



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

March 10, 2024

Tone 7 / Eothinon 7

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare)

Martyr Kodratos of Corinth and his Five Companions;
Anastasia the Patrician of Alexandria



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

**THE DIVINE LITURGY
OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**and
BAPTISM OF IOANE BULLOCK**

Parents: Nestan & Luke Bullock
Godparents: Fr. Symeon & Kh. Cayce-Marie Halsell

After the Great Doxology is concluded, the clergy will process to the baptismal font for the Great Litany, while the choir sings the hymns of the day below:

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.

Kontakion of Meatfare Sunday

Tone 1

When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory,
all things shall tremble,
and the river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat;
the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed;
then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, //
and make me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Righteous Judge!

BAPTISM

ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3 times)

(The hymn is sung as the newly baptized and the sponsors follow the clergy in a procession around the font. The clergy then return in procession to the altar for the readings.)

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle

Tone 3

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure. (Ps 146/147:5)

v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps 146/147:1)

EPISTLE READING

(For the Sunday of the Last Judgement)

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol’s temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother’s falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel

Tone 8

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)

v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps 94/95:2)

THE GOSPEL READING

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:31-46)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

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! (*Ps 148:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

By the Waters of Babylon (Psalm 137)

By the Waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion.

Alleluia.

1. On the willows there we hung up our lyres. Alleluia.
2. For there our captors required of us songs and our tormentors required mirth. Alleluia.
3. Sing us one of the songs of Zion. Alleluia.
4. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? Alleluia.
5. Remember, O Lord, on the day of Jerusalem's fall. Alleluia.

Holy Communion & The Thanksgiving Prayers

In the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have humbly prepared to receive through prayer 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.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we offer **Thanksgiving Prayers** for having received the body and blood of Christ. These beautiful prayers help us to reflect on the mystery in which we have partaken and prepare us for our transition from the Kingdom back into “the world.” If you have partaken, stay to listen to these prayers after you have venerated the cross. Immediately after, the priest will bless the Agape Meal. **We ask that all your socializing take place outside of the church.**

A PRAYER FOR GOD’S BLESSING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT

Almighty God, Creator and Fashioner, who didst found the earth on its firmness, who is the fountain of Wisdom and Tower of Strength, our help and refuge, Thou knowest that we can do nothing without Thy Divine guidance and aid: assist us that we may gird ourselves in simplicity that we may be wise as serpents and gentle as doves. Knowing that Thy wisdom and providence always prevail and are our strength, we ask that Thou dost bless our efforts to establish this land as a dedication to Thee. Thou hast given this earth to us to be a land of peace, and a beacon of salvation for mankind, we ask that this place be founded unshakably so that our children’s children may glorify Thee unto the end of this age. Be Thou well pleased to bless us in Thy holy will to bring all our plans to completion, free them from every snare of the adversary that we may build upon this land a holy temple in which we may ascribe glory to Thee and the building up of all that is necessary for our salvation and that of this city and county; for Thine is the dominion, and Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

- We will be praying an additional prayer during liturgy for our “land use,” asking for God’s blessing and guidance as we develop our land. Fr. Symeon encourages everyone to add this also to their private prayers.
- The Parish Council approved a few one-time expense projects in our 2024 Budget, which include a small cutting garden for the Festal Decorating team, hiring a sound consultant, and having our website redesigned.
- **THE FOLLOWING ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE in the password protected area of the site:**
 - 2023 Financial Report
 - 2024 General Operating Budget
 - Fr. Symeon’s Summary of the All-parish Meeting on February 25, 2024

Active, communing members may request a password by emailing to the church office: office@stathanasius.org.

On Meatfare Sunday

from *Great Lent* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

Christian love is the "possible impossibility" to see Christ in another man, whoever he is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a "good deed" or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself. For, indeed, what is love if not that mysterious power which transcends the accidental and the external in the "other"-- his physical appearance, social rank, ethnic origin, intellectual capacity-- and reaches the *soul*, the unique and uniquely personal "root" of a human being, truly the part of God in him? If God loves every man it is because He alone knows the priceless and absolutely unique treasure, the "soul" or "person" He gave every man. Christian love then is the participation in that divine knowledge and the gift of that divine love. There is no "impersonal" love because love *is* the wonderful discovery of the "person" in "man," of the personal and unique in the common and general. It is the discovery in each man of that which is "lovable" in him, of that which is from God.

http://ww1.antiochian.org/great-lent-excerpts/last_judgement

Fr. Thomas Hopko's reflections on the Sunday of the Last Judgment:
https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/hopko/the_sunday_of_the_last_judgment

All-Parish Meeting Pastoral Summary: *The Rezone and Land Use Possibilities*

Dear Faithful of St. Athanasius,

I wanted to summarize the information regarding our parcel of land given at the All-Parish Meeting on February 25, 2024. The potential approval of the rezone from Agriculture to Domestic Residence by our county offers us not just more market value for the land but a greater possibility for our community. Our parish's support of the county's rezone efforts for our parcel is a decision made because it broadens our ability as stewards of these 21 acres and enables more future financial security for our parish.

