



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, May 27, 2018

The Great Feast of Pentecost

The 50th Day After Pascha



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 27—PENTECOST

9:00 a.m. Religious Education 6-18 yr. olds
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. POTLUCK

FAST-FREE WEEK

Monday, May 28-Memorial Day

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
5:00 p.m. Outreach Meal at St. Michael
University Church in Isla Vista

Tuesday, May 29

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, May 30

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group

Thursday, May 31

11:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Friday, June 1

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday June 2

4:30-6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Vespers/Confession

Sunday, June 3

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

May 27 Sieck
June 3 Fr. Nicholas
June 10 Meyer
June 17 D. Washburn

Coffee Hour

May 27 PENTECOST POTLUCK
June 3 D. & K. King
June 10 M. & M. Easbey
June 17 Speier/Robinson

Greeters

May 27 D. Lewis/Deacon
June 3 K. & L. Jacobs
June 10 L. Baker/K. Fox
June 17 H. Lange/D. Washburn

Ushers

May 27 C. Berari, G. Shannon, S. Speier
June 3 P. Brunner, P. King, D. Meyer
June 10 R. Barre, D. Lewis, C. Speier
June 17 J. King, D. Washburn, C. Berari

Readers

May 27 Rdr. J. Butler
June 2 Rdr. V. Gish (Vespers)
June 3 D. Washburn
June 10 Troy Harris
June 17 D. Alexander

**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 with verses for the Feast of Pentecost

Verse: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (*Ps. 18/19:1*)

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

Verse: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. (*Ps 18/19:2*) **[Refrain]**

Verse: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Ps 18/19:4*) **[Refrain]**

Verse: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **[Refrain]**

SECOND ANTIPHON with verses for the Feast of Pentecost

Verse: The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (*Ps.19/20:1*)

Refrain: O Good Comforter, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Verse: May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! (*Ps 19/20:2*) **[Refrain]**

Verse: May He remember all your offerings, and fulfill all your plans! (*Ps 19/20:3*) **[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 FOR FEAST

Verse: In Your strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Your salvation. (*Ps. 20/21:1*)

Refrain:

Troparion of Pentecost (Music on next page)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise,
having sent upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them Thou hast fished the universe,
O Lover of Mankind, glory be to Thee.

Verse: You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. (*Ps 20/21:2*) **[Refrain]**

Verse: For You meet him with goodly blessings; You set a crown of fine gold upon his head. (*Ps 20/21:3*) **[Refrain]**

LITTLE ENTRANCE

Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thine own strength; We shall sing Thy praise and power. O Good Comforter, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Troparion of Pentecost (Music on next page)

Tone 8

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise,
having sent upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them Thou hast fished the universe,
O Lover of Mankind, glory be to Thee.

Kontakion of Pentecost

Tone 8

When the Most High came down, and confused the tongues, He divided the nations.
But when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity.
Therefore, with one voice we glorify the Holy Spirit.

BLESSED ARE YOU, O CHRIST OUR GOD
(Troparion for Pentecost)

Tone 8

Kazan

Harm. J.D.F.

In a rhythmic style

=68

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of two staves each. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked as =68. The lyrics are: "Blessed art Thou O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fish-er-men as most wise, having sent up-on them the Ho-ly Spir-it, and through them Thou hast fished the un-i-verse, O Lov-er of Man-kind, glo-ry be to Thee." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

ANTI-TRISAGION

People: As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (Repeat 3X)

All glory be to the Father to the Son and Holy Ghost, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Deacon: With strength!

People: As many as have been baptized ...

PREPARATORY PSALM VERSES before the Epistle (Prokeimenon) Tone 8

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe! (Ps. 19)

Vs. *The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.*

THE EPISTLE READING for PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

PREPARATORY VERSES and ALLELUIA Response Before the Gospel—Tone 1

Chanter: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Verse: *By the word of the Lord the heavens were established, and all their power by the Spirit of His mouth. (Alleluia...)*

Verse: *From heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth: He saw all the children of humankind. (Alleluia...)*

THE GOSPEL READING for PENTECOST

John 7:37-52, 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where

David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee."

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD (Meglynarion)

9th Ode of the Canon for Pentecost:

Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins!
No tongue, however sweet or fluent,
is eloquent enough to praise you worthily.
Every mind is overawed by your childbearing.
Therefore, with one voice, we glorify you.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Your good Spirit lead me on a level path. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (Ps. 143)

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

At the end of the Liturgy, we will say the **Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost**. Between Pascha and Pentecost, the Church proscribes no kneeling during services as we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection for 40 days. With these prayers, we resume kneeling in the church. We also resume saying "**O Heavenly King**" in our daily prayers and in the Trisagion Prayers in our services.

