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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

April 21, 2024 Tone 5 / Eothinon 2; Fifth Sunday of Great Lent Commemoration of our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt

Hieromartyr Januarios, Bishop of Benevento & Companions; Martyr Alexandra the Queen & Companions



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

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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 Fa-ther 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.

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

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 of St. Mary of Egypt	Tone 8
The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother,	
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.	
By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh	
for it passes away;	
but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.	
Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary,	
rejoices with the angels.	

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.

Kontakion of Annunciation

Tone 8

Tone 3

To thee, our Queen, leader in battle and defender. We thy people delivered from all peril, offer hymns of vict'ry and thanksgiving, O Theotokos. Since thou dost possess invincible power, set us free from ev'ry calamity. That we may cry unto thee: Hail O bride without bridegroom.

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 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*)

THE EPISTLE READING Hebrews 9:11-14

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living 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;	
	I will make known Thy faithfulness to all gen	erations. (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 READING Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took His twelve disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise again."

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of You." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

MEGLYNARION—HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages: He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*) The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! (*Ps. 111:6*)

Holy Communion & The Thanksgiving Prayers

In the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have humbly prepared to receive through prayer and a recent Sacramental Confession.

Non-Orthodox people and those not communing today may approach during Communion for a priestly blessing by saying, *"Father, bless."* After this you may take a piece of antidoron (blessed bread) offered in the bowls.

If you are interested in joining the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, speak with our Pastor about how to become an Orthodox Christian.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we offer **Thanksgiving Prayers** for having received the body and blood of Christ. These beautiful prayers help us to reflect on the mystery in which we have partaken and prepare us for our transition from the Kingdom back into "the world." If you have partaken, stay to listen to these prayers after you have venerated the cross. Immediately after, the priest will bless the Agape Meal. <u>We ask that all your socializing take place outside of the church.</u>

2024 Divine Services for Holy & Great Week and Pascha at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church in Santa Barbara, CA

(Also available on the parish Google Calendar and at: https://www.stathanasius.org/resources/downloads-resources/)

Lazarus Saturday

The festal transition from the end of Lent to beginning of Holy Week.Friday, April 266 PMLittle Compline with Canon of Raising of Lazarus

Saturday, April 27 9 AM The Divine Liturgy

Parish Work Party following to prepare for Holy Week and Pascha

Palm Sunday

The Great Feast	of the Entry of	^c Our Lord into Jerusalem
Saturday, April 27	5:30 PM	Great Vespers for Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 28	9 AM	Orthros with the Blessing of Palms
	10 AM	Divine Liturgy with Procession with Palms

Allowance for Fish, Wine & Oil for the feast.

HOLY WEEK

Service commemore	itions begin .	Sunday evening in anticipation
Sunday, April 28	6 PM	Bridegroom Orthros for Great Monday
		Strict fasting resumes

Great & Holy Monday

The Commemoration	of the Patriar	ch Joseph as a Prototype of the Lord's Passion
April 29	9 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
-	6 PM	Bridegroom Orthros for Great Tuesday

Great & Holy Tuesday

The Commemoratio	on of the Parc	able of the Ten Virgins
April 30	9 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
-	6 PM	Bridegroom Orthros for Great Wednesday

Great & Holy Wednesday

The Commemoration	of the Sinful	Woman Who Repented Contrasted with Judas
May 1	9 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
-	6 PM	The Sacrament of Holy Unction

Great & Holy Thursday

The Inaug	uration of the N	<i>Aystical Supper of the Lord</i>
May 2	8 AM	Orthros for Holy Thursday
	9 AM	Vesperal Liturgy of the Mystical Supper, <i>followed by</i>
		The Rite of the Washing of the Twelve's Feet
	6 PM	Orthros for Holy Friday, with the Passion Gospels,
		the Procession to Golgotha, and Nailing to the Cross

Great & Holy Friday

The Passion, Crucifixion, and Burial of Our LordMay 39 AMThe Great Hours & Typika for Holy Friday3 PMVespers with the Removal of Christ from the Cross6 PMOrthros for Holy Saturdaywith Burial Lamentations and Procession of the Bier

Great & Holy Saturday

The Harrowing and Despoliation of Hades by Our LordMay 49 AMVesperal Liturgy of the Harrowing of Hades
with the Baptism and Chrismation of Converts

Great & Holy Sunday: PASCHA

The Bodily Resurrection of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ from the Dead.May 55 AMRush Service, Orthros, and Divine Liturgy
The fast is broken. All foods are allowed.9 AMAgape Vespers
with Gospel Reading in Many Languages

Join us for the After-feast!

A Festal Agape Meal and an Egg Hunt will take place on the church patio immediately after the Liturgy.

We will continue our celebration with BBQ and Games at 3 PM over at Tucker's Grove Park.

