



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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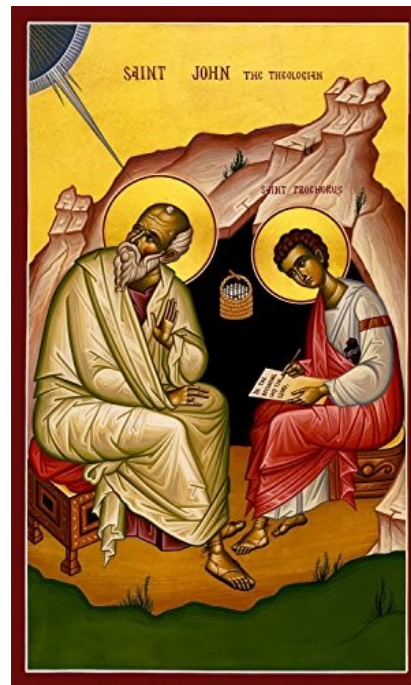
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Tone 5 / Eothinon 3

Repose of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian



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, September 26

9:00 a.m. Matins
 9:00 a.m. Religious Ed for ages 6-12
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & **Blessing of Teachers & Students**
 11:30 a.m. Religious Ed for Teens
 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
 12:15 p.m. Highways & Hedges Debrief

Monday, September 27

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Tuesday, September 28

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, September 29

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
 8:30 a.m. Weekly Divine Liturgy
 12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Thursday, September 30

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry (by Zoom)
 10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, October 1—Protection of the Theotokos St. Romanos the Melodist

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, October 2

8:30 a.m. **Men's Fellowship of St. John**
 4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism: **"God is Trinity"**
 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, October 3

9:00 a.m. Matins
 9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. Classes for ages 6-12
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy /**Blessing of Musicians**
 11:30 a.m. Religious Ed for Teens
 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

September 26 Cocores
 October 3 Sieck
 October 10 Tinyayeva
 October 17 Meyer

READERS

September 26 Rdr. H. Lange
 October 3 D. Meyer
 October 10 M. Braun
 October 16 Rdr. M. Kern (Vespers)
 October 17 Rdr. V. Gish

GREETERS

September 26 H. Lange/D. Washburn
 October 3 G. & L. Hoppe
 October 10 K. Fox/D. Dillon
 October 17 L. Baker/C. Fisher

USHERS

September 26 Dorothy Alexander/K. L. King
 October 3 P. King/J. King
 October 10 C. Speier, S. Speier
 October 17 D. Meyer/M. Loulias

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

September 30 F. Young/S. Saunders
 October 7 H. Lange/D. Alexander
 October 14 L. Ballew/J. Jones
 October 21 M. Loulias/P. Cocores

COFFEE HOUR

Please consider signing up to bring the snacks on a Sunday this fall.

To access the sign-up list:

<https://bit.ly/SAOCoffeehour>

**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”

After each of the verses, the choir and congregation sing the refrain:

“Remember us, O Lord, when you come in your Kingdom.”

AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS FOR THE DAY:

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 5

(Music on p. 47-48 of Liturgy book)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born of the Virgin for our salvation.
For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh
to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion for St. John the Evangelist

Tone 2

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God,
hasten to deliver a defenseless people!
He Who allowed you to recline on His breast,
receives you as you bow before Him.
Implore Him, O John the Theologian,
to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens, //
entreating for us peace and 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 - Ordinary Sundays

Tone 4

O undisputed intercessor of Christians,
The mediatrix, who was 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 ever 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.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon)

Tone 8

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the universe! (*Ps 18/19:4*)

v: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps 18/19:1)

EPISTLE READING

John 4:12-19

Brethren, no one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen, and do testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love which God has for us. God is love; and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment; because as He is, even so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torment; but he who fears is not perfected in love. We love God, because He first loved us.

Alleluia before the Gospel

Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: *The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord;*

Verse: *...and Your truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)*

GOSPEL READING

John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

At that time, standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your Son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own. This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things, which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

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 Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the Highest!
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the universe! (*Ps 18/19:4*) Alleluia (3x)

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.

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY LITURGY

Fr. Symeon along with a few of the homeschooling families have begun to celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am. We began this practice out of the desire to put the Eucharist at the center of the education of our children and for us to learn and deepen our participation in this worship of the Holy Trinity. With this in mind, the children form a choir, assist in the altar and read the Epistle. All are welcome to come to join in this worship and take advantage of the opportunity to partake of Our Lord's precious Gifts during the week. You will find the scheduled Wednesday Liturgies on the parish calendar.

ADULT CATECHISM is on Saturdays from 4:30-5:45 p.m. All are welcome! Next week's class will be: “God is Trinity.”

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

9/26	Sandra Talmadge
9/27	Gianni Madrigal, Sherie Shackelford
9/28	Jessica Berari, Dn. John Young
9/29	Nicole Berari, Elijah Landrum
9/30	Michael Loulias
10/1	Jase Speier
10/2	Andrew Macdonald

Patronal Feast Days

9/26	St. John the Theologian	Douglas Meyer, Johnny Heiduk, Robert Rauchhaus
9/28	St. Jerome	Tyson Shackelford
10/1	St. Sidonia of Georgia	Suzi Wiley
10/2	St. Justine of Nicomedia	Justina King

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 22-October 31, 2021

The Santa Barbara community will participate as one of 1,000 cities from coast to coast conducting prayer vigils, rallies, and personal prayer and fasting efforts to bring awareness about the sanctity of all life. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful, intensive campaign. For more information, visit:

www.40daysforlife.com/santabarbara

PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

(Please consider incorporating this prayer into your daily devotions during the “40 Days for Life Vigil” - September 22-October 31, 2021)

O Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, Who was pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls by the power of Your All-Holy Spirit. O Master, we ask You to enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception, and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Your image and likeness; enable us to guard, cherish and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves. For You are the Bestower of Life, bringing each person from non-being into being, sealing each person with divine and infinite love. Be merciful, O Lord, to those who, through ignorance or willfulness, affront Your divine goodness and providence through the evil act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the light of Your Truth and glorify You, the Giver of Life, together with your Father and Your All-Holy and Life-Giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.