

### 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, June 10, 2018
Tone 1 / Eothinon 2; Second Sunday after Pentecost
& Second Sunday of Matthew
ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

Martyr Alexander and Virgin-martyr Antonina at Constantinople;
Venerable Theophanes the Monk and
Pansemne the former harlot of Antioch;
John the Wonderworker, Metropolitan of Tobolsk and all Siberia



#### 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

## Fr. Nicholas and Jan will be away from June 7-11.

#### Sunday, June 10

9:00 a.m. Matins

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

#### Monday, June 11

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

5:00 p.m. Outreach Meal at St. Michael

University Church in Isla Vista

#### **Tuesday, June 12**

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

#### Wednesday, June 13

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

#### Thursday, June 14

11:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

6-8:00 p.m. Youth Group (both groups)

#### Friday, June 15

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

#### **Saturday June 16**

11:00 a.m. Choir Workshop

2:00 p.m. Choir & Readers Workshop

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

#### Sunday, June 17—FATHER'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Matins

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

#### Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

#### **Eucharist Bread**

June 10 Meyer
June 17 D. Washburn
June 24 Dillon
July 1 Kern

#### **Coffee Hour**

June 10 M. & M. Easbey
June 17 Speier/Robinson
June 24 NEED A HOST
July 1 Gish

#### **Greeters**

June 10

June 17

June 17

June 24

June 24

June 24

June 24

July 1

L. Baker/K. Fox

H. Lange/D. Washburn

D. Genatone/P. Morrison

P. King/K.P. King

#### **Ushers**

June 10R. Barre, D. Lewis, C. SpeierJune 17J. King, D. Washburn, C. BerariJune 24G. Shannon, S. Speier, P. BrunnerJuly 1P. King, D. Meyer, R. Barre

#### Readers

June 10

T. Harris

June 17

D. Alexander

June 23

R. Barre (Great Vespers)

June 24 Rdr. J. Butler

June 24 Rdr. J. Butler July 1 T. Harris

## 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.

#### AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL

## Troparion of the Resurrection (Music on p. 40 of Liturgy book)

**Tone 1 Byzantine melody** harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly pow'rs cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life; Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

#### **Troparion of All Saints of America**

**Tone 8 Serbian Chant** 

As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them.

By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

## Troparion to St. Athanasius (Music on page 54 of Liturgy Book)

Tone 3 Byzantine Melody harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

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 All Saints of North America**

Tone 3

Today the <u>choir</u> of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North A<u>merica</u> now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to <u>God</u> for us. With them the <u>Angels glorify Him</u>, and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep <u>festival</u> with them; and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

#### 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 1

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee. (Ps 32/33:22)

**Verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise is becoming to the upright. (*Ps 32/33:1*)

#### THE EPISTLE READING Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.

All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

#### Alleluia before the Gospel

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

**Verse:** It is God Who avenges me, and subdues people under me. (Ps 17/18:47)

Verse: He gives great deliverance to His King, and shows mercy to His anointed,

to David and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)

#### GOSPEL READING Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

#### 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 defilement 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) Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1) 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.

Tone 1

# Volunteers Needed to Help the Homeless at our Thursday Showers of Blessing

Each Thursday midday the Showers of Blessing truck sets up in the St. Athanasius Church parking lot to provide showers for those without a home. Our parish offers a light lunch and friendship for those who take advantage of this ministry. We need two or more new volunteers to prepare coffee and snacks, set up and clean up, and/or simply be present to chat with our visitors. Depending on the task, volunteers need to be at the church one to three hours sometime between 10:00am and 1:30pm Thursdays.

If you might be available to help, please speak to Howard Lange for more details or contact him at 805-685-8999. (phone or text) And high school or college students: even if you would be available for the summer only, your help would be welcome!

Teens, consider earning some of your Community Service hours by helping this summer at the Showers of Blessing!

IN	INCOME FOR MARCH 2018				
Monthly Goal	Gen. Operating \$37,500	Building Fund \$ 14,120			
Monthly Actual	\$29,909	\$ 8,789			
	INCOME FOR APRIL 2018				
Monthly Goal	<b>Gen. Operating</b> \$ 37,500	Building Fund \$ 14,120			
Monthly Actual	\$ 37,243	\$ 10,808			

#### **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.

## \*\*LADIES, SAVE THESE DATES\*\* FOR UPCOMING WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES!

Friday, June 22, Saturday, August 11	5:30 p.m. 9 a.m2:30 p.m.	Salad-in-a-Jar Party at J. Speier's Mini-retreat: "Peace that Passes all
	7 a.m2.30 p.m.	Understanding"
Saturday, October 13	9:30-12:00 p.m.	"Giving Thanks" and 'Crafts with Liz"
Saturday, December 1	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Christmas Brunch

#### CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

<u>Birthda</u>	<u>ys</u> :
6/10	Zach Brasel
6/12	Stoney Stetler
6/13 6/15	Gary Braun, June Easbey, Melissa Hedges
6/15	John (Chuck) Sasala
<u>Patron</u>	Saint Feast Days
6/11	Saint Luke Richar of Simferanal and Crimea the Rlessed Surge

6/11 Saint Luke, Bishop of Simferopol and Crimea, the Blessed Surgeon Luke Hoppe 5/15 St. Jerome of Stridonium Jerry Jones

#### **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.

#### SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO:

- Troy and Carla Harris on the passing from this life of Troy's father, Wayne, 89 years old, last Sunday night. His passing was brief and peaceful, and Troy and Carla were thankful to have returned from recent travels to be able to spend time with him in the days before he died.
- Regina and Gary Moon on the passing of Regina's father in Georgia several weeks ago.

#### MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL.

THIS MONTH'S MEN'S STICKS GATHERING will be <u>next Monday</u>, June 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Harris residence.

#### WE NEED "A FEW GOOD MEN" ...OR WOMEN

Our Coffee Hour team is losing several of the young men who have been in the rotation for the past several years to help with set-up and clean-up. This ministry involves opening the umbrellas and setting up a few tables before Liturgy, and then doing the reverse after Coffee Hour and emptying the trash. This ministry is simple and yet offers a vital support to our weekly hosts and to the Coffee Hour team. If you can help, contact Suzi Wiley: suziwiley@cox.net.

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 through surveys and focus groups, including from our children and teens.

## LOOK FOR AN EVITE THAT WILL ENABLE YOU TO SIGN UP CHILDREN AGES 3 and older FOR CHILDCARE DURING THE MEETING.

The meeting on June 24th will be structured in the following way:

#### First hour:

With Douglas Meyer as facilitator, we will reflect back on the past ten years (since our last strategic planning process) and share stories of landmark moments, significant memories, and greatest successes/challenges.

#### **Second hour:**

Fr. Nicholas will review our overall VISION as a parish, and there will be time for questions and comments. We will not be reformulating the vision, but rather, reviewing it so that it can inform the process of planning for the next 3-5 years.

**THE DIOCESAN PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE** will be in Portland, Oregon from July 4-8. Fr. Nicholas and Jan will be attending, and we will be sending a team to compete in the Bible Bowl. For more information on the conference, go to:

https://www.antiochianevents.com/la.html

#### 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.

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

## SUMMER SCHOOL starts June 18th! Are your children registered yet?

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:

Metropolitan JOSEPH Mother Victoria Met. Paul & Abp. John Fr. Romanos (O.C.M.C. priest, Congo) Mother Christophora Fr. Jon Braun Dn. Richard E. Kh. Diane C. Greg & Margaret Y. Hoppe Family Gail S.

Dean & Penny B. Angelina, Jase & Alina S.

Rich and Susan B. Duane F.

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Galina, Nikolai & Nataliya

Joan T. Friesen family Ethan & Cole K. Justin B.

Fr. Anthony Y. and Family

Tony E. John D. Fr. Dimitrie V. Monsignor John Y.

Steve Gaylen C. Zac B. Dotte G. Fay Y.

Terri Lynn & Hannah Rose

Lauren Cheryl G. Jerry J. Elka Elizabeth J. Jimmy

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

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For repose of the souls of: Dawn, Wayne H., Dn. Mark

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 \*\* the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.)

#### All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.

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#### On the second Sunday after Pentecost,

each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

Saints of all times, and in every country are seen as the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity. Their example encourages us to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us" and to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). The saints of North America also teach us how we should live, and what we must expect to endure as Christians. Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous.

The first Divine Liturgy in what is now American territory (northern latitude 58 degrees, 14 minutes, western longitude 141 degrees) was celebrated on July 20, 1741, the Feast of the Prophet Elias, aboard the ship Peter under the command of Vitus Bering. Hieromonk Hilarion Trusov and the priest Ignatius Kozirevsky served together on that occasion. Several years later, the Russian merchant Gregory I. Shelikov visited Valaam monastery, suggesting to the abbot that it would be desirable to send missionaries to Russian America.

On September 24, 1794, after a journey of 7,327 miles (the longest missionary journey in Orthodox history) and 293 days, a group of monks from Valaam arrived on Kodiak Island in Alaska. The mission was headed by Archimandrite Joasaph, and included Hieromonks Juvenal, Macarius, and Athanasius, the Hierodeacons Nectarius and Stephen, and the monks Herman and Joasaph. St. Herman of Alaska, the last surviving member of the mission, fell asleep in the Lord in 1837.

Throughout the Church's history, the seeds of faith have always been watered by the blood of the martyrs. The Protomartyr Juvenal was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, St Peter the Aleut was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Missionary efforts continued in the nineteenth century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were St Innocent Veniaminov and St Jacob Netsvetov, who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages. Father Jacob Netsvetev died in Sitka in 1864 after a life of devoted service to the Church. Father John Veniaminov, after his wife's death, received monastic tonsure with the name Innocent. He died in 1879 as the Metropolitan of Moscow.

As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, an event of enormous significance for the North American Church took place. On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive St Alexis Toth (May 7) and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church. This was the beginning of the return of many Uniates to Orthodoxy.

St. Tikhon (Belavin), the future Patriarch of Moscow, came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, St. Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock. He realized that the local church here could not be a permanent extension of the Russian Church. Therefore, he focused his efforts on giving the American Church a diocesan and parish structure which would help it mature and grow.

St. Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27) was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. Archimandrite Raphael Hawaweeny was consecrated by Bishop Tikhon and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) at St Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, St Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to St. Tikhon in his arch-pastoral ministry. St Raphael reposed on February 27, 1915.

Saint John (Maximovitch) of Shanghai and San Francisco also John (Maximovitch) the Wonderworker (1896–1966) was a prominent Eastern Orthodox ascetic and hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia (ROCOR) who was active in the mid-20th century. He was a pastor and spiritual father of high reputation and a reputed wonderworker to whom were attributed great powers of prophecy, clairvoyance and healing. He was canonized on July 2, 1994, and he is commemorated on July 2nd. His unembalmed, intact relics are enshrined at Holy Virgin Cathedral in San Francisco.

In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness.