



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Dn. John Young (retired)

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Michael Easbey

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, September 27 2026

**Tone 8 / Eothinon 6; Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
& First Sunday of Luke**

Martyr Kallistratos and the 49 Martyrs with him
The Apostles Aristarchos, Zenon and Mark of the Seventy



St. Athanasius Building Project
(Original architectural drawing)

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

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.

**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 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.

Tropariaon for Martyr Callistratus

Tone 3

In contest you were strengthened by the Holy Spirit, O Martyr
Callistratus, and were glorious in casting down the Enemy.
You offered a noble army of athletes
as sweet-smelling incense to Christ.//
With them pray for us who praise you with hymns!

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 - Ordinary Sundays

Tone 4

O undisputed intercessor of Christians,
The mediatrix, who was unrejected by the Creator.
Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be
sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith,
for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos,
who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN

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

PROKEIMENON-Psalm Verses before Epistle

Tone 8

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

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

EPISTLE READING – 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as
God said, "I will live in them and move among them,
and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
Therefore come out from them, and be separate from
them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then
I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and
you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord
Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let
us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and
spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

PSALM VERSES WITH ALLELUIA before Gospel

Tone 8

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Repeated by all.)

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 -- Luke 5:1-11

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of
Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the
fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.
Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked
him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and
taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished
speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let
down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master,
we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will
let down the nets." And when they had done this, they
enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking,
they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and
help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that
they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down
at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful
man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with
him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also
were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners
with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid;
henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had
brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed
Him.

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 Sera-
phim. Without defilement you gave birth to God the Word.
True Theotokos, we magnify you.

Hymn sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. SYMEON WILL BE OUT OF TOWN THIS WEEK. THERE WILL BE NO DAILY SERVICES AND NO BIBLE STUDY. The Tuesday Bible Study will resume on October 6th and will go through December 22nd.

ST. BARBARA MONASTERY FRIENDS' GATHERING IS THIS SUNDAY, Sept. 27th. Fr. Yousuf Rassam will give a presentation on "Popes, Patriarchs, & Internet Warriors" at 4pm, followed by Vespers and a potluck supper.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT SUNDAY IS AN "AUTUMN POTLUCK." We have no Agape Meal host. All types of foods are welcome, but perhaps consider bringing something autumnal (pumpkin dishes, stews, brats/sauerkraut, etc...)

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

A highly recommended artisan is crafting new items for our altar 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 ones we have been using have served us well for several decades and it is time to replace them. 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>

Thank you to all who have donated so far for this project! We are about halfway to our goal!

UPCOMING FEASTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, 11/7	Feast of ST. RAPHAEL Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
Sunday, 11/15	NATIVITY FAST BEGINS <i>This fast calls for abstinence from meat, dairy, eggs, wine/alcohol, and olive oil; also from fish on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, until December 20. No fish from Dec 20-25.</i>
Saturday, 11/21	PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS Matins 8:00 AM/ Liturgy 9:00 AM
Wednesday, 11/25	AKATHIST OF THANKSGIVING 5:30 PM
Thursday, 11/26	THANKSGIVING DAY Liturgy 9:00 AM <i>The Nativity Fast is suspended for the day and kept as a feast day.</i>

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

9/27	Sherie Shackelford
9/28	Dn. John Young
9/30	Michael Loulias
10/1	Jase Speier
10/2	Andrew Macdonald

Patronal Feast Days

9/28	St. Jerome	Tyson Shackelford
10/1	St. Romanos the Melodist	Cameron Bobro
10/1	St. Sidonia of Georgia	Suzi Wiley
10/2	St. Justina of Nicomedia	Justina King



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WEEKLY CALENDAR & PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

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

For repose of the souls of: Andriana C., Kh. Christina

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Fr. Symeon will be away this week.
There will be no daily services this week.

Sunday, September 27

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

Monday, September 28

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

Tuesday, September 29

NO DAILY VESPERS OR BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, September 30

11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
NO AKATHIST

Thursday, October 1

Protection of Theotokos, St. Romanos

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
NO DAILY VESPERS
6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
6:45 p.m. High School Youth Group

Friday, October 2

NO DAILY MATINS

Saturday, October 3

3:30 p.m. Welcome Ministry Team Meeting
5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, October 4

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

Thank you to our Sunday Morning volunteers!

EUCCHARIST BREAD

September 27	Meyer
October 4	Morrison
October 11	Fr. Nicholas
October 18	Wolffington

READERS

September 27	Butler
October 4	Alexander
October 10	Wood (Vespers)
October 11	Butler
October 17	Gish (Vespers)
October 18	Meyer

WELCOMING MINISTRY

September 27	N. Aviles/L. Sieck/A.G. Salinas
October 4	A. Wayne/C. Clements
October 11	K.L. King/M. Loulias
October 18	C. W.-Lander, G. Perekrestova

USHERS

September 27	D. Meyer/J. King
October 4	C. W.-Lander/J. Morrison
October 11	S. Speier/C. Speier
October 18	P. King/J. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

September 27	Team Speier
October 4	AUTUMN POTLUCK
October 11	Team Wayne/Hampton
October 18	Team Avile/Wood