



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Tone 4 / Eothinon 10; Twenty-first Sunday after

Pentecost & Sixth Sunday of Luke

Martyrs Marcian and Martyrios the Notaries;

Martyrs Valerios and Chrysaphios;

Tabitha the Merciful, raised from the dead

by the Apostle Peter

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:**

Troparion of the Resurrection**Tone 4**

Having learned the joyful message
of the Resurrection from the angel,
the women disciples of the Lord cast from them
their parental condemnation,
and proudly broke the news to the disciples
saying death has been spoiled.
Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion for the Martyrs Marcian and Martyrios**Tone 3**

In holy zeal you dispelled the error of Arius
and proclaimed the Trinity, one in essence.
Holy martyrs Marcian and Martyrius,
unshaken bulwarks of Orthodoxy,
entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

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 4**

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works, in wisdom Thou hast made them all. (*Ps 103/104:24*)

Vs. Bless the Lord O my soul, O Lord my God, Thou art very great.

EPISTLE READING**Galatians. 2:16-20**

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Alleluia before the Gospel

Tone 4

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

Verse: Draw Thy bow and prosper and reign, in the cause of truth, meekness, and righteousness. (*Ps 44/45:5*)

Verse: Thou hast loved righteousness and hated wickedness. (*Ps 44/45:8*)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:26-39

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

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
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.
Max

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: *Hieromonk Siloan*
10/20/26

OUR CATECHUMENS preparing for Baptism and/or Chrismation:

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
Luke Williams
Nathan Wright, Owain & Gavin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will gather on **Saturday, November 7th (10:30am-2:30pm)** after the **Divine Liturgy for St. Raphael, for a retreat: "Beauty and the Making of an Orthodox Home."** Watch for an e-mail from Liz Hoppe. If you are new to the parish and not on the Women's Fellowship email list, contact the office and we will forward your info to Liz. (office@stathanasius.org)

NATIVITY PLAY

For the third year in a row, Noelle Ballew Aviles will coordinate a Nativity play with the children and teens of our parish, to be presented on **Saturday evening, December 5th**, after the Vespers commemorating St. Nicholas the Wonderworker. Noelle will rehearse with any children or teens who would like to participate. Rehearsals will be after the Agape Meal on Sundays: Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 22. Contact Noelle to sign up your child/children for the play! (noelleballew@gmail.com)

AGAPE MEAL

As our parish is growing, we are trying to keep up with this growth in providing enough refreshments after the Sunday Liturgy. Please be considerate of those in line behind you yet to be served, and keep in mind that we are simply "breaking the fast" and not necessarily replacing your midday meal. Thanks!

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Saturday, 11/7 FEAST of ST. RAPHAEL Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m./Women's Retreat 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, 11/15 NATIVITY FAST BEGINS

This fast calls for abstinence from meat, dairy, eggs, wine/alcohol, and olive oil; also from fish on Wednesdays and Fridays, until December 20th, when we fast from fish from Dec. 20-25. See the fasting calendar for details.

Saturday, 11/21 PRESENTATION OF THEOTOKOS Matins 8:00 a.m./ Liturgy 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 11/25 AKATHIST OF THANKSGIVING 6:00 p.m.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

10/25 Justin Brunner
10/26 Alla Galanska
10/27 Ben Hedges, Lizabeth Hoppe
10/28 Penny Brunner
10/31 Adora Wayne

Patronal Saint Feast Days

10/26 St. Demetrius of Thessaloniki	Sean Hampton
10/28 St. Paraskeva the Martyr	Penny Brunner

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 25

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

Monday, October 26—ST. DEMETRIOS

3:00 p.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom (Akathist for St. Nikiforos)
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Tuesday, October 27

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

Wednesday, October 28

11:50 a.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
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Thursday, October 29

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.	Jr. High Youth Group
6:45 p.m.	High School Youth Group

Friday, October 30

7:00 a.m.	Daily Matins
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Saturday, October 31

5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers/Confessions
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Sunday, November 1

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

Thank you to our Sunday Morning volunteers!

EUCCHARIST BREAD

October 25	Vander Laan
November 1	Dn. G. Braun
November 7	Tinyayeva (for St. Raphael)
November 8	Galanska
November 15	Jacobs

READERS

October 25	Lange
November 1	Wood
November 7	Alexander (Sat. Liturgy)
November 7	Clements (Vespers)
November 8	Butler
November 15	Meyer

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

October 25	Team King
November 1	Team Lander
November 8	Team Halsell
November 15	Worthington

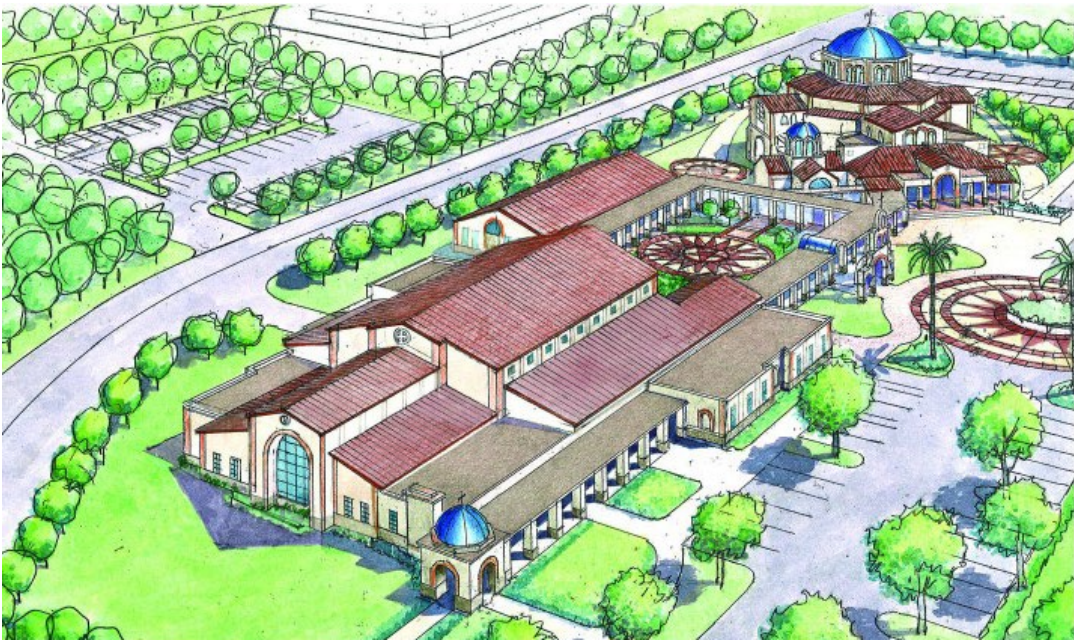
WELCOMING MINISTRY

GREETERS

October 25	J. & M. Worthington
November 1	H. Lange/M. Loulias
November 8	K.P. King/K.L. King
November 15	G. Hoppe/B. Eberhard

USHERS

October 25	D. Washburn/D. Meyer
November 1	M. Loulias/D. Alexander
November 8	K.L. King/K.P. King
November 15	C.-W. Lander/J. Morrison



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.