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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Tone 6 / Eothinon 4

**Feast of Elevation of the Holy Cross
(transferred from Sept. 14)**

Consecration of Resurrection Church in Jerusalem



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 the Cross with refrain:

Vs. O God, my God, attend to me; why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions.

REFRAIN: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Vs. My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? But as for Thee, Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel. **[Refrain]**

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

Second Antiphon verses for the Feast of the Cross & refrain

Vs. O God, why hast Thou cast us off unto the end? Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.

REFRAIN: O, Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Vs. This is Mount Zion wherein Thou hast dwelt. **[Refrain]**

Vs.. God is our King before the ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. **[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 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 for the feast of the Cross

Vs. The Lord is king, let the peoples rage; He sitteth on the Cherubim,
let the earth be shaken.

Refrain:

**O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance,
granting victory over all adversaries.
And by the pow'r of Thy cross protect us.**

Vs. The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all peoples. **[Refrain]**

Vs. Let them confess Thy great Name, for it is terrible and holy. **[Refrain]**

HYMNS SUNG AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body,
angelic pow'rs shone above Thy revered tomb,
and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men.
Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted there-by,
Thou did meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world.
O Thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Holy and Life-giving Cross

Tone 1

O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance,
granting victory over all adversaries.
And by the pow'r of Thy cross protect us.

Troparion for the Founding of the Church of the Resurrection

Tone 4

You have revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place
of Your glory on earth
to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos,
strengthen it for ever and ever
and accept our supplication
which we ceaselessly offer You therein,
the life and resurrection of all!

Kontakion for the Feast of the Cross

Tone 4

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,
grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God;
make all Orthodox Christians glad by your power,
granting them victories over their adversaries
by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

INSTEAD OF "HOLY GOD..." WE SING:

Before Thy cross, we bow down in worship, O our Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify.

Preparatory Psalm (Prokeimenon) Verses before the Epistle Tone 7

Exult ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool; for He is holy. (Ps. 99:5)

Verse: The Lord reigneth, let the people rage.

**EPISTLE READING FOR THE FEAST
1 Corinthians 1:18-24**

Brethren, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Vs. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou has purchased of old. (Ps 74:2)

Vs. God is our King of old; working salvation in the midst of the earth.

**GOSPEL READING
John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35**

At that time, the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death; they led Him to Pilate and cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a Law, and by that Law He ought to die, because He has made himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid. He entered the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over Me unless it had been given you from above.

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. Pilate said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!"

Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus and led Him away, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of the skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross;

it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Greek, and in Latin.

Now standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own.

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now fulfilled, said, "It is finished"; and He bowed His head and gave up the spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other, who had been crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once, there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness -- his testimony is true.

Meglynarion (Hymn to the Mother of God) for the feast of the Cross

You are a mystical paradise, O Birthgiver of God, in which Christ blossomed.
Through Him, the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth.
Now, at its elevation, as we bow in worship before it, we glorify You.

Hymn sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist for the feast of the Cross

The light of Your countenance has shone on us, O Lord. (*Ps 4/5:6*) Alleluia (3x)

Instead of "We have seen the true light," we sing the Troparion of the Feast.

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

TO READ METROPOLITAN SABA'S WEEKLY MESSAGE "The Cross in Our Lives,"
GO TO: <https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2932>

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF ST. JOHN MONTHLY FIRESIDE GATHERING will take place this Thursday, Sept. 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Paul Carr. If you need information or directions, see Fr. Symeon, Howard Lange, or Paul Carr.

OUR WEBSITE IS NOW SET UP TO ACCEPT RECURRING DONATIONS! So, you can set up a monthly recurring tithe donation. Check it out:
<https://www.stathanasius.org/donate>

ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES BEGAN ON 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. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith, please contact Fr. Symeon for a blessing to join the Catechism Class.

ALTAR BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Many years have passed since we purchased the liturgical articles that we currently use in our altar and for processions. They have served the parish well, but some are beginning to fall apart. It is time to replace them. A highly recommended artisan will be crafting these new items for us, including a 7-branch candelabra, side lamps, a blessing cross that will house a relic of the True Cross, fans, and a processional cross. The whole set for our altar and processions will be designed to match our current Tabernacle and Gospel book. Lord willing, these items will arrive by the end of the year, in time for our 40th anniversary as an Orthodox parish!

The total cost for all of these new items is \$15,000. If you feel called to donate toward the further beautification of our worship with these liturgical items, you can do so by putting a check in the tithe box or by donating through our website at: <https://www.stathanasius.org/donate>

Please include the memo: "new altar items." Consider a donation towards this project
IN MEMORY OF A DEPARTED LOVED ONE. What a beautiful way to honor their memory!

