



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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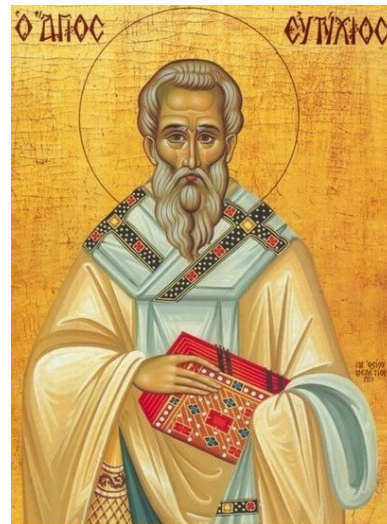
DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Tone 2 / Eothinon 11;

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
& Eleventh Sunday of Matthew**

Martyr Eutyches, Disciple of John the Theologian;
New Hieromartyr Cosmas Aitolos, Equal-to-the-Apostles and
Evangelizer of Southern Albania



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

**At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology
followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion:**

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

GREAT LITANY

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 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—The Beatitudes or “Sermon on the Mount”

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord,
when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are you when men shall revile you and shall persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil
against you falsely for my sake.
Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

**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 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 the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Tone 4

By your nativity, most pure Virgin,
Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness,
Adam and Eve from the corruption of death.
And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to You:
“The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.”

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*)

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

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 18:23-35

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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, Alleluia!

Holy Communion

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

UPCOMING FESTAL SERVICES

BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Friday, August 29 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL NEW YEAR

Monday, September 1 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Sunday, September 7 (transferred from Sept. 8)

Regular weekend services

ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sunday, September 14

Regular weekend services

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WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES HAVE BEGUN AGAIN. We will alternate between the Paraklesis, which we pray out in the field by the cross, and Akathist services for various saints prayed in the chapel, many for whom we have relics to venerate. The schedule for the next month is as follows:

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

August 27	Akathist to St. Raphael of Brooklyn
Sept. 3	Paraklesis
Sept. 10	Akathist to St. Nektarios of Aegina
Sept. 17	Paraklesis
Sept. 24	Akathist to St. Athanasius the Great

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

8/26 John & Marleynna Worthington
8/30 Nikolay & Velislava Nikolov
8/30 Lucas & Lauren Rascon

Birthdays

8/27 Ken Gomez
8/28 Lara Jacobs
8/29 Elsa Fryer
8/30 Mitch Denny, Kh. Jan Speier

Patronal Feast Days

8/26 St. Adrian of Nicomedia	Adrian Berari
8/26 St. Natalia of Nicomedia	Nataliya Tinyayeva
8/26 St. Moses the Ethiopian	Paul Carr, Kevin Duke, Diego Rangel
8/30 St. Sabina the Martyr	Sabina Shackelford
8/30 St. Theodora of Salonica	Jody Wallace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT CATECHISM BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

The next series of Adult Catechism classes begins on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 12:45—1:15 P.M. and will meet every Sunday at that time until the beginning of Great Lent, with a few exceptions. We will announce ahead of time when there will be no Sunday class.

ST. BARBARA MONASTERY WILL HOST ITS MONTHLY FRIENDS GATHERING next Sunday, August 31st, with a guest speaker (TBA) at 4:00 p.m., followed by Vespers and a potluck.

THERE ARE LOTS OF PHOTOS of our celebration of the Feast of the Dormition posted on the parish website. Thank you, Nataliya Tinyayeva, for the beautiful photos!

<https://www.stathanasius.org/media/photo-gallery/>



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY STARTING!

On Tuesday, September 9th, we will begin a Bible Study of St. Luke's Gospel and the Book of Acts. The study will begin after our 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers on Tuesdays and last until 7:00 p.m. Fr. Symeon will be using a curriculum created by the Antiochian Archdiocese. The Autumn Bible Study will meet until the beginning of the Nativity Fast. The last session will be on Tuesday, November 11th.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

July 31, 2025

Actual Income Budget Goal

Tithes received in July	\$ 51,503	\$56,293 (includes \$20,555 for mortgage)
Temple donations in July	\$ 6,109	

Total Operating Expenses January-July, 2025	\$ 457,337
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Total income January-July, 2025	\$ 429,866
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DEFICIT for the first 7 months:	\$ 27,471
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Temple Fund donations Jan-July, 2025	\$	40,969
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Temple Fund Balance year-to-date:	\$	1,024,696 (Reserved for Building Project)
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Building Reserve	\$	106,185 (Emergency fund to cover current monthly mortgage payment, if needed)
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SPONSORS & TICKETS

All golfers receive Breakfast, Dinner, & Entry into Putting Contest

PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPT. 5, 2025

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CORPORATE SPONSOR: \$10,000

Premier advertising throughout tournament, special recognition at the dinner, 4 golfers and a reserved table for 10 for dinner

DIAMOND SPONSOR: \$5,000

Advertising at tournament, 4 golfers (includes dinner) & 6 additional dinner guests

PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$2,500

Advertising at tournament, 2 golfers (includes dinner) & 2 additional dinner guests

GOLD SPONSOR: \$1,000

Shared advertising at a hole
Includes 1 golfer & 1 additional dinner guest

SILVER SPONSOR: \$500

Shared advertising at a hole - Includes 2 dinner guests

FOURSOME: \$800

Includes breakfast and dinner

SINGLE GOLFER: \$220

Includes breakfast and dinner

DINNER ONLY: \$95

Dinner, auction, music & fun!

