

ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

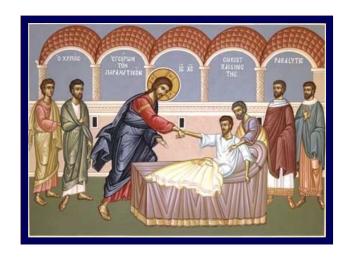
Sunday, April 29, 2018 Tone 3 / Eothinon 5; Fourth Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Paralytic

Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy;
Martyr Kerkyra of Corfu;z

John the New Almsgiver, Metropolitan of Thebes;
Martyr John of Romania;

Basil of Ostrog, Metropolitan of Zakhum in Serbia



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 at Coffee Hour~ we'd love to meet you!

Calendar for this Week

Sunday, May 6—Sun. of Samaritan Woman 9:00 a.m. Religious Education 6-18 yr. olds 9:00 a.m. Matins

Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour

10:00 a.m.

11:45 a.m.

Sunday, April 29-Sunday of the Paralytic 9:00 a.m. Peligious Education 6-18 yr. olds Matins 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour 12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. St. Barbara Monastery Friends Gathering—Mother Melania, guest speaker, followed by Vespers and potluck	Eucharist Broad April 29 May 6 May 13 May 20	day Morning Ministries Schedule ead Kern Hedges Jacobs Tinyayeva
Monday, April 30 6:45 a.m. Daily Paschal Matins 5:00 p.m. Outreach Meal at St. Michael University Church in Isla Vista	Coffee Hour April 29 May 6 May 13	Angelina Speier in memory of Kevin Speier Dn. Scott & Karen Jacobs in honor of St. Irene Michael & Margaret Easbey
Tuesday, May 1 2:30 p.m. Level I Catechesis 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers Wednesday, May 2 6:45 a.m. Daily Paschal Matins	May 20 Greeters April 29 May 6 May 13 May 20	David Lewis D. Lewis/Deacon H. Lange/M. Andonian P. Morrison/D. Genatone P. King/K.P. King
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group 6:00 p.m. Liturgy for Mid-feast of Pentecost Thursday, May 3 11:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing	Ushers April 29 May 6 May 13 May 20	D. Lewis, C. Berari, G. Shannon S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis C. Speier, J. King, D. Washburn
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers 6-8 p.m. Youth Group Activity—all teens Friday, May 4 6:45 a.m. Daily Paschal Matins Saturday May 5 6:00 p.m. Vespers/Confession	Readers April 29 May 2 May 6 May 13 May 16 May 19 May 20	R. Barre Rdr. V. Gish (Liturgy for Mid-Feast) T. Harris D. Meyer Rdr. M. Kern (Ascension Vesp-Lit.) D. Washburn (Great Vespers) Rdr. M. Kern

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

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with "Blessed is the Kingdom" and the choir responds "Amen." Bearing the Paschal Candle, the Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Troparion and censes the west side of the Altar Table.

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of age.

People: Amen.

Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (2 times)

GREAT LITANY

FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give

glory to His praise!

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

- Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thine enemies cringe before Thee. [Refrain]
- Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee. Let it praise Thy Name, O Most High! [Refrain]
- Glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. [Refrain]

SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy

countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

Refrain: O Son of God, Who rose from the dead,

save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

• That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nation! [Refrain]

- Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! [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...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Verse: Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee

from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death,

and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

• As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. [Refrain]

- So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. [Refrain]
- This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. [Refrain]
- Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

LITTLE ENTRANCE

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the Springs of Israel. O Son of God Who Rose From the dead, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Troparion of the Resurrection (Music on p. 44 of Liturgy book)

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.

Tone 3 Byzantine melody harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

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 for the Paralytic

Tone 3

By Your divine intercession, O Lord, as You raised up the Paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to You: "Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!"

Kontakion for Pascha

Thou didst descend into the tomb O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the pow'r of death. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming rejoice to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

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.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Page 58 of Liturgy Book)

Tone 3 Byzantine melody harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises. (Ps 46/47:6)

Verse: Clap your hands all you peoples!

Shout to God with a voice of joy! (Ps 46/47:1)

THE EPISTLE READING Acts 9:32-42

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

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. (Ps 30/31:2)

GOSPEL READNG—John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk." They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Hymn to the Mother of God (Meglynarion)

The angel cried to the lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure virgin! Again I say rejoice, O pure Virgin. Your son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice all ye people. O Shine! Shine, O New Jerusalem! The glory, the glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult, exult and be glad. Be glad, O Zion, be radiant, O Mother of God, in the resurrection of your Son, of your Son!

Communion of the Clergy and Communion of the Faithful

Receive the body of Christ. Taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

Instead of "We have seen the true light, we sing: "Christ is risen" ONE time.

At the end of the dismissal prayer the service then continues with the typical Paschal dialogue, as follows:

Priest: Christ is risen.
Faithful: Indeed He is risen.
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Priest: Glory to His third-day Resurrection.
Faithful: Let us worship His third-day Resurrection.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the

tombs

Faithful: bestowing life.

English: He is risen indeed! Christ is risen! Greek: Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! Arabic: El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm! Slavonic: Christos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese! Romanian: Hristos a inviat! Adeverat a inviat! En verdad ha resucitado! Spanish: Christo ha resucitado! Georgian: Kriste aghsdga! Cheshmaritad aghsdga! Amharic: Kristos tenestwal! Bergit tenestwal!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

You can access a complete calendar of services and other parish activities on our website: www.stathanasius.org. On the homepage, click on **VIEW CALENDAR** at the bottom left.

