



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, November 20, 2022 Tone 6 / Eothinon 1

Transfer of the Entrance of the Theotokos



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, November 20—Transference of the FEAST OF PRESENTATION of THEOTOKOS

9:00 a.m. RELIGIOUS ED. for ages 3-12 yrs.
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. TEEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
11:45 p.m. Agape Meal

Monday, November 21—FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
5:15 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry—Akathist
by Zoom
7:00 p.m. Men's Fireside

Tuesday, November 22

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, November 23

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:30 p.m. AKATHIST OF THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 24—ST. CATHERINE THANKSGIVING—NO DAILY VESPERS

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom

Friday, November 25

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing

Saturday, November 26

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, November 27

NO RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 p.m. THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
12:30 p.m. Adult Catechism

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

November 20 Kern
November 27 Fr. Nicholas
December 4 Morrison
December 11 Dn. G. Braun

ARTOS for Vespers

November 19 Mary Denny
December 5 TBA St. Nicholas Vespers

READERS

November 19 Meyer
November 20 Butler
November 27 Gish
December 4 Alexander
December 5 Kern (Vespers for St. Nicholas)
December 11 Lange

GREETERS

November 20 P. Cocores/M. Loulias
November 27 D. Lewis/D. Washburn
December 4 H. Lange/L. Baker
December 11 K. Fox/K.P. King

USHERS

November 20 M. Meyer/M. Loulias
November 27 C. Berari/D. Alexander
December 4 P. King/J. King
December 11 C. Speier/S. Speier

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

November 20 Team T&S Speier
November 27 All-parish POTLUCK
December 4 Team Shannon
December 11 Team Palmer

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

Nov. 24 Thanksgiving—NO SHOWERS
Nov. 25 M. Loulias
Dec. 1 D. Alexander/J. Jones
Dec. 8 F. Young/K. Flores
Dec. 15 L. Ballew/E. Lawrence

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive. Non-Orthodox believers and others **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.

**At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology
followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion**

GREAT LITANY

First Antiphon—Verses for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. 1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of you, o city of God. [Refrain]

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

Vs. 2 God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. [Refrain]

Vs. 3 Glory...now & ever...Amen. [Refrain]

Second Antiphon for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. 1 The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary. [Refrain]

Refrain: O Son Of God Who art wondrous in Thy saints, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Vs. 2 This is the gate of the Lord, by which the righteous shall enter. [Refrain]

Vs. 3 Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteous. [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 Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. 1 Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.

Refrain:

**Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice
and sing to her://
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”**

Vs. 2 The King’s daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. [Refrain]

Vs. 3 Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee. [Refrain]

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

Resurrectional Troparion

Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body,
angelic pow’rs shone above Thy revered tomb,
and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men.
Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted there-by,
Thou did meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world.
O Thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple

Tone 4

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her://
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

Kontakion for the Presentation of the Theotokos**Tone 4**

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the Angels of God praise her:
“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

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 3**

Chanter: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

People: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Vs. For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for, behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

EPISTLE READING**Hebrews 9:1-7**

Brethren, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the Ark of the Covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant. Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel Tone 8

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline Thine ear. (Ps. 44:9)

Verse: The rich among the people shall entreat they countenance. (Ps. 44:11)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Jesus and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But Jesus answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

As Jesus said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts that You sucked!" But Jesus said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

**Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God
(For the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos)**

The Angels beheld the Entrance of the Pure One and were amazed.

How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since she is a living Ark of God

let no profane hand touch the Theotokos.

But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her,

praising her in joy with the Angel's song:

"Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

Hymn sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord! Alleluia! (Psalm 116:13)

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 the blessing of the food at Coffee Hour to eat and socialize.**

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & ADVENT SERVICES

**The Nativity Fast is from November 15th-December 25th.
(with dispensation for Thanksgiving Day)**

**Wednesdays of Advent at 5:30 p.m.—Advent Paraklesis
(*except for Wednesday, November 23rd—Akathist of Thanksgiving)**

AKATHIST OF THANKSGIVING — WED. NOV. 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Feast of St. Barbara

Saturday, December 3

4:00 p.m. Vigil at St. Barbara Monastery

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers at St. Barbara Greek parish
(1205 San Antonio Creek Rd.)

NO GREAT VESPERS AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 4

10:00 a.m. Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at Monastery/Lunch

4:00 p.m. Presentation/Vespers/Potluck at Monastery

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES AT OUR PARISH

Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra

Monday, December 5

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers & Artoklasia
Short Program & Reception

Feast of the Nativity of Christ

Friday, December 23

9:00 a.m. Royal Hours

Saturday, December 24

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Paramon

10:00 p.m. Festal Matins & Divine Liturgy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MONTHLY MEN'S FIRESIDE GATHERING will take place tomorrow (Nov. 21) at the home of Dr. Scott and Terri Speier.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 27th, we will have an **all-parish Thanksgiving Potluck**. There will be no team hosting the Agape Meal. Please bring a dish to share with all present. **ALSO NEXT SUNDAY**, there will be no Sunday Religious Education classes.

