



## ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

November 3, 2024

Tone 2 / Eothinon 8;

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
& Fifth Sunday of Luke

Martyrs Akepsimas, Joseph and Aeithalas of Persia;  
Dedication of St. George Church in Lydda of Palestine;  
Hieromartyr George of Neapolis;  
Theodore the Confessor, Bishop of Ancyra



ST. NEKTARIOS, NOV. 9

## 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.

### **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 power.  
And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth,  
all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee:  
O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

#### **Troparion for Matrys Akepsimas, Joseph and Aethaslas of Persia**

**Tone 3**

You were pillars of the Church, O servants of godliness,  
and you humbled the proud worshippers of fire.  
Much afflicted hierarch Aképsimas, Joseph the presbyter and Aethalas the deacon,  
pray to ↑Christ our God//  
to grant us His great mercy!

#### **Troparion for St. George the Trophy-bearer**

**Tone 4**

O liberator of captives, defender of the poor,  
physician of the sick, and champion of kings,  
trophy-bearer, great martyr George,  
intercede with Christ God//  
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 - 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 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)*

**EPISTLE READING  
2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9**

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who is blessed for evermore, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor under Arétas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes, willing to seize me, and through a window I was let down in a basket by the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast, though it is not expedient; but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body, I do not know, or whether out of the body, I do not know; God knows—who was caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this man—whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which no person is allowed to utter. On behalf of this one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my infirmities. For if I would desire to boast, I shall not be foolish, for I shall speak the truth. But I refrain from it, lest anyone should think of me above that which he sees me to be, or hears from me. And to keep me from being exalted above measure through the abundance of revelations, I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to buffet me, to keep me from being exalted above measure. For this thing I beseeched the Lord three times, that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Most gladly therefore will I rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**Alleluia before the Gospel****Tone 2**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)*

*v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)*

**GOSPEL READING**  
**Luke 16:19-31**

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

**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 corruption 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*)

**Holy Communion & The Thanksgiving Prayers**

In the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have humbly prepared to receive through prayer 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.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we offer **Thanksgiving Prayers** for having received the body and blood of Christ. These beautiful prayers help us to reflect on the mystery in which we have partaken and prepare us for our transition from the Kingdom back into "the world." If you have partaken, stay to listen to these prayers after you have venerated the cross. Immediately after, the priest will bless the Agape Meal. **We ask that all your socializing take place outside of the church.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY AFTER THE AGAPE MEAL WE WILL PRAY AN AKATHIST TO THE SAINTS OF AMERICA**, petitioning for God's divine will for and mercy upon our country, for our civil authorities, and for peace as we approach the coming election.

**SCOTT AND TERRI SPEIER ARE HOSTING A DINNER TONIGHT from 5-7 p.m. for college students and young adults.** If you have questions or need directions, contact Asia Ballew at: asiaballew@proton.me or Zac Wood at zac.wood9@gmail.com.

### **MANY YEARS!**

It is with great joy that we announce that last Friday, October 25th, just before the Vespers for St. Demetrios, Brother Joseph (Ballew) was tonsured to the riasophoria, with the name of Dositheos (of Gaza). He now wears the outer cassock (riasa) and the veil (cuculion). This is yet another step in monastic life. Fr. Dositheos is a member of the monastic community of St. Gregory Palamas in Ohio. He is the son of Richard and Lisa Ballew and grandson of Dn. John and Fay Young.

**THERE WILL BE NO DIVINE LITURGY THIS FRIDAY MORNING.**

**WE WILL COMMEMORATE ST. NEKTARIOS** with a Divine Liturgy this coming Saturday, Nov. 9th at 9:00 a.m.

**THE LAST ADULT CATECHISM CLASS OF THIS SEASON** will be this Saturday, November 9th from 3-5 p.m. The topic is: "The Age to Come: The Second Coming, the Saints."

**JIM MORRISON INVITES THE MEN OF OUR PARISH TO JOIN HIM IN A WORK PARTY** at Hope Refuge on Saturday, November 16th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The group will be demo-ing the existing kitchen. If you are able to help, contact Jim at mjim4216@gmail.com, or let him know after Liturgy that you are able to attend. Please bring your own water and a sack lunch.

### **NATIVITY PLAY — CAN YOU HELP US PURCHASE COSTUMES?**

On Thursday evening, December 5th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas with Great Vespers at 6:00 p.m. Vespers will be followed by a Nativity play by the children and teens of our parish. We would like to invest in costumes and appropriate props for the play that can be used for many years to come. If you would like to make a donation towards this effort, you can contribute online on the parish website (DONATION PAGE) or by putting a check in the tithe box. Please be sure to include a memo that says, "Nativity Play." Thanks so much!

