



## ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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## **DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM** Sunday, February 13, 2022

### **Tone 1 / Eothinon 1**

**Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican**  
Venerable Martinian of Palestine;  
Venerable Simeon the Myrrh-streaming, Prince of Serbia;  
Apostles and Martyrs Aquila and Priscilla;  
Eulogios, Patriarch of Alexandria



## **WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

We are glad you are with us this morning.  
Please join us on the patio after the Liturgy for 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 THE WEEK

### Sunday, February 13—Hierarchical Visit by

#### **Metropolitan JOSEPH**

9:00 a.m. Matins  
9:00 a.m. Religious Education for ages 6-12  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Reception for Met. JOSEPH on patio

**NO TEEN CLASS**

**NO ADULT CATECHISM**

**THIS IS A NON-FASTING WEEK.**

### Monday, February 14

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
5:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry—Akathist  
by Zoom

### Tuesday, February 15

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

### Wednesday, February 16—NO FAST

8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry  
5:30 p.m. Parish Council Dinner

### Thursday, February 17

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing  
3:30 p.m. Catechesis Level I  
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

### Friday, February 18—NO FAST

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

### Saturday, February 19

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

### Sunday, February 20

9:00 a.m. Matins  
9:00 a.m. Religious Education for ages 6-12  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Education  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:30 p.m. Adult Catechism (“Keeping the  
Commandments & Teachings of Christ”)

## WELCOME, MET. JOSEPH! GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

### EUCCHARIST BREAD

February 13 Morrison  
February 20 Sieck  
February 27 Tinyayeva  
March 6 Meyer

### READERS

February 13 Rdr. H. Lange  
February 20 D. Alexander  
February 26 D. Washburn (Soul Liturgy)  
February 27 Rdr. M. Kern  
March 6 Rdr. J. Butler  
March 6 Rdr. H. Lange (Forgiveness Vesp.)

### GREETERS

February 13 H. Lange/D. Washburn  
February 20 K. Fox/D. Lewis  
February 27 L. Baker/C. Fisher  
March 6 P. Coccores/M. Loulias

### USHERS

February 13 D. Meyer/M. Loulias  
February 20 D. Washburn/K.L. King  
February 27 C. Speier/S. Speier  
March 6 C. Berari/D. Alexander

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

February 13 Reception for Met. Joseph's Visit  
February 20 Berari  
February 27 MEATFARE BBQ  
March 6 Cheesefare Potluck

### THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

February 17 L. Ballew/D. Franzen  
February 24 M. Loulias/P. Coccores  
March 3 D. Washburn/D. Alexander  
March 10 F. Young/S. Saunders

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive. Non-Orthodox believers and others **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.*

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

### **THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

#### **THE 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 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**

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection**

**Tone 1**

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.

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

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#### **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 of the Publican & the Pharisee**

(Sung by the Metropolitan)

Let us flee the Pharisee's conceited vaunting;  
Let us learn the Publican's humility,  
and cry with groans unto the Savior:  
Thou Who alone art swiftly reconciled,  
be gracious unto us.

**Tone 4**

**Special Melody**

**TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN**

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**

**Tone 8**

Pray and make your vows // before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

**Verse:** *God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

**EPISTLE READING**

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

**Timothy 3:10-15**

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

### **Alleluia before the Gospel**

**Tone 1**

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**

#### **Luke 8:10-14**

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

### **HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS**

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, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **POLYCHRONION for Metropolitan JOSEPH (sung during the final Dismissal)**

The Lord God grant many years, the most reverend Chief and Master, and elect of God: Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America, Kyrios, Kyrios, JOSEPH. O Lord, preserve him for many year!

### **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 the blessing of the food at Coffee Hour to eat and socialize.**

## **CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

2/19 Ben & Viktoria Hedges

### **Birthdays**

2/14 **Fr. Nicholas Speier**

2/15 Margaret Easbey, **Fr. Symeon Halsell**, John Heiduk

2/17 Lincoln Brunner

2/19 Jan Finley

### **Patronal Feast Days**

2/13 St. Priscilla Julie Gross

## **UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES & SEMINARS**

Saturday, February 26

8:30 a.m.

