



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

April 28, 2024

ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM



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

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

will take place before the end of Matins.

If you enter after this, you are welcome to come up and take a blessed palm.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

FIRST ANTIPHON verses with refrain: (Psalm 114/115)

Vs. I am well content: for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

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

Vs. Tribulations and sorrow have I found; and I called on the name of the Lord. [Refrain]

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

SECOND ANTIPHON verses & refrain (Psalm 115/116)

Vs. I believed, therefore have I spoken: But I have been humbled exceedingly.

**Refrain: O Son of God, Who sat on a colt, save us who sing to Thee,
Alleluia.**

Vs. What shall I render to the Lord for all He has rendered to me? [Refrain]

Vs. My vows will I pay unto the Lord, in the presence of His people. [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 with Troparion Refrain – Psalm 117/118

Verse: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.
Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

Refrain:

**By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion,
Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God.
Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of death:
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Verse: Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. ***Refrain:*** By raising Lazarus...

Verse: Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good:
for His mercy endureth forever. ***Refrain:*** By raising Lazarus...

HYMNS SUNG AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion of Lazarus

Tone 1

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion,
Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God.
Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of death:
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Troparion for Palm Sunday

Tone 4

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism,
we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to Immortal Life.
Wherefore we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Kontakion of Palm Sunday

Tone 6

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven;
carried on a colt on earth, O Christ God,
accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing:
Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam.

TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (3 times)
+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.

Prokeimenon before the Epistle

Tone 4

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

Vs. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

THE EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:4-9

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia before the Gospel

Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

Verse: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His disciples [he who was to betray Jesus] said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

Hymn to the Mother of God (Meglynarion)

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Celebrate the Feast and come with gladness! Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, singing: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Communion Hymn

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself to us.

Instead of "We have seen the true light . . ." we sing the Troparion for Lazarus

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

AT THE END OF THE LITURGY there will be a procession OUTSIDE with the palms.

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.**

2024 Divine Services for Holy & Great Week and Pascha at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church in Santa Barbara, CA

*(Also available on the parish Google Calendar and at:
<https://www.stathanasius.org/resources/downloads-resources/>)*

Lazarus Saturday

The festal transition from the end of Lent to beginning of Holy Week.

Friday, April 26 6 PM Little Compline with Canon of Raising of Lazarus

Saturday, April 27 9 AM The Divine Liturgy

Parish Work Party following to prepare for Holy Week and Pascha

Palm Sunday

The Great Feast of the Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Saturday, April 27 5:30 PM Great Vespers for Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 28 9 AM Orthros with the Blessing of Palms

10 AM Divine Liturgy with Procession with Palms

Allowance for Fish, Wine & Oil for the feast.

HOLY WEEK

Service commemorations begin Sunday evening in anticipation

Sunday, April 28 6 PM Bridegroom Orthros for Great Monday

Strict fasting resumes

Great & Holy Monday

The Commemoration of the Patriarch Joseph as a Prototype of the Lord's Passion

April 29 9 AM Presanctified Liturgy

6 PM Bridegroom Orthros for Great Tuesday

Great & Holy Tuesday

The Commemoration of the Parable of the Ten Virgins

April 30 9 AM Presanctified Liturgy

6 PM Bridegroom Orthros for Great Wednesday

Great & Holy Wednesday

The Commemoration of the Sinful Woman Who Repented Contrasted with Judas

May 1 9 AM Presanctified Liturgy

6 PM The Sacrament of Holy Unction

Great & Holy Thursday

The Inauguration of the Mystical Supper of the Lord

May 2	8 AM	Orthros for Holy Thursday
	9 AM	Vesperal Liturgy of the Mystical Supper, <i>followed by</i> The Rite of the Washing of the Twelve's Feet
	6 PM	Orthros for Holy Friday, <i>with the Passion Gospels,</i> <i>the Procession to Golgotha, and Nailing to the Cross</i>

Great & Holy Friday

The Passion, Crucifixion, and Burial of Our Lord

May 3	9 AM	The Great Hours & Typika for Holy Friday
	3 PM	Vespers <i>with the Removal of Christ from the Cross</i>
	6 PM	Orthros for Holy Saturday <i>with Burial Lamentations and Procession of the Bier</i>

Great & Holy Saturday

The Harrowing and Despoliation of Hades by Our Lord

May 4	9 AM	Vesperal Liturgy of the Harrowing of Hades <i>with the Baptism and Chrismation of Converts</i>
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Great & Holy Sunday: PASCHA

The Bodily Resurrection of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ from the Dead.

