St. Athanasius Antiochian Orthodox Church

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Tone 6 / Eothinon 1

The Synaxis of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and all the bodiless Powers of Heaven & Seventh Sunday of Luke

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:

Resurrectional Troparion **Tone 6**

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body,
angelic pow'rs shone above Thy revered tomb,
and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men.
Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted there-by,
Thou did meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world.
O Thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion for the Archangels **Tone 4**

Commanders of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy beseech you,
by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory,
and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry to you:
"Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commanders of the powers on high!"

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 for the Presentation of the Theotokos **Tone 4**

The most pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, therefore, the Angels of God praise her:
"Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!"

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN

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

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon) **Tone 6**

He makes His angels spirits, / and His ministers a flaming fire. *(Ps. 103:5)*
Vs. Bless the Lord, O, my soul!

EPISTLE READING
Hebrews 2:2-10 (for the Archangels)

Brethren, if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His own Will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man that You art mindful of him, or the Son of man, that You carest for Him? You didst make Him for a little while lower than the angels; You have crowned Him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under His feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so

that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Alleluia and Verses before the Gospel **Tone 6**

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

Verse: He Who dwelleth in the help of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the protection of the God of Heaven. *(Ps 90/91:1)*

Verse: He will say to the Lord, Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God, in Him will I hope.

GOSPEL READING
Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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
Jerry J.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family

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
Musa Kaan Ataman
Lucas Benenati
Ben & Tiphanie Brymer & Florence
Kelley Brymer
Ben Comilang
Daisy Cruz
Sofia De La Cruz
Tanner Diamond
Joshua Dunford
Roman Garcia
Nicole Gow
Grace Hettinger
Kartik Kommu
Lucy Mangum
Blake Manning, Gia & Benjamin
Kyle McConnell, & Kane
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

THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY THIS TUESDAY, November 10th. We will resume the following Tuesday after Daily Vespers and will begin a study on the **Book of Job**.

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. 8, 15 and 22. We will not rehearse Thanksgiving weekend. Contact Noelle to sign up your child/children for the play! (noelleballew@gmail.com)

PLEASE KEEP JERRY JONES in your prayers. He is recovering from a fall at Channel Islands Post Acute facility: 3880 Via Lucero #1605, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

THE BOOKSTORE NOW HAS 2027 CALENDARS, with the liturgical commemorations of saints, feast days, fasting days and daily scripture readings. It is a slightly upgraded version of the calendar we have offered in previous years, a bit larger with more icons. The calendars are available for $5.45 and should be purchased through the bookstore, either with cash or with a payment online through our website. https://www.stathanasius.org/donate Please select the dropdown earmark: BOOKSTORE.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries
11/08 Gabriel & Megan Speier
11/10 Gary & Cheyenne Braun
11/11 Jason & Jody Wallace

Birthdays
11/8 Justina King
11/9 John Ronan Meyer
11/10 David Lewis
11/13 Farley Easbey, James Morrison, Leticia Brunner
11/14 Silas Easbey, Sophia Roberts

Patronal Feast Days

11/8	Archangel Michael	Michiel de Bruin, Mitch Denny, Subdn. Michael Easbey, Jimmy Easbey, Michael Loulias, Scott Speier
11/09	St. Nektarios of Aegina	Noah Nektarios Hedges, Brett Eberhard
11/10	St. Olga of Alaska	Rebecca Beech
11/11	St. Victor of Damascus	Viktoria Hedges
11/13	St. John Chrysostom	Dn. John Young
11/13	St. Gregory Palamas	Greg Hammel
11/14	St. Philip the Apostle	Dn. Gary Braun, Gary Braun, Jr., Gary Braun, III

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 8--ARCHANGELS
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 9—ST. NEKTARIOS
3:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom (Akathist for St. Nikiforos)

Tuesday, November 10
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
NO BIBLE STUDY

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

Thursday, November 12
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 13-ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, November 14
5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, November 15—ADVENT BEGINS
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!

EUCHARIST BREAD
November 8 Galanska
November 15 Jacobs
November 21 Kern (Festal Liturgy)
November 22 Frangos
November 29 Meyer

READERS
November 7 Alexander (Sat. Liturgy)
November 7 Clements (Vespers)
November 8 Butler
November 15 Meyer
November 21 Gish
November 22 Lange
November 26 TBA Thanksgiving Day Liturgy
November 29 Alexander

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS
November 8 Team Halsell
November 15 Worthington
November 22 Team Speier
November 29 THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

WELCOMING MINISTRY

GREETERS
November 8 K.P. King/K.L. King
November 15 G. Hoppe/B. Eberhard
November 22 N. Aviles/A. Wayne/L. Sieck
November 29 A.G. Salinas/C. Clements

USHERS
November 8 K.L. King/K.P. King
November 15 C.-W. Lander/J. Morrison
November 22 C. Speier/S. Speier
November 29 P. King/J. King

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

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.

ADVENT PARAKLESIS

Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. from Nov. 18-December 23.
(On Wed. November 25th we will pray the Akathist of Thanksgiving.)

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.
Thursday, 11/26	**DIVINE LITURGY – THANKSGIVING**	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, 12/5	**VESPERS FOR ST. NICHOLAS**	5:30 p.m.
	Nativity Play and Reception	6:15 p.m.

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.