**SOUL LITURGY**

10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**PRE-LENTEN SEMINAR**

Sunday, February 27

**MEATFARE SUNDAY**

BBQ after Liturgy

Sunday, March 6

**CHEESEFARE SUNDAY**

Meatless Potluck after Liturgy

**FORGIVENESS VESPERS at 6:00 p.m.**

Monday, March 7

**GREAT LENT BEGINS**

**During the 6 weeks of Great Lent, we do not have Tuesday/Thursday Daily Vespers.**

**We pray the following services at 6:00 p.m.:**

Great Compline on Mondays

Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays

Akathist on Fridays (except for March 24—Feast of Annunciation)



**Join us for a  
Pre-Lenten Seminar**

## **“The Crucifixion of the King of Glory”**

A deep dive into the Crucifixion of Christ  
from a historical, medical, legal, and patristic perspective

**Presvytera/Dr. Jeannie Constantinou, Presenter**

Based on her new book, due out in March of 2022

**Saturday, February 26, 2022**

**10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

(Soul Liturgy 8:30 a.m. followed by Coffee & Refreshments)

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Catch Dr. Jeannie on her live podcast — “Search the Scriptures”  
on Ancient Faith Radio on Mondays at 5:00 p.m.

All of the shows are archived on Ancient Faith:  
<https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/searchthescryptureslive>

More about Dr. Jeannie: <https://www.drjeannie.com/about>







## **PARISH COUNCIL CORNER**

### **Warming Kitchen Update**

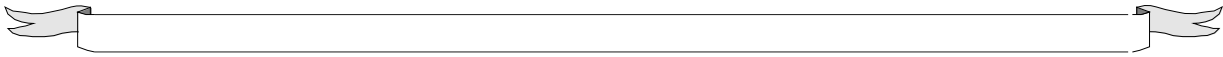
The county has issued our permits. Due to annual cost increases and increases due to supply demand, the cost for the kitchen will be more than originally planned. Thankfully, we have golf tournament money earmarked for the kitchen and other savings that will cover the extra cost. BDS Construction (Brian Sieck) will be the General Contractor. Thank you to Dn. Scott for his work on this project and for serving as the Owner's (SAOC) Representative during construction. We HOPE to have the kitchen completed by Pascha barring any unforeseen delays.

### **Unauthorized Parking in our Church Lot**

The church parking lot serves as a night-time parking place for a family through the Safe Parking program. Recently there have been several unauthorized vehicles parked overnight - and some 24 hours/day. SAOC will be using a local towing company to tow unauthorized vehicles. The company will place signs on the premises to help prevent unauthorized parking and tow when necessary. We will monitor the lot for the first two weeks of the towing program and ask the sheriff to patrol our property more frequently during this time.

### **Security Plan**

A committee consisting of Fr. Symeon, Valerie Yova, Robert Rachhaus and Dominic Dopico has been assessing the security needs of SAOC. The PC approved the purchase of an alarm system, which will be installed in the next several months. The committee will continue to evaluate security needs and monitor the new system.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY WE WELCOME HIS EMINENCE, METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, our bishop and the hierarch of our Antiochian Archdiocese.** Join us for a luncheon/reception in his honor after the Divine Liturgy.

**THERE IS NO ADULT CATECHISM CLASS TODAY.**

**THIS COMING WEEK IS COMPLETELY FAST-FREE,** as we prepare to begin the Great Fast, which starts on March 7th.

**THE MEN'S FIRESIDE GATHERING will be next Monday, February 21st** at 6:30 p.m. (rather than 7:00 p.m.) at the home of Mike Loulias and Penny Cocores.

