necessary tool for ministry. Every act of giving, no matter the size, makes a difference. Generosity is contagious. The Church's mission of salvation and evangelism depends directly on our generosity.

Our parish's many ministries, including **The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Teen Program, Teen & Adult Religious Education, Music Ministry, St. Brigid Fellowship (Outreach to the Unsheltered), monthly donations to Orthodox Missions work, and support of many local charities** — are all funded by our stewardship.

Stewardship is vital to our Church and, among many things, helps to:

- Provide religious services and sacraments
- Provide religious counseling
- Provide visitations to the hospitalized and shut-ins
- Minister to the community outside of our Church walls
- Offer help and support to those in need
- Support those who serve us
- Support our Archdiocese
- Keep our Church grounds and buildings in good condition

"Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly, nor under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (**II Corinthians 9:7**)

Treasure self-assessment

Can I move one step to the right?

Household income	.5%	1%	2%	3%	5%	10% (tithe)
\$20,000	\$100	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$1000	\$2000
\$30,000	\$150	\$300	\$600	\$900	\$1500	\$3000
\$40,000	\$200	\$400	\$800	\$1,200	\$2000	\$4000
\$50,000	\$250	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2500	\$5000
\$60,000	\$300	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$6000
\$70,000	\$350	\$700	\$1,400	\$2,100	\$3,500	\$7000
\$80,000	\$400	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$4,000	\$8000
\$90,000	\$450	\$900	\$1,800	\$2,700	\$4,500	\$9000
\$100,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$110,000	\$550	\$1,100	\$2,200	\$3,300	\$5,500	\$11,000
\$120,000	\$600	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$3,600	\$6,000	\$12,000
\$150,000	\$750	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$200,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$20,000

Gratitude

The Order of St. Ignatius Supports
The Retired Clergy Allowance

... you help give comfort and financial assurance to our retired clergy and their families. You express your gratitude to your beloved priest, faithful counselor and comforting friend who's been with you during your times of need, joy and sorrow.

We Need Your Help To Do More ...

For over 48 years, members of the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch have shown steadfast generosity. Since 1976, your nearly **\$50 million in gifts** have fueled the ministries and charitable work of our Antiochian Archdiocese. As the Archdiocese grows, so do its needs. We ask for your continued support—not just to sustain our efforts, but to expand them for future generations.

The Order now provides **\$270,000** annually for the Retired Clergy Allowance.

With more clergy entering retirement, this need continues to rise and we need to help.

In a world pulling young people away from the Church, we must do more. Our current **\$380,000** budget supports vital programs, but demand is outpacing resources. These are just two of the many areas where your generosity can make a lasting difference.

Help us do more. For our clergy. For our youth. For our Church.

**\$500 or \$1,000 in 2025 Just
Doesn't Go As Far As It Did in 1976**

It takes
\$1,677 today
to maintain
the purchasing power of
\$500 in 1976

It takes
\$3,353 today
to maintain
the purchasing power of
\$1,000 in 1976



NOTE: Calculations are based on a 2.5% inflation rate over a 48 year period and are for illustrative purposes only.

The Order of
Saint Ignatius
of Antioch

Let no man's place, or dignity, or riches, puff him up; and let no man's low condition or poverty abase him. For the chief points are faith towards God, hope towards Christ, the enjoyment of those good things for which we look, and love towards God and our neighbor.
— Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Annual Gift Increase

Increase your gift of
\$500/yr. or \$41.67/mth
as a Knight or Dame
to
\$1,000/yr. or \$83.33/mth
as a Knight or Dame Commander

Life & Metropolitan Upgrade

The Order of St. Ignatius Loyalty Program

You can upgrade to Life Member or
Metropolitan Member for a gift of
\$10,000 or \$20,000
paid over a 2-year or 3-year period.

See gifting options page for more details.



An Invitation

"Christianity is not a matter of persuading people of particular ideas, but of inviting them to share in the greatness of Christ. So pray that I may never fall into the trap of impressing people with clever speech, but instead I may learn to speak with humility, desiring only to impress people with Christ himself."

