

ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, July 11, 2021
Tone 2 / Eothinon 3
Great-martyr Euphemia the all-praised
& Third Sunday of Matthew

Olga (Helen), princess of Kiev



The miracle of St. Euphemia at the 4th Ecumenical Council

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, July11

9:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Fr. Symeon & Family will be away July 12-18.

Monday, July 12

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Tuesday, July 13-Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, July 14

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

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

Thursday, July 15–St. Vladimir

10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers Youth Group

Friday, July 16

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, July 17

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, July 18

9:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES
SCHEDULE

EUCHARIST BREAD

July 11 D. Washburn
July 18 Sieck
July 25 Tinyayeva

August 1 Meyer

READERS

July 11
July 17
July 18
July 25
August 1

D. Washburn
M. Braun
Rdr,. V. Gish
D. Alexander
M. Braun

USHERS

July 11

July 18

July 25

August 1

D. Meyer, M. Loulias
C. Berari, D. Washburn
K. King, D. Alexander
J. King, P. King

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 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—The Beatitudes or "Sermon on the Mount"

After each of the verses, the choir and congregation sing the refrain: "Remember us, O Lord, when you come in your Kingdom."

AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL HYMNS FOR THE DAY:

Tone 2

Tone 3

Tone 3

Troparion of the Resurrection (Music on p. 42 of Liturgy book)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Troparion for St. Euphemia

You brought joy to the Orthodox and shame to the defenders of heresy, for you confirmed what the Fathers of the Fourth Council had correctly taught. O glorious martyr Euphemia, fair virgin of Christ,// entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy!

Troparion to St. Athanasius (Music on page 54 of Liturgy Book)

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 - Ordinary Sundays

Tone 4 O undisputed intercessor of Christians, O mediatrix, who is unrejected by the creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost always intercede for those who honor thee.

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.

Prokeimenon before the Epistle

Tone 4

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (Ps. 68:35)

VERSE: *In the churches bless ye God the Lord, from the fountains of Israel.*

EPISTLE READING

(For St. Euphemia the All-Praised)

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Brethren, since we are fellow workers, we entreat you also not to receive the grace of God in vain—for He says, "At an acceptable season I hearkened unto thee, and in a day of salvation I helped thee"; behold, now is "the acceptable season"; behold, now is "the day of salvation"—giving no occasion of stumbling in anything, that the ministry is not blamed, but in everything commending ourselves, as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in vigils, in fasts, in purity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Alleluia before the Gospel (Music on p. 64 of Liturgy book.)

Tone 2

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! **People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as 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 Hymns

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Symeon & Family will be away July 12-18.

The MEN'S FIREPIT GATHERING will take place a week from this Monday, July 19th at 7:00 p.m. Location TBA.

ON SUNDAY, JULY 25th, the Hoppe family will be visiting our parish and will speak after the Divine Liturgy about their missionary work in Albania. We support them through OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) with a monthly donation from our General Fund. On Monday, July 26th, they will be with our youth as part of our new Highways and Hedges program, and will speak with them about their lives as Orthodox missionaries. IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HOST NATHAN, GABRIEL and their eleven-year-old son, Daniel, please let Fr. Nicholas know. They will be here Saturday night 7/24 and Sunday night 7/25.

LOOKING AHEAD... August Feast Days

Thursday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m. Vesperal-Liturgy for **Feast of the Transfiguration** & **Blessing of Grapes**

Saturday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. Festal Great Vespers for **Feast of the Dormition**

Sunday, August 15 at 9:00 a.m. Festal Matins for **Dormition**10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for **Dormition**

11:45 a.m. Fiesta Reception (Mexican Luncheon)

THE PASTOR'S BENEVOLENCE FUND

The Pastor's Fund began as a means to help those in need in our own church and community, and charitable organizations that provide help and assistance to others. Through the generous support of our parishioners (some on a monthly basis) and the good will of many others, we have a substantial fund that has benefitted many, especially during the pandemic. Below is a list of the types of recipients we have been able to assist this past year. May the Lord continue to bless us and those we help.

Individual Benevolences	\$4,500	Work/School Assistance	\$2,000
Assistance to Houseless Friends	\$5,000	Misc. Urgent Needs (rent, medical, etc)	\$9,000
Covid Assistance	\$8,000	Non-profit organizations	\$8,000
Monasteries	\$3,500	Archdiocese Special donations	\$8,000

TOTAL FOR JUNE 2020-JUNE 2021 = \$48,000

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

Jon & Kristin King

Birthdays

- 7/11 David Washburn, Fr. John Carrillo
- 7/12 Paige Zidek
- 7/13 Larry Lander
- 7/15 Juliana Shackelford
- Melissa Braun, Mary Denny, Rebekah Dillon 7/16

Patronal Feast Days

Archangel Gabriel Cheryl Fisher, Gabe Speier, 7/13

7/17 St. Marina of Antioch Margaret Easbey

You're invited....

to a mini-recital by our resident pianist extraordinaire,

Erik Lawrence

TODAY after Coffee Hour!

