



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

May 14, 2023

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Fifth Sunday of Pascha:

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
& After-feast of Mid-Pentecost

Martyr Isidore of Chios;

Hieromartyr Therapont, Bishop of Cyprus



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

Nominations for Parish Council are open from today through May 21st.

Fr. Symeon will be away from Monday, May 15—Friday, May 19th.

Sunday, May 14—SAMARITAN WOMAN MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Matins & Religious Ed. ages 6-12
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Ed.
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal HOSTED BY THE MEN OF THE PARISH

Monday, May 15

7:00 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins
5:15 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
7:00 p.m. Men's Fireside at Wayne Residence

Tuesday, May 16 **NO DAILY VESPERS**

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Thursday, May 18 **NO DIVINE LITURGY** **NO DAILY VESPERS**

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
6:45 p.m. High School Youth Group

Friday, May 19

7:00 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins

Saturday, May 20

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions
6:30 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship

Sunday, May 21—Sunday of the Blindman

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

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

May 14 Dillon
May 21 Dn. G. Braun
May 24 Kern (Ascension)
May 24 M. Denny (Artos)
May 28 Jacobs
June 4 Washburn

READERS

May 14 Butler
May 21 Lange
May 24 Gish (Ascension)
May 27 Meyer (Vespers)
May 28 Alexander
June 3 Kern (Vespers)
June 4 Butler (Pentecost)

GREETERS

May 14 P. Cocores/M. Loulias
May 21 L. Baker/D. Washburn
May 28 K.P. King/K. Fox
June 4 H. Lange/D. Lewis

USHERS

May 14 M. Loulias/C. Berari
May 21 D. Meyer/K. L. King
May 28 D. Washburn/D. Alexander
June 4 P. King/J. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

May 14 **MOTHER'S DAY POTLUCK**
hosted by the MEN of the parish
May 21 Team Worthington
May 28 **MEMORIAL DAY POTLUCK**
June 4 **PENTECOST BBQ**

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

May 18 L. Ballew
May 25 F. Young
June 1 D. Alexander/J. Jones
June 8 F. Young

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.

The Paschal Greeting in Various Languages

- English:** Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!
Greek: Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
Latin: Christus Surrexit! Veritas Surrexit!
Arabic: Al-Maseeh Qam! Haqqan Qam!
Slavonic: Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
Romanian: Christos a inviat! Adevarat a inviat!
Georgian: Kriste aghdga! Cheshmaritad aghdga!
Amharic: Kristos Tenestwal! Bergit Tenestwal!
Albanian: Krishti u ngjall! Vertete u ngjall!
Syriac: M’shee ho dkom! Ha koo qam!
Hebrew: Ha Masheeha houh quam! Be emet quam!
Spanish: Cristo ha Resucitado! En verdad ha Resucitado!
French: Le Christ est Resucitee! Vraiment est Resucitee!
German: Christus ist Auferstanden! Wahrlich Er ist Auferstanden!
Gaelic: Taw creest ereen! Taw shay ereen guhdyne!
Japanese: Harisutos Fukkatsu! Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!
Basque: Piztu da Kristo! Egiaz piztu da!
Aleut: Kristusaq Aglagikuk! Angangulakan Aglagikuk!

**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]
- Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. [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 4

Having learned the joyful message
of the Resurrection from the angel,
the women disciples of the Lord cast from them
their parental condemnation,
and proudly broke the news to the disciples
saying death has been spoiled.
Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

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.

Troparion for Mid-Pentecost

Tone 8

In the middle of the feast, O Savior,
fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety as You cried to all:
“If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!”//
O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to You!

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 4

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works, in wisdom Thou hast made them all. (*Ps 103/104:24*)

Vs. Bless the Lord O my soul, O Lord my God, Thou art very great.

THE EPISTLE READING— Acts 11:19-30

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch.

For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians.

Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel (Music on p. 64 of Liturgy Book)

Tone 4

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Draw Thy bow and prosper and reign, in the cause of truth, meekness and righteousness. (*Ps 44/45:5*)

Verse: Thou hast loved righteousness and hated wickedness. (*Ps 44/45:8*)

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with His journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying: 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and You say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming [He who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

Just then His disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?' I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

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

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

Communion 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" once.

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.**

Please continue to pray for all of our catechumens, that their minds and hearts will be illumined as they continue their journey towards baptism and/or chrismation.

Kevin Duke

Anthony Salcedo, Ethan, Dominic and Jennifer

Marleyanna Worthington

UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES

ASCENSION

Wed. May 24

5:00 p.m.

Festal Great Vespers/Artoklasia

6:00 p.m.

Festal Divine Liturgy

PENTECOST

Saturday, June 3

5:30 p.m.

Festal Great Vespers/Artoklasia

Sunday, June 4

9:00 a.m.