- Saint Ignatius of Antioch

The Ribbon & The Cross Is An Invitation To Become Part Of A Ministry

An Invitation Not Recognition

When you become part of the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, you become part of a ministry. The Order is not a club that you join. It is not a secular status symbol for recognition. The Cross and the Ribbon that Order supporters wear is an invitation to become part of a ministry. It serves as an invitation to share with one another in the greatness of Christ by giving in a manner that is unconditional and quiet. Supporting the Order's projects, Archdiocese Departments and numerous programs as one group, with Christ in our minds and hearts, should be how we *invite* the world to become part the Order's ministry.

Initiate the Questions of What? & How?

When those supporting the Order wear their ribbon and cross, it is meant to initiate others to inquire about the Order and how they can help strengthen its ministry. When people see the red ribbon and Cross that we wear, it helps begin the conversation to share what the Order does and provide the initial welcome to help expand its ministry. It provides an opportunity to ask, "What does the Order do and how can I help?"

The Order Provides A Lesson In Giving

When you give to the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, you are giving in a way we are all called to give ... unconditionally. Your gift is not individually recognized. You are not able to designate your gift to a specific need you select. You are giving without recognition, without conditions, without direct gratitude of the Order's recipients. This is the manner in which a "true gift" is made. A gift made in the way Christ directs us.

The Order Teaches Us How To Give

... the Order is teaching us how to share, the Order is teaching us how to give, the Order is teaching us how to sacrifice, and how to reach out for Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike. This is the miracle of The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch."

- His Eminence Metropolitan Philip of thrice blessed memory, Founder of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch



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Let no man's place, or dignity, or riches, puff him up; and let no man's low condition or poverty abase him. For the chief points are faith towards God, hope towards Christ, the enjoyment of those good things for which we look, and love towards God and our neighbor.

- Saint Ignatius of Antioch

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

During the Nativity Fast, we will pray the following services on Wednesdays at 6pm:

December 10 Advent Paraklesis

December 17 Advent Paraklesis

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & SPECIAL SERVICES

Wed., 12/24	PARAMON OF THE NATIVITY	Royal Hours	9:00 AM
	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD	Matins/Liturgy	10:00 PM

We begin the fast-free period of festal joy kept until the Eve of Theophany, January 5th.

Sat., 12/27	Commemoration of the Slaughter of the Innocents	Vespers	5:30 PM
	<i>Our Remembrance of all the victims of abortion and those affected by it.</i>		

Sun., 12/28	Blessing of the Graves at Goleta Cemetery		1:00 PM
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Thurs., 1/1	FEASTS OF ST. BASIL/CIRCUMCISION	Liturgy	9:00 AM
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Fri. 1/2	"Ninth Day of Christmas" Family Night		6:00 PM
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Mon., 1/5	PARAMON OF THEOPHANY	Royal Hours	9:00 AM
	GREAT & HOLY THEOPHANY	Festal Matins	4:30 PM
		Festal Liturgy	5:30 PM

The Great Blessing of the Waters will be during Matins.

The Baptism and Chrismation of Converts will be during the Divine Liturgy.

A FEW REQUESTS...

AGAPE MEAL DONATIONS

Please help us to break even on our Agape Meals by donating regularly to help us cover the cost of coffee, paper products and other supplies. We realize that many folks do not carry cash these days. Consider making a contribution once a month when you make your tithe to the church, either online through the website, or by check. If you do this, please be sure to indicate how much of the total amount should be designated for the weekly Agape Meal.

ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE (for Festal Decorating or Showers of Blessing)

If you have items of any kind that you would like to donate, please check first with the head of the appropriate ministry before just leaving them at the church. We are undergoing some changes in the big kitchen to comply with county health regulations, so food and floral items have to be handled in a very particular way, and not just set on one of the counter tops. We do periodic clothing collections for the Showers of Blessing when they request specific items. We will let our parishioners know when there is a need. Otherwise, it is best to donate used clothing to a thrift store or shelter.