Let us share abundantly in the joy of the Lord's Resurrection.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WILL BE RECEIVED THIS MORNING AS CATE-CHUMENS. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their period of preparation:

Karti Adimulam Isaak Lau Matthew, Ashley and Ryan McCauley Brennan Pawley Logan Strait

BOOK DRIVE FOR OLIVE CREST/HOPE REFUGE

Our Women's Fellowship is coordinating a Book Drive for the residents of Olive Crest. Please see the yellow flyer in the hallway for book suggestions. Donated books may be dropped off in our bookstore.

LAST SOUP DINNER THIS WEDNESDAY

Thank you to all who have been supporting our Wednesday Soup Dinners after the Presanctified Liturgies by bringing food and helping with clean-up. THE FAITHFUL OF ST. BARBARA GREEK PARISH will join us for Presanctified Liturgy and the Soup Dinner this Wednesday, April 24th. TO SIGN UP: https://bit.ly/SoupDinners2024

LETTER TO BE EXCUSED FROM SCHOOL ON HOLY THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Fr. Symeon encourages parents to request that their children be excused from school on Thursday, May 2nd and Friday, May 3rd for our Holy Week services. If you need a letter to give to the school, there are copies in the hallway of the church, or you can access a pdf here: https://www.stathanasius.org/resources/downloads-resources/

METROPOLITAN SABA'S VISION FOR OUR ARCHDIOCESE

In this interview in two parts Sayidna Saba addresses important topics for the future of our Archdiocese, including the successes he has seen already and his vision for building on them, a discussion on further activating the "royal priesthood" of all believers, the establishment of monasteries within our Archdiocese, and the addition of more auxiliary bishops.

https://www.antiochian.org/videonews/2005 https://www.antiochian.org/videonews/2014

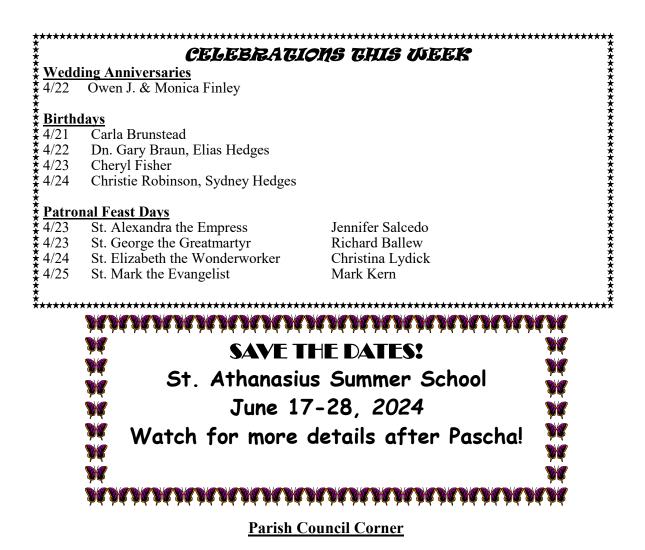
Please continue to pray for the following catechumens who will be received into the Orthodox Faith on Holy Saturday morning, May 4th:

CATECHUMEN

Rebecca Beech Cameron Bobro Natasha Carr Paul Carr Connor Clements Kevin Duke Adam English

SPONSOR

Dorothy Alexander Stan Friesen Dorothy Alexander Dana Alexander Timmy Palmer Peter Van Dolah Douglas Meyer



- The Parish Council reviewed bids for the trimming of the remaining Aleppo Pines along our Sumida Gardens border to prevent another tree from falling on our property, as happened in one of the heavy rainstorms back in February. We will be moving forward with getting these trees trimmed in the next month.
- The Parish Council has been made aware that unsafe items have been found by our children on occasion in our bushes and trees. Two Parish Council members have volunteered to walk the perimeter of our property on Sunday mornings and check for discarded items, particularly items we would not want our children to encounter. Parents, please stay vigilant and supervise your children, and make sure any unusual activity or unsafe items found are reported to Fr. Symeon immediately.
- To preserve our Iconostasis icons for years to come, we are asking parishioners to no longer step onto the Solea to kiss those icons. Instead, please venerate the icons of Christ, the Theotokos, St. John the Baptist, and St. Athanasius on the icon stands in front of the Solea.

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 Abp. Benjamin Fr. Mathias in Tanzania (OCMC) Fr. Jon B. Fr. John & Kh. Diane C. Fr. Nicholas & Jan Fr. Turbo & St. Mary parish Fr. Paul and St. Moses parish Greg & Margaret Y. Hoppe Family in Albania (OCMC) 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. Temmo K. Sarah B.. Dn. John & Fay Y. Samantha & Chris N. & Family Kevin D. & Family Erik L. Matthew Wade Amanda Catherine Darcy Penny B. Nancy & Patrick G. Audry D. Kh. Peggy K. Laura & Jeff & Family Amanda, Chris & Baby James Benny & Michelle M. Evonne C.

