



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Subdeacons: Stephen Butler & Michael Easbey

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

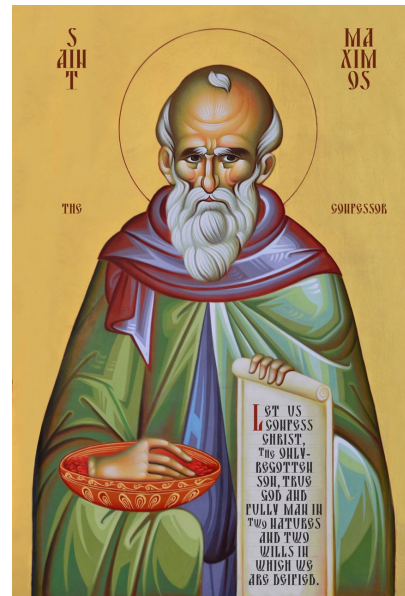
January 21, 2024

**Tone 8 / Eothinon 11; Twenty-ninth Sunday after
Pentecost & Twelfth Sunday of Luke**

Venerable Maximos the Confessor

Martyr Neophytos of Nicaea;

Venerable Zosimas, Bishop of Syracuse in Sicily



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

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive through prayer and recent Confession. Non-Orthodox believers and others **may approach the chalice for a blessing and the blessed bread.** So that the priest is aware of this, please just say, *“Father, bless” when you get to the chalice.*

At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

FIRST ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High; To proclaim Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. [Refrain]

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

Vs. Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. [Refrain]

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

SECOND ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength and hath girded Himself.

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

Vs. For He hath established the world which shall not be shaken. [Refrain]

Vs. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore. [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—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.

HYMNS SUNG AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE:

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 for St. Maximos the Confessor

Tone 8

O Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,
the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs;
all wise Father Maximus, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all things.//
Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

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 of The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple **Tone 1**

By Thy Nativity, Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb!
And didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God.
Now Thou hast come and saved us through love.
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 9 of Liturgy Book)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.
+Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

Deacon: With strength!

People: 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

Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain 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 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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 defilement you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify you.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the Highest!

Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion

(Blessing of the Agape Meal will follow the prayers.)

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, we offer the prayers of thanksgiving for having received the Body and Blood of Christ. These beautiful prayers help us to reflect on the mystery in which we have just partaken, and prepare us for our transition back into the "world." We invite you to listen to these beautiful prayers during and after the veneration of the cross at the end of the service, and **ask that all of your socializing take place outside of the church.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE OUR PATRONAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION SO JOYFUL AND BEAUTIFUL THIS PAST WEDNESDAY: Clergy, Choir, Festal Decorating Team, and those who organized and contributed to the festal meal afterwards!

Congratulations to the winners of the CHILI COOKOFF:

First Place	Terri Speier
Second Place	Christie Robinson
Third Place	Asia Ballew

THE JANUARY ST. BARBARA MONASTERY FRIENDS GATHERING is next Sunday, January 28th at 4:00 p.m. Fr. Symeon will be the guest speaker and the topic is “The Gift of Our Bodies: Men and Women in Christ.” After the presentation there will be Daily Vespers and a potluck supper.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUBDN. MATTHEW (GALEN) WILEY and Christina Hanagraaff, who are engaged to be married! May God guide them during this time of planning. Please keep them in your prayers.



THE ADULT CATECHISM CLASS FOR THIS WINTER will begin on Saturday, February 17th at 3:00 p.m. and will meet on the following Saturdays:

February 17 & 24
March 9, 16 & 30

The class will pause during Great Lent and meet again beginning in late May.

AKATHISTS ON WEDNESDAYS

Beginning this Wednesday, January 24th, we will begin praying either an Akathist or a Paraklesis Service at 5:30 p.m. We will pause during Great Lent, and begin again on May 15th. As weather permits, we will pray the Parakleses out in our field, at the cross that is planted where our temple will stand.

