



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, September 12, 2021

Tone 3 / Eothinon 1

Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Leave-taking of the Feast of the

Nativity of the Theotokos

Hieromartyrs Autonomos of Italy and Coronatos
of Iconium; Venerable Daniel of Thasios



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 12

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

Monday, September 13

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
6:00 p.m. Vespers-Liturgy for the Feast of
the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday, September 14—Feast of the Cross

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, September 15

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

Thursday, September 16

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. Youth Group

Friday, September 17—GOLF TOURNAMENT

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, September 18

NO ADULT CATECHISM

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, September 19

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy /Blessing of
St. Moses the Black icon
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. Greeters Meeting

EUCCHARIST BREAD

September 12 D. Washburn
September 19 Jacobs
September 26 Sieck
October 3 Cocores

READERS

September 12 Rdr. H. Lange
September 18 D. Washburn
September 19 Rdr. J. Butler
October 3

GREETERS

September 26 H. Lange/D. Washburn
October 3 G. & L. Hoppe

USHERS

September 12 C. Speier, S. Speier
September 19 C. Berari, D. Washburn
September 26 Dorothy Alexander, K. L. King
October 3

**THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING
HOSPITALITY TEAM**

September 16 L. Ballew/P. Cocores
September 23 M. Loulias/P. Cocores
September 30 F. Young/S. Saunders
October 7 H. Lange/D. Alexander

**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 verses for the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. O Lord, remember David and all his meekness. Lo, we heard of it at Ephratha;
we found it in the fields of the wood.

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

Vs. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. *[Refrain]*

Vs. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved. *[Refrain]*

Vs. *Glory...now & ever...Amen. [Refrain]*

SECOND ANTIPHON verses for the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos & refrain

Vs. The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; and He will not turn from it. Of the
fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

**Refrain: O Son of God, Who rose from the dead, save us who sing to
Thee, Alleluia!**

Vs. There will I make the horn of David to bud; I have ordained a lamp
for mine anointed. *[Refrain]*

Vs. For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation. *[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 for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Vs. Here will I dwell, for I have desired it.

Refrain:

**Your nativity, O Virgin,
has proclaimed joy to the whole universe!
The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God,
has shone from you, O Theotokos.
By annulling the curse,
He bestowed a blessing.//
By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.**

Vs. The most high hath sanctified his tabernacle. [Refrain]

Vs. Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness. [Refrain]

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 Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Tone 4

Your nativity, O Virgin,
has proclaimed joy to the whole universe!
The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God,
has shone from you, O Theotokos.
By annulling the curse,
He bestowed a blessing.//
By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

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 6

O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. (Ps. 28:9)

Verse: To Thee will I cry, O Lord, O my God, do not be silent unto me.

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Vs. 1 I have exalted one chosen out of My people. **Alleluia** (Ps 88/89:20)

Vs. 2 For My hand shall defend him, and My arm shall strengthen him.
Alleluia (Ps 88/89:22)

GOSPEL READING

John. (3:13-17)

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”

Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God

Music by Max Murphy

Magnify, O my soul, the Virgin Mary, born of a barren womb.
Virginity is foreign to mothers; Childbearing is strange to virgins.
But in you, O birthgiver of God, both were accomplished.
Therefore, all the earthly nations unceasingly glorify You.

Communion Hymns

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

For the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos:

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
(*Ps 115/116:13*) 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

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES to the Gish, Morrison, Braun, and Finley families on the falling asleep of Harvey Gish. Harvey and his wife, Linda, were founding members of our parish and Harvey was a dedicated and valued member of the choir before retiring to Goldendale, WA. Funeral services were yesterday at St. John the Forerunner Monastery in Goldendale. May his memory be eternal!

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION THIS WEEK:

We will celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross tomorrow, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. with Vesperal-Liturgy.

ADULT CATECHISM has begun again on Saturdays from 4:30-5:45 p.m. **THERE WILL BE NO CLASS THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18. The class will resume on September 25.** All are welcome: Guests, inquirers, newly illumined and life-long Orthodox Christians!

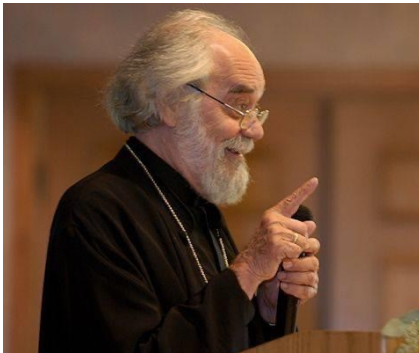
COFFEE HOUR

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.