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.

BIBLE STUDY IN JUNE

**On four Saturdays in June from 4:30-6:00 p.m.,
Fr. Nicholas will offer a Bible study on
the Gospel of St. John.**

Sat., June 2	Chapter 1	The Witness
Sat., June 16	Chapters 2-10	The Word Incarnate Transfigures Creation
Sat., June 23	Chapters 11-17	The Word Incarnate Transfigures all Humanity
Sat., June 30	Chapters 18-21	The Paschal Offering: Death & Resurrection

All are welcome!

**If you would like to participate, e-mail Fr. Nicholas at
frnicholas@stathanasius.org.**

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

DID YOU KNOW.... that the master calendar for the parish, including all major feast days and week-night feast services, is posted on our parish website every August for the upcoming Liturgical Year? (The Liturgical Year runs from September through August.) Please consider making the parish website the homepage of your computer, and/or linking the Google Calendar on the website to your personal calendar. Great Lent, Holy Week, Pascha and Pentecost for 2019 are already posted to the parish calendar.

INCOME FOR MARCH 2018

	<u>Gen. Operating</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Monthly Goal	\$37,500	\$ 14,120
Monthly Actual	\$29,909	\$ 8,789

INCOME FOR APRIL 2018

	<u>Gen. Operating</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Monthly Goal	\$ 37,500	\$ 14,120
Monthly Actual	\$ 37,243	\$ 10,808

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.

DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATE IN THE FAMILY?

Please email a photo of your graduate (or yourself, if YOU are the graduate) to the church office by the end of the day tomorrow, May 28th, with a few sentences about accomplishments, plans, hopes, dreams. Send to: valerie@stathanasius.org. Thanks!

WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL ALL-PARISH MEETING ON SUNDAY, June 24th from 4-6 p.m. Childcare will be provided, and a light supper will be served after the meeting. This meeting will kick off a strategic planning process that will help us look down the road and set some priorities. Input from all parishioners will be sought in the next several months, including from our children and teens. More details will follow soon.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS have been scheduled for Sunday, June 24th. We will vote by ballot on that day during Coffee Hour. Regular, communing adult members 18 years and older may cast one vote. The Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for the one position that will be filled by election this year. You can drop your nomination in the tithe box, send it by email to Fr. Nicholas, or let him know verbally. (frnicholas@stathanasius.org)

NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM NOW THROUGH MIDNIGHT ON JUNE 8th.

NEW AREA CODE & CHANGE IN THE WAY THAT WE DIAL LOCAL CALLS

Beginning June 30, consumers requesting new or additional telephone numbers for services may be assigned telephone numbers with either the new 820 area code or the original 805 area code, depending on the available telephone number inventory. **As of June 2nd**, customers will have to dial "1" plus the three-digit area code for all calls from landline telephone numbers with the 805 and 820 area codes. If you do not, you will get an error message. For cellphone calls, the area code needs to be used for those local numbers but dialing 1 is not necessary.

You will need to reprogram equipment or features that currently use 7-digit dialing, including automatic dialers, life safety systems and medical monitoring devices, speed-dialing, call forwarding, voicemail services, modems for computer or Internet dial-up access, and other similar services or equipment. Residents and businesses also need to ensure that alarms and security systems are reprogrammed to include the area code. Despite the new area code overlay, consumers **will still be able to dial three digits to reach 911, 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711, and 811.**

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

On Pentecost, fifty days after His glorious resurrection, Jesus gave His friends the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit—the treasury of good things and giver of life—brought life-giving gifts. These gifts were not just for Jesus' friends long ago. Jesus promises these gifts to all who ask. These gifts are for us!

- **Wisdom:** knowing the way that pleases God and walking in it
- **Understanding:** seeing clearly with spiritual eyes as a result of listening for God's voice with an open heart
- **Counsel:** helpful words and wise guidance for others
- **Might:** strength and courage to do what's right
- **Knowledge:** knowing more and more of God through prayer, God's Word and God's Creation
- **Fear of the Lord:** living without fear of anyone or anything except the Awesome, Holy, and Almighty God in whom we take refuge
- **Delight:** living in joy and wonder at the recognition of God's presence all around, all the time

"With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fullness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom."

- Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

The Great Feast of Pentecost

The Celebration—June 4th

- An Invitation from the Children of Atrium Level III -

Today, Pentecost Sunday, we invite you to "ask that you might receive" . . .

Before you enter the sanctuary, you will receive a taper candle.

At the back of the sanctuary there is a table with seven green candles—each labeled with one of the gifts listed on the front of this insert.