Before the county approached us for the rezone there was no way to do anything more on our land, and the possibility of building the Temple seemed very, very far in the future. By supporting housing development on our parcel this opens up paths that were closed before 2023. It must also be kept in mind that both of our immediate neighbors already have plans to significantly develop their land with housing on a large scale. It is likely that in the next decade, our parish will have many, many more immediate neighbors, even if we do nothing on the parcel God has given us.

If we are able to be one of the parcels that will be rezoned, we will keep our current front acreage where we plan to build our Temple and other buildings while for the remaining acreage there are some possibilities that can include:

- 1) Selling off some acreage to build the temple as soon as possible.
- 2) Having a joint venture with a developer, where we partner with them on everything that is developed and share the responsibility of what is built.
- 3) Setting up a land lease with a developer, where we own the land, but someone else owns the buildings on the land. In this situation, whomever owns the building will pay a land use rental to the parish, which becomes passive income for our community.

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba desires us to keep our land and not simply partition it and sell it off. He desires us to take the long view of our land use to help future members of the parish--our children, their families, and future converts--care for our buildings and communal life.

Our communal goals ought to be to:

- 1) Make the financial security of the parish more stable and less reliant on fluctuations in parishioner tithing amounts to care for our buildings, grounds, and sacramental life. Though all households should always have the practice of tithing as a cornerstone of their spiritual thank offerings to God.
- 2) Have some control over what is developed in our 21 acres--within what the zoning and county allows us to do.
- 3) Be patient for God's timing to begin to build our Temple. This must not come at the expense of taking a wise path for the future of our parish nor at the cost of generational planning.

Whatever may be the best avenue, we are trusting God. I and the Parish Council are open to the options that fit these longer vision goals. We as a community are in this together. Let us wait for the Lord's proper timing and be diligent tithers and sacrificial givers now and see what paths God blesses. Then let us take them! I exhort you to pray and seek God's will for our community. God is with us. Who can be against us?

I, as always, have my door open to you all to discuss any thoughts, concerns, or simple questions.

In Christ,

Fr. Symeon Halsell

Pastor & Priest of St. Athanasius Orthodox Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US TODAY ON THE PATIO FOR OUR ANNUAL MEATFARE BARBECUE. The menu includes: tri-tip, beans, salad, French bread, dessert, and beverages. Suggested donation for adults is \$5. We need help with clean up. Please contact Christie Robinson to sign up: christie.d.robinson@gmail.com or 805-455-4312.

THE MEN'S FIRESIDE gathering for March will be TOMORROW, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Scott and Terri Speier. For more information, contact Howard Lange at hman3000@verizon.net.

THE ADULT CATECHISM CLASS FOR THIS WINTER has begun. The class meets on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. The remaining sessions will meet on:

March 16 & March 30

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

SOUP DINNERS ON WEDNESDAYS DURING GREAT LENT

We will continue our tradition of offering a simple meal of soup and bread after our Wednesday evening Presanctified Liturgies during Great Lent. Please see the online sign-up list to help us make that happen!

<https://bit.ly/SoupDinners2024>

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

DURING GREAT LENT we will, once again, be collecting food items for our local Food Bank. Also, we will be collecting monetary donations for Food for Hungry People, a coordinated effort through our Antiochian Archdiocese. Coin collection boxes are available for parents who wish to use them at home with their children during Lent. All monetary donations will go to Food for Hungry People and can be made through our tithe box or online through our website. **Please be sure to include the memo: Food for Hungry People, and make checks out to St. Athanasius Church.** Starting in the first week of Lent, we will have a designated collection area for food items. We are asking for very specific items that are listed on the Food Bank's "MOST NEEDED" LIST. More details on the back page of this bulletin.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

3/12 Jason & Melissa Wayne

Birthdays

3/10 Richard Barre

3/12 Nicholas Berari, Ronald Berari

3/15 Peter Speier

3/16 Adrian Berari, Seraphina Palmer, Leah Wallace

Patronal Feast Days

3/10 St. Galina and those with her at Corinth Galyna Tinyayeva

3/12 St. Aaron the High Priest Howard Lange

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE of FEAST DAYS,
GREAT LENT & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

MEATFARE SUNDAY — Sunday, March 10

BBQ after Liturgy

CHEESEFARE SUNDAY — Sunday, March 17

Project Mexico Mission Team Fundraiser/Luncheon after Liturgy

FORGIVENESS VESPERS at 6:00 p.m.

