St. Athanasius Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Dn. John Young (retired)
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Tone 7 / Eothinon 2; Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost & Eighth Sunday of Luke

Martyrs Guria, Shamuna and Habib the Deacon of Edessa;
Thomas the New, Patriarch of Constantinople;
Venerable Paisios Velichkovsky

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 7**
Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross;
Thou didst open paradise to the thief;
Thou didst turn the sadness of the
ointment bearing women into joy,
and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim
a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ,
granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion for the Martyrs Gúrias, Samónas, and Abíbus **Tone 5**
O Christ our God, You have granted us the miracles of Your holy martyrs
Gúrias, Samónas, and Abíbus, as a stronghold and protection.
Through their prayers, strengthen those in authority in ev'ry good deed,//
for You alone are merciful and lovest 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 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 **Tone 7**
The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.
Vs: Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

EPISTLE READING for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Alleluia and Verses before the Gospel **Tone 7**
Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! **People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Verse: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.
Verse: To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth in the night.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Asia and Cameron Clouse on the birth of their daughter, Clementine Olga, on Saturday, November 7th. May God protect Baby Clementine and grant her many years!

THIS WEDNESDAY WE BEGIN PRAYING THE ADVENT PARAKLESIS at 6:00 p.m. We will continue to pray the Paraklesis on Wednesday evenings throughout Advent (Nativity Fast) with the exception of November 25th, when we will pray the Akathist of Thanksgiving.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF ST. JOHN will gather for their FIRESIDE this Thursday, November 19th, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Penny Loulias.

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.

OUR PARISH IS WORKING WITH THE TELOS PROJECT TO MORE DEEPLY ENGAGE OUR YOUNG ADULTS! Help us kick off this effort!

- **ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th at 3:45 p.m., we will have an all-parish gathering at the church, hosted by our YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP.**
- We will participate in guided small-group discussions as part of this national program aimed at helping the young adults in our Orthodox parishes assimilate more deeply into parish life. Please join us, whether you are new to the parish or you have been here for decades. Young and old are welcome!
- Beverages and hearty snacks will be provided by our Young Adult Fellowship.

Join our whole parish for community building, powerful conversation, and fellowship!
Let's grow stronger together, across generations!

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

11/15 Anna Grace Salinas
11/17 Catherine Braun, John Heiduk
11/18 Taylor Eberhard
11/19 Atalia Finley, Juliet Macdonald, Kristen Roberts
11/22 Jami Stetler

Patronal Feast Days

11/16	St. Matthew the Apostle	Mateo Finley, Larry Lander
11/19	Prophet Obadiah	Obadiah Robinson
11/21	The Theotokos (Feast of Presentation)	Camila Aviles, Kristi King

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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
12:20 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 16—ST. MATTHEW

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

Tuesday, November 17

5:30 p.m.	Daily Vespers
6:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Book of Job

Wednesday, November 18

11:50 a.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:30 p.m.	Advent Paraklesis
6:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, November 19

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
7:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Fireside

Friday, November 20

7:00 a.m.	Daily Matins

Saturday, November 21-FEAST of the PRESENTATION of the THEOTOKOS

8:00 a.m.	Festal Matins
9:00 a.m.	Festal Divine Liturgy
5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, November 22

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 15	Jacobs
November 21	Kern (Festal Liturgy)
November 22	Meyer
November 29	Frangos
December 6	Fr. Nicholas

READERS

November 15	Meyer
November 21	Gish
November 22	Lange
November 26	TBA Thanksgiving Day Liturgy
November 29	Alexander
December 5	Wood (Vespers for St. Nicholas)
December 6	Butler

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

November 15	Worthington
November 22	Team Speier
November 29	THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
December 6	Team Alexander/Hedges

WELCOMING MINISTRY

GREETERS

November 15	G. Hoppe/B. Eberhard
November 22	N. Aviles/A. Wayne/L. Sieck
November 29	A.G. Salinas/C. Clements
December 6	A. Nikolov/D. Rangel

USHERS

November 15	C.-W. Lander/J. Morrison
November 22	C. Speier/S. Speier
November 29	P. King/J. King
December 6	D. Washburn/D. Alexander

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE
OCTOBER 2026

	Actual Income	Budget Goal
Tithes received in Oct.	$ 51,200	$ 55,311 ($20,555 for mortgage)
Tithes received Jan.-Oct.	$ 520,485	$553,110 ($205,550 for mortgage)
Temple donations Oct. 2026	$ 3,140	
Temple donations Jan.-Oct.	$ 46,636	
Tempel Fund balance Oct. 31, 2026	$1,251,731	

Total expenses Jan.-Oct.	$ 692,033
Total income Jan.-Oct.	$ 661,900
DEFICIT for 10 months	($ 30,133)