



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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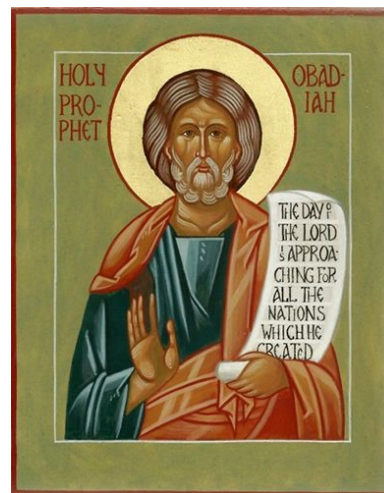
November 19, 2023

**Tone 7 / Eothion 2; Twenty-fourth Sunday after
Pentecost & Ninth Sunday of Luke**

The Holy Prophet Obadiah;

Martyr Barlaam of Antioch;

Martyr Azi the Wonderworker of Isauria in Asia Minor
and 150 soldiers with him



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are glad you are with us this morning
to join our worship of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit!

Please join us on the patio after the Liturgy for
the Agape Meal. 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, November 19

9:00 a.m. Matins
9:00 a.m. Catechesis for children 3yrs-6th grade
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Education Class
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
12:00 p.m. Children's rehearsal for Family Night
12:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
12:30 p.m. Agape Team Leaders Meeting

Monday, November 20

5:30 p.m. Matins for Feast of Presentation of the Theotokos
6:30 p.m. Liturgy for the Feast

Tuesday, November 21

FEAST OF PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, November 22

7:00 a.m. Daily Readers Matins
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry at the church
6:00 p.m. Akathist of Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23—THANKSGIVING

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Friday, November 24-ST CATHERINE

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing

Saturday, November 25

3:00 p.m. Adult Catechism
5:30 p.m. Vespers/Confession

Sunday, November 26

9:00 a.m. Matins
9:00 a.m. Catechesis for children 3yrs-6th grade
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Education
11:45 a.m. **THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

November 19 Hoppe
November 26 Kern
December 3 Dillon
December 10 Morrison

READERS

November 19 Kern
November 20 Lange (Festal Liturgy)
November 26 Meyer
December 3 Alexander
December 5 Kern (Vespers for St. Nicholas)
December 10 Gish

GREETERS

November 19 K. P. King
November 26 H. Lange
December 3 L. Baker
December 10 M. Loulias

USHERS

November 19 S. Speier/C. Speier
November 26 D. Meyer/D. Alexander
December 3 P. King/J. King
December 10 M. Loulias/K.L. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

November 19 Team Worthington
November 26 THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
December 3 Team Loulias/Cocores
December 10 Team Baker

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive through prayer and recent Confession. Non-Orthodox believers and others **may approach the chalice for a blessing and the blessed bread.** 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

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 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”

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.

HYMNS SUNG AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross;
Thou didst open paradise to the thief;
Thou didst turn the sadness of the
ointment bearing women into joy,
and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim
a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ,
granting the world the 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.

Kontakion for the Presentation of the Theotokos

Tone 4

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the Angels of God praise her:
“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

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

Tone 7

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Vs: Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel **Tone 7**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Thy
Name, O Most High. **Alleluia...**

Verse: To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth
in the night. **Alleluia...**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:16-21

The Lord spoke this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” As He said this, Jesus called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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 Hymns

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

Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion (*Blessing of the Agape Meal will follow the prayers.*)

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 all of your socializing take place outside of the church.**

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.

Rebecca Beech

Cameron Bobro

Natasha Carr

Paul Carr

Connor Clements

Kevin Duke

Adam English

Mark Gross

Anthony Salcedo, Ethan, Dominic and Jennifer



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

- 11/19 Atalia Finley, Juliet Macdonald, Kristen Roberts, Sean Ryan
- 11/22 Jami Stetler
- 11/24 Maryana Moskalyk
- 11/25 Dee Kern, Elleney Gish

Patronal Feast Days

- 11/19 **St. Philaret of Moscow** Sean Ryan
- 11/21 **The Theotokos (Presentation)** Camila Aviles
- 11/23 **St. Alexander Nevsky** Alexander Nikolov
- 11/24-25 **St. Catherine the Martyr**
 Catherine Braun, Diane Carrillo, Madison Eberhard, Melissa Hedges,
 Gloria Morrison, Delaney Newhouse, Ekaterina Nikolov,
 Jami Stetler, Kate Vander Laan
- 11/24 **St. Clement of Rome** Farley Clementine Easbey

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

From November 5-26,

**Stewardship Commitment Cards will be available
next to the tithe box.**

**We ask that each active member/household fill out a form
and put it in the tithe box, or hand it to Fr. Symeon.**

Next Sunday, November 26th, all of the cards will be put on the altar table during the Liturgy as an “offering,” and we will pray that our commitments for the coming year will be blessed.

Commitment Cards will be collected each week from the tithe box until November 26th, and **all will be presented that day as an offering.**

How does Stewardship help The Church?

Money is a necessary tool for ministry. Every act of giving, no matter the size, makes a difference. Generosity is contagious. The Church's mission of salvation and evangelism depends directly on our generosity.

Our Parish's many ministries, including **The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Teen Program, Teen & Adult Religious Education, Music Ministry, St. Brigid Fellowship (Outreach to the Unsheltered), monthly donations to Orthodox Missions work, and support of many local charities** — are all funded by our stewardship.