Featuring 8 Preludes by Sergei Rachmaninoff in the Grand Hallway of the Church No reservations necessary.

Seating is first come/first served.

The Miracle of Saint Euphemia the All-Praised: The holy Great Martyr Euphemia (September 16) suffered martyrdom in the city of Chalcedon in the year 304, during the time of the persecution against Christians by the emperor Diocletian (284-305). One and a half centuries later, at a time when the Christian Church had become victorious within the Roman Empire, God deigned that Euphemia the All-Praised should again be a witness and confessor of the purity of the Orthodox teaching.

In the year 451 in the city of Chalcedon, in the very church where the glorified relics of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia rested, the sessions of the Fourth Ecumenical Council (July 16) took place. The Council was convened for determining the precise dogmatic formulae of the Orthodox Church concerning the nature of the God-Man Jesus Christ. This was necessary because of the widespread heresy of the Monophysites ["mono-physis" meaning "one nature"], who opposed the Orthodox teaching of the two natures in Jesus Christ, the Divine and the Human natures (in one Divine Person). The Monophysites falsely affirmed that in Christ was only one nature, the Divine [i.e. that Jesus is God but not man, by nature], causing discord and unrest within the Church. At the Council were present 630 representatives from all the local Christian Churches. On the Orthodox side Anatolius, Patriarch of Constantinople (July 3), Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem (July 2), and representatives of Saint Leo, Pope of Rome (February 18) participated in the conciliar deliberations. The Monophysites were present in large numbers, headed by Dioscorus, the Patriarch of Alexandria, and the Constantinople archimandrite Eutychius.

After prolonged discussions the two sides could not come to a decisive agreement.

The holy Patriarch Anatolius of Constantinople proposed that the Council submit the decision of the Church dispute to the Holy Spirit, through His undoubted bearer Saint Euphemia the All-Praised, whose wonderworking relics had been discovered during the Council's discussions. The Orthodox hierarchs and their opponents wrote down their confessions of faith on separate scrolls and sealed them with their seals. They opened the tomb of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia and placed both scrolls upon her bosom. Then, in the presence of the emperor Marcian (450-457), the participants of the Council sealed the tomb, putting on it the imperial seal and setting a guard to watch over it for three days. During these days both sides imposed upon themselves strict fast and made intense prayer. After three days the patriarch and the emperor in the presence of the Council opened the tomb with its relics: the scroll with the Orthodox confession was held by Saint Euphemia in her right hand, and the scroll of the heretics lay at her feet. Saint Euphemia, as though alive, raised her hand and gave the scroll to the patriarch. After this miracle many of the hesitant accepted the Orthodox confession, while those remaining obstinant in the heresy were consigned to the Council's condemnation and excommunication.

After an invasion by the Persians during the seventh century, the relics of Saint Euphemia were transferred from Chalcedon to Constantinople, into a newly built church dedicated to her. Many years later, during the period of the Iconoclast heresy, the reliquary with the relics of the saint was cast into the sea by order of the Iconoclast emperor Leo the Isaurian (716-741). The reliquary was rescued from the sea by the ship-owning brothers Sergius and Sergonos, who gave it over to the local bishop. The holy bishop ordered that the relics be preserved in secret, beneath a crypt, since the Iconoclast heresy was continuing to rage. A small church was built over the relics, and over the reliquary was put a board with an inscription stating whose relics rested within. When the Iconoclast heresy was finally condemned at the holy Seventh Ecumenical Council (in the year 787), during the time of Saint Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople (784-806) and the emperor Constantine VI (780-797) and his mother Saint Irene (797-802), the relics of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia were once again solemnly transferred to Constantinople.



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:

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

Metropolitan JOSEPH

Bob N.

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Kh. Melissa H. Cole K. (military)

Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)

Lauren & Fernando J. (military)

Chase K. (military) Nick & Kristine J. (military)

Steve T. Nina Dasha Bev R. Phyllis M. Lee Family Audrey Scott L.

Dan A. John S. Earle L. Barbara W.

Phoebe L. Abp. Benjamin

Kris F.

John N., Samantha & Chris

Harvey G.

Temmo K. Dr. Andrew G. Mark K. Sarah B.

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.

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For repose of the souls of: Peter R., Augusta J.

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. ********************************