



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

February 5, 2023

Tone 1 / Eothinon 1

**Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican &
After-feast of Presentation (Meeting) of Christ**



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are glad you are with us this morning.

If you are not Orthodox, we invite you to partake of the
blessed bread during communion.

Please join us on the patio after the Liturgy for Coffee Hour.

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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 5-PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

9:00 a.m.	Religious Ed. ages 3-12
9:00 a.m.	Matins
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m.	Teen Religious Education
11:45 p.m.	Agape Meal
12:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism

FAST-FREE WEEK

Monday, February 6

NO MATINS

5:15 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry—Akathist
by Zoom

Tuesday, February 7

5:30 p.m. Ninth Hour Prayers, Potluck and
Book Study

Wednesday, February 8

NO MATINS

12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Thursday, February 9

7:45 a.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
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, February 10

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, February 11

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, February 12

9:00 a.m.	Religious Ed. ages 3-12
9:00 a.m.	Matins
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m.	Teen Religious Education
11:45 p.m.	Agape Meal
12:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
12:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCHARIST BREAD

February 5	Dillon
February 12	Dn. G. Braun
February 19	Jacobs
February 26	Meyer

READERS

February 5	Butler
February 12	Alexander
February 18	Kern (Soul Liturgy)
February 18	TBA (Great Vespers)
February 19	Lange
February 26	Gish
February 26	Alexander (Forgiveness Vespers)

GREETERS

February 5	H. Lange/K.P. King
February 12	P. Cocores/M. Loulias
February 19	L. Baker
February 26	D. Washburn/K. Fox

USHERS

February 5	J. King/P. King
February 12	D. Meyer/C. Berari
February 19	C. Speier/S. Speier
February 26	K.L. King/D. Washburn

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

February 5	Team Speier
February 12	Team Hoppe
February 19	Meatfare BBQ
February 26	Cheesefare Potluck

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Feb. 9	F. Young
Feb. 16	L. Ballew
Feb. 23	M. Loulias
Mar. 2	D. Alexander/J. Jones

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive. Non-Orthodox believers and others **may approach the chalice for a blessing and the blessed bread instead of the Eucharist.** 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

THE GREAT LITANY

FIRST ANTIPHON—For the Feast of the Presentation

*(verse) My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king.
My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.*

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

*(verse) Grace hath been poured forth on Thy lips.
Wherefore God hath blessed Thee forever.*

(verse) Glory...& Both now...

SECOND ANTIPHON—For the Feast of the Presentation

*(verse) Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Mighty One, in Thy
comeliness and Thy beauty.*

**Refrain: O Son of God who was carried in the arms of Simeon the Righteous,
save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!**

(verse) Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.

*(verse) Thine arrows are sharp, O Mighty One, sharp in the heart of the
enemies of the king. A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of
Thy kingdom.*

**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

(verse) *Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear;
and forget thine own people and thy father's house.*

Refrain:

**Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,
enlightening those who sat in darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,
you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls,
Who grants us the Resurrection!**

(verse) *The rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. [Refrain]*

(verse) *I shall commemorate thy name in every generation. [Refrain]*

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 1

(Music on p. 40 of Liturgy book)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews,
and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst arise on the third day,
O Savior, granting life to the world.
For which cause the heavenly pow'rs
cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life;
Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy kingdom!
Glory to Thy providence, O Thou
Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Troparion for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, who art full of grace;
for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God,
a light to those who dwell in darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Simeon,
carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls,
who grants us Resurrection.

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.

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

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia before the Gospel

Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: It is God Who avenges me, and subdues people under me. (*Ps 17/18:47*)

Verse: He gives great deliverance to His King, and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his seed forever. (*Ps 17/18:50*)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:10-14

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you! We faithful saw the figure in the shadow of the Law and the Scriptures: Every male child that opened the womb was holy to God! Therefore, we magnify the first-begotten Son of the unoriginated Father, the first-born Son of the unwedded Mother!

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! (*Ps 115/116:13*)

Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion

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 you show courtesy to those who are remaining to hear the prayers in their entirety by waiting until the blessing of the food at Coffee Hour to eat and socialize.

SCHEDULE FOR GREAT LENT

Sunday, February 19	Meatfare BBQ after Liturgy
Sunday, February 26	Cheesefare Potluck after Liturgy Forgiveness Vespers at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 27	GREAT LENT BEGINS

FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT

All services are at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 27	Great Compline with portion of Canon of St. Andrew
Tuesday, February 28	Little Compline with portion of Canon of St. Andrew
Wednesday, March 1	Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday, March 2	Little Compline with portion of Canon of St. Andrew
Friday, March 3	Little Compline with Akathist to the Mother of God

Throughout most of Great Lent, we pray the following services at 6:00 p.m.:

Mondays	Great Compline
Wednesdays	Presanctified Liturgy
Fridays	Little Compline with a portion of Akathist to the Mother of God

Exceptions:

Friday, March 24	Great Vespers for Feast of Annunciation
Thursday, March 30	Little Compline with full Canon of St. Andrew and reading of the Life of St. Mary of Egypt
Friday, April 7	Little Compline with the Canon of Lazarus

Liturgies for the Departed will be celebrated on:

Saturday, Feb. 18, Saturday, March 11 and Saturday, March 18

WELCOME to our newest catechumens, Anthony Salcedo, (husband of Christina Morrison Salcedo) and their children: Ethan, Dominic and Jennifer.