January 24	Akathist to St. Xenia
January 31	Akathist
February 7	Paraklesis
February 14	Akathist
February 21	Paraklesis
February 28	Akathist
March 6	Paraklesis

SAVE THE DATE—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH—ALL-PARISH MEETING

On Sunday, February 25th after the Agape Meal, we will have an all-parish meeting to receive an update on the rezoning situation for our land and next steps to be taken. We will not be voting on anything. It will be an informational meeting.

PASTOR'S BENEVOLENCE FUND

2023

BENEFICIARIES of Assistance

Our own Parishioners	\$ 8,912
Houseless Community/Non-parishioners in need	\$ 4,879
Local Charities	\$ 3,390
Orthodox Charities	\$ 2,000
Archdiocese special collections	\$ 600
Camp Scholarships	\$ 435
Other special projects & assistance	<u>\$ 1,150</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$21,366

SOURCES OF INCOME

Donations	\$16,077
From General Operating Budget (\$300/month)	<u>\$ 3,600</u>
	\$19, 677

PRAYER REQUEST for Fr. Turbo Qualls

On January 15th, **Fr. Turbo Qualls** suffered a serious knee injury after slipping on some ice as he and his family were preparing to travel out of town for the funeral of Fr. Moses Berry. Fr. Turbo will need to undergo surgery as well as physical therapy, and recovery is expected to take 8-12 weeks. This has placed a huge burden on Fr Turbo and his family!

Please consider supporting this beloved family during this time with a donation to assist with medical and other expenses using the link below:

<https://www.givesendgo.com/frturbo>

If receiving a receipt for tax purposes is an issue, you may donate through St. Athanasius Church and the church will forward your donation to Fr. Turbo. Feel free to donate on the parish website (<https://www.stathanasius.org/donation/>) or by putting a check in the tithe box. Be sure to include a memo that says "**FOR FR. TURBO.**"

Fr. Turbo was the presenter this past October at our Sacred Arts Festival. He is the priest at St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

The priests look forward to this time of year when they bless your homes and have an opportunity to spend time with you. It is a joy for them! Contact one of our priests for an appointment to have your home blessed in January. We traditionally bless homes in January after the Feast of Theophany (January 6), however you can do this at almost any time of the year. If you move into a new home, you may not want to wait until the next time we celebrate Theophany to have your home blessed.

The Preparation for House Blessings

As Christ came to bless and sanctify the waters of the Jordan River and, through them, all of creation, so in this feast will we be blessed by the water that we take from the church to our homes. Now is the time to prepare ourselves and make ready our homes to welcome Christ as an honored guest who will bless every room for our salvation! Especially, prepare your icon corner to have a place for the holy water and blessing cross.

The Use of Holy Water

One may ask why people drink the Holy Water at Epiphany. The meaning is revealed in the prayers of the service itself:

Therefore, O King who loves mankind, be present now as when through the descent of Your Holy Spirit and sanctify this water and confer upon it the grace of redemption, the blessing of Jordan. Make it a source of incorruption, a gift of sanctification, a remission of sins, a protection against disease, a destruction to demons, inaccessible to the adverse powers and filled with angelic strength: that all who draw from it and partake of it may it for the cleansing of their soul and body, for the healing of their passions, for the sanctification of their dwellings, and for every purpose that is expedient.

We believe that bread and wine offered to God in the Eucharist is given back to us as the Body and Blood of the Lord for the remission of sins and eternal life, and we can believe that water offered to God at Epiphany is consecrated and given back to us for the cleansing of souls and bodies, for the healing of the passions, for the sanctification of our dwellings, and for every purpose that is expedient!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE of FEAST DAYS & Special Activities

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE

Thursday, February 1	5:30 p.m. Great Vespers
	6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

PRE-LENTEN SEMINAR

Saturday, March 9	10:30 a.m. (after Soul Liturgy & Coffee Break)
	More details to come...