CHANGE IN DAILY TRISAGION PRAYERS

- From Pascha until Pentecost, do not say, "O Heavenly King..."
 From Pascha until Ascension, replace "Holy God, Holy Mighty..." with "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in tombs bestowing life."

THE "MEALS FOR NEW MOMS" MINISTRY is now being headed by Margaret Easbey. If you know of a new mom in the parish who could use some help with meals during the first few weeks after giving birth, please let Margaret know: cell 805-266-9110 or mveasbey@gmail.com.

ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 at 6:00 p.m. we will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord with Vesperal Divine Liturgy.

PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

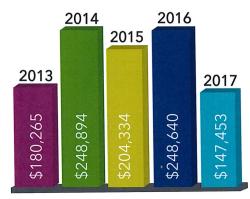
- The Parish Council approved a landscaping clean-up and plant replacement project, based on recommendations made by our landscape designer. She is working with our Festal Decorating team to plant some things that we will be able to use in decorating for feast days.
- It was suggested that we create a page on the parish website describing our landscaping in detail, since all of the trees and shrubs are not only drought tolerant but many were chosen because of their connection to the Holy Land or because of some spiritual significance.
- The Council will research the cost of glass protection over the large icons on the iconostasis, as a means of protecting our newly restored icons from future damage.
- The Council will research and take into consideration the hiring of a person to lead the College & Young Adult Ministry.
- The design/plan for the enlarged patio with a shade structure has gone back to the County with the modifications they required us to make. We are awaiting approval to begin construction.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK		
Birthdays: 4/29 4/30 5/1 5/2	Kristi King John Butler Chantél Cappuccilli Kristin King	
Patronal Feas 4/30 5/4 5/5	Ç	Ethan Keller Monica Finley Karen Jacobs, Hailey Parodi

ANNUAL 2017 SAOC BUILDING FUND

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- \$76,836 principle paid
- Preserved \$100K in reserve
- Successful golf tournament
- Raised \$150,000 for kitchen from last 2 golf fundraisers
- Committee formed to explore options for our property



BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

2018 GOALS

For 2018, our goals are to complete the patio improvements and submit plans for our kitchen build-out.

Many thanks to all who gave to the building fund last year. Please remember the building fund for 2018!



for more information visit www.stathanasius.org

TEEN SOENE

Junior High teens meet from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and High School teens meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays in the Teen Room at the church, unless noted otherwise.

5/3/18	All teens 6-8 p.m. (GAME NIGHT)
5/10/18	Regular Youth Group times (Fire on Father)
5/17/18	Regular Youth Group times
5/24/18	All teens from 6-8 p.m. (SPECIAL ACTIVITY)
5/31/18	Regular Youth Group times

ANNOUNCING SUMMER SCHOOL 2018 June 18-July 5

for children in grades K—6th grade (Those who have COMPLETED one of those grades.)

Teaching staff: Fr. Nicholas, Mary Gish, Elleney King

Teens who would like to be Teacher's Aids this year must fill out an application form.

More details to follow soon. Forms will be available on the parish website.

The Fourth Sunday after Pascha is dedicated to Christ's healing of the Paralytic (John 5). The man is healed by Christ while waiting to be put down into the pool of water. Through baptism in the church we too are healed and saved by Christ for eternal life. Thus, in the church, we are told, together with the paralytic, to "sin no more that nothing worse befall you" (John 5:14). Our Lord's question to the man, "Do you want to be healed?" is directed to us as well, reminding us that the gift of life and illumination through the Resurrection brings with it responsibilities. It must be nurtured and shared with others.

In the middle of the Fourth Week, there is a day which is called by the Church, the Feast of Mid-Pentecost. On this day we recall that Christ, "in the middle of the feast" teaches men of His saving mission and offers to all "the waters of immortality" (John 7:14). Again we are reminded of the Master's presence and His saving promise: "If anyone is thirsty let him come to Me and drink" (John 7:37).

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. Romanos (O.C.M.C. priest, Congo) Fr. Jon Braun Dn. Richard E. Kh. Diane C. Tony E.

Fr. Patrick and Vanessa K. Greg & Margaret Y. Hoppe Family Gail S. Dean & Penny B.

Angelina, Jase & Alina S. Rich and Susan B.

Duane F.

Galina, Nikolai & Nataliya

Antonio Joan T. Steve Friesen family Gaylen C. Ethan & Cole K. Zac B. Tony C. Dotte G. Paul F. and Family Fay Y. Justin B.

Terri Lynn & Hannah Rose Fr. Anthony Y. and Family

Lauren Cheryl G. Jerry J. Elka

John D. Fr. Wayne W. & Family Fr. Dimitrie V.

Monsignor John Y.

Alma G.

Guadalupe

Phyllis M.

All those suffering and in danger in Ukraine, Africa, and the Middle East

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For repose of the souls of:

Bette F., Merrily M., Alyson, Dawn All who have died in the conflicts in Ukraine Africa & the Middle East

ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Prayer requests in the bulletin are prayed out loud during the deacons' litanies and should be submitted to the church office—office@stathanasius.org.

Prayer requests put into the wooden box in the narthex will be said silently at the altar at most services. During the Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy, only Orthodox Christians are commemorated, and that list is comprised of the sick, those celebrating special occasions listed in the bulletin, and those who prepared the Eucharist bread. Others are prayed for during the Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion).

********************* ST. ATHANASIUS BOOK CENTER

※ The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall - two enclosed cabinets con- ★ 🛠 taining 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 St. Athanasius Book Center.. (The pamphlets in *

All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.

