



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

May 12, 2024

New Sunday or Anti-Pascha

Sunday of Thomas the Apostle, Called “The Twin”

Germanos, Patriarch of Constantinople;

Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus



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

**At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology
followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion:**

Troparion of Antipascha

From the sealed tomb, You shone forth, O Life! Through closed doors You came to Your disciples, O Christ God! Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, By the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

**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 Antipascha

Tone 7

From the sealed tomb,
You shone forth, O Life!
Through closed doors You came to Your disciples, O Christ God!
Renew in us, through them,
an upright spirit,
By the greatness of Your mercy,
O Resurrection of all!

Kontakion for Pascha

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 (Prokeimenon) Tone 3

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! His wisdom is beyond measure! (Ps 146/147:5)

Verse: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps 146/147:1)

EPISTLE READING**Act 5:12-20**

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the Apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

ALLELUIA BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Tone 8

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord. Let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior. (Ps. 94:1)

Verse: For the Lord is a great God and a great king over all the earth. (Ps. 94:3)

THE GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.

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—for Thomas Sunday

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. Alleluia. (Ps. 147:1)

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,” sing “Christ is Risen” ONCE.

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. **We ask that all your socializing take place outside of the church.**

The Paschal Greeting in Various Languages

English:	Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!
Greek:	Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!
Arabic:	Al-Maseeh qam! Haqqan qam!
Slavonic:	Christos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!
Romanian:	Hristus 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!
Aleut:	Kristusaaq aglagikuk! Angangulakan aglagikuk!

SAOC SUMMER SCHOOL 2024!

FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED GRADES K-6

Monday, June 17-Friday, June 28 (weekdays only)

Class 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon daily

Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. daily

Activity 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. daily

Please bring a snack & sack lunch EVERY DAY except JUNE 21.

ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY
OF THE CHURCH & ON THE WEBSITE AT:

<https://www.stathanasius.org/ministries/youth-education/summer-school/>

Tuition: \$320 for 1 child/ \$450 for 2 children/\$560 for 3 or more children
Tuition assistance is available. Please speak with Fr. Symeon.

We are accepting applications for **Teen Helpers** who are in Grade 7 or older.
Helpers must submit a Volunteer Application & Medical Release Form.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We collected over 300 pounds of food during Great Lent for the Food Bank of Santa Barbara and sent \$450 to the Archdiocese for "Food for Hungry People!"

If you used one of the coin collection boxes during Lent for alms, we ask that they be returned to the church office as soon as possible after Pascha. A big thank you to Nik, Zach and Alex Nikolov for delivering our collected food to the Santa Barbara Foodbank!

PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

- We have approved the purchase of sixteen new umbrellas for our patio to provide adequate shade during coffee hour and outdoor events.
- The Long Range Planning committee welcomes three new members: Jami Stetler, Laurie Baker, and Christie Robinson. The committee is chaired by Dan Braun and is responsible for discerning potential projects and development partners, then recommending long-term plans to the Parish Council and the parish members regarding our undeveloped land. All future plans will be first approved by our parish and then by the archdiocese.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

TODAY Fr. Symeon will bless the graves of our loved ones buried at Goleta Cemetery after the Agape Meal. (approximately 1:00 p.m.) All are invited to join Father in proclaiming the Resurrection and singing “Christ is risen!” at the graves.

A HUGE THANK YOU to:

- Our clergy, altar servers, readers and singers who served dozens of hours this past week and throughout Great Lent.
- Carla Brunstead and ALL who helped the Festal Decorating team to beautify our church, inside and outside, for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Pascha!
- Chris & Christie Robinson for leading the charge on the Lazarus Saturday work party and to ALL who stayed to help clean and decorate and Suzi Wiley for the breakfast and snacks that day.
- Our Agape Meal and Social teams, under the leadership of Suzi Wiley and Christie Robinson, for coordinating the meals and receptions of this past week.
- Subdn. Michael and Mitchell Denny for organizing the Pascha picnic.

WELCOME TO the newly illumined, received into the Orthodox Faith yesterday! God grant them many years!!

