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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Tone 3 / Eothinon 9;

**Great-Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streaming &
Sixth Sunday of Luke**

Commemoration of the Great Earthquake

in Constantinople in 740;

Venerable-martyr Joasaph of Dionysiou Monastery on Athos



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 was 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.

HYMNS SUNG AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE:

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 Great Earthquake of Constantinople

Tone 8

O Christ our God, You look upon the earth and it trembles;
deliver us from the terrible threat of earthquakes;//
and through the prayers of the Theotokos,
send down upon us Your abundant mercy and save us!

Troparion for Great-martyr Demetrios

Tone 3

The world has found you to be a great defense against tribulation
and a vanquisher of heathens, O Passion-bearer.
As you bolstered the courage of Nestor,
who then humbled the arrogance of Lyaïos in battle, //
Holy Demetrius, entreat Christ God to grant us 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

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**

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, /and shall hope in Him. (*Ps. 63:11a*)

Vs. Hear my voice, O God.

EPISTLE READING

For St. Demetrios the Myrrh-Streaming

2 Timothy 2:1-10

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

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.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:26-39

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

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*)

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! (*Ps. 111:6*)

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 anti-doron (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.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

10/26 Alla Galanska
 10/27 Ben Hedges, Lizabeth Hoppe
 10/28 Penny Brunner
 10/31 Adora Wayne
 11/01 Kate Vander Laan, Miriam Vander Laan

Patronal Saint Feast Days

10/26 St. Demetrius of Thessaloniki Sean Hampton
 10/28 St. Paraskeva the Martyr Penny Brunner

Summary of Last Sunday's Singing Session

- Orthodox worship includes “dialogue” and we are all invited to respond/participate, whether as leaders of the singing or followers, either audibly or in our hearts.
- There are times when we are invited to participate as ACTIVE LISTENERS. (For example, during readings, sermons, the priest’s prayers, and during more intricate hymns sung by the chanters or choir — like the Cherubic Hymn.)
- We all need to be sensitive to whomever has the “LEAD,” whether it be the clergy or the singers. Especially in a room with less-than-perfect acoustics, when we sing along, we need to make sure we can always hear the leaders over our own voice, so that we all stay together. Our priority is to do the services in **GOOD ORDER and a prayerful spirit.**
- The human voice is a miraculous instrument. It is the only musical instrument that cannot be seen, because it is inside the human body. It is also the only instrument that can sound with the addition of WORDS which enable us to praise and worship the Creator!
- Anyone can learn to sing better and with more confidence.
- Breathing to sing is a bit different from breathing to talk. You don’t need MORE air, but rather more control over the exhalation. Keeping our upper bodies lifted (rather than with rounded shoulders and collapsed chest) helps us to open the rib cage when we take a breath, and to allow the diaphragm to drop down easily, which makes the abdominal muscles pop out a bit. Then we try to resist the collapse of these muscles as we sing/exhale. **THAT’S WHAT WE CALL A SINGER’S BREATH!**
- Music is the combination of tone (resonance) and duration (rhythm).
- Learning to sing is partly learning how to modulate your voice lower or higher, as a melody dictates, and how to “MATCH” the pitches your ear and brain are hearing.

Today’s session will begin at 12:30 p.m. We will do some breathing and singing exercises, and learn a few hymns!

(Vocal Warm-up video by our choir: <https://bit.ly/SAOCChoirWarmup>)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY is the ST. BARBARA MONASTERY MONTHLY FRIENDS GATHERING. Fr. John Tomasi will speak at 4:00 p.m. on “The Blessing of Pilgrimage: A Trip to Mount Athos.” The talk will be followed by Vespers and a potluck supper.

TODAY from 12:30-1:15 p.m., our Music Director, Valerie, will offer a second session of basic instruction in singing. If you would like to sing with more confidence during services, want to explore your singing ability, and/or would like to join us in Christmas caroling in December, join us for these group sessions. Folks of all ages are welcome! If there is interest, the sessions will continue. **WE WILL MEET IN THE AREA BY THE GRAND PIANO.**

JOIN US FOR A CHURCH WORK DAY ON SAT., NOVEMBER 8th from 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m.. A pizza lunch will be served.. Youth in Junior High & older are welcome. You can sign up here: <https://bit.ly/AutumnWorkDay2025>

IF YOU NOTICE SOMETHING THAT IS BROKEN OR NEEDS ATTENTION, please send an email to Chris Robinson at: maintenancesupervisor@stathanasius.org. Please do not text him. Chris’ weekly hours at the church are Fridays from 1-3 p.m.