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

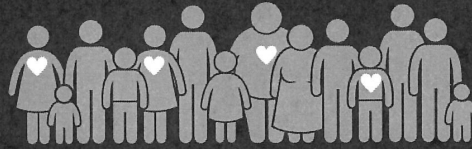
Birthdays

- 1/21 Jody Wallace
- 1/22 Cyrus Brunner
- 1/24 Fay Young
- 1/25 Terri Speier
- 1/27 Jeff Petersilia

Patronal Feast Days

- 1/21 St. Maximus the Confessor Dominic Dopico
- 1/22 Apostle Timothy Timmy Palmer

MORE THAN 225 SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY



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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
**HUMAN TRAFFICKING
AWARENESS MONTH**

JANUARY 2024

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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 to: office@stathanasius.org.
Please pray for the health of:**

His Beatitude, Patriarch John X
Metropolitan SABA
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Markos
Fr. Jon B.
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.
Fr. Nicholas & Jan
Audrey C.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family in Albania
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya
Duane F.
Richard and Susan B.
Bob N.
Kh. Melissa H.
Jeremiah & Sarah H. (military)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)
Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Connor V. (military)
Julianna & Zaron D. (military)
P. Speier (military)

Subdn. Matthew W. (seminary)
Steve T.
Abp. Benjamin
Temmo K.
Sarah B..
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Zachary B.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Kevin D. & Family
Ethan K.
Erik L.
Matthew
Wade
Amanda Catherine
Darcy
Penny B.
Nancy & Patrick G.

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

Please pray for the raising up and support of long-term missionaries from our parish.

For repose of the souls of: Fr. Ivan M. Fr. Moses B., Kh. Dina B., Kh. Sally H., Alan W., Isabel E., Chuck A.

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of our building. The tables and two enclosed cabinets contain items that are FOR SALE. One cabinet holds icons, crosses, incense, prayer ropes, etc. The bookshelf has books for sale, arranged alphabetically by book title. Children’s books are on the bottom shelf. See Terri Speier if you are looking for jewelry such as a cross or chain. You can contact Terri at: bookstore@stathanasius.org.

Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in the brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Symeon’s office. Make checks payable to **S.A.O.C. Bookstore**.

The pamphlets in the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.)

All proceeds go to the parish Temple Fund.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 21

9:00 a.m. Catechesis for children 3yrs-6th grade
 9:00 a.m. Matins
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
 11:30 a.m. Teen Education
 11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
 12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, January 22

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
 6:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
 (Akathist for St. Nikiforos)

Tuesday, January 23

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, January 24

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
 12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry at the church
 5:30 p.m. Akathist to St. Xenia of St. Petersburg

Thursday, January 25

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. Youth Group
 6:15 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Friday, January 26

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, January 27

5:30 p.m. Vespers/Confession

Sunday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Catechesis for children 3yrs-6th grade
 9:00 a.m. Matins
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
 11:30 a.m. Teen Education
 11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
 4:00 p.m. St. Barbara Friends Gathering

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

January 21 Dillon
 January 28 Morrison
 February 1 Kern (Presentation)
 February 4 Dn. G. Braun
 February 11 Fr. Nicholas

READERS

January 21 Butler
 January 28 Lange
 February 1 Kern/Gish (Presentation)
 February 4 Alexander
 February 10 Kern (Vespers)
 February 11 Butler

GREETERS

January 21 H. Lange
 January 28 M. Loulias
 February 4 L. Baker
 February 11 K.P. King

USHERS

January 21 D. Meyer/M. Loulias
 January 28 D. Alexander/D. Washburn
 February 4 P. King/J. King
 February 11 K.L. King/d. Alexander

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

January 21 Team Wayne
 January 28 Team Worthington
 February 4 Team Loulias/Cocores
 February 11 Team Halsell

Please continue to pray for all of our catechumens, that their minds and hearts will be illumined as they continue their journey towards baptism and/or chrismation.

Rebecca Beech	Kevin Duke
Cameron Bobro	Adam English
Natasha Carr	Mark Gross
Paul Carr	Connor Clements
Ethan Salcedo	

**Today during the Agape Meal
we will celebrate the 95th birthday of
EVONNE CHALA,
which was on January 20th.**



**Join us on the patio
after today's liturgy
to honor Evonne!**