To access the sign-up list, go here: <https://bit.ly/SAOCcoffeehour>

THE MEN'S MONTHLY FIRESIDE GATHERING will take place a week from tomorrow, Monday, September 20th, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mike Loulias and Penny Cocores. (We've changed the name from "Firepit" to a kinder, gentler "Fireside.")

MEMORY ETERNAL!



We were saddened to hear of the falling asleep in the Lord of the Archpriest Sergei Glagolev on September 1st at the age of 93. Fr. Sergei was a prolific composer of Orthodox music specifically for the English language, and a mentor to our Music Director, Valerie, and many other Orthodox clergy and musicians throughout America for the past 50 years. We sing a considerable amount of Fr. Sergei's music in our parish. Fr. Sergei had been living in Santa Cruz, CA area with his wife Gerry for the past several years. He was buried this past Saturday at St. Tikhon's Monastery in Pennsylvania.

To read more about his extraordinary life, go to:

<https://www.oca.org/in-memoriam/archpriest-sergei-glagolev>

FREE CONCERT ONLINE FROM ST. VLADIMIR'S SEMINARY

Members of the Tronos Psaltic Group from the Romanian Orthodox Patriarchal Cathedral in Bucharest will offer a live concert of Byzantine chant broadcast from St. Vladimir's Seminary this Wednesday, September 15th at 4 p.m. Pacific time. You can register for the concert here: <https://www.svots.edu/events/romanian-byzantine-choir-performance>

**LESS THAN 1 WEEK TO THE
Howard Shannon Golf Tournament!
Friday, September 17, 2021**

Please support this year's Golf Tournament by:

- Becoming a sponsor or making a donation.
- Registering to golf and/or attend the dinner.
 - Participating in the auction.
 - Bringing a friend!

PROCEEDS THIS YEAR GO TOWARDS THE TEMPLE FUND!

**DEADLINE FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS IS TODAY!
YOU CAN REGISTER DURING COFFEE HOUR.**

Register today through the website:

<https://www.stathanasius.org/events/2021-golf-tournament/>



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.

We look forward to venerating the new icon next week!

BLESSING OF OUR NEW ST. CATHERINE LIBRARY
TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR!

Heartfelt thanks to the team of people responsible for making the library a reality:

Sorting, Cataloguing, Shelving, Preparing the books:

Margaret Easbey—Librarian, assisted by Dana Alexander and Kyndal Vogt

Shelving, Lighting & Décor:

Mitchell Denny, Patrick Gilbert, Kellie Landrum, Christie Speier, Jenny Speier

AND MANY THANKS to all who donated books to the library!

...Including large collections from +Fr. Jim King, +Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges
and Judy & Dan Braun

LIBRARY WISH LIST: <https://bit.ly/SAOCbookstoreWishlist>

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

9/19 Timmy & Teri Palmer

Birthdays

9/14 Michael (Jimmy) Easbey

9/17 Christina Lydick

9/18 Maisy Wonder Speier

Patronal Feast Days

9/17 **St. Hope (daughter of St. Sophia)** Willow Hope Palmer

9/17 **St. Nadia (daughter of St. Sophia)** Nadine De Bruin

9/17 **St. Sophia** Giana Sophia Brunner, Sophia Roberts

9/17 **St. Sophia & her 3 daughters** Bella Madrigal

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT—January-August, 2021

Goal for Tithes January-August, 2021	\$ 333,340
Actual Tithes January-August, 2021	\$ 366,104

Building Fund Goal for Jan.-August, 2021	\$ 112,960
Actual Building Fund donations Jan.-August, 2021	\$ 90,838

Monthly tithe goal \$41,667

Tithes received per month:

January	\$37,625	May	\$ 50,358
February	\$46,485	June	\$ 47,493
March	\$59,535	July	\$ 50,714
April	\$47,921	August	\$ 25,973

Total operating income for 8 months	\$398,432
Total operating expenses for 8 months	\$419,789

Payroll Protection government grant of \$55,749 received in July will cover projected budget deficit for clergy salaries.

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
Temmo K.
Dr. Andrew G.
Mark K.
Sarah B.
Coleman Family (Lori, Abby,
Matt)
Dn. Nicholas D. and family
Jerry J.
Chuck S.
Mat. Trudi & Richter Family

Linda and Gish Family

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: Harvey G., Fr. Anastasy (Stacey) R., Archpriest Sergei G.,
Roxy & Kaleo Coleman, Tresja D., Maria M.

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.

MEMORY ETERNAL!
Harvey Gish
April 14, 1939—September 9, 2021



**THE FEAST OF
THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST PURE VIRGIN
September 8**

The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him Who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams; for He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. She was Mary, Full of grace, Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God's Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, and the Fount of virginity and purity.