



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 Sunday, April 20 2025 Great & Holy Pascha

Calendar & Announcements Only
(Liturgical text in separate booklet)



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

Holy Communion

In the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have humbly prepared to receive through prayer, fasting, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check out all of the wonderful photos of our Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday celebrations, posted to our parish website. Many thanks to Nataliya Tinyayeva for her untiring work as our parish photographer. <https://www.stathanasius.org/media/photo-gallery/>

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON THE PATIO AFTER THE PASCHAL LITURGY as we break the fast and celebrate the joy of the Resurrection!

PLEASE NOTE :

AGAPE VESPERS will begin at approximately 9:00 a.m. today, after the Break-fast/Reception and egg hunt. During this service we will hear the Gospel of John (20:19-25) read by our own parishioners in 10 different languages: English, Church Slavonic, Greek, Ukrainian, Bulgarian, Hungarian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, French and Amharic. The service lasts about 45 minutes.

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, Cheryl Washburn-Lander, Melissa Wayne and Papu McIntire, 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 Social and Agape Meal teams, under the leadership of Christie Robinson and Suzi Wiley, for coordinating the meals and receptions of this past week.
- All who contributed food or helping hands for our Pascha Breakfast.
- Subdn. Michael and his crew for organizing the Pascha picnic and for their barbecuing labors.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Fr. Symeon will bless the graves of our loved ones buried at Goleta Cemetery next Sunday, April 27th, after the Agape Meal. (approximately 1:00 p.m.)

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."

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF ST. JOHN Monthly Fireside Gathering will be this Thursday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m at the home of Paul Carr. For more information, see Howard Lange or Fr. Symeon.

SERVICES OF BRIGHT WEEK

THERE IS NO FASTING REQUIRED DURING BRIGHT WEEK.

Monday, 4/21/25	7:00 a.m.	Paschal Matins at 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 4/22/25	_____	NO VESPERS
Wednesday, 4/23/25	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy for St. George
Thursday, 4/24/25	5:30 p.m.	Paschal Vespers
Friday, 4/25/25	7:00 a.m.	Paschal Matins

Congratulations and many years to the newly illumined who were baptized and chrismated on Lazarus Saturday!

NEWLY ILLUMINED

Karti Adimulam
Gianpaul Caceres
Jacob Feinstein
Isaak Lau
Brennan Pawley
Diego Rangel

SPONSOR(S)

Nikolay and Velislava Nikolov
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Dana and Dorothy Alexander
Howard Lange
Howard Lange
Howard Lange

SAVE THE DATES!

St. Athanasius Summer School

June 16-27, 2025

PASCHAL CELEBRATION

- 5:00 a.m. Paschal Procession & Rush (Matins) Service
- 6:15 a.m. Paschal Liturgy followed by Blessing of Meat, Cheese and our Baskets
- 8:00 a.m. Break-fast on the patio — Bring your own Pascha basket.
The church will provide:
Pascha eggs
Meats (breakfast sausage, bacon and ham)
Pascha cheese
Bread
Strawberries
Coffee, tea, hot cocoa, juice, chocolate milk, water
- 8:30 a.m. Egg Hunt for the kids in the field behind the church
- 9:00 a.m. Agape Vespers (reading of the Gospel in many languages)
- 3:00 p.m. Picnic at Tucker's Grove—**AREA 5**
(Turn right, then all the way to the end.)
- BBQ'd tri-tip, chili, and side dishes.
 - Attendees will need to provide their own beverages, utensils, cups, plates, napkins, tablecloth & a side dish or salad to share.
 - No set charge. Donations welcome.



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. Gabriel in Kenya (OCMC)
Fr. Jon B.
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.
Fr. Nicholas & Jan
Fr. Turbo & St. Mary parish
Fr. Paul and St. Moses parish
Hieromonk Siloan
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)
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
Phyllis M.
Marta C.
Sonia T.
Jon R.
Penny B.
Eden Rose
Suzanne S.
Jen H.
Randall B.
Michael
Fr. Joseph A.
Jim M.
Gayla

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:

Ethan Salcedo
Logan Strait
Tyler Vrem
Joshua Weiss

For repose of the souls of: Dn. George, Kh. Christina O., Fr. David O.

* **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 ti- *
* tle. Children’s books are on the bottom shelf. See Terri Speier if you are looking for jew- *
* elry 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

FAST-FREE WEEK

Sunday, April 20—PASCHA

5:00 a.m. Rush Service/Paschal Matins/Liturgy
8:00 a.m. Pascha Break-fast & Egg hunt for kids
9:00 a.m. Agape Vespers
3:00 p.m. Pascha BBQ at Tucker's Grove

Monday, April 21

7:00 a.m. Paschal Reader's Matins
3:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
(Akathist for St. Nikiforos)

Tuesday, April 22

NO VESPERS

Wednesday, April 23

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Great Martyr George
11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Thursday, April 24

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Agape Vespers
6:30 p.m. Youth Group Pascha Party
7:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship Fireside at home of Paul Carr

Friday, April 25

7:00 a.m. Paschal Matins

Saturday, April 26

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, April 27—THOMAS SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Matins & Catechesis for ages 3yrs-6th grade
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
1:00 p.m. Blessing of Graves at Goleta Cemetery

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

April 20 Kern
April 27 Dn. G. Braun
May 4 Meyer
May 11 Morrison

READERS

April 20 Lange (Pascha)
April 27 Kern
May 4 Alexander
May 11 Meyer

GREETERS

April 20 K.P. King/M. Wayne
April 27 G. Hopper/B. Eberhard
May 4 K.P. King/L. Baker
May 11 K.L. King/M. Wayne

USHERS

April 20 S. Speier/C. Speier
April 27 M. Loulias/D. Alexander
May 4 P. King/J. King
May 11 K.L. King/D. Meyer

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

April 20 PASCHA BREAKFAST
April 27 Team Lander
May 4 Team Wayne
May 11 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP for Mother's Day

WHERE IS DN. SCOTT JACOBS?



Deacon Scott leaves today from Washington, D.C. on a cycling trek across North America. He returns to Goleta on July 4th. We will be providing weekly updates on his journey. Please keep him in your prayers!

