



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Dn. John Young (retired)

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Stephen Butler

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, October 4 2026

Tone 1 / Eothinon 7;

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
& Second Sunday of Luke**

Hieromartyr Hierotheos, Bishop of Athens;

Hieromartyr Peter of Capitolia in Syria;

Martyrs Domnina and her Daughters of Syria

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.)

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 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—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.

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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.

**AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR
AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE,
WE SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

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 - 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.

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

2 Corinthians (9:6-11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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 (6:31-36)

The Lord said: “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

Meglyrnarion (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 Seraphim. Without corruption you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify you.

Communion Hymns

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

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.

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 and St. Xenia Prayer Ministry 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.

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

For repose of the soul of: Andriana C.

OUR CATECHUMENS:

Capri Acquistapace
Ben & Tiphanie 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SURVEY OF ORTHODOX MEN: With the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Saba, the Orthodox Studies Institute is conducting a survey of Orthodox clergy and laymen in the US. Their goal is to gather insights about seminary and the priesthood from priests, deacons, and laymen across the Orthodox communities in America, including the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America. If you are an Orthodox Christian man (inquirers and catechumens not included), please contribute a few minutes of your time to aid the research and support the future of Orthodoxy in our country by taking the survey at the link below. **(The link was also emailed to our active members.)**
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026_orthodox_men_2?parish_id=G035&group=3

ST. BARBARA'S PARISH IS HOSTING A GOLF TOURNAMENT on Monday, October 12th at Glen Annie Golf Club. If you are interested in golfing or attending, go to:
<https://saintbarbara.net/golf/>

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 – We are only \$200 short of our \$15,000 goal! Thank you to all who have donated to the special collection for the replacement of our metal altar articles.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

10/08 Phillip & Natalya Kawahara
10/10 Garrett & Elleney Gish

Birthdays

10/6 Holden Dillon, Todd Easbey
10/9 Jason Wallace, Jennifer Speier
10/10 Michiel de Bruin

Patronal Feast Days

10/06 Apostle Thomas Adam Carralejo, Craig Speier
10/11 St. Kenneth of Aghaboe Ken Gomez

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 4

9:00 a.m.	Matins & Catechesis for age 3-gr.6
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
10:45 a.m.	Adult Catechism
11:30 a.m.	Teen Religious Education after Eucharist
11:45 a.m.	AUTUMN POTLUCK
12:20 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Monday, October 5

3:00 p.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom (Akathist for St. Nikiforos)
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Tuesday, October 6

APOSTLE THOMAS, ST. INNOCENT

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

Wednesday, October 7

11:50 a.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
12:00 p.m.	Burial Ministry Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Communications Committee Mtg.

Thursday, October 8

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

Friday, October 9—ST. TIKHON

7:00 a.m.	Daily Matins
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Saturday, October 10

5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers/Confessions
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Sunday, October 11

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

October 4	Morrison
October 11	Fr. Nicholas
October 18	Wolffington
October 25	Vander Laan

READERS

October 4	Alexander
October 10	Wood (Vespers)
October 11	Butler
October 17	Gish (Vespers)
October 18	Meyer
October 25	Lange

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

October 4	AUTUMN POTLUCK
October 11	Team Wayne/Hampton
October 18	Team Avile/Wood
October 25	Team King

WELCOMING MINISTRY

GREETERS

October 4	A. Wayne/C. Clements
October 11	K.L. King/M. Loulias
October 18	C. Lander, G. Perekrestova
October 25	V. & N. Hedges

USHERS

October 4	C. W-Lander/J. Morrison
October 11	S. Speier/C. Speier
October 18	P. King/J. King
October 25	D. Washburn/K.L. King



A Prayer for God's Blessing of the Land Development

Almighty God, Creator and Fashioner, who didst found the earth on its firmness, who is the fountain of Wisdom and Tower of Strength, our help and refuge, Thou knowest that we can do nothing without Thy Divine guidance and aid: assist us that we may gird ourselves in simplicity that we may be wise as serpents and gentle as doves. Knowing that Thy wisdom and providence always prevail and are our strength, we ask that Thou dost bless our efforts to establish this land as a dedication to Thee. Thou hast given this earth to us to be a land of peace, and a beacon of salvation for mankind, we ask that this place be founded unshakably so that our children's children may glorify Thee unto the end of this age. Be Thou well pleased to bless us in Thy holy will to bring all our plans to completion, free them from every snare of the adversary that we may build upon this land a holy temple in which we may ascribe glory to Thee and the building up of all that is necessary for our salvation and that of this city and county; for Thine is the dominion, and Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.