<u>Newly received</u>	<u>Patron Saint</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Rebecca Beech	Matushka Olga of Alaska	Dorothy Alexander
Cameron Bobro	St. Romanos	Stan Friesen
Natasha Carr	St. Seraphim of Sarov	Dorothy Alexander
Paul Carr	St. Moses the Ethiopian	Dana Alexander
Connor Clements	St. Colmcille of Ireland (Columba)	Timmy Palmer
Adam English	Righteous Job the Longsuffering	Douglas Meyer

CHANGE IN DAILY TRISAGION PRAYERS:

1. During Bright Week we pray the **Paschal Hours** at home.

Text is here: <https://www.stathanasius.org/resources/downloads-resources/>

2. From Pascha until Pentecost, do not say, “O Heavenly King...”

3. From Pascha until Ascension, replace “Holy God, Holy Mighty...” with “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in tombs bestowing life.”

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.

THE MEN’S FIRESIDE GATHERING for May will be next Monday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mike and Penny Loulias.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE REZONING OF OUR LAND

On Holy Friday, May 3rd, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors voted to rezone our parcel of land to become a domestic residence zoning. This is a joyous thing worthy of celebration, and in years to come it will change our financial picture and greatly aid us in building our Temple. I ask for your continued prayers as there are still many decisions to make, with discernment, as a community, and I am sure many challenges. However, our Lord is always victorious and His will always prevails. Continue to pray that we follow His holy will and work within His providential care.

Let us celebrate and welcome this great gift.

In the Risen Christ,

Fr. Symeon Halsell

**FINANCIAL UPDATE
March 2024**

	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Budget Goal</u>
Tithes received in March	\$ 56,839	\$ 57,417 (includes \$20,555 for mortgage)
February Temple donations	\$ 5,427	

Temple Fund Balance year-to-date: **\$ 719,370**

(We have had some expenses in the past month from the Temple Fund related to the land development and rezoning.)

Total expenses March 2024	\$67,355
Total income March 2024	<u>-65,113</u>
Deficit for March	\$ 2,242

DEFICIT for the first 3 months: \$ 8,193

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

- 5/12 Jim & Gloria Morrison, Larry & Cheryl Lander
- 5/17 David & Shirley Dillon

Birthdays

- 5/14 Brian Sieck
- 5/17 Kent Fox, Megan Speier
- 5/18 Penny Cocores

Patronal Saint Feast Day

- 5/12 St. Thomas (Thomas Sunday) Adam Carralejo, Craig Speier

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:

Karti Adimulam
Kevin Duke
Isaak Lau
Matthew, Ashley and Ryan McCauley
Brennan Pawley
Ethan Salcedo
Logan Strait

For repose of the souls of:

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of our building. The tables and two enclosed cabinets contain 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. **You can contact Terri at: bookstore@stathanasius.org.**

Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in the 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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 12—THOMAS SUNDAY

MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Matins & Religious Ed. ages 3yrs-6th gr.
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Ed.
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
1:00 p.m. Blessing of the Graves at
Goleta Cemetery

Monday, May 13

7:00 a.m. Paschal Daily Reader's Matins
5:45 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom

Tuesday, May 14

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 16

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, May 17

7:00 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins with a priest

Saturday, May 18

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, May 19—Sunday of the Myrrhbearers

9:00 a.m. Matins & Religious Ed. ages 3 yrs-6th gr.
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 12 Fr. Nicholas
May 19 Dn. G. Braun
May 26 Hoppe
June 2 Fr. J. Finley

READERS

May 12 Gish
May 19 Kern
May 26 Alexander
May 29 Gish (Mid-feast Liturgy 8:30 a.m.)
June 2 Butler

GREETERS

May 12 G. Hoppe
May 19 L. Baker
May 26 M. Loulias
June 2 K.P. King

USHERS

May 12 D. Alexander/K.L. King
May 19 C. Speier/S. Speier
May 26 D. Washburn/D. Alexander
June 2 P. King/J. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

May 12 **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP for
Mother's Day**
May 19 Team Lander
May 26 **MEMORIAL DAY POTLUCK**
June 2 Team Kawahara

HEARTFELT THANKS TO NATALIYA TINYAYEVA

for the beautiful photos of Palm Sunday
on the parish website.

<https://www.stathanasius.org/media/photo-gallery/>

Photos of Holy Week and Pascha will be posted soon!

