



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**DIVINE LITURGY OF
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
Sunday, September 5, 2021
Tone 2 / Eothinon 11;
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
& Eleventh Sunday of Matthew
Prophet Zachariah, Father of the Forerunner;
Obadiah, Bishop of Persia;
Martyrdom of the Holy Passion-bearer Gleb**



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

FRIENDLY REMINDER:
Please silence your cell phone during the service. Thank you!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

***SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES
SCHEDULE***

Sunday, September 5

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, September 6—LABOR DAY

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Tuesday, September 7

6:00 p.m. Vespers-Liturgy for the Feast of
the Nativity of the Theotokos

Wednesday, September 8

NATIVITY of the THEOTOKOS

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, September 9

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

Friday, September 10

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, September 11

4:00 p.m. Adult Catechism—"Holy Writ
Within Tradition"
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, September 12

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy /Blessing of the
St. Catherine Library
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour in front entrance
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

EUCCHARIST BREAD

September 5 Kern
September 12 D. Washburn
September 19 Jacobs
September 26 Sieck

READERS

September 5 D. Alexander
September 11 Rdr. M. Kern
September 12 Rdr. H. Lange
September 18 D. Washburn
September 19 Rdr. J. Butler

USHERS

September 5 J. King, P. King
September 12 C. Speier, S. Speier
September 19 C. Berari, D. Washburn
September 26 Dorothy Alexander, K. L. King

**THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING
HOSPITALITY TEAM**

September 9 F. Young/S. Saunders
September 16 L. Ballew/J. Jones
September 23 M. Loulias/P. Cocores
September 30 F. Young/S. Saunders

**SUNDAY RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION CLASSES
for children and teens ages 6-18
will begin on
SEPTEMBER 26.**

**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 for Prophet Zachariah

Tone 4

Robed in the vestments of the priesthood,
according to the Law of God you offered whole-burnt offerings
in a sacred manner, wise Zachariah.
You became a luminary and a seer of the mysteries,
bearing within yourself the signs of grace, all-wise one.
Slain by the sword in the temple of God, O prophet of Christ,
intercede together with the Forerunner//
that our souls may be saved!

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 (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.

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)
(Ps. 111:6) Alleluia, 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

CONGRATULATIONS and many years to our two new Parish Council members, Lara Jacobs and Glenn Hoppe! They will serve a three-year term.

ADULT CATECHISM has begun again on Saturdays from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Next week’s topic is “Holy Writ within Tradition.” All are welcome: Guests, inquirers, newly illumined and life-long Orthodox Christians!

COFFEE HOUR

In order to be extra cautious while infection numbers remain elevated, we are continuing to do more simplified Coffee Hour refreshments. If you are able to bring the snacks on a Sunday this fall, please either respond to the sign-up email, or let Suzi Wiley know. When we have no host, the church covers the costs of Coffee Hour, so please consider putting a few dollars in the donation box each week.

THE HOWARD SHANNON GOLF TOURNAMENT IS ALMOST HERE! If you have not decided yet how you will support this year’s tournament, check out the tournament page on the parish website: <https://www.stathanasius.org/events/2021-golf-tournament/>

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

The Tournament committee would like to have all silent auction items today, September 5th. If you are still working on your handmade items or gathering your items together, please be sure to communicate with Terri Speier. stspeier@cox.net

THE BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL NEW YEAR BEGAN ON SEPTEMBER 1st.
Happy New Year! The beautiful cycle begins again! The full schedule of festal services will be posted to the website calendar soon.

UPCOMING FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos

Tuesday, September 7 6:00 p.m. Vesperal- Liturgy

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday, September 13 6:00 p.m. Vesperal-Liturgy



**NEXT SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
GRAND OPENING & BLESSING
of our parish library
after the Divine Liturgy**

**Library patron saint:
Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria**

**The library will be officially open next week.
Coffee Hour that day will be at the front entrance of the church, closer to the library.
There will be a very brief orientation after the Blessing.**

Procedure for Borrowing Books:

- The library is organized by subject using a system designed specifically for our small church library.
- When you find a book, look on the inside cover for the checkout card.
- Write the date, your name and phone number on the card.
- Place the card in the red box.
- When you are done with the book, please do not return it to the shelf. Instead, place it in the large box marked BOOK RETURN.

More information coming next week on the
contents of the library.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
Blessing and installation of new icon
of St. Moses the Black

This icon was commissioned of Dorothy Alexander over one year ago and donated by a group of 17 families in the parish. We hope to continue to add other icons to the walls of the church that reflect the diverse and universal nature of the Orthodox Christian Church.

Here are some photos of the process.
We look forward to venerating the new icon two weeks from today!



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

9/5 Dn. John and Fay Young

Birthdays

9/7 Cheyenne Braun, Suzi Wiley

9/8 Luke Hedges

9/9 Kellie Landrum

9/11 Joseph Ballew (at St. Gregory Monastery in Ohio), Niko Halsell

Patronal Feast Days

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

Elizabeth Ballew Atalia Finley Elizabeth (Bitty) Easbey Heiduk

Lara Jacobs Elleney King Kh. Peggy King

Jane Meyer Terri Speier Salem Vander Laan

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

9/8 **St. Adriana** Adriana de Bruin

9/8 **Theotokos (Nativity)** Fr. John Carrillo, Kellie Landrum

9/9 **St. Anna (the Mother of the Theotokos)**

Shirley Dillon, Michelle Madrigal, Sherie Shackelford

9/7 **St. Cassiana the Hymnographer** Kassiana Van Wagoner



GOLF TOURNAMENT

PLAY Golf!

GIVE to Hole #10!

SPONSOR a Hole!

DONATE to the

Silent Auction!

BUY Dinner Tickets!

www.stathanasius.org/golf

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:

Metropolitan JOSEPH
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
Bob N.
Kh. Melissa H.
Cole K. (military)
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)

Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Steve T,
Bev R.
Phyllis M.
Scott L.
Abp. Benjamin
Kris F.
John N., Samantha & Chris
Harvey G.
Temmo K.
Dr. Andrew G.
Mark K.
Sarah B.
Coleman Family (Lori, Abby,
Matt)
Dn. Nicholas D. and family
Jerry J.
Chuck S.

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.

For repose of the souls of: Archpriest Sergei G., Roxy & Kaleo Coleman, Tresja D., Maria M.

* **ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE** *
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* The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall - two enclosed cabinets con- *
* taining 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.) *
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* **All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.** *
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Light, &
Love in a
Divisive
World**

Oct. 8-10, 2021

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Kh. Frederica Mathewes-Green

Dr. Philip Marmalakis

Fr. Timothy Hojnicky

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