



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, November 3, 2019

Tone 3 / Eothinon 9;

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
& Fifth Sunday of Luke**

Martyrs Akepsimas, Joseph & Aeithalas of Persia;
Dedication of St. George Church in Lydda of Palestine
Hieromartyr George of Neapolis;
Theodore the Confessor, bishop of Ancyra



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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!

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 this Week

Sunday, November 3-TURN CLOCKS BACK!

9:00 a.m.	Religious Education ages 6-12
9:00 a.m.	Matins
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m.	Teen Religious Education (after the Eucharist)
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour

Monday, November 4

6:45 a.m.	Daily Matins
5:00 p.m.	St. Brigid outreach dinner at St. Michael's in Isla Vista

Tuesday, November 5

3:45 p.m.	Catechesis Level One
5:30 P.M.	Daily Vespers

Wednesday, November 6

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

Thursday, November 7

10:00 a.m.	Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m.	Daily Vespers for Archangels
6:00 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Group
6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group

Friday, November 8—Synaxis of Archangels

CHOIR AT WORKSHOP IN GARDEN GROVE

6:45 a.m.	Daily Matins
5:00 p.m.	Akathist at Westmont College

Saturday, November 9

CHOIR AT WORKSHOP IN GARDEN GROVE

4:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m.	Great Vespers

Sunday, November 10

9:00 a.m.	Religious Education ages 6-12
9:00 a.m.	Matins
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m.	Teen Religious Education (after the Eucharist)
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

November 3	Hedges
November 10	Sieck
November 17	Meyer
November 24	Fr. Nicholas

Coffee Hour

November 3	P. Brunner in memory of Cyrus
November 10	P. Cocores/M. Loulias
November 17	Youth Group
November 24	Harris/S. Hedges/K. Vogt

Greeters

November 3	K. & L. Jacobs
November 10	K. Fox/L. Baker
November 17	Loulias/Cocores
November 24	H. Lange/D. Washburn

Ushers

November 3	S. Speier, P. King, D. Washburn
November 10	D. Meyer, D. Lewis, C. Speier
November 17	J. King, M. Loulias, C. Berari
November 24	S. Speier, D. Washburn, D. Meyer

Readers

November 2	M. Kern (Matins) D. Alexander (Lit.)
November 3	Rdr. H. Lange
November 10	Rdr. V. Gish
November 17	Rdr. H. Lange
November 20	M. Braun (Vesp-Lit for Presentation)
November 24	D. Alexander

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE GREATMARTYR GEORGE IN LYDIA

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**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 art risen 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”

After each of the verses, the choir and congregation sing the refrain:

“Remember us, O Lord, when you come in your Kingdom.”

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 3

(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.

Troparion for the Persian Martyrs

Tone 3

You were pillars of the Church, O servants of godliness,
and you humbled the proud worshippers of fire.
Much afflicted hierarch Aképsimas, Joseph the presbyter
and Aethalas the deacon,
pray to Christ our God
to grant us His great mercy!

Troparion for the Great-martyr George

Tone 4

O liberator of captives, defender of the poor,
physician of the sick, and champion of kings,
trophy-bearer, great martyr George,
intercede with Christ God
that our souls may be saved!

Troparion to St. Athanasius

Tone 3

(Music on p. 54 of Liturgy book)

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 - Ordinary Sundays**Tone 4**

O undisputed intercessor of Christians,
O mediatrix, who is unrejected by the creator.
Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners.
Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith,
for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos,
who dost always intercede for those who honor thee.

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
(Music on p. 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*)

**EPISTLE READING
Galatians 1:11-19**

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

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 READING

Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

HOMILY

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.

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 Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1 Alleluia!*)

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

11/04 Troy & Carla Harris

Birthdays

11/6 Kirsten Franzen
11/8 Justina King
11/9 John Ronan Meyer

Patronal Feast Days

11/8 **Archangel Michael**
Michael de Bruin Mitch Denny Dn. Richard Easbey
Michael Easbey Jimmy Easbey Wesley Brave Speier
Michael Loulias Scott Speier

11/9 **St. Nektarios** Noah Hedges

A Prayer for the Church

Almighty God, our help and refuge, the Fountain of Wisdom and Tower of Strength, who know we can do nothing without Divine guidance and help: assist us we pray that we might worship Thee faithfully and that we might have courage to gird ourselves as spiritual warriors. Kindle in our hearts a holy fire of zealous love for Thee, and from that Fire may we in turn love all neighbors and the families You have blessed us with. May the Light of this Fire be a Light to the community; To our zeal for the building of your House, add wisdom and generosity to fulfill our good intention.

Set these goals before our hearts and minds at all times. May our faithful labor bear fruit to ourselves, the community, and the Church, and may Thou receive this as an offering of sweetness to Thy Holy Name. For Thou art a merciful God and love mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe all glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER WHAT YOU ARE ABLE TO TITHE in the coming year to both the General Operating Fund and the Building Fund, and also how you can best offer to God and the parish your time and talent in one of the many ministry groups of the parish.

