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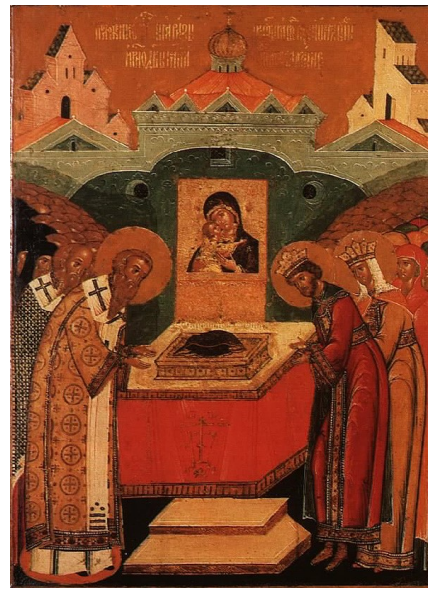
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, August 31, 2025

**Tone 3 / Eothinon 1; Placing of the Sash of the
Theotokos in Halkoprateia
& Twelfth Sunday of Matthew**

Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople;
Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage



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 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad,
for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm.
He hath trampled down death by death
and become the first born from the dead.
He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades,
granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion for the Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos

Tone 8

Ever Virgin Theotokos, protectress of mankind,
you have given your people a powerful legacy:
the robe and sash of your most honored body which remained
incorrupt throughout your seedless childbearing;
for through you time and nature are renewed.
Therefore we implore you: “Grant peace to your people and to our souls great mercy!”

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 3**

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. *(Luke: 1:46-47)*

*v: For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden, for behold, hence-
forth all generations shall call m*

e blessed.

EPISTLE READING
For the Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos
Hebrews 9:1-7

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel**Tone 3**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: In Thee, O Lord, I have hoped; let me never be ashamed. (*Ps 30/31:1*)Verse: Be unto me a God and protector, and a house of refuge to save me. (*Ps 30/31:2*)**GOSPEL READING****Matthew 19:16-26**

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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 HymnsPraise 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

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.

Sept. 3	Paraklesis
Sept. 10	Akathist to St. Nektarios of Aegina
Sept. 17	Paraklesis
Sept. 24	Akathist to St. Athanasius the Great
Oct. 1	Paraklesis

LADIES OF THE PARISH....

Join us in a BABY SHOWER BONANZA for Susie's Closet

Please plan to join the Women's Fellowship as we kick off the new Church year with fellowship, brunch, and giving back to Susie's Closet, which provides maternity clothes, baby and children's clothes (preemie-size 6), baby essentials and equipment to low income families in the Santa Barbara area.



- We are beginning our baby shower bonanza at **Fr Nicholas & Jan Speier's home on Saturday, September 13th at 10am.** Join us for food, fellowship & fun and bring a gift (unwrapped is fine) for a baby. An Evite is coming soon with a wish list. Mark your calendar now and watch your email to RSVP.
- **Why is it a baby shower bonanza?**
Because we will continue gathering items throughout September, making the donation to Susie's Closet as exciting for them as possible!
Please bring items to the Sept. 13 gathering and/or drop off in the container in the bookstore (labeled Susie's Closet) during the month of September.

Have questions? Ask Kristin King, Jan Speier and Liz Hoppe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WILL PRAY THE TRISAGION PRAYERS for the departed for Bob Newsom and Rodolfo Ramirez today at the end of the liturgy.

VALERIE, our Music Director and Administrator, is out of town on vacation until Tuesday.

ST. BARBARA MONASTERY WILL HOST ITS MONTHLY FRIENDS GATHERING TODAY, August 31st, with a guest speaker at 4:00 p.m., followed by Vespers and a potluck. Mother Melania, Abbess of Holy Assumption Monastery, will speak on “Three Monastic Virtues.”

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.

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.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

9/5 Dn. John and Fay Young

Birthdays

8/31 Kh. Peggy King

9/1 Paul Carr

9/2 Benjamin Ballew

9/3 Bob Gundersen

9/4 Richard Ballew

9/6 Obadiah Robinson

Patronal Feast Days

9/1 **Holy Virgin Martyr Penelope** Penny Cocores

9/5 **St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist**

Atalia Finley, Elleney Gish, Elizabeth Heiduk, Lara Jacobs, Kh. Peggy King

Jane Meyer, Terri Speier, Salem Vander Laan

9/5 **St. Zachariah, Father of John the Baptist** Zachary Nikolov, Zachary Wood

9/8 **Nativity of the Theotokos** Fr. John Carrillo, Laura Eberhard

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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 31

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Trisagion Prayers for
 Bob Newsom & Rodolfo Ramirez
11:45 a.m. Simplified Coffee Hour

Monday, September 1—Indiction (New Year)

9:00 a.m. Liturgy for Ecclesiastical New Year
3:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
 (Akathist for St. Nikiforos)

Tuesday, September 2

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, September 3

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins
11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:30 p.m. Paraklesis out in the field

Thursday, September 4

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

Friday, September 5

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

Saturday, September 6

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers for Feast of the Nativity of
 the Theotokos (transferred)

Sunday, September 7—Feast of Nativity of Theotokos (transferred from Sept. 8)

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

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

August 31	Kern
September 7	Frangos
September 14	Meyer
September 21	Morrison

READERS

August 31	Gish
Sept. 1	Kern
Sept. 6	Kern (Vespers)
September 7	Lange
September 13	Alexander (Vespers)
September 14	Butler
September 21	Kern

GREETERS

August 31	M. Loulias/K.L. King
September 7	J. & M. Worthington
September 14	A. Ballew/N. Aviles
September 21	G. Hoppe/B. Eberhard

USHERS

August 31	M. Loulias/D. Washburn
September 7	P. King/J. King
September 14	C. Speier/S. Speier
September 21	D. Meyer/K.L. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

August 31	Simplified Coffee Hour
September 7	Team Speier
September 14	Team Wayne
September 21	Team Worthington

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

KARTI ADIMULAM

I was born in San Jose, CA and raised by immigrant parents from India as a Hindu. I played basketball my whole life through high school. I attended a Christian high school called Valley Christian which was my first introduction to the Person of Christ.

I attended UC Santa Barbara to pursue my Bachelors of Science in Statistics and Data Science. During my 3rd year I had an encounter with Christ, leading me to the Orthodox Church and was baptized shortly before graduating, on Lazarus Saturday of this year.

I graduated this June from UC Santa Barbara with a Bachelor's of Science in Statistics & Data Science. Upon graduation, I enrolled in an online Masters program in Data Science at the University of Texas in Austin. I also began to work full-time as a Business Analyst in the home loan industry in Moorpark, CA.

