



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Dn. Scott Jacobs (retired)

Dn. John Young (retired)

Subdeacons: Stephen Butler & Michael Easbey

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Tone 3 / Eothinon 1

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost &

Twelfth Sunday of Matthew

Leave-taking of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Martyr Lupus, Servant of the Great-Martyr Demetrios;

Hieromartyr Irenaios, Bishop of Lyons;

Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympus



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 verses for the Feast of Dormition with refrain:

Vs. Shout with joy to God, all the earth, give thanks unto the Lord and call upon
His Name. Declare His works among the nations.

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

Vs. In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, His place hath been made in peace, and
His dwelling in Zion. **[Refrain]**

Vs. Glory to the Father & to the Son & to the Holy Spirit, now & ever...Amen. **[Refrain]**

Second Antiphon verses for the Feast of the Dormition & refrain

Vs. The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob.

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

Vs. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. **[Refrain]**

Vs. God hath laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in
the midst of Thy people. The most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle. **[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 incar-
nate of the holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, who without change didst become man and
wast 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. Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory.

Troparion for the Feast of the Dormition

Tone 1

In thy birthgiving, O Theotokos,
Thou didst keep and preserve virginity,
And in thy falling asleep thou hast not forsaken the world;
For thou wast translated into life,
Being the Mother of Life.
Wherefore, by Thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Vs. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? **[Refrain]**

Vs. I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. **[Refrain]**

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad,
for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm.
He hath trampled down death by death
and become the first born from the dead.
He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades,
granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion for the Feast of the Dormition

Tone 1

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life, O Mother of Life,
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

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 of Dormition

Tone 2

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life, //
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN

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

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon)

Tone 3

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises. (*Ps 46/47:6*)

Verse: Clap your hands all you peoples!

Shout to God with a voice of joy! (*Ps 46/47:1*)

THE EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel

Tone 3

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: In Thee, O Lord, I have hoped; let me never be ashamed. (*Ps 30/31:1*)

Verse: Be unto me a God and protector, and a house of refuge to save me.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Instead of “It is Truly Meet,” we sing the following Hymn to the Theotokos for the Feast of the Dormition. (From the 9th Ode of the Matins Canon)

Refrain:

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Heirmos:

The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin:
for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death;
a virgin after childbearing and alive after death,
you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heaven, praise Him in the highest.

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (*Ps 115/116:13*)

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 BEGAN LAST SUNDAY 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.

LAURIE BAKER, a faithful member of our parish for over a decade, will be moving back to Colorado in September. Laurie served as Parish Council President, has served on our Coffee Hour and Agape Meal teams for many years, and as a Sunday morning Greeter. Next Sunday, August 30th will be Laurie’s last Sunday with us. Please keep her in prayer for a safe move and a smooth transition.

POLICY REGARDING ANIMALS ON THE PROPERTY

The Parish Council requests that pets not be brought into the church building or onto church property. If a person has a service dog due to medical disabilities, we ask that they speak with Fr. Symeon. With the exception of special permission granted by Fr. Symeon due to a disability, the church is not required by law to permit animals in the church during liturgical services or at outdoor activities. Thank you for your understanding.



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
Ryley Orok
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

Sunday, August 23

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

Monday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, August 26

11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
 5:30 p.m. Akathist of St. Brigid of Kildare

Thursday, August 27

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. Youth Group

Friday, August 28

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, August 29—BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Beheading of St. John
 5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, August 30

9:00 a.m. Matins
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Adult Catechism
 11:45 a.m. **MINISTRIES JOB FAIR**
 12:30 p.m. **OPEN CHOIR REHEARSAL IN NAVE**

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS!

EUCCHARIST BREAD

August 23	Vander Laan
August 30	Dn. G. Braun
September 6	Galanska
September 8	Kern (Nativity of Theotokos)
September 13	Frangos

READERS

August 23	Butler
August 30	Meyer
September 1	Wood (Liturgical New Year)
September 6	Gish
September 8	Alexander (Nativity of Theotokos)
September 12	Alexander (Vespers)
September 13	Clements

WELCOMING MINISTRY

August 23	K.L. King/K.P. King
August 30	G. Hoppe/B. Eberhard
September 6	A. Nikolov/D. Rangel
September 13	G. & M. Hammel

USHERS

August 23	K.L. King/D. Meyer
August 30	D. Alexander/M. Loulias
September 6	C. Speier/S. Speier
September 13	P. King/J. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

August 23	Team Lander
August 30	MINISTRIES JOB FAIR/ Donut Sunday
September 6	Team Worthington
September 13	Team Halsell

**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.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
July 2026		
	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Budget Goal</u>
Tithes received in July	\$ 42,006	\$ 55,311 (\$20,555 for mortgage)
Tithes received Jan.-July	\$375,311	\$387,175 (\$143,885 for mortgage)
Temple donations July 2026	\$ 4,425	
Temple donations Jan.-July	\$ 35,056	
Tempe Fund balance July 31, 2026	\$1,233,028	
Total expenses Jan.-July	\$ 486,018	
Total income Jan.-July	<u>\$ 471,409</u>	
DEFICIT for 7 months		(\$ 14,609)

<i>CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK</i>		
<u>Wedding Anniversaries</u>		
8/26	John & Marleynna Worthington	
<u>Birthdays</u>		
8/23	Chris Robinson	
8/27	Ken Gomez	
8/28	Lara Jacobs	
8/29	Elsa Fryer	
<u>Patronal Feast Days</u>		
8/26	St. Natalia of Nicomedia	Nataliya Tinyayeva
8/26	St. Moses the Ethiopian	Paul Carr, Kevin Duke, Diego Rangel