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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, May 29, 2022

Tone 5 / Eothinon 8

Sixth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Blind Man

Martyrs Theodosia of Tyre and Theodosia of Constantinople;
Hieromartyr Olvian, Bishop of Aneos, and Those with Him



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 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, May 29—Sunday of the Blind Man

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. ages 6-12
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Ed.
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, May 30

6:45 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins
5:15 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry—Akathist
by Zoom

Tuesday, May 31

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers of Leave-taking
of Pascha

Wednesday, June 1—LEAVE-TAKING OF PASCHA ST. JUSTIN MARTYR

6:45 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Thursday, June 2—ASCENSION

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. Festal Vespers of Ascension/Artoklasia
6:30 p.m. Festal Divine Liturgy of Ascension
8:00 p.m. Youth Group Graduation Party

Friday, June 3

6:45 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins

Saturday, June 4

8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship of St. John
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, June 5—Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. ages 6-12
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Ed.
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

May 29 Jacobs
June 5 Morrison
June 12 D. Washburn
June 19 Meyer

READERS

May 29 Lange
June 2 Meyer (Ascension)
June 4 Washburn (Vespers)
June 5 Alexander
June 11 Gish (Vespers for Pentecost)
June 12 Butler
June 18 Meyer (Vespers)
June 19 Kern

GREETERS

May 29 P. Cocores/M. Loulias
June 5 K.P. King/D. Washburn
June 12 G. & L. Hoppe
June 19 H. Lange/D. Washburn

USHERS

May 29 D. Meyer/M. Loulias
June 5 P. King/J. King
June 12 C. Berari/D. Alexander
June 19 C. Speier/S. Speier

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

May 29 Palmer/Hedges/Wayne
June 5 D. Lewis
June 12 PENTECOST BBQ
June 19 McCalmont

**TO SIGN UP TO HOST A COFFEE HOUR:
<https://bit.ly/SAOCcoffeehour>**

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

May 26 M. Loulias/K. Gomez
June 2 D. Alexander/D. Washburn
June 9 F. Young/S. Saunders
June 16 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 Priest begins Divine Liturgy with “Blessed is the Kingdom” and the choir responds “Amen.” Bearing the Paschal Candle, the Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Apolytikion and censes the west side of the Altar Table.

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of age.

People: Amen.

Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. **(2 times)**

GREAT LITANY

FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise!

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

- Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thine enemies cringe before Thee. [Refrain]
- Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee. Let it praise Thy Name, O Most High! [Refrain]
- Glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. [Refrain]

SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

Refrain: O Son of God, Who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

- That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nation! [Refrain]
- Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! [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...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Verse: Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

- As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. [Refrain]
- So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. [Refrain]
- This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. [Refrain]

LITTLE ENTRANCE

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the Springs of Israel.
O Son of God Who Rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born of the Virgin for our salvation.
For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh
to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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 Blind Man

Tone 4

I come to You, O Christ,
blind from birth in my spiritual eyes,
and call to You in repentance::/
“You are the most radiant Light of those in darkness.”

Kontakion for Pascha

Tone 8

Thou didst descend into the tomb O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the pow'r of death. In victory
Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming rejoice to the myrrh-bearing women, granting
peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (3 times)
+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 5

Thou O Lord shall keep us and preserve us from this generation forever. (*Ps 11/12:7*)
Verse: Save me O Lord, for there is now no saint. (*Ps 11/12:1*)

EPISTLE READING—Acts 16:16-34

In those days, as we Apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel

Tone 5

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth I will make known Thy faithfulness to all generations. (Ps 88/89:1)

Verse: For Thou hast said: "Mercy shall be built up forever; In the heavens shall Thy truth be established." (Ps 88/89:2)

GOSPEL READNG— John 9:1-38

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As He said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash;' so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped Him.

Hymn to the Mother of God (Meglynarion)

The angel cried to the lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure virgin! Again I say rejoice, O pure Virgin. Your son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice all ye people. O Shine! Shine! Shine, O New Jerusalem! The glory, the glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult, exult and be glad. Be glad, O Zion, be radiant, O Mother of God, in the resurrection of your Son, of your Son!

Communion of the Clergy & of the Faithful

Receive the body of Christ. Taste the fountain of immortality.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Instead of "We have seen the true light, we sing: "Christ is risen" ONE time.

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. BARBARA MONASTERY WILL HOST ITS MONTHLY FRIENDS GATHERING TODAY at 4:00 p.m. Fr. Lawrence Russel will give a talk titled: "**What are Rulers of this Age Teaching our Youth?**" Vespers and a potluck supper will follow the presentation.