**AS PART OF OUR SUPPORT OF MISSIONS,** our parish makes a monthly contribution to the OCMC "Support a Mission Priest" program every year. This year we are supporting both Fr. Francis Kiriri in Kenya, as well as Fr. Nicholas Andruchow at St. Innocent Orphanage in Tijuana. We also send monthly support for the Hoppe family, who are serving in Albania. These donations are line items in our general operating budget, and so when you tithe to the church, you are helping us to support missions. Please consider keeping these Orthodox missionaries in your prayers. (OCMC stands for Orthodox Christian Mission Center. Their headquarters are in St. Augustine, Florida. [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org))

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WINTER BOOK CLUB** will begin Wednesday, Feb 16th from 7-8 p.m. at the church. We will be reading *Seven Holy Women*, which is available now at the book store in the foyer. It is a lovely book taking an in-depth look at the lives of, you guessed it, seven holy women. More info will arrive by email, but we want to give everyone interested a chance to get the book. Talk to Liz Hoppe or Kristin King for more information.

### **SANTA BARBARA POINT-IN-TIME COUNT of those living without shelter or in transitional housing**

Santa Barbara County is looking for volunteers to assist with a census of those experiencing homelessness. The 2022 Count will take place on Wednesday, February 23rd between 5:30 - 8:30 a.m. For more information or if you are interesting in volunteering, go to: <https://countyofsb.pointintime.info/>

**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](mailto:office@stathanasius.org).**

**Please pray for the health of:**

Metropolitan JOSEPH  
Mother Victoria  
Met. Paul & Abp. John  
Fr. Markos  
Fr. Jon B.  
Dn. Richard E.  
Kh. Diane C.  
Greg & Margaret Y.  
Hoppe Family in Albania  
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya  
Duane F.  
Richard and Susan B.  
Monsignor J. Yanek  
Bob N.  
Kh. Melissa H.  
Cole K. (military)  
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)  
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)  
Chase K. (military)

Nick & Kristine J. (military)  
Connor V. (military)  
Steve T.  
Bev R.  
Phyllis M.  
Scott L.  
Abp. Benjamin  
Kris F.  
Temmo K.  
Sarah B.  
Coleman Family (Lori, Abby, Matt)  
Jerry J.  
Chuck S.  
Mat. Trudi & Richter Family  
Linda Gish & Family  
Kevin F.  
Debbie S.  
Steve H.  
David L.

Joanne R.  
James A.  
Dn. John & Fay Y.  
Zachary B.  
Samantha & Chris N. & Family  
Lander and Washburn Families  
Bob

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church  
The Church & people in Lebanon  
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.

**For repose of the souls of:** Larissa F., Liz. P., Archpriest Nicholas N. ,Tom W., Fr. Thomas L

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**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.**

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## THE SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

One of the lessons of the Gospel Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee (Luke 18:10-14) is that humility is a virtue needed as a precondition for further spiritual growth. It isn't a goal that we strive for and hope to achieve in some distant future after years of Christian maturation, but it is part of the foundation we need for further growth.

Jesus Himself tells the Parable of the Publican and Pharisee to extol the virtue of humility. We've all been told endless times that the Pharisee in the story is the religious zealot. He does everything he boasts of doing. He is not lying nor exaggerating but telling the truth about his piety. He is laying claim to the reward he assumes God must bestow upon him for his virtue. The Publican is the notorious sinner of the parable, who admits before God that he is a sinner and begs God's mercy. As even St. John Chrysostom notes, it is not particularly humble to admit you are a sinner when in fact you are one – you are just acknowledging the truth of the matter. The Publican has little to commend himself to God, and yet it is he, not the pious and self-righteous Pharisee, that is favored by God because God rejects the pride of the Pharisee and embraces the humility of the Publican. The Publican goes beyond admitting to the truth and accepting the judgment that is laid on him. Therein lies his humility. He cannot lay claim to any reward for virtue, but opens himself to the mercy and love of God.

*Jesus said: "I tell you, this person went down to his/her house justified rather than the first; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)*

<https://blog.obitel-minsk.com/2020/02/the-publican-and-me.html>

