



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Tone 2 / Eothinon 2;

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

& Sixteenth Sunday of Matthew

After-feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of Christ

Parthenios, Bishop of Lampsakos;

Venerable Luke of Hellas; New-martyr George of Crete



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 7

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Monday, February 8

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
5:00 p.m. Akathist by Zoom

Tuesday, February 9

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, February 10

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Thursday, February 11—ST. BLAISE

7:45 a.m. Akathist by Zoom
9:00 a.m.-12 Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Friday, February 12

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, February 13

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, February 14

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

Feb. 7 Morrison
Feb. 14 Jacobs
Feb. 21 Sieck
Feb. 28 D. Washburn

READERS

Feb. 7 Rdr. J. Butler
Feb. 14 D. Meyer
Feb. 21 D. Alexander
Feb. 28 Rdr. J. Butler

USHERS

Feb. 7 S. Speier, C. Speier
Feb. 14 M. Loulias, D. Washburn
Feb. 21 P. King, J. King
Feb. 28 C. Berari, D. Meyer

GREAT LENT BEGINS MARCH 15th

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

★ 2/7 Stan Friesen
★ 2/9 Zavien Van Wagoner
★ 2/11 Nora Schumacher
★ 2/14 Fr. Nicholas Speier

Patronal Feast Days

★ 2/10 St. Anna of Novgorod Anya Madrigal
★ 2/11 St. Theodora the Empress Sydney Hedges
★ 2/13 St. Priscilla Julie Gross

**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 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death,
O Thou deathless and immortal One,
then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow'r,
and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth,
all the pow'rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee.
O Christ, Thou art the Giver of life, Glory to Thee.

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 Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb!
And blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God.
Now You have come and saved us through love.
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN

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 (Prokeimenon)

Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. *(Ps 117/118:4)*
v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.
(Ps 117/118:18)

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 6:1-10

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel

Tone 2

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble!

May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)

Verse: O Lord, save the King in the day we call on Thee! (Ps 19/20:9)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30, + Luke 8:8

The Lord spoke this parable: A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying: “Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.” And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying: “Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.” He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying: “Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.” As Jesus said these things He cried out: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

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*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is, once again, the time of year when we bless our dwellings and pray for God’s protection in the coming year. Don’t forget to call one of our priests to set up a time to have your home blessed!

SAVE THE DATE!

PRE-LENTEN SEMINAR: “Preparing to Enjoy the Waters of the Lenten Spring

- Friday, February 26 7:-8:30 p.m. — Fr. Symeon Halsell, Presenter
- Saturday, February 27 9-11:00 a.m. — Fr. John Valadez, Presenter
(from St. Timothy Orthodox Church in Lompoc)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR — UPCOMING SERVICES

- Sunday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. Vespers of Forgiveness
- **DURING GREAT LENT from March 15-April 21 at 6:00 p.m.:**
Mondays — Great Compline, Wednesdays.— Presanctified Liturgy, Fridays — Akathist
- Wednesday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. Vespertal Liturgy for Feast of Annunciation

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:

Metropolitan JOSEPH
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Markos
Fr. Jon B.
Dn. Richard E.
Kh. Diane C.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family in Albania
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya
Duane F.
Richard and Susan B.
Monsignor J. Yanek
Bob N.
Fr. Jon-Stephen & Melissa H.
Cole K. (military)
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)

Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Steve T,
Dn. John Y.
Mitch D. Sr.
Dn. Gary B.
Harvey G.
Stephen B.
Kh. Erin K.
Nina
Dasha
Wendy R.
Bev R.
Phyllis M.
Christina & Anthony
Lee Family
Fr. Wayne W.
Audrey
Sarah G. and Family

Zack
Keith

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:

Jim R., Betty, Lynn S.
All who have died in the conflicts in Ukraine Africa & the Middle East
Those who lost their lives in the explosion in Lebanon

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 Building Fund.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Metropolitan Joseph has given us a blessing to continue to do our services inside the nave. The Parish Council asks the members of the parish to adhere to the following:

- During services, please maintain at least 6 ft. of distance on all sides, including in the Communion line, and wear a mask that covers both **YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE**. (Families may sit together but should have six feet of space in front and behind them.
- The Sunday Divine Liturgy is being broadcast in the hallway and on the patio for overflow crowd and for those who are not comfortable sitting inside the nave.
- **There will be no COFFEE HOUR for now. Please do not linger inside the building after the services unless you are buying something from the Bookstore.**

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Christians who are baptized in the name of the Trinity and chrismated into the Orthodox Faith. Non-Orthodox believers **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.

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 Coffee Hour to socialize.