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

9/18 Josh & Megan Dillon, Abdu and Nelly Mashhour

9/19 Timmy & Teri Palmer

Birthdays

9/14 Michael (Jimmy) Easbey, Anthony Salcedo

9/18 Jason Wayne

Patronal Feast Days

9/17 St. Sophia

Noelle Aviles, Giana Brunner, Sophia Roberts

9/17 St. Hope, Daughter of Sophia

Willow Palmer

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Athanasius Antiochian Orthodox Church

Santa Barbara, CA

40th Anniversary Celebration

February 12-14, 2027

Friday, February 12th

- Exhibit—The Parish History & Becoming Orthodox
- Welcome and introduction of guest speakers for the weekend
 - “Welcome Home”: The Story of the EOC - Documentary video from 1987

Saturday, February 13th

- Guest Speaker Presentations
- Exhibit—The Parish History & Becoming Orthodox
 - Great Vespers
 - Anniversary Banquet

(Limited seating for the banquet. Tickets will go on sale to our parishioners first.)



Sunday, February 14th

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Reception

THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY & LIFE-GIVING CROSS

The pagan Roman Emperors tried to obliterate the holy places where our Lord Jesus Christ suffered and rose from the dead, so that they would be forgotten. Emperor Hadrian (117-138) ordered that Golgotha and the Lord's Sepulchre be buried, and that a temple in honor of the pagan "goddess" Venus and a statue of Jupiter be placed there.

Pagans gathered at this place and offered sacrifice to idols. Eventually after 300 years, by Divine Providence, the Christian holy places, the Sepulchre of the Lord, and the Life-giving Cross, were discovered and opened for veneration. This took place under Emperor Constantine the Great (306-337) after his victory over Maxentius (in 312), who ruled the Western part of the Roman Empire, and over Licinius, the ruler of its Eastern part. In the year 323 Constantine became the sole ruler of the vast Roman Empire.

In 313 Saint Constantine issued the Edict of Milan, by which Christianity was legalized and persecutions against Christians in the Western half of the Empire were stopped. Although Licinius had signed the Edict of Milan in order to oblige Constantine, he continued his cruel persecutions against Christians. Only after his conclusive defeat did the Edict of Milan extend also to the Eastern part of the Empire. The Holy Equal of the Apostles Emperor Constantine, triumphing over his enemies in three wars, with God's assistance, had seen the Sign of the Cross in the heavens. Written beneath were the words: "By this you shall conquer."

Ardently desiring to find the Cross upon which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, Saint Constantine sent his mother, the pious Empress Helen (May 21), to Jerusalem, providing her with a letter to Saint Makarios, the Patriarch of Jerusalem. Saint Helen journeyed to the holy places connected with the earthly life of the Savior, building more than 80 churches, at Bethlehem the birthplace of Christ, and on the Mount of Olives where the Lord ascended to Heaven, and at Gethsemane where the Savior prayed before His sufferings, and where the Mother of God was buried after her Dormition.

Although the holy Empress Helen was no longer young, she set about completing the task with enthusiasm. In her search for the Life-giving Cross, she questioned both Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful. Finally, she was directed to a certain elderly Jew named Jude who stated that the Cross was buried beneath the temple of Venus. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground. Soon the Lord's Tomb was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, and a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body (March 6).

In order to discover on which of the three crosses the Savior had been crucified, Patriarch Makarios alternately touched the crosses to a corpse. When the Cross of the Lord touched the dead man, he was restored to life. After witnessing the raising of the dead man, everyone was convinced that the Life-giving Cross had been found.

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Christians came in a huge crowds to venerate the Holy Cross, beseeching Saint Makarios to lift the Cross, so that those far off could see it. Then the Patriarch and other spiritual leaders lifted the Holy Cross, and the people prostrated themselves before the Honorable Wood, saying "Lord have mercy." This solemn event occurred in the year 326.

During the discovery of the Life-giving Cross another miracle took place: a woman who was close to death was healed by the shadow of the Holy Cross. The elderly Jude (October 28) and other Jews believed in Christ and were baptized. Jude was given the name Kyriakos, and later he was consecrated as the Bishop of Jerusalem. He suffered a martyr's death for Christ during the reign of Emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363).

Saint Helen took part of the Life-giving Wood and nails with her to Constantinople. Saint Constantine ordered a majestic and spacious church to built at Jerusalem in honor of the Resurrection of Christ, also including under its roof the Life-giving Tomb of the Lord and Golgotha. The church was built in ten years. Saint Helen did not survive until the dedication of the church, she reposed in the year 327. **The church was consecrated on September 13, 335. On the following day, September 14, the festal celebration of the Exaltation of the Honorable and Life-giving Cross was established.**

Another event connected to the Cross of the Lord is remembered also on this day: its return to Jerusalem from Persia after a fourteen year captivity. During the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Phokas (602-610) the Persian king Khozrōēs II attacked Constantinople, defeated the Greek army, and plundered Jerusalem, capturing both the Life-giving Cross of the Lord and the Holy Patriarch Zachariah (609-633).