May 5	5 AM	Rush Service, Orthros, and Divine Liturgy <i>The fast is broken. All foods are allowed.</i>
	9 AM	Agape Vespers <i>with Gospel Reading in Many Languages</i>

Join us for the After-feast!

*A Festal Agape Meal and an Egg Hunt will take place
on the church patio immediately after the Liturgy.*

*We will continue our celebration with BBQ and Games
at 3 PM over at Tucker's Grove Park.*

Let us share abundantly in the joy of the Lord's Resurrection.

***CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED, HE IS RISEN!***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SIGN-UP LIST FOR HOLY FRIDAY VIGIL is out in the hallway. We keep vigil all night at the tomb of Christ, reading the Psalms until the clergy arrive to prepare for the Vespers-Liturgy of Holy Saturday morning.

BOOK DRIVE FOR OLIVE CREST/HOPE REFUGE

Our Women's Fellowship is coordinating a Book Drive for the residents of Olive Crest. Please see the yellow flyer in the hallway for book suggestions. Donated books may be dropped off in our bookstore.

LETTER TO BE EXCUSED FROM SCHOOL ON HOLY THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Fr. Symeon encourages parents to request that their children be excused from school this Thursday, May 2nd and Friday, May 3rd for our Holy Week services. If you need a letter to give to the school, there are copies in the hallway of the church, or you can access a pdf here:

<https://www.stathanasius.org/resources/downloads-resources/>

METROPOLITAN SABA'S VISION FOR OUR ARCHDIOCESE

In this interview in two parts Sayidna Saba addresses important topics for the future of our Archdiocese, including the successes he has seen already and his vision for building on them, a discussion on further activating the "royal priesthood" of all believers, the establishment of monasteries within our Archdiocese, and the addition of more auxiliary bishops.

<https://www.antiochian.org/videonews/2005>

<https://www.antiochian.org/videonews/2014>

Please continue to pray for the following catechumens who will be received into the Orthodox Faith on Holy Saturday morning, May 4th:

CATECHUMEN

Rebecca Beech
Cameron Bobro
Natasha Carr
Paul Carr
Connor Clements
Kevin Duke
Adam English

SPONSOR

Dorothy Alexander
Stan Friesen
Dorothy Alexander
Dana Alexander
Timmy Palmer
Peter Van Dolah
Douglas Meyer



PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

- We have approved the purchase of sixteen new umbrellas for our patio to provide adequate shade during coffee hour and outdoor events.
- The County Planning Commission unanimously approved our parcel to be rezoned. We are expectantly praying as the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to take the final vote on May 3rd, our Holy Friday.
- The Long Range Planning committee welcomes three new members: Jami Stetler, Laurie Baker, and Christie Robinson. The committee is chaired by Dan Braun and is responsible for discerning potential projects and development partners, then recommending long-term plans to the Parish Council and the parish members regarding our undeveloped land. All future plans will be first approved by our parish and then by the archdiocese.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE
March 2024**

	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Budget Goal</u>
Tithes received in March	\$ 56,839	\$ 57,417 (includes \$20,555 for mortgage)
February Temple donations	\$ 5,427	

Temple Fund Balance year-to-date: **\$ 719,370**
(We have had some expenses in the past month from the Temple Fund related to the land development and rezoning.)

Total expenses March 2024	\$67,355
Total income March 2024	<u>-65,113</u>
Deficit for March	\$ 2,242

DEFICIT for the first 3 months: \$ 8,193

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

- 4/29 Kristi King, Willow Hope Palmer
- 4/30 John Butler
- 5/1 Mary Wolfington
- 5/2 Kristin King

Patron Saint Feast Days

- 5/3 St. Nikolai of Ohrid Niko Halsell
- 5/4 St. Monica (Mother of St. Augustine) Amber Brunner, Monica Carralejo, Monica Finley

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. 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 W. (seminary)
Steve T.
Temmo K.
Sarah B..
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Kevin D. & Family
Erik L.
Matthew
Wade
Amanda Catherine
Darcy
Penny B.
Nancy & Patrick G.
Audry D.
Kh. Peggy K.
Laura & Jeff & Family
Amanda, Chris & Baby James
Benny & Michelle M.
Evonne C.