Festal Matins

10:00 a.m.

Festal Divine Liturgy/Kneeling Prayers

followed by BBQ on the patio,

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

5/17 David & Shirley Dillon

5/20 Stoney & Jami Stetler

Birthdays

5/14 Brian Sieck

5/17 Kent Fox, Megan Speier

5/18 Penny Cocores

5/19 Anastasia Brunner, Bob Newsom

5/20 Luke Speier, Peter Braun

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Symeon will be away from Monday, May 15—Friday, May 19th. Most of that time, he will be without a cell phone signal. In the case of a personal/family emergency, please contact Fr. John Finley.

THERE WILL BE NO DAILY VESPERS THIS COMING WEEK and no Divine Liturgy on Thursday morning.

Our new hierarch of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America, Metropolitan SABA, was enthroned yesterday, May 13th, at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York. We will now be commemorating him in all of our prayers and divine services.

FR. SYMEON WILL BEGIN A NEW TUESDAY EVENING BOOK STUDY on May 23rd and it will run through June 13. We will begin with 9th Hour Prayers, followed by a potluck supper and then the book study. The book to be discussed will be **“Man and the God-man”** by St. Justin Popovich.

BULDING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

In January of this year, we welcomed Chris Robinson to the St. Athanasius staff as our part-time Building Maintenance Supervisor. If you notice something that is broken or puts people at risk in the building or on the grounds, you may fill out a memo for Chris so that he will be aware of it, if he is not already. We will mount a box near the church office where you can drop a note for Chris. We ask that you please allow Chris to enjoy Sunday worship and fellowship as a member of the parish, and put your concerns in writing rather than pulling him away from the Agape Meal.



FINANCIAL UPDATE April 2023

April tithes	<u>Budget Goal</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>
	\$ 57,461 (includes \$20,555 for mortgage)	\$ 68,312
Jan.-April tithes	\$229,868 (includes \$82,220 for mortgage)	\$210,834

Total number of households giving to General Fund:
63 out of 115 households or giving units (Giving units include adult children still living at home.)

April Temple donations	\$ 9,165
Jan.-April Temple donations	\$ 34,465

EXPENSES JANUARY-APRIL	\$250,316
INCOME JANUARY-APRIL	<u>239,639</u>
DEFICIT for first 4 months	\$ 10,677

Expenses for the first 4 months were \$7,000 UNDER budget.

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:

His Beatitude, Patriarch John X
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Markos
Fr. Jon B.
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.
Audrey 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.
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)
Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Connor V. (military)
Julianna B. (military)
P. Speier (military)
Subdn. Matthew W. (seminary)

Steve T.
Abp. Benjamin
Temmo K.
Sarah B.
Chuck S.
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Zachary B.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Lander and Washburn Families
Kevin
Stephan & Rosa K.
David
Evonne C.
Phyllis M.
Christina S.
Judy A.
Mark K.
Todd C.
Ethan K.
Mari & the Fewell Family
Matt & Tessa, Matt & Olivia
Jesús D.
Erik L.
Matthew

Nina & Erik Sr.
Anthony & Christina and Family
Hannah Rose
Kh. Patricia A. and Family

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church

The Church & people suffering from the earthquake in Syria and Turkey

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: Fr. Angelo A., Elizabeth J., Merrilynn

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. Symeon's 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.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE OPEN FROM MAY 7-21, 2023

There will be 2 elected seats and one appointed seat to be filled for the September 2023-August 2026 term. **ELECTIONS WILL BE ON JUNE 18, 2023.**

To nominate a candidate and/or to vote, one must be an active, communing member of the parish and be 18 years or older.

Please nominate anyone you feel would be a good Parish Council member. The qualifications for Council members are as follows:

A candidate must be:

- 25 years or over.
- A member of the parish for at least 2 years.
- In “good standing” in the church.

A nominating committee will review the nominations, and the selected candidates will be submitted to the parish for a vote.

To nominate someone for Parish Council, please e-mail Fr. Symeon at: frsymeon@stathanasius.org no later than May 21, 2023.

ELECTIONS SCHEDULE:

- Sunday, May 7—Sunday, May 21 — Nominations accepted by Nominating Committee
- Sunday, June 11, 2023—Four nominees announced
- Sunday, June 18—All-Parish Meeting for elections by ballot
The 2 newly elected Council members will be announced at the end of the meeting.

**Those who are traveling, infirm, or otherwise unable to vote in person
may vote by e-mail from:
Sunday, June 11—midnight on Saturday, June 17th.**

Current Parish Council Members are:

Lara Jacobs, Chair
Glenn Hoppe, Vice Chair
Dan Braun, Treasurer
Dorothy Alexander, Secretary (**stepping down this year**)
Dominic Dopico
Lizabeth Hoppe (**stepping down this year**)
Michael Loulias