The Cross remained in Persia for fourteen years, and only under Emperor Herakleios (610-641), who defeated Khozrōēs and concluded peace with his successor and son Syroes, was the Lord's Cross returned to the Christians.

With great solemnity the Life-giving Cross was transferred to Jerusalem. Emperor Herakleios, wearing a crown and his royal purple garments carried the Cross of Christ. The Emperor was accompanied by Patriarch Zachariah. At the gates by which they ascended Golgotha, the Emperor stopped suddenly and was unable to proceed. The holy Patriarch explained to the Emperor that an Angel of the Lord was blocking his way. Herakleios was told to remove his royal trappings and to walk barefoot, since He Who bore the Cross for the salvation of the world had made His way to Golgotha in all humility. Then Herakleios donned plain clothes, and without further hindrance, carried the Cross of Christ into the church.

In a sermon on the Exaltation of the Cross, Saint Andrew of Crete (July 4) says: "The Cross is exalted, and everything true is gathered together, the Cross is exalted, and the city makes solemn, and the people celebrate the feast."

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/09/14/102610-the-universal-exaltation-of-the-precious-and-life-giving-cross>

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 (OCMC Headquarters)
MacDonald 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
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Kelley Brymer
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Sofia De La Cruz
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Ryley Oroku
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Jacob Salas
Tricia Travers
Tyler Vrem
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Sarah Wildwood
Shane Wilerberger
Nathan Wright, Owain & Gavin

For repose of the souls of: Kh. Christina

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 lock-box 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, September 13—ELEVATION OF THE CROSS (transferred from Sept. 14)

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

Monday, September 14—FEAST OF THE CROSS

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

Tuesday, September 15

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

Wednesday, September 16

11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:30 p.m. Paraklesis
6:15 p.m. Parish Council

Thursday, September 17

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. Middle School Youth Group
6:45 p.m. High School Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship of St. John Fireside at the
 home of Paul Carr

Friday, September 18

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, September 19

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Brunch
5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, September 20

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!

EUCHARIST BREAD

September 13	Frangos
September 20	Jacobs
September 27	Meyer
October 4	Morrison

READERS

September 13	Clements
September 20	Gish
September 27	Butler
October 4	Alexander

WELCOMING MINISTRY

September 13	G. & M. Hammel
September 20	M. Loulias/H. Lange
September 27	N. Aviles/L. Sieck/A. Wayne
October 4	A.G. Salinas/C. Clements

USHERS

September 13	P. King/J. King
September 20	D. Washburn/K.L. King
September 27	D. Alexander/D. Meyer
October 4	C. W-Lander/J. Morrison

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

September 13	Team Halsell
September 20	Team Alexander/Hedges
September 27	Team Speier
October 4	AUTUMN POTLUCK

**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.

Women's Fellowship Brunch

Saturday, September 19, 2026

10:00-11:30 a.m.

at the home of Kh. Jan Speier

- A time of fellowship
- A chance to talk about our plans for the coming Liturgical Year
- An opportunity to get acquainted with our female catechumens

LADIES, DON'T FORGET TO RESPOND TO THE E-VITE!

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER (OCMC)

Since January 2015, our parish has supported the mission work of Nathan and Gabriela Hoppe in Albania through a monthly donation of \$250 to OCMC. This has been a line item in our parish budget for 11 years.

This past year, Nathan was appointed as the Executive Director of OCMC, and the Hoppe family relocated to the OCMC headquarters in Florida. Our Parish Council has decided that we would like to continue to support an Orthodox missionary family that is working actively in the field. So beginning this month, we will be supporting Dr. Jeffrey and Caryn Macdonald, who have lived in the village of Shen Vlash in Albania as long-term missionaries since 2013.

The MacDonalds have five children. Dr. Jeffrey and Caryn are both teaching at the Resurrection Orthodox Theological Academy in Shen Vlash, near Durres. The theological academy was established in 1992 to train Albanian clergy and church workers to help restore Church life after the period of communist persecution.

Dr. Jeffrey is also working on a textbook on Church History and the Church Fathers for his students. Dr. Macdonald previously taught for many years at St. Herman's Seminary in Kodiak, Alaska helping to prepare Native Alaskans to serve in the Church in Alaska. He studied at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary, following an undergraduate degree in Biblical Studies and Archaeology at Wheaton College, in Illinois. He later completed a doctoral degree in Early Christian Studies at the Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C.



We will be adding the MacDonald Family to our prayer lists. Please continue to pray for the Hoppe Family, as well, as they get established in Florida and continue with OCMC in their new leadership roles.

<https://ocmc.org/missionaries/macdonald-family/>