OCTOBER IS YOUTH & SEMINARIAN MONTH. If you would like to make a donation towards the Archdiocese seminary fund, please make checks payable to our parish (ST. ATHANANIUS) and drop them in the tithe box. Or you can donate via our website: <https://www.stathanasius.org/donation/> Choose the earmark “GENERAL DONATION,” and please include a memo that says, “Seminarian Fund.”

ADULT CATECHISM

Adult Catechism classes meet from 12:45—1:15 P.M. every Sunday until the beginning of Great Lent, with a few exceptions. All are welcome, whether inquirers, catechumens, or long-time members of the parish.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome to attend our Autumn Bible Study of St. Luke’s Gospel and the Book of Acts. The study begins after our 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers on Tuesdays and lasts until 7:00 p.m.

ST. INNOCENT ORPHANAGE — SANTA’S HELPERS PROJECT

Our parish has been supporting Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage in Mexico from its very first days, over 30 years ago. Each year we participate in their “Santa’s Helpers” program. We focus on one boy at the orphanage and provide him with some new basic clothing items, and a few of the items on his wish list.

Our parish was the Santa’s Helper for Angel Brian for 6 years in a row. He has graduated from college and is now working with the younger boys at the orphanage as a staff member! What a blessing! This year, we will be the Santa’s Helper for a sweet nine-year-old boy named Juan David.

Watch for an email with a link to the sign-up list and detailed instructions, if you would like to participate as one of our Santa’s Helpers for Juan David this year. If you have questions, contact Cheryl Washburn-Lander at cherylynn.sb@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 5:30 p.m., 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.

Oct. 29 Akathist to St. Herman of Alaska

Nov. 5 Paraklesis

Nov. 12 Akathist to St. John the Theologian

**During the Advent Fast, we pray the Advent Paraklesis
on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.**

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & SPECIAL SERVICES

Sat., 11/1	ST. RAPHAEL OF BROOKLYN Antiochian Archdiocese commemoration	Liturgy	9:00 AM
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Thurs., 11/20	PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS	Vespers	5:00 PM
		Liturgy/Potluck	5:45 PM

Wed., 11/26	EVE OF THANKSGIVING	Akathist	6:00 PM
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Thurs., 11/27	THANKSGIVING DAY	Liturgy	9:00 AM
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The Nativity Fast is suspended for the day and kept as a feast day.

Thurs., 12/4	Feast of St. Barbara <i>The Patronal Feast for our sister parish and the Monastery. See their service schedules.</i>		
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Fri., 12/5	FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS Nativity Play & Visit by St. Nicholas	Vespers	6:00 PM
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Wed., 12/24	PARAMON OF THE NATIVITY	Royal Hours	9:00 AM
	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD	Matins/Liturgy	10:00 PM

We begin the fast-free period of festal joy kept until the Eve of Theophany, January 5th.

Sat., 12/27	Commemoration of the Slaughter of the Innocents <i>Our Remembrance of all the victims of abortion and those affected by it.</i>	Vespers	5:30 PM
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Sun., 12/28	Blessing of the Graves at Goleta Cemetery		1:00 PM
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Thurs., 1/1	FEASTS OF ST. BASIL/CIRCUMCISION	Liturgy	9:00 AM
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Fri. 1/2	“Ninth Day of Christmas” Family Night		6:00 PM
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Mon., 1/5	PARAMON OF THEOPHANY GREAT & HOLY THEOPHANY	Royal Hours	9:00 AM
		Festal Matins	4:30 PM
		Festal Liturgy	5:30 PM

The Great Blessing of the Waters will be during Matins.

The Baptism and Chrismation of Converts will be during the Divine Liturgy.

Resume regular fasting times on January 7.

REMINDERS & HELPFUL INFORMATION

- To access Metropolitan SABA's weekly teachings go here:
<https://www.antiochian.org/dashboard?name=MetSaba>
- You can access a vocal warm-up video made by our choir in September 2024 through this link: <https://bit.ly/SAOCCChoirWarmup>
- Our choir made a CD in 2017 for the 30th Anniversary of our parish. Included on the CD are many of the hymns we still sing on Sundays, as well as a few of the songs that were written as the founders were finding their way to Orthodoxy. You can purchase the CD in mp3 download format through Ancient Faith here:
<https://store.ancientfaith.com/sing-to-the-lord-a-new-song-mp3-download/>
- To watch "Welcome Home" video about the reception of the Evangelical Orthodox Church into the Orthodox Faith in 1987:
https://youtu.be/57zXBSCuFKk?si=2iRR0EQj2i_TQpMk
- We still live-stream our Sunday morning services on most Sundays. (audio only)
You can access them on our Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to listen.
<https://www.facebook.com/StAthanasiusOrthodoxChurch/>
- The Sunday sermons are posted here: <https://www.stathanasius.org/media/homilies-audio/>
- You can make donations/tithes or bookstore payments online through our parish website. Please be sure to choose the appropriate EARMARK so that we know how to apply your payment. <https://www.stathanasius.org/donation/>
- The parish website is currently under reconstruction and redesign. We expect to be able to offer a way to set up recurring electronic tithe payments by early 2026.
- There are lots of photos from past feast days and events posted to the parish website, going as far back as 2006, and as recent as our 2025 Golf Tournament:
<https://www.stathanasius.org/media/photo-gallery/page1>