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
Isaak Lau
Matthew, Ashley and Ryan McCauley
Brennan Pawley
Ethan Salcedo
Logan Strait

For repose of the souls of: Fr. Anthony K.

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 title. Children’s books are on the bottom shelf. See Terri Speier if you are looking for jewelry such as a cross or chain. **You can contact Terri at: 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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 28—PALM SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Catechesis for children 3yrs-6th grade
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Education
11:45 a.m. **PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK**
5:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 29

9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
5:45 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
(Akathist for St. Nikiforos)
6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 30

9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, May 1

9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
6:00 p.m. Holy Unction

Thursday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Matins of Holy Thursday
9:00 a.m. Institution Liturgy/Foot Washing
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
6:00 p.m. Matins with 12 Passion Gospels

Friday, May 3

9:00 a.m. Royal Hours
2:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
3:00 p.m. Burial Vespers
4:00 p.m. Egg dying on patio
6:00 p.m. Matins with Lamentations

Saturday, May 4

9:00 a.m. Vesperal Liturgy with Baptisms and
Christmations followed by Reception

Sunday, May 5—PASCHA

5:00 a.m. Rush Service/Paschal Matins/Liturgy
8:00 a.m. Pascha Break-fast & Egg hunt for kids
9:00 a.m. Agape Vespers
3:00 p.m. Pascha BBQ at Tucker's Grove

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

May 2 Fr. J. Finley (Holy Thursday)
May 4 Dillon (Holy Saturday)
May 5 Morrison (Pascha)
May 12 Fr. Nicholas
May 19 Dn. G. Braun

READERS

April 28 Butler
April 29 Kern (Presanctified Liturgy)
April 30 Gish (Presanctified Liturgy)
May 1 TBA (Presanctified Liturgy)
May 1 Butler (Unction)
May 2 Kern (Liturgy)
May 3 Alexander (Vespers)
May 3 Butler (Lamentation Matins)
May 4 Gish/Butler/Kern/Lange (Holy Sat.)
May 5 Lange (Pascha)
May 12 Gish
May 19 Kern

GREETERS

April 28 H. Lange
May 5 PASCHA
May 12 G. Hoppe
May 19 L. Baker

USHERS

April 28 K.L. King/D. Meyer
May 5 J. King/P. King
May 12 D. Alexander/K.L. King
May 19 C. Speier/S. Speier

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

April 28 **PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK**
May 5 **PASCHA**
May 12 **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP for**
Mother's Day
May 19 Team Lander

PASCHA CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 5, 2024



5:00 a.m. Paschal Procession & Rush (Matins) Service

6:15 a.m. Paschal Liturgy and Blessing of Meat, Cheese and our Baskets

8:00 a.m. Break-fast on the patio — Bring your own Pascha basket.

The church will provide:

Pascha eggs

Meats (breakfast sausage, bacon and ham)

Pascha cheese

Bread

Strawberries

Coffee, tea, hot cocoa, juice, chocolate milk, water

**SIGN UP TO HELP
OR TO BRING
BREAKFAST
MEATS:
[https://bit.ly/
PaschaBreakfast2024](https://bit.ly/PaschaBreakfast2024)**

8:30 a.m. Egg Hunt for the kids in the field behind the church

9:00 a.m. Agape Vespers

**PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT SIDE
DISH YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING:
<https://bit.ly/2024PICNIC>**

3:00 p.m. Picnic at Tucker's Grove

\$10 adults/\$5 kids 12 and under

(Includes BBQ'd tri-tip, chili, and side dishes.)

Also helps cover cost of the park rental and BBQ supplies.)

Attendees will need to provide their own beverages, utensils, cups, plates, napkins, tablecloth & a side dish or salad to share.

PARENTS: For the egg hunt

- Please bring **one dozen FILLED PLASTIC EGGS** for each child (preschool through Grade 6) who will be participating.
- Bags will be provided for the kids to use when collecting eggs.
- Filled eggs need to be brought to the church **no later than 6:00 a.m. on Pascha morning.** There will be a cart in the hallway near the church office where you can drop off eggs throughout Holy Week.
- **Please mark the filled eggs according to the age of your child:
Pre-school/Kindergarten, Grades 1-3, or Grades 4-6.**

Questions? Contact Christie Robinson: christie.d.robinson@gmail.com

If you do not have children participating but would like to donate eggs for the hunt for children who might be visiting that day, or for a particular family in the parish, your donations are welcome! Please let Christie know.