



## 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

October 20, 2024

**Tone 8 / Eothinon 6; Seventeenth Sunday after  
Pentecost & Sixth Sunday of Luke**

**Great-martyr Artemius at Antioch**

Venerable Gerasimos the New Ascetic of Kephallenia;

Venerable Matrona of Chios



**ST. DEMETRIUS—OCTOBER 26**

## 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.**

**THE DIVINE LITURGY  
OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**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 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.

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

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection**

**Tone 8**

From the heights Thou didst descend,  
O Compassionate One;  
and Thou didst submit to the three day burial,  
that Thou might deliver us from passion.  
Thou art our Life and our Resurrection,  
O Lord, glory to Thee.

#### **Troparion for Great-martyr Artemius**

**Tone 4**

Your holy martyr Artemius, O Lord,  
through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God.  
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//  
Through his intercession, save our souls!

#### **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 - Ordinary Sundays****Tone 4**

O undisputed intercessor of Christians,  
The mediatrix, who was unrejected by the Creator.  
Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners.  
Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good.  
Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos,  
who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

**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 8**

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

**Verse:** *God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

**EPISTLE READING****2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1**

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

**Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain 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.

**Verse:** Come before His countenance with thanksgiving, and with psalms let us shout in jubilation unto Him.

## GOSPEL READING

### Luke 8:26-39

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

### 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 corruption 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*)

## 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FR. SYMEON AND FAMILY WILL BE AWAY OCTOBER 23-28 at the wedding of Subdn. Matthew (Galen) Wiley.**

The parish will honor Subdn. Matthew and Christina at an Agape Meal offered by his parents, Suzi and Dan Wiley, on Sunday, November 24th. Please keep the couple in your prayers as they approach their wedding day, and also remember in prayer all those traveling to the wedding.

**SOWING SEEDS OF FAITH, WATERING THEM WITH LOVE AND PATIENCE...**

*Sowing Seeds* is a monthly outreach of Ancient Faith Ministries created to connect Orthodox Christian families with pan-Orthodox resources from all across the English-speaking world that support parents and children at every age and every stage, from birth to college. To view the first edition and sign up to receive the newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/ancientfaith/sowing-seeds-newsletter-signup>

**REGISTRATION FOR CAMP ST. NICHOLAS WINTER CAMP** opened on October 1.

The camp is February 14-17, 2025 and is open to youth 7th—12th grade. The cost is \$275. Deposit of \$75 is due upon registration. Camp tends to sell out, so register early. <https://tinyurl.com/SNC-WC25>

**STAFF MEMBERS ARE NEEDED** for Winter Camp. The deadline for applications is Dec. 1. Staff members must be at least 18 years old and have graduated high school. The number of counselors selected is based on how many students register, with preference for applicants with youth and/or camping ministry experience. To register: <https://www.mycircuitree.com/av/HR/>

**ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH in Camarillo** invites our parishioners to join them for their patronal feast day celebration next weekend. The schedule for the weekend is as follows:

Friday, 10/25  
Saturday, 10/26  
Sunday, 10/27

Great Vespers at 7pm  
Matins at 8:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.  
Parish Feast Day Picnic/BBQ, following services.

### **FALL 2024 ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES** **On Saturdays from 3-5 p.m.** **Schedule**

November 2 - Session 4

“Seeing and Living in the Beauty, Truth and Wisdom of God”

November 9 - Session 5

“The Age to Come: The Second Coming, the Saints”

**AUTUMN SCHEDULE  
of  
WEEKDAY LITURGICAL SERVICES**

Monday/Wednesday/Friday (Fridays with a priest serving)	Daily Matins	7:00 a.m.
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Tuesday/Thursday	Daily Vespers	5:30 p.m.
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Wednesdays	Akathist or Paraklesis	5:30 p.m.
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Fridays from 9/27-12/20 (except 10/25 & 11/29)	Divine Liturgy	8:30 a.m.
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**WE WILL ALSO CELEBRATE DIVINE LITURGIES  
ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:**

- Sat., Nov. 2                      9:00 a.m. for St. Raphael of Brooklyn
- Sat., Nov 9                      9:00 a.m. for Nektarios the Wonderworker
- Wed., Nov 13                    7:30 a.m. for St. John Chrysostom
- Fri., Nov 22                      8:30 a.m. for St. Iakovos of Evia
- Mon., Dec 2                      7:30 a.m. for St. Porphyrios of Athos
- Fri., Dec 20                      7:30 a.m. for St. Ignatius/St. John of Kronstadt

**OTHER DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:**

Wednesday, November 20	<b>Feast of the Presentation</b> of the Theotokos 5:30pm Matins/6:30 Liturgy
Wednesday, November 27	6:00 p.m. <b>Akathist of Thanksgiving</b>
Thursday, November 28	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Thanksgiving)
Thursday, December 5	6:00 p.m. <b>Vespers for St. Nicholas</b>

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan SABA



Archbishop of New York and  
Metropolitan of  
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE**  
OF NORTH AMERICA

**Prot. no.: 523/2024**

October 9, 2024

Dear Reverend Clergy and Esteemed Members of our Parish Councils,

Grace and peace to you in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Everyone across our nation has witnessed with sadness as Hurricane “Helene” cut a path of destruction across many states in our land from Florida to Tennessee and the Carolinas. Winds, rain, and flooding in many areas led to collapse of roads, destruction of properties, loss of businesses and livelihood, much suffering and loss of human lives.

As words have been received regarding the parishes that suffered damages asking for help through our hurricane funds, we continue to monitor until after the passing of the second Hurricane “Milton” to know the full damage that our parishes have sustained, their parishioners, and their surroundings.

In response to appeals from several of our clergy and their parishes that requested a directive from the Archdiocese as to where they may direct their help, I call upon all our parishes to take a special collection for those who have suffered losses from these two unprecedented storms.

