



## 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 27, 2024**

**Tone 1 / Eothinon 7;**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**& Seventh Sunday of Luke**

**Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica;**

**Procla (Claudia) the wife of Pontius Pilate**



## **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 1**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews,  
and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,  
Thou didst arise on the third day,  
O Savior, granting life to the world.  
For which cause the heavenly pow'rs  
cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life;  
Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Thy kingdom!  
Glory to Thy providence, O Thou  
Who alone art the lover of mankind.

#### **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 (Prokeimenon)****Tone 1**

Reader: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee. (Ps 32/33:22)

Reader: **Verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise is becoming to the upright.

**EPISTLE READING****Corinthians 9:6-11**

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

**Alleluia before the Gospel****Tone 1**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Verse:** It is God Who avenges me, and subdues people under me. (Ps 17/18:47)

**Verse:** He gives great deliverance to His King, and shows mercy to His anointed,  
to David and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)

## GOSPEL READING

### Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

### 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 ARE AWAY THIS WEEKEND 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. May God grant them many years!

**ST BARBARA MONASTERY FRIENDS** will gather today at 4:00 p.m. for a presentation by Mother Melania ("The Beatitudes and the Pursuit of Happiness") followed by Vespers and a potluck supper.

**NEXT SUNDAY AFTER THE AGAPE MEAL WE WILL PRAY AN AKATHIST TO THE SAINTS OF AMERICA**, petitioning for God's divine will for and mercy upon our country, for our civil authorities, and for peace as we approach the coming election.

**THERE WILL BE NO DIVINE LITURGY THIS FRIDAY MORNING.**

**WE WILL COMMEMORATE ST. RAPHAEL OF BROOKLYN** with a Divine Liturgy this coming Saturday, Nov. 2, at 9:00 a.m.

**NATIVITY PLAY — CAN YOU HELP US PURCHASE COSTUMES?**

On Thursday evening, December 5th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas with Great Vespers at 6:00 p.m. Vespers will be followed by a Nativity play by the children and teens of our parish. We would like to invest in costumes and appropriate props for the play that can be used for many years to come. If you would like to make a donation towards this effort, you can contribute online on the parish website (DONATION PAGE) or by putting a check in the tithe box. Please be sure to include a memo that says, "Nativity Play." Thanks so much!

### **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 Day)
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**

10/27 Ben Hedges, Lizabeth Hoppe  
 10/28 Penny Brunner  
 10/31 Adora Wayne  
 11/01 Kate Vander Laan, Miriam Vander Laan

### **Patronal Saint Feast Days**

10/28 St. Paraskeva the Martyr Penny Brunner

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE September 2024**

	<u><b>Actual Income</b></u>	<u><b>Budget Goal</b></u>
Tithes received in Sept.	\$ 42,017	\$ 57,417 (includes mortgage of \$ 20,555)
Tithes received Jan.-Sept.	\$ 481,185	\$517.750 (includes mortgage of \$184,995)

Sept. Temple donations \$ 4,550  
 Jan.-Sept. Temple donations \$ 54,682 (Plus Golf Tournament proceeds)

**Balance in Temple Fund Sept. 30, 2024 \$781,713.15 (plus Golf Tournament proceeds)**

Total expenses Jan.— Sept.	\$ 600,123	(includes \$11,921 off-budget expenses for tree removal/trimming & patio umbrellas)
Total income Jan.— Sept.	\$ 561,834	

**DEFICIT for first 9 months: \$ 38,289** (This includes an unexpected extra \$10,000 in salaries due to a change in the pay cycle, mandated by State of CA. Not an actual added expense, just a reporting issue for this fiscal year.)

## 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, Joseph C.

## 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 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  
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 p.m. St. Barbara Monastery Friends Gathering

### **Monday, October 28**

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

### **Tuesday, October 29**

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

### **Wednesday, October 30**

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins  
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry at the church  
5:30 p.m. Akathist  
6:15 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

### **Thursday, October 31**

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, November 1**

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins  
**NO LITURGY**

### **Saturday, November 2**

9:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy for St. Raphael of Brooklyn**  
3:00 p.m. Adult Catechism  
5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

### **Sunday, November 3—TURN CLOCKS BACK**

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  
12:30 p.m. **Akathist to Saints of America** petitioning  
for God's mercy and Divine will  
for our country and our civil authorities

## **SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**

### **EUCHARIST BREAD**

October 27	Fr. Nicholas
November 3	Dn. G. Braun
November 10	Jacobs
November 17	Kern

### **READERS**

October 27	Butler
November 2	Alexander (Liturgy for St. Raphael)
November 3	Gish
November 10	Lange
November 17	Meyer

### **GREETERS**

October 27	H. Lange
November 3	K.P. King
November 10	G. Hoppe
November 17	M. Loulias

### **USHERS**

October 27	M. Loulias/D. Washburn
November 3	P. King/J. King
November 10	K.L. King/D. Meyer
November 17	S. Speier/C. Speier

### **AGAPE MEAL HOSTS**

October 27	Team Speier
November 3	Team Halsell
November 10	Team Worthington
November 17	Team Aviles/Wood

**NOVEMBER**  
**IS**  
**STEWARDSHIP MONTH!**

During the month of November, we will be reminded, once again, of our commitment to the Church with regards to the giving of our time, talent and treasures.

Each active member of the parish will be asked to fill out a Stewardship Commitment Form so that the Parish Council knows our intentions with regards to support of the General Operating expenses of the parish and the Temple Fund.

We will also hear from some of our ministry teams about opportunities to use our talents to serve the parish and the wider community.

*"Give us this day." Why do we beseech God for bread only today?  
Because we know that we are not the masters of our lives,  
but our Creator is. Also, that it might startle us from the accumulation of wealth  
for the uncertain tomorrow, while letting our brothers go hungry today.  
Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked.  
No one gathering more than what is needed,  
out of the fear of what tomorrow will bring,  
is able to fulfill these commandments of God."*  
- St. Nicholas Velimirovich