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

Emma Bobro
Tatianna Calhoun
Kevin Duke
Kaleigh Flores
Gage Salinas
Naomi Siragusa
Mary Wolfington, Alicia & Gabriel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU HAVE ANY SERVICE BOOKLETS AT HOME for Great Vespers or Divine Liturgy, could you please bring them back so that they are available for those attending services. Thank you!

WEEKDAY MATINS ON MONDAYS AND WEDNSDAYS ARE CANCELLED for the next several weeks because Mark Kern, who leads Reader's Matins on those days, is recovering from heart surgery. Fr. Symeon will serve Matins on Fridays at 7:00 a.m..

LEARNING READER'S SERVICES

If you are interesting in learning how to set up and pray the Divine Services as Reader's Services (without a priest), especially Matins and Vespers, contact Fr. Symeon via e-mail so that he can organize some classes.

BLESSING OF HOMES with the Water of Theophany!

In this season it is customary to invite a priest to bless your home and your family. To partake in this blessing, please speak to any of our priests to schedule a time for him to bless your home.

ADULT CATECHISM THIS WINTER/SPRING will go from now through April 2nd and takes place after the Agape Meal.

UPCOMING CATECHISM SESSIONS:

February 5	The Holy Life: Keeping the Commandments and Teachings of Christ – The Decalog, the Two Greatest, The New Commandment, and the Sermons
February 12	The Spiritual Disciplines: Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving
February 19	The Passions, Dispassion, & Theosis
February 26	Faith, Hope & Love

WE HAVE RESUMED OUR TUESDAY BOOK STUDY on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

This book study series is on *The Hidden Man of the Heart* by Archimandrite Zacharias of Essex. We begin each Tuesday session with the Prayers of the Ninth Hour, followed by a simple potluck supper and then the study. The schedule is below:

Session 2 - Feb 7	<i>Building Up the Heart</i>
Session 3 - Feb 14	<i>Understanding and Living Repentance</i>
Session 4 - Feb 21	<i>Entering the Heart and the Life of the Spirit</i>

Join our parish in supporting the

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE CAMPAIGN

of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese
during Great Lent 2023

to benefit the
**Food Bank of Santa Barbara
and Food for Hungry People**



Ways to give:

- Bring food items and deposit in collection boxes in the hallway
- Monetary donations are welcome. Please make checks payable to St. Athanasius, with a memo that says, "Food for Hungry."
- We will have coin boxes available for families to take home and use to collect alms (coins or bills) throughout Great Lent.

MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Nut Butters
- Pasta
- Canned or dried beans (black, kidney, garbonzo)
- Whole Grain Cereal (with less than 12g sugar/serving)

Food items accepted Feb. 26-Apr. 2
Coin boxes due by Palm Sunday, Apr. 9



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"Send your treasures to the heavenly storage room. Deposit your wealth in God's bank, distributing to the poor, the orphans and the widows so that you might receive a million times more in the Second Coming of Christ." - Elder Joseph the Hesychast

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

2/5 Madison Eberhard, Galyna Tinyayeva
 2/7 Stan Friesen
 2/11 Nora Schumacher

Patronal Feast Days

2/10 **St. Anna of Novgorod** Anya Madrigal
 2/11 **St. Theodora the Empress** Sydney Hedges

**YEAR-END FINANCIAL UPDATE
2022**

Tithe Goal	\$650,000
Total Tithes received	\$637,862
General Donations	\$ 17,500
Other income	<u>62,059</u>
Total income	\$717,421
Total expenses	\$753,959
Temple Fund Total Donations	\$101,562
Golf Tournament Proceeds (earmarked for Temple Fund)	\$136,176
Balance in Temple Fund 12/31/22	\$373,904

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
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Markos
Fr. Jon B.
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.
Audrey C.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family in Albania
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya
Duane F.
Richard and Susan B.
Monsignor J. Yanek
Bob N.
Kh. Melissa H.
Cole K. (military)
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)
Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Connor V. (military)
Julianna B. (military)
P. Speier (military)

Subdn. Matthew W. (seminary)
Steve T.
Abp. Benjamin
Temmo K.
Sarah B.
Chuck S.
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Zachary B.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Lander and Washburn Families
Kevin
Stephan & Rosa K.
David
Evonne C.
Phyllis M.
Christina S.
Judy A.
Mark K.
Todd C.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church
The Church & people in Lebanon
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: Bishop Tikhon

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall - two enclosed cabinets containing 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. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Nicholas' 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.