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)
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.
Galeyna T.
Jill W. and Family
Shirley D. and Family
Penny B.
Justin & Amber B.
Cameron B.
Kh. Elizabeth S.
Zosimos S.

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
Joshua Dunford
Sahit Rampilla
Ethan Salcedo
Tyler Vrem
Joshua Weiss (currently lives abroad)
Martin Wilson
Nathan Wright, Owain & Gavin

For repose of the souls of:

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, October 26

9:00 a.m.	Religious Ed. for ages 3 yrs—Grade 6
9:00 a.m.	Matins
10:00 a.m.	Liturgy
11:30 a.m.	Teen Education
11:45 a.m.	Agape Meal
12:30 p.m.	Singing Session with Val
12:45 p.m.	Adult Catechism

Monday, October 27

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

Tuesday, October 28

5:30 p.m.	Daily Vespers
6:00 p.m.	Bible Study

Wednesday, October 29

7:00 a.m.	Daily Reader's Matins
11:55 a.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:30 p.m.	Akathist to St. Herman of Alaska
6:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, October 30

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
6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m.	High School Youth Group

Friday, October 31

7:00 a.m.	Daily Matins (with priest)
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Saturday, November 1

9:00 a.m.	Liturgy for St. Raphael of Brooklyn
5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, November 2

9:00 a.m.	Religious Ed. for ages 3 yrs—Grade 6
9:00 a.m.	Matins
10:00 a.m.	Liturgy
11:30 a.m.	Teen Education
11:45 a.m.	Agape Meal
12:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
12:45 p.m.	Adult Catechism and Nativity Play Rehearsal

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS!

EUCHARIST BREAD

October 26	Kern
November 2	Wolfington
Nov. 9	Frangos
Nov. 16	Meyer
Nov. 20	Kern (Feast of Presentation)
Nov. 23	Morrison

READERS

October 26	Butler
November 1	Alexander (Liturgy for St. Raphael)
November 2	Lange
November 9	Butler
November 15	Meyer
November 16	Gish

GREETERS

October 26	M. Loulias/H. Lange
November 2	N. Aviles/A. Ballew
November 9	G. Hoppe/B. Eberhard
November 16	K.P. King/L. Baker

USHERS

October 26	K.L. King/D. Alexander
November 2	P. King/J. King
November 9	D. Washburn/M. Loulias
November 16	S. Speier/C. Speier

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

October 26	Team Lander
November 2	Team Gish
November 9	Team S.&T. Speier
November 16	Team Halsell

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. Weekly bulletins and Matins/Vespers weekly handouts may be taken home.
Thank you!

HONORING OUR PARISH ELDERS

FR. JON BRAUN

Fr. Jon was raised the son of a Presbyterian minister in Berkeley California. In his college years he joined the Evangelical Covenant Church of America, attended their seminary after graduating from San Jose State University and was ordained a minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church in 1957.

In 1953 He married his wife, Mary Ellen, and they had five sons. (Dan, Deacon Gary, Tim, Deacon Tom, and Peter) He taught and coached in a Covenant high school in Minneapolis for two years and was the associate pastor of a Covenant Church there. From 1960 to 1968 he was involved in Collegiate evangelism, (Campus Crusade for Christ) speaking on college campuses across North America.

Along with a group of Associates in the collegiate ministry, in 1966 they began a search for church, whatever "Church" meant to them at the time. In 1970 they narrowed the search to what they considered the historic church, as they were completely unaware of the existence of the Orthodox Church. They were introduced to the Orthodox Church in 1977 and after a 10 year journey, and with help from many Orthodox Christians, they were chrismated and ordained in 1987, along with about 3,000 people in 17 "Evangelical Orthodox" parishes.

From 1987-1989, Fr. Jon worked for the Antiochian Archdiocese Department of Missions and Evangelism. He has been involved in establishing several Antiochian Orthodox parishes including our parish, St. Stephen in Campbell, California, and St. Anthony in San Diego, California, where he was the parish priest for 15 years. He is retired now, lives in Goleta and is an "attached priest" in our parish.

Fr. Jon celebrated his 93rd birthday on October 24th. Happy birthday, Fr. Jon!

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

