



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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.

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, October 11 2026

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Sunday of

**Holy Fathers of Seventh Ecumenical Council
& Fourth Sunday of Luke**

Apostle Philip, one of the Seven Deacons;
Venerable Theophanes the Branded

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

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

SECOND ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

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

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.

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:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Fr. Symeon will be away this week.
There are no daily services or Bible Study.

Sunday, October 11

9:00 a.m. Matins & Catechesis age 3-grade 6
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
10:45 a.m. Adult Catechism
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Ed. after Eucharist
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
12:20 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 13

NO VESPERS OR BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, October 14

11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Thursday, October 15

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing

NO VESPERS

NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, October 16

Junior High Boys’ Retreat

NO MATINS

Saturday, October 17

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, October 18

9:00 a.m. Matins & Catechesis age 3-grade 6
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
10:45 a.m. Adult Catechism
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Ed. after Eucharist
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
12:20 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thank you to our
Sunday Morning volunteers!

EUCCHARIST BREAD

October 11 Fr. Nicholas
October 18 Wolfington
October 25 Vander Laan
November 1 Dn. G. Braun

READERS

October 10 Wood (Vespers)
October 11 Butler
October 17 Gish (Vespers)
October 18 Meyer
October 25 Lange
November 1 Wood

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

October 11 Team Wayne/Hampton
October 18 Team Avile/Wood
October 25 Team King
November 1 Team Lander

WELCOMING MINISTRY

GREETERS

October 11 K.L. King/M. Loulias
October 18 C. Lander, G. Perekrestova
October 25 J. & M. Worthington
November 1 H. Lange/M. Loulias

USHERS

October 11 S. Speier/C. Speier
October 18 P. King/J. King
October 25 D. Washburn/D. Alexander
November 1 M. Loulias/D. Meyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO THE 21 FAMILIES or INDIVIDUALS WHO DONATED TOWARDS THE REPLACEMENT OF OUR NEW ALTAR ARTICLES!

(ProceSSIONal crosses & fans, 7-branch candelabra, side lamps & blessing cross)

We have reached our goal, with a bit extra for the shipping costs!

FR. SYMEON WILL BE AWAY THIS COMING WEEK and there will be NO DAILY SERVICES or BIBLE STUDY.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP OF ST. JOHN MONTHLY FIRESIDE meets this Thursday, October 15th at 7 p.m. at the home of Adam Carralejo. If you have questions, see Howard Lange.

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

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>

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

- 10/13 Verne & Joanne Gish
- 10/15 Edgar & Noelle Aviles
- 10/17 Tyson & Sherie Shackelford

Birthdays

- 10/11 Gage Salinas
- 10/12 Travis Collins
- 10/12 Kaleigh Flores
- 10/16 Melissa Wayne

Patronal Feast Days

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| 10/11 | St. Kenneth of Aghaboe | Ken Gomez |
| 10/12 | St. Martin of Tours | Bob Gundersen, Brody Hansen |
| 10/12 | St. Simeon the New Theologian | Travis Collins |
| 10/13 | St. Benjamin, Deacon of Persia | Ben Ballew |

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death,
O Thou deathless and immortal One,
then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow’r,
and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth,
all the pow’rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee.
O Christ, Thou art the Giver of life, Glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Holy Fathers

Tone 8

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

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 8

Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever.
Verse: *For You are just in all that You have done for us.*

EPISTLE READING

Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing.

And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Alleluia before the Gospel

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20)

Verse: O Lord, save the King in the day we call on Thee! (Ps 19/20:9)

Tone 2

GOSPEL READING
Luke 8:5-15

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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 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
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