Early Bird Pricing

Pricing after Sept 14th

\$125

the **HOWARD SHANNON**

ANNUAL GOLF

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GOLF, DINNER & AUCTION

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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. Gabriel in Kenya (OCMC)
Fr. Jon B.
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.
Fr. Nicholas & Jan
Fr. Turbo & St. Mary parish
Fr. Paul and St. Moses parish
Hieromonk Siloan
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family in Albania (OCMC)
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya
Duane F.
Richard and Susan B.
Kh. Melissa H.
Jeremiah & Sarah H. (military)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)
Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)

Julianna & Zaron D. (military)
P. Speier (military)
Steve T.
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Kh. Peggy K.
Kh. Janet Henderson
Phyllis M.
Fr. Joseph A.
Jim M.
Gayla
Cameron B.
Galeyna T.
Jill W. and Family
Alla G.
Oleg G.
Wayne Family
Shirley D. and Family
Jesús D.
Josh W.
Briana B.

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:

Cameron Clouse
Ethan Salcedo
Tyler Vrem
Joshua Weiss

For repose of the souls of: Bruce J., Rdr. John, Rodolfo R., Bob N.

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of our building. The tables and cabinets contain items that are FOR SALE. If you need a cross or chain and jewelry is not displayed on Sunday, contact **Terri Speier at: bookstore@stathanasius.org**.

Payment should be made at the time of purchase. Cash and checks may be placed in the brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Symeon's office. Make checks payable to **S.A.O.C. Bookstore**.

Online payment can be made at www.stathanasius.org. (Select "MAKE A DONATION," and then use the dropdown earmark for 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, August 24

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal

Monday, August 25

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins
3:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
(Akathist for St. Nikiforos)

Tuesday, August 26

5:30 p.m. Reader's Vespers

Wednesday, August 27

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins
11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:30 p.m. Akathist to St. Raphael of Brooklyn

Thursday, August 28

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
6:30 p.m. Youth Group Bonfire

Friday, August 29—BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN

9:00 a.m. Liturgy for St. John the Baptist

Saturday, August 30

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, August 31

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Simplified Coffee Hour

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

August 24 Dn. Gary
August 31 Kern
September 7 Frangos
September 14 Meyer

READERS

August 24 Alexander
August 29 Meyer (Liturgy for St. John Baptist)
August 31 Butler
Sept. 1 Gish
Sept. 6 Kern (Vespers)
September 7 Lange
September 13 Alexander (Vespers)
September 14 Butler

GREETERS

August 24 A.G. Butler/C. Clements
August 31 M. Loulias/K.L. King
September 7 J. & M. Worthington
September 14 A. Ballew/N. Aviles

USHERS

August 24 K.L. King/D. Alexander
August 31 M. Loulias/D. Washburn
September 7 P. King/J. King
September 14 C. Speier/S. Speier

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

August 24 END OF SUMMER POTLUCK
August 31 Simplified Coffee Hour
September 7 Team Speier
September 14 Team Wayne

WE NEED YOUR HELP...

We ask that you kindly clean up your own sitting area
and return service booklets at the end of each service.
Bulletins and Matins/Vespers weekly handouts may be taken home.
Thank you!

NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Stephen & Jennifer Frangos

While Stephen and I grew up in the San Fernando Valley and Thousand Oaks, respectively, our marriage/his career took us to San Francisco and Marin County where we created our family of 4 offspring. They include Katherine, recently married to Jarek, living in Edinburgh, Scotland; Zachary, living in the Bay area and has lovely partner MaryAnn; Sarah, living in Newbury Park; and Matthew, living in Chicago, and soon to be wed to his longtime and very lovely partner, Maria.

From San Francisco, a job relocation shifted us to Houston, TX, where we raised our family and grew community. After 23 years, the kids had graduated college and begun their careers, and we returned to the West Coast, where most of our extended family live.

Jennifer, a Physical Therapist and Social Worker, has spent last 6 years caring for her parents in Thousand Oaks, has worked as chef Educator for Apples to Zucchini cooking school, enjoys membership in SB quilt guild, and tutors literacy at SB library. As my folks have passed now, Stephen and I are exploring new creative and spiritual communities, and continue to nurture our young adults.

Stephen has enjoyed a global reaching career as an Occupational Medicine Regional Medical physician for Chevron for 31 years, followed by a two year stint as remote medical director for Baker Hughes during the last phases of Covid pandemic. We have felt very pleased to be welcomed into the parish family of St Athanasius.