Once you have had a chance to collect all donations, please forward one check from your parish to the Archdiocese (memo: “Hurricane Relief”)— no later than the end of this month. All donations will go directly to those in need.

Please demonstrate your love in a practical way by lifting prayers and supplications to our good and saving God on behalf of all that suffered distresses, pains, and losses because of the hurricanes, that they might “find hope under His wings” (Ps. 90:4).

Give any amount of love offering in the name of Jesus Christ for the sake of the victims of these two hurricanes. Offer whatever you are able. No amount is too small. May God’s blessings come upon you and reward your generosity preserving you and your families from all harms.

Your Father in Christ,

+SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

**Please make checks out to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church and include in the memo: Hurricane Relief. Donations may be made by check in the tithe box or online through the parish website: <https://www.stathanasius.org/donation/>**



## CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

### Birthdays

10/20 Noah Hedges  
10/21 Kh. Diane Carrillo  
10/22 Kyle Petersilia  
10/24 Fr. Jon Braun, Garrett Gish, Subdn. Stephen Butler  
10/25 Justin Brunner  
10/26 Alla Galanska

### Patronal Feast Days

10/21 St. Hilarion the Great — Anthony Salcedo  
10/23 St. James, Brother of the Lord  
Richard Barre, Jim Morrison, Dominic Salcedo, Jacob Wallace  
10/26 St. Demetrius of Thessaloniki — Sean Hampton

## ST. DEMETRIUS OF THESSALONIKI—OCTOBER 26

The holy, glorious and right-victorious Great-martyr **Demetrius of Thessaloniki** the Myrrh-streamer is one of the most popular saints in the Orthodox world. He was martyred around the year 306 in Thessalonica, and his cult rapidly grew during the Middle Ages, when he was regarded as the first recognized patron and protector of the city, militarily as well as spiritually.

During the reign of Saint Constantine (306-337), a church was built over the grave of Saint Demetrios. A hundred years later, during the construction of a majestic new church on the old spot, the incorrupt relics of the holy martyr were uncovered. Since the seventh century a miraculous flow of fragrant myrrh has been found beneath the crypt of the Great Martyr Demetrios, so he is called “the Myrrh-gusher.”

Several times, those venerating the holy wonderworker tried to bring his holy relics, or a part of them, to Constantinople. Invariably, Saint Demetrios made it clear that he would not permit anyone to remove even a portion of his relics.

It is interesting that among the barbarians threatening the Romans, Slavs occupied an important place, in particular those settling upon the Thessalonian peninsula. Some even believe that the parents of Saint Demetrios were of Slavic descent. While advancing towards the city, pagan Slavs were repeatedly turned away by the apparition of a threatening radiant youth, going around on the walls and inspiring terror in the enemy soldiers. Perhaps this is why the name of Saint Demetrios was particularly venerated among the Slavic nations after they were enlightened by the Gospel.

To read more about his life:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/10/26/103059-holy-glorious-demetrios-the-myrrh-gusher-of-thessaloniki>

## 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](mailto: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 & Christina  
Steve T.  
Temmo K.  
Dn. John & Fay Y.  
Samantha & Chris N. & Family  
Wade  
Kh. Peggy K.  
Amanda, Chris & Baby James  
Kh. Janet Henderson  
Audrey D.  
Eric J.  
Jason T.  
Michael J.  
Bruce  
Monica  
Jake  
Christina S.  
Phyllis M.

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  
Greg & Miki Hammel  
Isaak Lau  
Matthew, Ashley and Ryan McCauley  
Brennan Pawley  
Logan Strait  
Ethan Salcedo  
Logan Strait

**For repose of the souls of:** Theophilus, Maria, Elizabeth Eleana

## 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](mailto: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

FR. SYMEON WILL BE AWAY OCTOBER 23-28

## Sunday, October 20

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

## Monday, October 21

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins  
4:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom

## Tuesday, October 22

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

## Wednesday, October 23—ST JAMES

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins  
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry at the church  
**NO AKATHIST**

## Thursday, October 24

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing  
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group Activity

## Friday, October 25

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins  
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers at St. Demetrios Parish  
**NO LITURGY**

## Saturday, October 26—ST. DEMETRIOS

8:30 a.m. Matins at St. Demetrios Parish in Camarillo  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Demetrios Parish  
5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

## Sunday, October 27

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

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

### EUCCHARIST BREAD

October 20 Morrison  
October 27 Fr. Nicholas  
November 3 Dn. G. Braun  
November 10 Jacobs

### READERS

October 20 Meyer  
October 27 Butler  
November 2 Alexander (Liturgy for St. Raphael)  
November 3 Gish  
November 10 Lange

### GREETERS

October 20 L. Baker  
October 27 H. Lange  
November 3 K.P. King  
November 10 G. Hoppe

### USHERS

October 20 D. Meyer/D. Alexander  
October 27 M. Loulias/D. Washburn  
November 3 P. King/J. King  
November 10 K.L. King/D. Meyer

### AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

October 20 Team Gish  
October 27 Team Speier  
November 3 Team Halsell  
November 10 Team Worthington



Camp St. Nicholas  
11770 Frontier Road  
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## **DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES WINTER CAMP**

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**FEBRUARY 14-17, 2025**  
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Scan to  
Register:



Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/SNC-WC25>

Ages: 7th Grade - 12th Grade

Drop Off: 4PM Friday; Pickup 10AM Monday

Registration Opens: 8PM, Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Full Tuition: \$275 / Camper

Deposit at Registration: \$75; Balance Due: January 13, 2025

*"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven." (Luke 6:37)*

For more information email [office@campstnicholas.org](mailto:office@campstnicholas.org).