GREAT LENT BEGINS — Monday, March 18

FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT—Services every evening at 6:00 p.m.

Monday 3/18 Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew

Tuesday 3/19 Little Compline with portion of Canon

Wednesday 3/20 Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday 3/21 Little Compline with portion of Canon

Friday 3/22 Akathist to the Mother of God

**During the remaining 5 weeks of Great Lent,
we do not have Tuesday/Thursday Daily Vespers.**

We pray the following services at 6:00 p.m.:

Great Compline on Mondays

Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays

Akathist on Fridays

SOUL LITURGIES will be served on March 30, April 6 and April 13.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Sunday, March 24 6:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Vespers
at Annunciation Orthodox Church in Santa Maria
(This is also the Sunday of Orthodoxy. The
Great Vespers will be for the feast of Annunciation.)

Monday, March 25 6:00 p.m. Vesperal-Liturgy at our parish

Saturday, March 30 Women's Fellowship Annunciation Tea
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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
Abp. Benjamin
Fr. Mathias in Tanzania (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 in Albania (OCMC)
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.
Temmo K.
Sarah B..
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Kevin D. & Family
Erik L.
Matthew
Wade
Amanda Catherine
Darcy
Penny B.
Nancy & Patrick G.
Audry D.
Kh. Peggy K.
Laura & Jeff & 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

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

OUR CATECHUMENS:

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

For repose of the souls of:

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, March 10—MEATFARE SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Catechesis for children 3yrs-6th grade
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Baptism
11:30 a.m. Teen Education
11:45 a.m. MEATFARE BBQ
5:00 p.m. Teen/Young Adult Broomball

Monday, March 11

7:00 a.m. Lenten Matins
5:45 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
(Akathist for St. Nikiforos)
7:00 p.m. Men's Fireside

Tuesday, March 12

5:30 p.m. Lenten Vespers

Wednesday, March 13

7:00 a.m. Lenten Matins
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry at the church
6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Lenten Vespers
NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, March 15—RECONCILIATION RETREAT

7:00 a.m. Lenten Matins (with a priest)

Saturday, March 16—RECONCILIATION RETREAT

3:00 p.m. Adult Catechism
5:30 p.m. Vespers/Confession

Sunday, March 17—CHEESEFARE SUNDAY

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. Project Mexico Mission Team
Fundraiser Luncheon
5:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Forgiveness Vespers

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

March 10 Dillon
March 17 Dn. G. Braun
March 24 Morrison
March 25 Kern
March 31 Fr. N. Speier

READERS

March 10 Gish
March 17 Lange
March 20 Gish (Presanctified Liturgy)
March 24 Butler
March 25 Lange (Annunciation Vesp-Liturgy)
March 27 Kern (Presanctified Liturgy)
March 30 Kern (Soul Liturgy)
March 31 Gish

GREETERS

March 10 L. Baker
March 17 K.P. King
March 24 H. Lange
March 31 G. Hoppe

USHERS

March 10 D. Washburn/D. Alexander
March 17 K.L. King/D. Meyer
March 24 C. Speier/S. Speier
March 31 D. Washburn/K.L. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

March 10 MEATFARE BBQ
March 17 PROJECT MEXICO TEAM
Fundraiser/Luncheon
March 24 Team Speier
March 31 Team Wayne

Join St. Athanasius parish in supporting the
**FOOD FOR HUNGRY
PEOPLE CAMPAIGN**

of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese
during Great Lent 2024

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



Ways to give:

- Bring MOST NEEDED food items to church (Put in collection boxes.)
- Monetary donations are welcome. Please make checks payable to St. Athanasius, with a memo that says, "Food for Hungry People."
- 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 Salmon
- Nuts or Nut Butters (no salt)
- Brown or wild rice
- Whole grain flours/corn meal
- Whole grain tortillas
- Canned or dried beans (black, kidney, garbanzo)
- Whole Grain Cereal (with less than 12g sugar/serving)

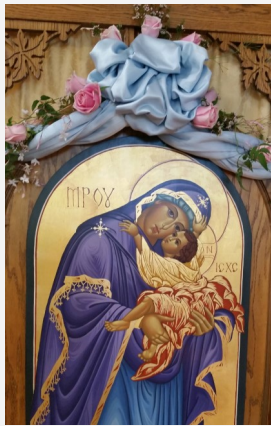
Food items accepted Mar. 17-Apr. 21

Coin boxes due by Palm Sunday, Apr. 28



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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



St. Athanasius Women's Fellowship

Annunciation Tea

- for Women & Girls of all ages -
Bring your daughters, granddaughters
and goddaughters!

Saturday, March 30, 2024

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

More details to follow soon.