It is extremely helpful to the Budget Committee and the Parish Council to know your intentions, with the understanding that things can happen during the course of the year to change your ability to give and/or your availability. None of us can predict what might happen in our lives and families in the next 12 months. We can only base our decision on what we know right now, and pray that God will help us to fulfill our desire to keep our commitment, or even to exceed it.

The Stewardship Commitment Forms have been distributed with the bulletin today. There will also be blank forms next to the tithe box until the end of the year. Commitment forms may be put in the tithe box, or handed to Fr. Nicholas.

You can also fill it in online on the church website.

<https://www.stathanasius.org/stewardship/time-talent-treasure-commitment/>

THE PARISH COUNCIL ASKS THAT YOU SUBMIT YOUR COMMITMENT FORM BY Sunday, NOVEMBER 24th
so that we can use the information
in preparing the 2020 budget.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

	<u>Gen. Operating</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Monthly Goal	\$ 39,750	\$ 14,120
Monthly Actual	\$ 32,520	\$ 7,637
Goal for Tithes January-September 2019		\$ 357,750
Actual Tithes January-September 2019		\$ 323,742
Goal Building Fund for Jan.-September 2019.		\$ 127,080
Actual Building Fund donations Jan.– September 2019		\$ 120,797
		+ Golf Tournament

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF MEMORIAL SERVICE THIS EVENING AT 5 p.m. for Alma Gonzaga, a former member of our parish who departed this life on Sunday, October 27th. May her memory be eternal.

ADULT CATECHISM began on Saturday October 5th and continues through December 14, on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome: inquirers completely new to the Orthodox Faith, catechumens, and those who just want a “refresher course.”

UPCOMING SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

- Thursday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m. Vespers for St. Michael & Archangels
- Thursday, November 14 at 5:30 p.m. Abbreviated Advent Paraklesis in place of Daily Vespers

ADVENT BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 15

- Wednesday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. Vespersal Liturgy for Presentation of the Theotokos
- Wednesday, November 27 at 6:00 p.m. Akathist of Thanksgiving

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“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it.”

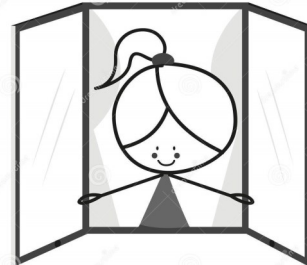
Malachi 3:10

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.**

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| 11/7 | Regular Youth Group |
| 11/14 | Regular Youth Group |
| 11/21 | Regular Youth Group |
| 11/28 | THANKSGIVING (no Youth Group) |
| 12/6 | Liturgy for St. Nicholas 6:00 p.m. followed
by High School lock-in |

Women's Window



PRE-ADVENT GATHERING— "TRADES OF HOPE"

Tuesday, November 5th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Please join Women's Fellowship for a Pre-Advent Dessert Buffet and gathering this Tuesday evening. We will be hosting Trades of Hope speaker, Julia Niessen. Trades of Hope supports artisans from India, Cambodia, and MANY countries by selling their beautiful handmade goods, enabling women to feed their families and keep their children at home. Julia will show us a short video and share stories of a few artisans that have been freed from trafficking.

Please come and share some time together and learn about this important work. Some of the merchandise will be on display and available for purchase. Just in time for the Holiday Season!!

All ages are welcome. Please RSVP by today, Sunday, November 3rd to the Women's Fellowship Evite. The cost is \$3 per person. We're looking forward to a lovely evening together!

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	Zac B.	Fr. Jon-Stephen H.
Mother Victoria	Lauren	Cole K. (military)
Met. Paul & Abp. John	Kh. Carla Z.	Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Bishop Neofitos (Diocese of Kenya)	Fr. Patrick and Vanessa K.	Lauren K. (Airforce Basic Training)
Mother Christophora	Tom M.	Jeff H.
Fr. Jon B.	Dottie G.	Steve T, Kyle P. & Jeff P.
Joseph B.	Jerry J.	Bonita M.
Dn. Richard E.	Monsignor J. Yanek	
Kh. Diane C.	Neil	The Ethiopian Orthodox Church
Greg & Margaret Y.	Diana	
Hoppe Family	Tyler	All those suffering and
Duane F.	Phyllis M.	in danger in Ukraine,
Richard and Susan B.	Ryder H.	Africa, and the Middle East
Regina M.	Kent F.	
	Bob N.	

For repose of the souls of:

Alma G., Angela, Joan T.

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 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 Building Fund.** *

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE
September 25-November 3, 2019
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/>

PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

(Please consider incorporating this prayer into your daily devotions during the International “40 Days for Life Vigil”)

O Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, Who was pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls by the power of Your All-Holy Spirit. O Master, we ask You to enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception, and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Your image and likeness; enable us to guard, cherish and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves. For You are the Bestower of Life, bringing each person from non-being into being, sealing each person with divine and infinite love. Be merciful, O Lord, to those who, through ignorance or willfulness, affront Your divine goodness and providence through the evil act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the light of Your Truth and glorify You, the Giver of Life, together with your Father and Your All-Holy and Life-Giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.