



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, February 20, 2022

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Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily;
Venerable Vissarion the Great of Egypt;
Agathon, Pope of Rome



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 20—Prodigal Son

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”)

Monday, February 21

6:45 a.m.	Daily Matins
5:00 p.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry—Akathist by Zoom
6:30 p.m.	Men’s Fireside

Tuesday, February 22

5:30 p.m.	Daily Vespers
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Wednesday, February 23

6:45 a.m.	Daily Matins
8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
12:00 p.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
7:00 p.m.	Women’s Book Study

Thursday, February 24

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 & Parish Council Mtg.

Friday, February 25

6:45 a.m.	Daily Matins
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Saturday, February 26

8:30 a.m.	Soul Liturgy
10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m.	Pre-Lenten Seminar— <i>The Crucifixion</i>
6:00 p.m.	Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, February 27—Meatfare Sunday

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.	MEATFARE BBQ
12:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism (“The Spiritual Disciplines”—Fr. John Finley)

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

February 20	Sieck
February 27	Tinyayeva
March 6	Meyer
March 13	Fr. Nicholas

READERS

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.)
March 9	D. Alexander (Presanctified Lit.)
March 13	Rdr. V. Gish

GREETERS

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

USHERS

February 20	D. Washburn/K.L. King
February 27	C. Speier/S. Speier
March 6	P. King/J. King
March 13	C. Berari/D. Alexander

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

February 20	Berari
February 27	MEATFARE BBQ
March 6	Cheesefare Potluck
March 13	D. McCalmont

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

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

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—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.

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

(Music on p. 42 of Liturgy book)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death,
O Thou deathless and immortal One,
then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power.
And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth,
all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee:
O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Tone 2

Troparion to St. Athanasius

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.

Tone 3

Kontakion for the Prodigal Son**Tone 3**

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father;
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You gave me.
And now I cry to You as the Prodigal:
“I have sinned before You, O merciful Father;
receive me a penitent,
and make me as one of Your hired servants!”

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 (Prokeimenon)**Tone 1**

Reader: 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.

THE EPISTLE READING
(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)
1 Corinthians. 6:12-20

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, “The two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

Alleluia before the Gospel
(Music on p. 64 of Liturgy book.)

Tone 2

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of
Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)*

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)

THE GOSPEL READING
(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)
Luke 15:11-32

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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!

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.**

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES & SEMINARS

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| Saturday, February 26 | SOUL LITURGY 8:30 a.m.
PRE-LENTEN SEMINAR 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. |
| 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/searchthescriptureslive>

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



SOUL LITURGIES

The Soul Saturday liturgies have a twofold meaning. The first is the remembrance of death and our departed loved ones. The second is the hope of the Resurrection. The dead live. “God is not a God of the dead, but of the living.” (Matthew 22:32) So as we pray for mercy for the living, we also pray the same for the departed, knowing that the mercy and justice of God are moved by our heartfelt prayers. These prayers are especially effective when offered in the divine liturgy where the departed are remembered at the Proskomedia (Preparation of the Gifts) and one by one placed on the paten next to the Body of Christ.

St. John of Kronstadt says about those gone before us that the “Church of the first born, whose names are written in heaven,” (Hebrews 12:25) in her love continually prays to God for us, and expressly names before God those who pray for them—equal for equal.

You can submit names to Fr. Symeon of departed loved ones to be remembered any time before the Soul liturgies on Saturday mornings. The first Soul Saturday liturgy is this coming Saturday, February 26 at 8:30 a.m. If **you have submitted names in the past**, we have kept a record of them and they will be remembered at all Soul Liturgies.

All reposed members of the parish are remembered at every liturgy, including Soul Liturgies. So you do not need to submit their names. Please only submit NEW names of those OUTSIDE the parish.

Soul Liturgies during Great Lent are on these Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.:

March 19 & April 2

(There will be no soul Liturgy on Saturday, March 26th)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

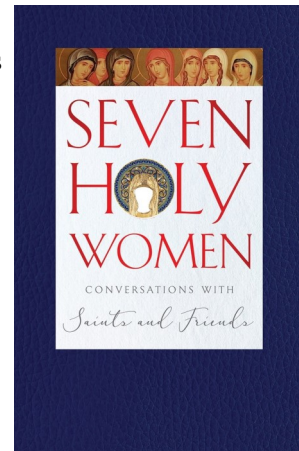
THE MEN'S FIRESIDE GATHERING will be tomorrow, **Monday, February 21st** at 6:30 p.m. (rather than 7:00 p.m.) at the home of Mike Loulias and Penny Cocores.

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.

SEVEN HOLY WOMEN

by Melinda Johnson, Laura Jansson, Georgia Briggs, Molly Sabourin, Anna Neill, Summer Kinard, Katherine Bolger Hyde, and Melissa Naasko

Written by a group of friends, *Seven Holy Women* is a one-of-a-kind journey into the lives of seven women saints. Each section of the book includes a story from one saint's life, told vividly and imaginatively in the second person; additional information about the saint to give her context; a reflection on ways the writer, reader, and saint intersect on their journeys; personal surveys for the reader and a friend to complete; and a journal prompt that encourages the reader to explore and document her encounter with themes from the saint's life. Created as both a deeply personal and enriching communal experience, *Seven Holy Women* speaks directly to the reader, drawing her into the lives of seven saints as it invites her to look more closely and lovingly at her own spiritual journey and her friendship with the cloud of witnesses.



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

- ★ 2/20 Delaney Catherine Newhouse
- ★ 2/21 Erik Lawrence, Tyson Shackelford
- ★ 2/25 Athanasia (Asia) Ballew

Patronal Feast Days

- ★ 2/26 St. Photini the Samaritan Woman Teri Lynn Palmer

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. 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
Lance. S.

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

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.

Return from Exile (The Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

*The Following is an excerpt from Great Lent, by Alexander Schmemmann
From Chapter 2: Preparation for Lent*

On the third Sunday of preparation for Lent, we hear the parable of the Prodigal Son (LK. 15:11-32). Together with the hymns on this day, the parable reveals to us the time of repentance as man's *return from exile*. The prodigal son, we are told, went to a far country and there spent all that he had. A far country! It is this unique definition of our human condition that we must assume and make ours as we begin our approach to God. A man who has never had that experience, be it only very briefly, who has never felt that he is exiled from God and from real life, will never understand what Christianity is about. And the one who is perfectly "at home" in this world and its life, who has never been wounded by the nostalgic desire for another Reality, will not understand what is repentance.

Repentance is often simply identified as a cool and "objective" enumeration of sins and transgressions, as the act of "pleading guilty" to a legal indictment. Confession and absolution are seen as being of a juridical nature. But something very essential is overlooked-- without which neither confession nor absolution have any real meaning or power. This "something" is precisely the feeling of *alienation from God*, from the joy of communion with Him, from the real life as created and given by God. It is easy indeed to confess that I have not fasted on prescribed days, or missed my prayers, or become angry. It is quite a different thing, however, to realize suddenly that I have defiled and lost my spiritual beauty, that I am far away from my real home, my real life, and that something precious and pure and beautiful has been hopelessly broken in the very texture of my existence. Yet this, and only this, is repentance, and therefore it is also a deep desire *to return*, to go back, to recover that lost home....