St. Athanasius Antiochian Orthodox Church

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, November 22, 2026

Tone 8 / Eothinon 3; Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost & Ninth Sunday of Luke

After-feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Apostles Philemon, Apphia,
Archippos and Onesimos of the Seventy;
Martyr Cecilia of Rome and those with her;
Venerable Iakovos of Evia

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—Verses for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. 1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of you, o city of God. **[Refrain]**

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

Vs. 2 God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard,

so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. **[Refrain]**

Vs. 3 Glory…now & ever…Amen. [Refrain]

Second Antiphon for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. 1 The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

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

Vs. 2 This is the gate of the Lord, by which the righteous shall enter. **[Refrain]**

Vs. 3 Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteous. **[Refrain]**

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 for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. 1 Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.

Refrain:
Today is the prelude of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her:// "Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation!"

Vs. 2 The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. **[Refrain]**

Vs. 3 Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee. **[Refrain]**

AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR
AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE,
WE SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS FOR THE DAY:

Troparion of the Resurrection **Tone 8**

From the heights Thou didst descend,
O Compassionate One;
and Thou didst submit to the three day burial,
that Thou might deliver us from passion.
Thou art our Life and our Resurrection,
O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple **Tone 4**

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her:// "Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation!"

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 8**

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! *(Ps 75/76:11)*
Verse: *God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

EPISTLE READING
Ephesians 4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Alleluia and Verses before the Gospel **Tone 8**

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

Verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior.

Verse: Come before His countenance with thanksgiving, and with psalms let us shout in jubilation unto Him.

GOSPEL READING
Luke 12:16-21

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Meglynarion (Hymn to the Mother of God)
(For the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos)

The Angels beheld the Entrance of the Pure One and were amazed. How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies? Since she is a living Ark of God let no profane hand touch the Theotokos. But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her, praising her in joy with the Angel's song:"Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps 148:1)*
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord! Alleluia! (Psalm 116:13)

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.

SAVE THE DATE!
Monday, January 18, 2027 – FEAST OF ST. ATHANASIUS
(and Martin Luther King Day)
Hierarchichal Visit of Metropolitan SABA
9:00 a.m. – Matins 10:00 a.m. – Hierarchichal Divine Liturgy 12:00 p.m. -- Reception

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
Kevin Fry
Roman Garcia
Nicole Gow
Grace Hettinger
Kartik Kommu
Lucy Mangum
Blake Manning, Gia & Benjamin
Kyle McConnell, & Kane
Katty Moskalyk
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

THIS WEDNESDAY WE WILL PRAY THE AKATHIST OF THANKSGIVING at 5:30 p.m. (Please note the earlier start time.) On Thanksgiving morning, we will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

THERE ARE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY for children or teens.

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.

THE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP WITH GATHER TODAY at 4pm for a Friendsgiving dinner. Scott and Terri Speier will be graciously hosting us and providing a lenten meal. If you'd like to contribute please consider bringing drinks, a side, or dessert. Please contact Zac Wood if you would like to attend but need transportation, or if you need the Speier's address. zac.wood9@gmail.com

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

11/22 Jami Stetler
11/24 Maryana Moskalyk
11/25 Dee Kern, Elleney Gish
11/26 Judy Braun
11/27 Shirley Dillon

Patron Saint Commemorations

11/23 St. Alexander Nevky Alexander Nikolov
11/24-25 St. Catherine the Martyr
Catherine Braun, Diane Carrillo, Madison Eberhard, Melissa Hedges, Gloria Morrison, Ekaterina Nikolov, Jami Stetler, Kate Vander Laan
11/24 St. Clement of Rome Farley Clementine Easbey
11/27 St. James of Persia James Dillon

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, November 23
3:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom (Akathist for St. Nikiforos)

Tuesday, November 24—ST. CATHERINE
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
6:00 p.m. Bible Study – Book of Job

Wednesday, November 25
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:30 p.m. AKATHIST of Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26-THANKSGIVING
7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
9:00 a.m. Liturgy for Thanksgiving
NO SHOWERS, VESPERS, or YOUTH GROUP

Friday, November 27
7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, November 28
5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, November 29
NO CLASSES FOR CHILDREN OR TEENS
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
10:45 a.m. Adult Catechism
11:45 a.m. **THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**

Thank you to our Sunday Morning volunteers!

EUCHARIST BREAD
November 21 Kern (Festal Liturgy)
November 22 Meyer
November 29 Frangos
December 6 Fr. Nicholas
December 13 Morrison

READERS
November 22 Lange
November 26 TBA Thanksgiving Day Liturgy
November 29 Alexander
December 5 Wood (Vespers for St. Nicholas)
December 6 Butler
December 13 Gish

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS
November 22 Team Speier
November 29 **THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**
December 6 Team Alexander/Hedges
December 13 Wayne/Hampton

WELCOMING MINISTRY

GREETERS
November 22 N. Aviles/A. Wayne/L. Sieck
November 29 A.G. Salinas/C. Clements
December 6 A. Nikolov/D. Rangel
December 13 G. & M. Hammell

USHERS
November 22 C. Speier/S. Speier
November 29 P. King/J. King
December 6 D. Washburn/D. Alexander
December 13 M. Loulias/D. Meyer

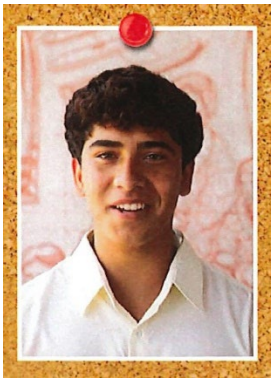
IT'S SANTA'S HELPERS TIME AGAIN!

Our parish has been supporting Project Mexico and the boys at St. Innocent Orphanage for many years. Each year we receive the name of a boy and his list of clothing needs, and a couple of wish list items. This year, we will be sending gifts to Adan, an 11th grader.

Here's where to sign up:
https://bit.ly/2026SantaHelpers

DEADLINE FOR GIFTS TO BE RECEIVED AT the PROJECT MEXICO OFFICE IS DECEMBER 1, 2026!

PLEASE READ THE SPECIAL SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!
If you have questions, contact Cheryl Washburn-Lander. (cherylynn.sb@gmail.com)



UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

ADVENT PARAKLESIS

Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. from Nov. 18-December 23.
(On Wed. November 25th we will pray the Akathist of Thanksgiving.)

Wednesday, 11/25	**AKATHIST OF THANKSGIVING**	5:30 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	

Temple Fund balance Oct. 31, 2026 $1,253,254

Total expenses Jan.-Oct.	$ 692,033
Total income Jan.-Oct.	$ 661,900
DEFICIT for 10 months	($ 30,133)
Unbudgeted expenses	-5,711 (picnic tables, bike rack)
TOTAL DEFICIT Jan.-Oct.	($ 35,844)