



ST. ATHANASIOS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Tone 5 / Eothinon 11; Holy Unmercenaries

Cosmas and Damian of Asia

& Fifth Sunday of Luke

Theodota, the Unmercenaries' Mother;

Venerable-martyr James and his Disciples James the Deacon
and Dionysios of Prodrumou Skete on Athos;

Venerable David of Evia in Greece

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."

ST. ATHANASIOS 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 5**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born of the Virgin for our salvation.
For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh
to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion for Saints Cosmos and Damian**Tone 8**

O Holy unmercenaries and wonderworkers, Cosmos and Damian,
heal our infirmities. Freely you have received, freely give to us!

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 before the Epistle**Tone 4**

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (Ps. 68:35)
VERSE: *In the churches bless ye God the Lord, from the fountains of Israel.*

EPISTLE READING (For SS. Cosmos & Damian)**I Corinthians 12:27-13:8**

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Alleluia before the Gospel

Tone 5

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

Verse: I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever;
With my mouth I will make known Thy faithfulness to all generations. (Ps 88/89:1)

Verse: For Thou hast said: "Mercy shall be built up forever;
In the heavens shall Thy truth be established." (Ps 88/89:2)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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
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-3 pm)** after the Divine Liturgy for St. Raphael, for brunch and a retreat: **"Beauty and the Making of an Orthodox Home."** Please RSVP by today!

\$20/adults, \$15 for 8-12 year old girls. Liz Hoppe will be accepting cash payment today during the Agape Meal. Payment may be made online on the parish website or in cash at the door; please use the earmark (dropdown) **"WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SERVICE PROJECT."**

If you are interested in attending, see the Evite here: <https://evite.me/k4MPuBCx9Y>

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.-3:00 pm

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

Wedding Anniversaries

11/6 Justin and Amber Brunner

Birthdays

11/1 Kate Vander Laan, Miriam Vander Laan

11/3 Emily Speier

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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
12:20 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 2

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

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

Wednesday, November 4

11:50 a.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
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Thursday, November 5

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, November 6

7:00 a.m.	Daily Matins
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Saturday, November 7

9:00 a.m.	Liturgy for St. Raphael
10:30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Fall Retreat
5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, November 8

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

November 1	Dn. G. Braun
November 7	Tinyayeva (for St. Raphael)
November 8	Galanska
November 15	Jacobs
November 21	Kern (Festal Liturgy)
November 22	Frangos

READERS

November 1	Wood
November 7	Alexander (Sat. Liturgy)
November 7	Clements (Vespers)
November 8	Butler
November 15	Meyer
November 21	Gish
November 22	Lange

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

November 1	Team Lander
November 8	Team Halsell
November 15	Worthington
November 22	Team Speier

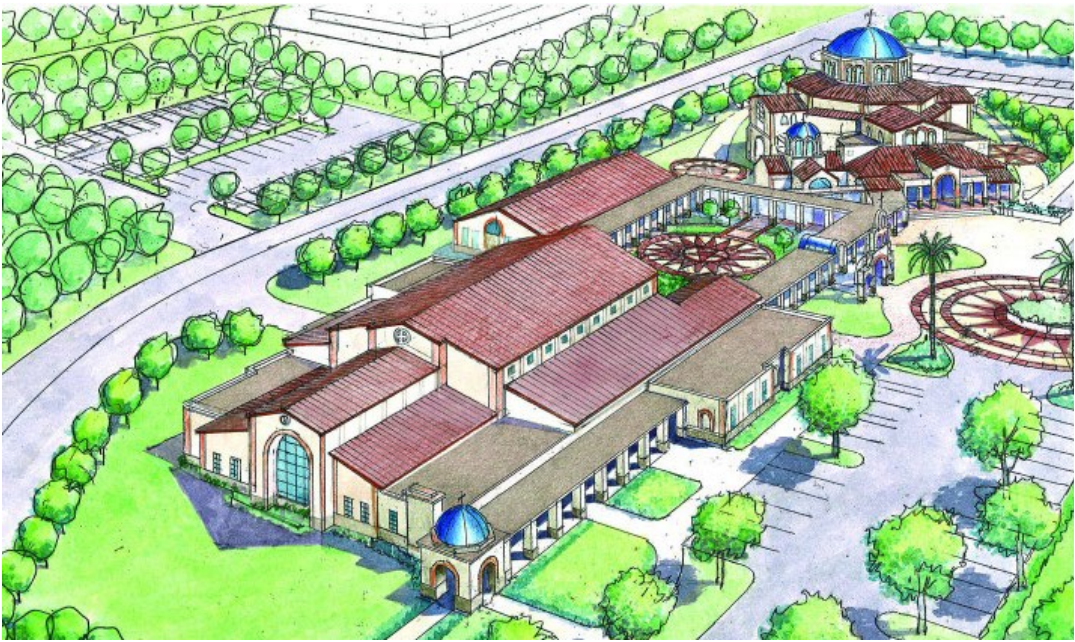
WELCOMING MINISTRY

GREETERS

November 1	H. Lange/M. Loulias
November 8	K.P. King/K.L. King
November 15	G. Hoppe/B. Eberhard
November 22	N. Aviles/A. Wayne/L. Sieck

USHERS

November 1	M. Loulias/D. Alexander
November 8	K.L. King/K.P. King
November 15	C.-W. Lander/J. Morrison
November 22	C. Speier/S. Speier



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.