



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

May 28, 2023

Tone 6 / Eothion 10

**Sunday of the After-feast of the Ascension
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First
Ecumenical Council**

Hieromartyr Eutychios, bishop of Melitene;

Martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica



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

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT
NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARISH
COUNCIL TO FR. SYMEON.**

Sunday, May 28—Sunday after Ascension

Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

9:00 a.m. Matins & Religious Ed. ages 6-12
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Ed.
11:45 a.m. POTLUCK for Memorial Day
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, May 29—MEMORIAL DAY

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
(Akathist for St. Nikoforos)

Tuesday, May 30

5:30 p.m. Book Study: Man and the God-man

Wednesday, May 31

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Thursday, June 1

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
6:45 p.m. High School Youth Group

Friday, June 2

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, June 3

8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship of St. John
5:30 p.m. Festal Vespers of Pentecost/Confessions

Sunday, June 4—PENTECOST

9:00 a.m. Matins & Religious Ed. ages 6-12
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Ed.
11:45 a.m. PENTECOST BBQ

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

May 28 Jacobs
June 4 Washburn
June 11 Fr. Nicholas
June 18 Kern

READERS

May 27 Meyer (Vespers)
May 28 Alexander
June 3 Kern (Vespers)
June 4 Butler (Pentecost)
June 10 Meyer (Vespers)
June 11 Lange
June 17 Alexander (Vespers)
June 18 Gish

GREETERS

May 28 K. Fox
June 4 D. Washburn/D. Lewis
June 11 P. Cocores/M. Loulias
June 18 L. Baker/K.P. King

USHERS

May 28 H. Lange/D. Alexander
June 4 P. King/J. King
June 11 C. Speier/S. Speier
June 18 M. Loulias/C. Berari

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

May 28 **MEMORIAL DAY POTLUCK**
June 4 **PENTECOST BBQ**
June 11 Team Palmer
June 18 **FATHER'S DAY—POTLUCK**
hosted by the women of the parish

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

May 25 F. Young
June 1 D. Alexander/J. Jones
June 8 F. Young
June 15 L. Ballew

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

FIRST ANTIPHON FOR FEAST OF ASCENSION

- Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

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

- For the Lord, the Most High is terrible; a great God over all the earth.
He subdued people under us, and nations under our feet. [Refrain]
- God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! [Refrain]
- Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
[Refrain]

SECOND ANTIPHON FOR FEAST OF ASCENSION

- God is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

[Refrain] O Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

- Mount Zion in the far north, is the city of the Great King. Within her citadels God is known
when He defends her. [Refrain]
- For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together. [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 was 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 FEAST OF ASCENSION

- Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the earth.

Refrain:

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
granting joy to Your disciples by the
promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing they were assured
that You are the Son of God,
the Redeemer of the world!

- My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. [Refrain]
- I will incline mine ear to a parable; I will unfold my problem on the harp. [Refrain]

LITTLE ENTRANCE

As the clergy enter the altar, we sing the following hymns of the day:

Resurrectional Troparion

Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body,
angelic pow'rs shone above Thy revered tomb,
and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men.
Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted there-by,
Thou did meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world.
O Thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of Ascension

Tone 4

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
granting joy to Your disciples by the
promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing they were assured
that You are the Son of God,
the Redeemer of the world!

Troparion of the Holy Fathers

Tone 8

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

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 Ascension**Tone 6**

When You had fulfilled the
dispensation for our sake,
and united earth to heaven,
You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
not being parted from those who love You,
But remaining with them and crying:
“I am with you and no one will
be against you!”

TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (3 times)

+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 8**

Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

Verse: *For You are just in all that You have done for us.*

THE EPISTLE READING

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them:

“Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the Church of God which He obtained with the blood of His own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Alleluia before the Gospel Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps 49/50:1)

Verse: Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice! (Ps 49/50:5)

THE GOSPEL READING

John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made."

"I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD (Meglynarion)

9th Ode of the Canon for Ascension:

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who has ascended from earth to heaven!
We magnify the Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

Hymns for Communion of the Clergy:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! (*Ps 148:1*)

God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! (*Ps. 47:5*)

Instead of "We have seen the true light," we sing the Troparion for Ascension:

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
granting joy to Your disciples by the
promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing they were assured
that You are the Son of God,
the Redeemer of the world!

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.**

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.

Kevin Duke

Anthony Salcedo, Ethan, Dominic and Jennifer

Marleynna Worthington

UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES

PENTECOST

Saturday, June 3

5:30 p.m.