PLEASE NOTE: On Saturday, December 3rd there will be NO GREAT VESPERS at our parish. That evening at 5:00 p.m. we will join St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in celebrating Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Barbara. (1205 San Antonio Creek Rd.)

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WILL HOST AN ADVENT/HOLIDAY GATHERING on Saturday, December 10th from 9:00-11:30 a.m. All women of the parish are invited. Watch your email for more information.

Presentation of our Stewardship Commitments

TODAY all of the Stewardship Commitment forms received in the past month will be put on the altar table during the Liturgy as an "offering," and we will pray that our commitments for the coming year will be blessed. Forms are available next to the tithe box and in the hallway. You can still turn in your form today by giving it to Mike Loulias **before the end of the sermon**. Mike will deliver the completed forms to the clergy in the altar at the end of the sermon.

Prayer over Pledged Offerings

O Creator and Author of the human race; Giver of all spiritual Graces, Bestower of eternal Salvation: do Thou, the same Lord, send down Thy Holy Spirit with a blessing from on high upon *these Pledged Offerings of our Time, Talents, and Treasures*, which we offer to Thee with thanksgiving in response to the awesome gifts that we have received, for all that Thou wilt give and provide for us, and for all we are called to become. May our offerings be as the first fruits of Abel, the tithe of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and our forefathers of old, and the free-will offerings of all our forebears in the faith who desired Thy blessing and to be pleasing in Thy sight. May these be a sacrifice unto communion with Thee and a token of the living sacrifice of our lives as was offered up by Abraham and his seed forever. By these pledged offerings of gratitude, we ask that our parish be blessed to fulfill Thy commands to love Thee with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Bless these offerings so that we may become in the depths of our being what Thou art in the unfathomable depths of Thy abundant love and graciousness from which Thou dost constantly provide us gifts; that, fortified by the might of Thy heavenly protection, these may be potent unto salvation and help and aid unto all who shall make use of them. Through grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who together with Thee, the Eternal Father, and Thy All Holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, we send up glory, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

The Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple

According to Holy Tradition, the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple took place in the following manner: The parents of the Virgin Mary, Sts Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God.

When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted her to the Temple (Ps. 44/45:14-15). There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. (Because they recited a Psalm on each step, Psalms 119/120-133/134 are called "Psalms of Ascent.") The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, she quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood. Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence.

After entrusting their child to the Heavenly Father, Joachim and Anna returned home. The All-Holy Virgin remained in the quarters for virgins near the Temple. According to the testimony of Holy Scripture (Exodus 38; 1 Kings 1: 28; Luke 2: 37), and also the historian Josephus Flavius, there were many living quarters around the Temple, in which those who were dedicated to the service of God dwelt.

The earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos from her infancy until she was taken up to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. "If anyone were to ask me," said St Jerome, "how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer that that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian."

But there are accounts in Church Tradition, that during the All-Pure Virgin's stay at the Temple, she grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly, and grew in love for God. From ancient times, the Church has celebrated the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. Indications that the Feast was observed in the first centuries of Christianity are found in the traditions of Palestinian Christians, which say that the holy Empress Helen (May 21) built a church in honor of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple.

**Welcome to our newest catechumens,
Emma Bobro and Naomi Siragusa!**

Please pray for all of our catechumens, that their minds and hearts will be illuminated as they continue their journey towards baptism and/or chrismation.

Chandler Baker
Emma Bobro
Tatianna Calhoun
Brett and Laura Eberhard, Taylor & Madison
Kaleigh Flores
Sean Ryan
Gage Salinas
Naomi Siragusa
Mary Wolfington, Alicia & Gabriel

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

11/22 Jami Stetler
11/24 Maryana Moskalyk
11/25 Dee Kern
11/25 Elizabeth Butler
11/25 Elleney Gish
11/26 Judy Braun

Patronal Feast Days

11/23 **St. Alexander Nevsky** Alexander Nikolov, Brett Williams
11/24-25 **St. Catherine the Martyr**
Catherine Braun, Diane Carrillo, Melissa Hedges,
Gloria Morrison, Delaney Newhouse, Ekaterina Nikolov,
Jami Stetler, Kate Vander Laan
11/24 **St. Clement of Rome** Farley Clementine Easbey

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
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Markos
Fr. Jon B.
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.
Audrey 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)
Connor V. (military)
Julianna B. (military)
P. Speier (military)

Subdn. Matthew W. (seminary)
Steve T.
Phyllis M.
Abp. Benjamin
Kris F.
Temmo K.
Sarah B.
Jerry J.
Chuck S.
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Zachary B.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Lander and Washburn Families
Bob
Cheryl F.
Michael V.
Jane M.
Hannah S.
J. Palmer
Leslie O.
Julie & Mario

Chase
Paige
Jaymie
Kyser
Carla B.
Chrissy M.
Dn. Scott J.
David W.
Nina
Kevin
Stephan & Rosa K.

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: Fr. Maximos

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 Temple Fund.



ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022
5:30 p.m.

- Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Nicholas
followed by a short program & refreshments -

Children may put their shoes in the chapel during Vespers
so that St. Nicholas can leave them a treat!

Christie Robinson will be reaching out for help with set-up,
clean-up and refreshments.