We invite you to **light your own candle from the green candle designating the gift you have chosen** and place your candle in the sand in front of that green candle.

Once you have lit and placed your taper candle, we will give you a **handmade card with the name of the gift and a description** on it. Hopefully this will sit on your altar or some other prominent place to remind you all year long of the gift you have asked for!

Blessed Feast!



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries:

5/30 Stan & Donna Friesen
6/02 Brian & Corie Sieck

Birthdays:

5/27 Adam King
5/31 Dana Alexander
6/2 Jill Wallerstedt

Patron Saint Feast Days

5/30	St. Emmelia, Mother of St. Basil the Great	Emily King
6/1	St. Justin Martyr	Justin Brunner

The Cross and Pentecost

The Cross and Pentecost are inseparable in Orthodoxy. The interdependent connection between these two events forms the foundation and provides the entire paradigm of Orthodox spirituality, liturgical life and theological reflection, most especially regarding our theology of asceticism and deification. It is only through this connection that we can understand the many antinomies and even paradoxes of the spiritual life.

How is the Cross seen as united to Pentecost? Is it not more logical to see the Cross united with the Resurrection? True, had Jesus' ministry simply ended with His death on the Cross, His message and His person would have been shrouded in ambiguity. The Resurrection clarified the Cross. Yet no one witnessed the Resurrection. Therefore, after His Resurrection, Jesus Himself began to appear to the disciples, revealing to them the true nature of His messianic office and the meaning of His sufferings and death. He did this by giving them all the empirical evidence of His Resurrection that they desired, by eating with them, letting Thomas touch His wounds, etc. Equally important, Christ "opened their minds" to understand the Scriptures and reasons for His sufferings. Before this, they did not fully understand these things. Thus, the Resurrection clarified the Cross.

However, even after all this, there was still no preaching, no apologetics, no baptism or sacraments, until the descent of the Holy Spirit. On the very day the Spirit was given, the Gospel was preached and Peter baptized 3,000 men. The disciples were given a power to explain the Cross and were henceforth led by the Holy Spirit in their ministry. In other words, the Resurrection and "its many infallible proofs" (Acts 1:3) were not enough — the Spirit was needed. Pentecost actualized the power of the Resurrection.

From "Challenges of Orthodox Thought and Life" by Rev. Hieromonk Calinic Berger

SAVE THE DATE!



ST. ATHANASIUS

Liturgical Arts Festival



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***The Psalms of David:
Poetry, Hymnody, and
a Guide for Daily Living***

November 2-4, 2018

**Guest presenters will include:
Rev. Hieromonk Calinic Berger
Others TBA**

TEEN SCENE

**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.**

- 5/31 Regular Youth Group times
- 6/7 No Youth Group (Happy 8th Grade and High School Graduation Day!)
- 6/14 Summer Youth Group (Combined - all teens 6pm - 8pm)
- 6/21 Summer Youth Group (Combined - all teens 6pm - 8pm)
- 6/28 No Youth Group (Liturgy for St. Peter and Paul—6pm)

SAVE THE DATES!

St. Athanasius Summer Family Barbecues
More information to follow.
Thursday, July 26, 2018
Thursday, August 16, 2018

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
Administator: Jody Wallace—jasonandjody@cox.net**

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

**Forms and information are now available on the parish website
and in the hallway of the church.**

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:

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| Metropolitan JOSEPH | Galina, Nikolai & Nataliya | Antonio |
| Mother Victoria | Joan T. | Steve |
| Met. Paul & Abp. John | Friesen family | Gaylen C. |
| Fr. Romanos (O.C.M.C. priest, Congo) | Ethan & Cole K. | Zac B. |
| Mother Christophora | Tony C. | Dotte G. |
| Fr. Jon Braun | Paul F. and Family | Fay Y. |
| Dn. Richard E. | Justin B. | Terri Lynn & Hannah Rose |
| Kh. Diane C. | Fr. Anthony Y. and Family | Lauren |
| Fr. Patrick and Vanessa K. | Tony E. | Cheryl G. |
| Greg & Margaret Y. | Alma G. | Jerry J. |
| Hoppe Family | Guadalupe | Elka |
| Gail S. | Phyllis M. | Elizabeth J. |
| Dean & Penny B. | John D. | Jimmy |
| Angelina, Jase & Alina S. | Fr. Wayne W. & Family | All those suffering and |
| Rich and Susan B. | Fr. Dimitrie V. | in danger in Ukraine, |
| Duane F. | Monsignor John Y. | Africa, and the Middle East |

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 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 St. Athanasius Book Center.. (The pamphlets in the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.)

All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.