Stewardship is vital to our Church and, among many things, helps to:

- Provide religious services and sacraments
- Provide religious counseling
- Provide visitations to the hospitalized and shut-ins
- Minister to the community outside of our Church walls
- Offer help and support to those in need
- Support those who serve us
- Support our Archdiocese
- Keep our Church grounds and buildings in good condition

"Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly, nor under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (**II Corinthians 9:7**)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE to the Archdiocese special collection for the relief effort in Gaza, checks should be written to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church with “RELIEF EFFORT” on the memo line. The funds will be managed and distributed by the Jerusalem Patriarchate. You can also donate on the parish website: <https://www.stathanasius.org/donation/> (Please include the words “RELIEF EFFORT” in the notes.)

WELCOME TO NATASHA CARR, who will be received as a catechumen before the Divine Liturgy this morning. Please continue to pray for all of our catechumens.

TOMORROW evening we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple, with Matins at 5:30 p.m., followed by Divine Liturgy at approximately 6:30 p.m.

OUR LITURGICAL CELEBRATION FOR THANKSGIVING:

THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING, we will pray the poetically beautiful Akathist of Thanksgiving at 6:00 p.m. What a wonderful way to begin the holiday weekend: by giving thanks to God for ALL THINGS!

ON THANKSGIVING MORNING, we will offer Divine Liturgy at 8:30 a.m.

THERE WILL BE NO DAILY VESPERS this Thursday evening.

NEXT SUNDAY’S AGAPE MEAL IS A POTLUCK. If you are in town, please consider bringing a meatless dish to share.

THE MEN’S FIRESIDE this month will be on Monday, November 27th at 7 p.m. Location TBA.

ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd there will be NO GREAT VESPERS at our parish. We will join St. Barbara’s Greek parish for Vespers in celebration of their patronal feast day, which they have transferred to Sunday, December 3rd.

PLEASE NOTE: VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS WILL BE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, not on December 6th, as previously announced. We expect a surprise visitor that night, and the children will be invited to leave their shoes in the chapel during the service so that holy St. Nicholas can leave them a gift.

FOR COUPLES THINKING ABOUT GETTING MARRIED...

The first step in planning to be married is to meet with Fr. Symeon. No date can be reserved without his blessing. Regarding use of the church facilities, the Parish Council approved detailed policies in 2022 regarding facility use and rental (by parish members only). For more information, contact the church office.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT

Advent began on November 15th.

There will be no Advent Seminar since this was a Sacred Arts Festival year.

Advent Paraklesis	Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Nov. 15 & 29, Dec. 13 & 20)
Feast of Presentation of the Theotokos	Monday, November 20 5:30 p.m. Matins followed by Divine Liturgy
Thanksgiving Akathist	Wednesday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Day Liturgy	Thursday, November 23 at 8:30 a.m.
Feast of St. Barbara	Saturday, Dec. 2nd—We will join St. Barbara Greek parish for their festal Vespers. Sunday, December 3 at 4pm—Vigil at the St. Barbara Monastery Monday, December 4 at 10 am—Divine Liturgy at Monastery
St. Nicholas Vespers	Tuesday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. Visit by St. Nicholas, children's shoes filled, refreshments (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE to DEC. 5th.)
Family Night	Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. Musical entertainment, carols, refreshments and FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Due to the fact that the feast of the Nativity falls on a Monday this year, our service schedule will be slightly different than usual:

- Friday, December 22 at 9:00 a.m. Royal Hours of Nativity
- Saturday, December 23 at 5:30 p.m. Great Vespers of Sunday before Nativity
- Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 a.m. Matins & Liturgy of Sunday before Nativity
- Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 p.m. Matins & Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity

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
Metropolitan SABA
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Markos
Fr. Jon B.
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.
Fr. Nicholas & Jan
Audrey C.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family in Albania
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya
Duane F.
Richard and Susan B.
Bob N.
Kh. Melissa H.
Jeremiah & Sarah H. (military)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)
Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Connor V. (military)
Julianna & Zaron D. (military)
P. Speier (military)

Subdn. Matthew W. (seminary)
Steve T.
Abp. Benjamin
Temmo K.
Sarah B..
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Zachary B.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Kevin D. & Family
Stephan & Rosa K.
Ethan K.
Erik L.
Matthew
Nina & Erik Sr.
Anthony & Christina and Family
Hannah Rose
Leticia B.
Kari H.
Carol J.
Suzi W.
Adam and Family
Madison E.
Susan W.
David W.

Dave D.
Roman N.
Eloise G.
Jim M.
Wade
Amanda Catherine

For the local agencies and their leaders who are working to fight human trafficking.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church

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. Paul E.

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.



Winter Retreat

January 12-15, 2024
@ Camp St Nicholas ~ Frazier Park, CA

Building Relationships through Christ

Keynote Speakers:

Rev Fr George & Kh Miray Katrib

Early Bird Registration (ends 11/28) ~ \$225

General Registration (ends 12/29) ~ \$260



With the blessing of His Eminence, **Metropolitan SABA**, we are excited to announce that registration is open for our annual Winter Retreat!

We're equally excited to welcome **Reverend Fr. George and Kh. Miray Katrib** as our keynote speakers. This year's theme is "Building Relationships through Christ."

Early bird pricing is available now through **November 28**.

We hope to see you all there!

TO REGISTER: <https://submit.jotform.com/232980702097157>