REMINDERS & HELPFUL INFORMATION

- To access Metropolitan SABA's other teachings and updates, go here:
<https://www.antiochian.org/dashboard?name=MetSaba>
- Some wonderful resources about the **NATIVITY SEASON** are available on the Antiochian Archdiocese website, including printable icons and arts and crafts ideas for children. You will find lots of ideas here: <https://ww0.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2261>
- **Our choir made a CD in 2017** for the 30th Anniversary of our parish. Included on the CD are many of the hymns we still sing on Sundays, as well as a few of the songs that were written as the founders were finding their way to Orthodoxy. You can purchase the CD in mp3 download format through Ancient Faith here:
<https://store.ancientfaith.com/sing-to-the-lord-a-new-song-mp3-download/>
- We still live-stream our Sunday morning services on most Sundays. (audio only) You can access them on our Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to listen.
<https://www.facebook.com/StAthanasiusOrthodoxChurch/>
- The Sunday sermons are posted here:
<https://www.stathanasius.org/media/homilies-audio/>
- You can make donations/tithes or bookstore payments online through our parish website. Please be sure to choose the appropriate EARMARK so that we know how to apply your payment. <https://www.stathanasius.org/donation/>
- The parish website is currently under reconstruction and redesign. We expect to be able to offer a way to set up recurring electronic tithe payments by early 2026.
- There are lots of photos from past feast days and events posted to the parish website, going as far back as 2006, and as recent as our 2025 Golf Tournament:
<https://www.stathanasius.org/media/photo-gallery/page1>
- **F YOU NOTICE SOMETHING THAT IS BROKEN OR NEEDS ATTENTION**, please send an email to Chris Robinson at: maintenancesupervisor@stathanasius.org. Please do not text him. Chris' weekly hours at the church are Fridays from 1-3 p.m.

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. Gabriel in Kenya (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)
P. Speier (military)

Steve T.
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Kh. Peggy K.
Kh. Janet Henderson
Phyllis M.
Fr. Joseph A.
Galeyna T.
Jill W. and Family
Shirley D. and Family
Penny B.
Justin & Amber B.
Cameron B.
Kh. Elizabeth S.
Zosimos S.
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

Please pray for the raising up and support of
long-term missionaries from our parish.

OUR CATECHUMENS:

Cameron Clouse
Joshua Dunford
Kartik Kommu
Blake Manning, Gia & Benjamin
Sahit Rampilla
Ethan Salcedo
Tyler Vrem
Joshua Weiss (currently lives abroad)
Martin Wilson
Nathan Wright, Owain & Gavin
Mario

For repose of the souls of: Aurora, Guadalupe, Edgar

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

Sunday, December 7

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. for ages 3 yrs—Grade 6
 9:00 a.m. Matins
 10:00 a.m. Liturgy
 Trisagion Prayers for Fr. Richard Ballew
 11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Education
 11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
 12:30 p.m. Christmas Carol singing session
 12:45 p.m. Adult Catechism

Monday, December 8

7:00 a.m. Daily Readers Matins
 3:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
 (Akathist for St. Nikiforos)

Tuesday, December 9—Conception of the Theotokos

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, December 10

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins
 11:55 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
 6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis

Thursday, December 11

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
 10:00 a.m. SHOWERS OF BLESSING
 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Friday, December 12

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, December 13—Rest of St. Herman

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, December 14

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. for ages 3 yrs—Grade 6
 9:00 a.m. Matins
 10:00 a.m. Liturgy
 11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Education
 11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
 12:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 12:45 p.m. Adult Catechism

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS!

EUCCHARIST BREAD

December 7 Fr. Nicholas
 December 14 Wolfington
 December 21 Dn. Gary
 December 24 Kern (Nativity Liturgy)
 December 28 Vander Laan

READERS

December 7 Gish
 December 14 Alexander
 December 20 Kern (Vespers)
 December 21 Butler
 December 24 Lange (Nativity Liturgy)
 December 28 Meyer

WELCOME MINISTRY

December 7 J.&M. Worthington
 December 14 M. Loulias/H. Lange
 December 21 N. Aviles/A. Ballew/L. Sieck
 December 28 M. Wayne/K.L. King

USHERS

December 7 P. King, J. King
 December 14 S. Speier/C. Speier
 December 21 D. Alexander/D. Meyer
 December 28 K.L. King/M. Loulias

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

December 7 Team Wayne
 December 14 Team Alexander/Hedges
 December 21 Team Gish
 December 28 Team Lander

WE NEED YOUR HELP...

We ask that you kindly clean up your own sitting area and return service booklets at the end of each service. Weekly bulletins and Matins/Vespers weekly handouts may be taken home.
Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE
REVISTING OUR MISSION, VISION,
GOALS & PRIORITIES
January 24, 2026
9:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.

We will revisit our goals and priorities as a
parish family for the next 3-5 years,
based on our mission and vision.

Douglas Meyer will lead those who attend in a
“World Café” discussion process to get input
from our active parish members.
More information coming soon.