### **Young Adult Ministry**

Looking to get involved with our parish's Young Adult Ministry? Sign up using the QR code to stay updated on upcoming events and share your ideas for activities you'd like to see!

**AUTUMN SCHEDULE  
of  
WEEKDAY LITURGICAL SERVICES**

Monday/Wednesday/Friday (Fridays with a priest serving)	Daily Matins	7:00 a.m.
Tuesday/Thursday	Daily Vespers	5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays	Akathist or Paraklesis	5:30 p.m.
Fridays from 9/27-12/20 (except 11/8 and 11/29)	Divine Liturgy	8:30 a.m.

**WE WILL ALSO CELEBRATE DIVINE LITURGIES  
ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:**

- Sat., Nov 9                    9:00 a.m. for Nektarios the Wonderworker
- Wed., Nov 13                7:30 a.m. for St. John Chrysostom
- Fri., Nov 22                 8:30 a.m. for St. Iakovos of Evia
- Mon., Dec 2                 7:30 a.m. for St. Porphyrios of Athos
- Fri., Dec 20                 7:30 a.m. for St. Ignatius/St. John of Kronstadt

**OTHER DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:**

Wednesday, November 20	<b>Feast of the Presentation</b> of the Theotokos 5:30pm Matins/6:30 Liturgy
Wednesday, November 27	6:00 p.m. <b>Akathist of Thanksgiving</b>
Thursday, November 28	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Thanksgiving Day)
Thursday, December 5	6:00 p.m. <b>Vespers for St. Nicholas</b>

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

### SHOWERS OF BLESSING

**TEAM LEADER:** Dana Alexander [dalexand@westmont.edu](mailto:dalexand@westmont.edu)

**TEAM MEMBERS:**

Fr. Nicholas Speier, Mike Loulias,  
Jerry Jones, Jeff Petersilia and  
Kyle Petersilia,  
Suzanne Saunders (community  
member/friend of the church)



**WHAT WE NEED:**

We could use one or two volunteers to assist on Thursday mornings once a month, between 9:30 and noon. No experience needed; training will be provided. It primarily involves interacting with the clients, so most needed is an accepting spirit and listening ear.

**UPCOMING MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:**

Nov. 10 — St. Lucia Visitation & Meal Train    Nov. 17—Festal Decorating  
Nov. 24—St. Xenia Prayer Ministry



### Godspeed, Ben!

Benjamin Ballew has decided to join his parents, Richard and Lisa, in Idaho and is helping them develop their land there, including renovating several buildings.

Ben grew up in our parish, and served faithfully in the altar for many years. Ben is the grandson of Dn. John and Fay Young.

We will miss you, Ben. May God bless you and grant you many years!



**CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

**Wedding Anniversaries**

11/6 Justin and Amber Brunner  
 11/8 Gabriel and Megan Speier

**Birthdays**

11/3 Emily Speier  
 11/8 Justina King  
 11/9 John Ronan Meyer

**Patron Saint Commemorations**

11/8 **Archangel Michael**  
 Michiel de Bruin Mitch Denny Subdn. Michael Easbey  
 Jimmy Easbey Michael Loulias Scott Speier

11/9 **St. Nektarios** Brett Eberhard, Noah Hedges

**FINANCIAL UPDATE  
 September 2024**

	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Budget Goal</u>
Tithes received in Sept.	\$ 42,017	\$ 57,417 (includes mortgage of \$ 20,555)
Tithes received Jan.-Sept.	\$ 481,185	\$517.750 (includes mortgage of \$184,995)
Sept. Temple donations	\$ 4,550	
Jan.-Sept. Temple donations	\$ 54,682 (Plus Golf Tournament proceeds)	

**Balance in Temple Fund Sept. 30, 2024 \$781,713.15 (plus Golf Tournament proceeds)**

Total expenses Jan.– Sept.	\$ 600,123	(includes \$11,921 off-budget expenses for tree removal/trimming & patio umbrellas)
Total income Jan.– Sept.	\$ 561,834	

**DEFICIT for first 9 months: \$ 38,289** (This includes an unexpected extra \$10,000 in salaries due to a change in the pay cycle, mandated by State of CA. Not an actual added expense, just a reporting issue for this fiscal year.)