2022 GRADUATES

If you have a 2022 high school or college graduate in the family, please send a brief narrative and photo to the church office so that we can honor our grads. (School graduating from, degree, plans for the next year, achievements or accolades, etc.) Please send by June 1st to: valerie@stathanasius.org.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE

Holy Assumption (Women's) Monastery in Calistoga, CA, is rebuilding its St. Nicholas House to better serve their monastic community and visitors, and to ensure that it is structurally sound enough to last for many more decades. The new building will be 2,720 square feet and cost approximately \$1 million. It will provide accommodation for nuns, especially those with special physical needs. The upstairs will be a second kitchen and work rooms. With the additional space for nuns in this building, the monastery hopes that one of the other small cottages could become available for pilgrims or women in need. Female pilgrims with physical handicaps might also be accommodated in the new space.

Throughout the month of May they are conducting a matching campaign for their building fund. A private donor will match all donations up to \$50,000. They have raised almost half of that amount already. If you would like to learn more about the building campaign and/or support their fund drive, go to:

<https://holyassumptionmonastery.com/support>

UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES

ASCENSION

Thursday, June 2

5:30 p.m.

Festal Great Vespers/Artoklasia

6:30 p.m.

Festal Divine Liturgy

PENTECOST

Saturday, June 11

6:00 p.m.

Festal Great Vespers/Artoklasia

Sunday, June 12

9:00 a.m.

Festal Matins

10:00 a.m.

Festal Divine Liturgy

**followed by BBQ on the patio,
face painting for the kids, music**

SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Tuesday, June 28

6:00 p.m.

Vesperal-Liturgy

PARENTS!
Don't forget to register your children for
SAOC SUMMER SCHOOL!
 Monday, June 13-Friday, June 24 (weekdays only)

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH
& ON THE WEBSITE AT:
<https://www.stathanasius.org/ministries/youth-education/summer-school/>

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT—January-April, 2022

Goal for Tithes January—April (includes mortgage)	\$ 216,668
Actual Tithes January-April	\$ 214,298
Total Temple Fund donations for Jan.-April	\$ 37,370
Monthly tithe goal = \$54,167	
<u>Tithes received per month:</u>	<u>Temple Fund donations per month:</u>
January \$ 58,011	\$ 20,164
February \$ 30,917	\$ 3,310
March \$ 65,687	\$ 5,035
April \$ 59,683	\$ 8,861

 CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries:
 5/30 Stan & Donna Friesen, Steven & Julie Gross
 6/02 Brian & Corie Sieck
 6/04 Douglas & Jane Meyer

Birthdays:
 5/30 Luke Palmer
 5/31 Dana Alexander
 6/2 Jill Wallerstedt

Patron Saint Feast Days
 5/30 St. Emmelia, Mother of St. Basil the Great
 Emily King, Amelia Rose Macdonald, Emily Speier
 6/1 St. Justin Martyr Justin Brunner
 6/4 St. Martha, sister of Lazarus Dottie Genatone

Dearest St. Athanasius Family,

Thanks to all in the parish who helped to make our Holy Week and Pascha celebrations so wonderful! **Now we are looking ahead to plan Coffee Hours for the rest of the Church year.** Coffee hours have been so enjoyable lately, encouraging folks to hang around after Liturgy to nurture deeper relationships within the parish.

In order to keep Coffee Hour going smoothly, it is **our hope to see participation from every family or household in the parish.** If you haven't signed up to host a Coffee Hour during the current liturgical year (and even if you have), please consider signing up for an open Sunday. You can choose a day to celebrate a patron saint, commemorate a loved one, or celebrate a holiday.

The following Coffee Hour dates during the current Liturgical Year still need a host or hosts:

July 10
July 17
July 31

August 7
August 14
August 28

Our goal is to see every slot filled to guarantee a great coffee hour every week! If you can fill one of the gaps between now and September, please sign up at:

<https://bit.ly/SAOCcoffeehour>

Thanks!!

Suzi Wiley & the Coffee Hour Team



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.
Phyllis M.
Abp. Benjamin
Kris F.
Temmo K.
Sarah B.
Coleman Family (Lori, Abby, Matt)
Jerry J.
Chuck S.
Mat. Trudi & Richter Family
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Zachary B.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Lander and Washburn Families
Bob
Lance. S.
Obadiah

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: Archbishop Paul G., Kh. Patricia R.

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 Temple Fund.

The Sunday of the Man Born Blind

We who receive benefits from God every day are ashamed or afraid to confess God because of our lack of trust. We put our own interests above God, knowing that He will understand us! He will understand us, but He will also see our faith and what priorities we have in our lives. Christ will see what "gods" we have put in His place, but He will not cease to remind us that He is the light of the world.

The blind man was healed, not only in the eyes of his body but eventually in his soul as well. He recognizes Jesus as God, and does not hesitate to confess it before the religious rulers with courage that many of us would envy. Faith alone is not enough, we also need to confess our faith in order to become genuine children of God. When we confess Christ before men, He will confess us before His Father, as the Lord has promised us: "Everyone who shall confess me before men, I also shall confess him before my Father who is in Heaven; and whoever denies me before men I also will deny him before my Father who is in Heaven" (Matthew 10:32).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2016/06/05/40-sunday-of-the-blind-man>