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

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church

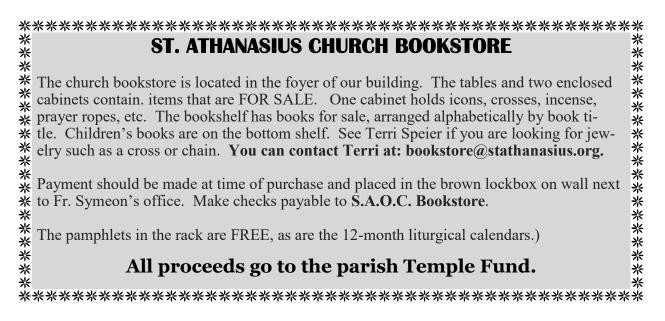
All those suffering and in danger in Ukraine, Africa, and the Middle East

Please pray for the raising up and support of long-term missionaries from our parish.

OUR CATECHUMENS:

Rebecca Beech Cameron Bobro Natasha Carr Paul Carr Connor Clements Kevin Duke Adam English Mark Gross

For repose of the souls of: Fr. Anthony K.



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 21—ST. MARY OF EGYPT

Catechesis for children 3yrs-6th grade
Matins
Divine Liturgy
Teen Education
Agape Meal
Choir Rehearsal

Monday, April 22

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7:00 a.m.	Lenten Matins
5:45 p.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
1	(Akathist for St. Nikiforos)
6:00 p.m.	Great Compline

Wednesday, April 24

7:00 a.m.	Lenten Matins
12:00 p.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry at the church
6:00 p.m.	Presanctified Liturgy & Soup Dinner

Thursday, April 25

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

Friday, April 26

7:00 a.m.	Lenten Matins (with a priest)
6:00 p.m.	Canon of Lazarus

Saturday, April 27

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9:00 a.m.	Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
11:00 a.m.	Work Party
3:30 p.m.	Women's Fwp—Baking of Lazarakia
5:30 p.m.	Vespers/Confession

Sunday, April 28—PALM SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.	Catechesis for children 3yrs-6th grade
9:00 a.m.	Matins
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m.	Teen Education
11:45 a.m.	Agape Meal
5:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Bridegroom Matins

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCHARIST BREAD

April 21	Dn. G. Braun
April 28	Dillon (Palm Sunday)
May 2	Fr. J. Finley (Holy Thursday)
May 4	Kern (Holy Saturday)
May 5	Morrison (Pascha)
May 12	Fr. Nicholas

READERS

KEADEKS	
April 21	Meyer
April 24	Butler (Presanctified Liturgy)
April 27	Lange (Lazarus Saturday Liturgy)
April 27	Alexander (Vespers)
April 28	Butler
April 29	Kern (Presanctified Liturgy)
April 30	Gish (Presanctified Liturgy)
May 1	TBA (Presanctified Liturgy)
May 1	Butler (Unction)
May 2	Kern (Liturgy)
May 3	Alexander (Vespers)
May 3	Butler (Lamentation Matins)
May 4	Gish/Butler/Kern/Lange (Holy Sat.)
May 5	Lange (Pascha)
May 12	Gish

<u>GREETERS</u>

UNEETERS	
April 21	K.P. King
April 28	H. Lange
May 5	PASCHA
May 12	G. Hoppe

USHERS April 21

April 21	S. Speier, C. Speier
April 28	K.L. King/D. Meyer
May 5	J. King/P. King
May 12	D. Alexander/K.L. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

April 21	Team Halsell
April 28	PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK
May 5	PASCHA
May 12	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP for
-	Mother's Day

PA	ASCHA CELEBRATION	
	Sunday, May 5, 2024	
5:00 a.m.	Paschal Procession & Rush (Matins) Service	
6:15 a.m.	Paschal Liturgy and Blessing of Meat, Cheese and our Baskets	
8:00 a.m.	Break-fast on the patio — Bring your own Pa The church will provide: Pascha eggs Meats (breakfast sausage, bacon and ham) Pascha cheese Bread Strawberries Coffee, tea, hot cocoa, juice, chocolate milk, v	SIGN UP TO HELP OR TO BRING BREAKFAST MEATS: https://bit.ly/ PaschaBreakfast2024
8:30 a.m.	Egg Hunt for the kids in the field behind the c	hurch
9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.		SE LET US KNOW WHAT SIDE YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING: https://bit.ly/2024PICNIC
	(Includes BBQ'd tri-tip, chili, and side dishes Also helps cover cost of the park rental and B Attendees will need to provide their own beve napkins, tablecloth & a side dish or salad to sl	BQ supplies.) rages, utensils, cups, plates,
 Please b Grade 6) Bags will Filled eg There w throughd Please n Pre-school If you do n 	5: For the egg hunt oring one dozen FILLED PLASTIC EGGS for a) who will be participating. Il be provided for the kids to use when collecting ggs need to be brought to the church no later tha vill be a cart in the hallway near the church office out Holy Week. mark the filled eggs according to the age of you ool/Kindergarten, Grades 1-3, or Grades 4-6. Questions? Contact Christie Robinson: christie.co	eggs. n 6:00 a.m. on Pascha morning. where you can drop off eggs ir child: .robinson@gmail.com to donate eggs for the hunt for
children who might be visiting that day, or for a particular family in the parish, your donations are welcome! Please let Christie know.		