



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Tone 1 / Eothinon 10;

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

& Tenth Sunday of Matthew

After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ

Apostle Matthias;

Translation of the relics of Venerable Herman of Alaska,
Wonderworker of America



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 for the Feast of Transfiguration with Refrain

Vs. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

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

Vs. Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth. (*Refrain*)

Vs. Glory...now & ever...Amen. (*Refrain*)

SECOND ANTIPHON—Psalm verses for the Feast of Transfiguration with Refrain

Vs. His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Refrain: O Son of God, transfigured on Mount Tabor, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Vs. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. (*Refrain*)

Vs. Zion is our mother, a man shall say, and such a man was born in her; and the Most High Himself hath established her. (*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—Verses with Troparion Refrain for the Feast

Vs. Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. (Ps. 88:2)

Refrain:

**You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
revealing Your glory to Your disciples, as far as they could bear it.
Let your everlasting light
shine upon us sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos.
Glory to You, O Giver of light!**

Vs. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. (Refrain)

Vs. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long. (Refrain)

We sing the following hymns of the day after 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 of Transfiguration

Tone 7 (Carpatho-Russian Chant)

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
revealing Your glory to Your disciples, as far as they could bear it.
Let your everlasting light
shine upon us sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos.
Glory to You, O Giver of light!

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 1**

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

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

EPISTLE READING**Corinthians 4:9-16**

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

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**Matthew. (17:14-23)**

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!
Your birthgiving was incorruptible! God came from your body,
and appeared on earth in the flesh, dwelling among mankind.
Therefore we magnify you, O Theotokos!

Communion Hymns

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

O Lord, we shall walk in the light of Your face, and rejoice in Your name all the day. (*Ps 88/89:15b*)

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

WELCOME AND MANY YEARS to Martin Wilson, who was received into the Orthodox Faith on the Feast of the Transfiguration. His sponsor is Howard Lange.

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.) If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith, please contact Fr. Symeon for a blessing to join the Catechism Class.



BAPTISM OF ZOE BULLOCK

On August 15th at 3:30 p.m., Zoe Lovejoy Tsiskaridze Bullock will be baptized, chrismated, and communed into the Church. Fr. Nicholas and Kh. Jan Speier will be the godparents. Zoe's parents, Luke and Nestan, would love for as many of their St. Athanasius friends to attend the celebration of these sacraments. All are welcome!

BIKE RACKS

We now have two bike racks at the main entrance to the church, one for e-bikes and one for smaller bikes. The Parish Council asks that all who ride bikes to the church lock them up outside, and that bikes not be brought inside the building anymore. Thanks so much for your cooperation!

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.
Daniel B.
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
Kelley Brymer
Daisy Cruz
Sofia De La Cruz
Tanner Diamond
Joshua Dunford
Roman Garcia
Nicole Gow
Kartik Kommu
Lucy Mangum
Blake Manning, Gia & Benjamin
Sahit Rampilla
Jacob Salas
Tricia Travers
Tyler Vrem
Joshua Weiss (currently lives abroad)
Sarah Wildwood
Nathan Wright, Owain & Gavin

For repose of the souls of: Phyllis M.

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 9

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 10

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

Tuesday, August 11

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

Wednesday, August 12

11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:30 p.m. Paraklesis

Thursday, August 13

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Paraklesis
NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, August 14

5:30 p.m. Vespers for Feast of the Dormition
7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, August 15

9:00 a.m. Matins for the Dormition
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the Dormition
5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, August 16

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Adult Catechism
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal

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

EUCCHARIST BREAD

August 9 Morrison
August 16 Wolfington
August 23 Vander Laan
August 30 Dn. G. Braun

READERS

August 9 Lange
August 14 Clements (Vespers for Dormition)
August 15 Gish (Liturgy for Dormition)
August 16 Meyer
August 23 Butler
August 30 Meyer

WELCOMING MINISTRY

August 9 N. Aviles/A. Clouse/L. Sieck
August 16 K.L. King/K.P. King
August 23 A.G. Salinas/C. Clements
August 30 G. Hoppe/B. Eberhard

USHERS

August 9 S. Speier/C. Speier
August 16 M. Loulias/D. Washburn
August 23 K.L. King/D. Meyer
August 30 D. Alexander/M. Loulias

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

August 9 Team Aviles/Wood
August 16 Team Meyer
August 23 Team Lander
August 30 MINISTRIES JOB FAIR/
Donut Sunday

**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

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

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

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

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Anniversaries

8/12 Glenn & Liz Hoppe, Craig & Jennifer Speier

Birthdays

8/9 Verne Gish, Scott Speier, Craig Speier
8/10 Cameron Clouse
8/12 Joshua Dillon
8/13 Dave Dillon
8/13 Ashley McCauley
8/14 Miki Hammel

Patronal Saint's Day

8/9 **St. Herman of Alaska** Rdr. Verne Gish
8/15 **The Theotokos: Feast of the Dormition**
Dorian Easbey, June Easbey, Elsa Fryer, Kh. Cayce-Marie Halsell,
Doug King, Renley Marie Rascon