Festal Great Vespers/Artoklasia

Sunday, June 4

9:00 a.m.

Festal Matins

10:00 a.m.

Festal Divine Liturgy/Kneeling Prayers

followed by BBQ on the patio

PARENTS!

Don't forget to register your children for

SAOC SUMMER SCHOOL!

Monday, June 19-Friday, June 30 (weekdays only)

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH
& ON THE WEBSITE AT:

<https://www.stathanasius.org/ministries/youth-education/summer-school/>

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

5/30 Stan & Donna Friesen, Steven & Julie Gross

6/02 Brian & Corie Sieck

Birthdays

5/30 Luke Palmer

5/31 Dana Alexander

6/2 Jill Wallerstedt

Patron Saint Feast Days

5/30 St. Emmelia, Mother of St. Basil the Great

Emma Bobro, Emily King, Amelia Rose Macdonald, Emily Speier

6/1 St. Justin Martyr

Justin Brunner

FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

next Sunday, the children who participate each week in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will, once again, offer all of us the opportunity to pray to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. As you enter the nave next week, you will be invited to light a candle and pray to receive one of seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Might, Knowledge, Fear of the Lord, or Delight. When you have chosen the gift for which you will pray to receive in the coming year, the children will give you a beautiful handmade card to put on your home altar as a reminder.

A big thank you to our Catechists (Joanne Gish, Cheryl Fisher, Jane Meyer) and their assistants (Dorothy Alexander, Liz Hoppe, Teri Palmer & Naomi Siragusa) for their faithful work with our children this year!



PENTECOST BARBECUE NEXT SUNDAY, June 4th!

Please join us on the patio after
Divine Liturgy for our traditional Pentecost BBQ!

No charge, but set up and
clean up help welcome!

Contact Christie Robinson for details or to volunteer.
christie.d.robinson@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. SYMEON IS LEADING A TUESDAY EVENING BOOK STUDY from now through June 13. We will begin with 9th Hour Prayers at 5:30 p.m., followed by a potluck supper and then the book study. The book to be discussed will be **“Man and the God-man”** by St. Justin Popovich. The book is available for purchase in our bookstore.



SAVE THE DATE! SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL OCTOBER 6-8, 2023

We will be hosting our 6th Sacred Arts Festival, (which we began in 2011) the weekend of October 6-8, 2023. Fr. Turbo Qualls of St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Church in Kansas City, Missouri will be our keynote speaker for the weekend. More information coming soon!

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES to Carol Johnson, and the Sasala family on the falling asleep in the Lord this past Monday, May 22nd of John Charles (“Chuck”) Sasala. Chuck was chrismated in our parish in 2015, converting from the Byzantine Catholic faith. He was originally from the Erie, Pennsylvania area and moved back there in 2021, after being diagnosed with esophageal cancer. He was an audiologist by profession, and had been a chanter in his home church. He enjoyed hanging out with our Men’s Fireside group, attending Broadway shows, and riding his beloved Harley. He will be remembered fondly for his jovial personality, adventurous spirit, and sincerity of heart. May his memory be eternal. (You can find his obituary here: <https://www.edderfuneralhome.com/listings>)



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS SCHEDULE:

- Sunday, May 7—Sunday, May 21 — Nominations accepted by Nominating Committee
- Sunday, June 11, 2023—Four nominees announced
- Sunday, June 18—All-Parish Meeting for elections by ballot
The 2 newly elected Council members will be announced at the end of the meeting.

**Those who are traveling, infirm, or otherwise unable to vote in person
may vote by e-mail from:**

Sunday, June 11—midnight on Saturday, June 17th.

Current Parish Council Members are:

Lara Jacobs, Chair
Glenn Hoppe, Vice Chair
Dan Braun, Treasurer
Dorothy Alexander, Secretary (**stepping down this year**)
Dominic Dopico
Lizabeth Hoppe (**stepping down this year**)
Michael Loulias

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.
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.
Ethan K.
Mari & the Fewell Family
Matt & Tessa, Matt & Olivia
Jesús D.
Erik L.
Matthew

Nina & Erik Sr.
Anthony & Christina and Family
Hannah Rose
Kh. Patricia A. and Family
Leticia B.
Kari H.
Carol J.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church

The Church & people suffering from the earthquake in Syria and Turkey

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:

John Charles (Chuck) S., Fr. Angelo A., Shamassy Barbara B.,
Elizabeth J., Terrilynn

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. 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.