**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](mailto: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. Mathias in Tanzania (OCMC)  
Fr. Jon B.  
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.  
Fr. Nicholas & Jan  
Fr. Turbo & St. Mary parish  
Fr. Paul and St. Moses parish  
Greg & Margaret Y.  
Hoppe Family in Albania (OCMC)  
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya  
Duane F.  
Richard and Susan B.  
Bob N.  
Kh. Melissa H.  
Jeremiah & Sarah H. (military)  
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)  
Chase K. (military)  
Nick & Kristine J. (military)  
Connor V. (military)  
Julianna & Zaron D. (military)  
P. Speier (military)

Subdn. Matthew & Christina  
Steve T.  
Temmo K.  
Dn. John & Fay Y.  
Samantha & Chris N. & Family  
Wade  
Kh. Peggy K.  
Amanda, Chris & Baby James  
Kh. Janet Henderson  
Audrey D.  
Eric J.  
Jason T.  
Michael J.  
Bruce  
Monica  
Jake  
Christina S.  
Phyllis M.  
Marta C.  
Sonia T.  
Jon R.

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:**

Karti Adimulam  
Kevin Duke  
Greg & Miki Hammel  
Isaak Lau  
Matthew, Ashley and Ryan McCauley  
Brennan Pawley  
Logan Strait  
Ethan Salcedo  
Logan Strait

**For repose of the souls of:** Maria, Elizabeth Eleana, Joseph C.

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\* **ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE** \*  
\* The church bookstore is located in the foyer of our building. The tables and two enclosed \*  
\* cabinets contain items that are FOR SALE. One cabinet holds icons, crosses, incense, \*  
\* prayer ropes, etc. The bookshelf has books for sale, arranged alphabetically by book ti- \*  
\* tle. Children’s books are on the bottom shelf. See Terri Speier if you are looking for jew- \*  
\* elry such as a cross or chain. **You can contact Terri at: [bookstore@stathanasius.org](mailto:bookstore@stathanasius.org).** \*  
\* Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in the brown lockbox on wall next \*  
\* to Fr. Symeon’s 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 Temple Fund.** \*  
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## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, November 3—TURN CLOCKS BACK

- 9:00 a.m. Matins  
9:00 a.m. Catechesis for children 3 yrs-6th grade  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Education  
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal  
12:30 p.m. **Akathist to Saints of America** petitioning for God's mercy and Divine will for our country and our civil authorities  
5:00-7:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering at S&T Speier's

### Monday, November 4

- 7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins  
4:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom

### Tuesday, November 5

- 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

### Wednesday, November 6

- 7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins  
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry at the church  
5:30 p.m. Paraklesis

### Thursday, November 7

- 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, November 8—SYNAXIS OF ARCHANGELS

- 7:00 a.m. Daily Matins  
**NO LITURGY**

### Saturday, November 9—ST. NEKTARIOS

- 9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy for Nektarios**  
3:00 p.m. Adult Catechism—Last class of the season  
5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

### Sunday, November 10

- 9:00 a.m. Matins  
9:00 a.m. Catechesis for children 3 yrs-6th grade  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Education  
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal  
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

### EUCHARIST BREAD

- November 3 Dn. G. Braun  
November 10 Jacobs  
November 17 Kern  
November 24 Hoppe

### READERS

- November 3 Gish  
November 10 Lange  
November 17 Meyer  
November 20 Gish (Festal Liturgy)  
November 23 Kern (Vespers)  
November 24 Butler

### GREETERS

- November 3 K.P. King  
November 10 G. Hoppe  
November 17 L. Baker  
November 24 M. Loulias

### USHERS

- November 3 P. King/J. King  
November 10 K.L. King/D. Meyer  
November 17 S. Speier/C. Speier  
November 24 M. Loulias/D. Washburn

### AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

- November 3 Team Halsell  
November 10 Team Worthington  
November 17 Team Aviles/Wood  
November 24 Wiley Family in honor of Subdn. Matthew & Christina

# **NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH!**

During the month of November, we will be reminded, once again, of our commitment to the Church with regards to the giving of our time, talent and treasures.

Each active member of the parish will be asked to fill out a Stewardship Commitment Form so that the Parish Council knows our intentions with regards to support of the General Operating expenses of the parish and the Temple Fund.

We will also hear from some of our ministry teams about opportunities to use our talents to serve the parish and the wider community.

*“Give us this day.” Why do we beseech God for bread only today?  
Because we know that we are not the masters of our lives,  
but our Creator is. Also, that it might startle us from the accumulation of wealth  
for the uncertain tomorrow, while letting our brothers go hungry today.*

*Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked.*

*No one gathering more than what is needed,  
out of the fear of what tomorrow will bring,  
is able to fulfill these commandments of God.”*

*- St. Nikolai Velimirovich*