



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Dn. Gary Braun

Dn. Scott Jacobs

Dn. John Young (retired)

Subdeacons: Stephen Butler & Michael Easbey

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, April 27 2025

New Sunday or Anti-Pascha

Sunday of Thomas the Apostle, Called “The Twin”

Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop of Jerusalem

and the Kinsman of the Lord;

John the Confessor,

Abbot of the Monastery of the Chaste



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 Apo-
lytikion 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. **(Once)**

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**Tone 8**

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

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.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK (and LAST WEEK)

Wedding Anniversaries

4/22 Owen J. & Monica Finley

Birthdays

4/21 Carla Brunstead
4/22 Dn. Gary Braun, Elias Hedges
4/23 Cheryl Fisher
4/24 Christie Robinson, Sydney Hedges
4/29 Kristi King, Willow Hope Palmer
4/30 John Butler
5/1 Mary Wolfington
5/2 Kristin King

Patronal Feast Days

4/20	Holy Pascha/Resurrection	Velislava Nikolov
4/23	St. Alexandra the Empress	Jennifer Salcedo
4/24	St. Elizabeth the Wonderworker	Christina Lydick
4/25	St. Mark the Evangelist	Mark Kern
4/27	St. Thomas (Thomas Sunday)	Adam Carralejo, Craig Speier
5/3	St. Nikolai of Ohrid	Niko Halsell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check out all of the wonderful photos of Holy Week on our parish website. Many thanks to Nataliya Tinyayeva for her untiring work as our parish photographer. <https://www.stathanasius.org/media/photo-gallery/>

A HUGE THANK YOU to:

- Our clergy, altar servers, readers and singers who served dozens of hours during Great Lent, Holy Week and on Pascha.
- Those who read the Gospel in MANY LANGUAGES at our Agape Vespers.
- 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 the past several weeks.
- 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, and all who contributed the side dishes. A special shout-out to Anthony Salcedo for bringing a Mexican feast.
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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.”

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS
will be on Sunday, June 11, 2025

FR. SYMEON is accepting nominations for the Parish Council between now and April 30th. There are 2 elected positions open for 2025-2028 and one appointed position.

Dominic Dopico and Michael Loulias will be at the end of their 3-year terms on August 31, 2025.

Remaining on the Parish Council are: Kristin King, Dan Braun, Velislava Nikolov, Asia Ballew, Sydney Hedges and Cheryl Washburn-Lander.

Please nominate anyone you feel would be a good Parish Council member. The qualifications for Council members are as follows:

- Must be 25 years or older;
- Have been a member of the Parish for at least 2 years;
- Be an Orthodox Christian in good standing in the church. (determined by the priest)

The nominations are reviewed by a Nominating Committee and the selected candidates are submitted to the parish for a vote.

To nominate someone for Parish Council, contact:
Fr. Symeon: frsymeon@stathanasius.org/805-685-5495

SAVE THE DATES!

St. Athanasius Summer School

June 16-27, 2025

Registration forms and details

are available in the hallway of the church and

on the parish website at:

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

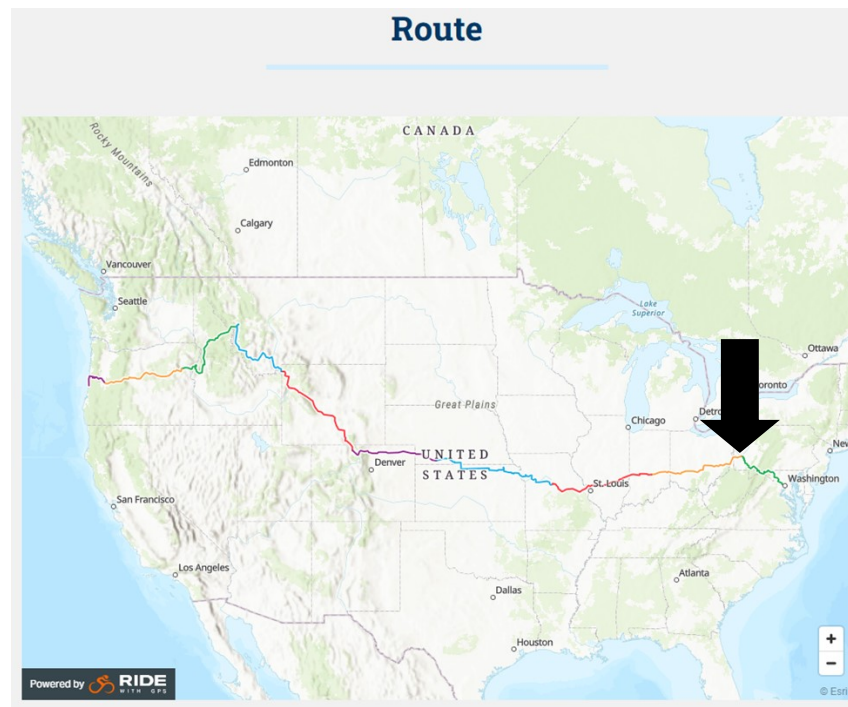


WHERE IS DN. SCOTT JACOBS?

Where is Deacon Scott, some are asking? After my cancer diagnosis in 2024 and the subsequent treatment, Bishop ANTHONY graciously granted my request for a moderated retirement. Deacon Gary must increase, and I must decrease.

As part of my recovery, I increased my bike riding. One thing led to another and now I am riding across North America. One week ago, I started in Washington DC and today I should be, God willing, in Pittsburg, PA. If, along with my 14 new best friends, we hit our schedule, I should be in Florence, Oregon on July 3 and home the evening of July 4. **I ask for your prayers and will check in from time to time.**

WEEK 1 April 21-27 We started our journey in Washington, DC, where we enjoyed a quick tour of the many historic monuments and a rear-wheel dip in the tidal waters of the Potomac River before rolling through sun-dappled woods as our surroundings soon become more wild. We rode some 330 miles on hard-packed, gently graded gravel and dirt trails on the C&O Canal Trail and Great Allegheny Passage from the heart of the nation's capital north to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. With stellar car-free riding and gentle grades, this was a great way to get the TransAm trek started.



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: Wade V., 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 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, April 27—THOMAS SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.	Matins & Catechesis for ages 3yrs-6th grade
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m.	Teen Education (Bible Bowl Study)
11:45 a.m.	Agape Meal
1:00 p.m.	Blessing of Graves at Goleta Cemetery

Monday, April 28

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

Tuesday, April 29

5:30 p.m.	Daily Vespers
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Wednesday, April 30—ST. JAMES, Brother of the Lord

7:00 a.m.	Paschal Reader's Matins
11:50 a.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:30 p.m.	Akathist of St. Brigid
6:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, May 1

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

Friday, May 2

7:00 a.m.	Paschal Daily Matins
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Saturday, May 3

5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers/Confessions
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Sunday, May 4—Sunday of the Myrrhbearers

9:00 a.m.	Matins & Catechesis for ages 3yrs-6th grade
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m.	Teen Education (Bible Bowl Study)
11:45 a.m.	Agape Meal

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

April 27	Dn. G. Braun
May 4	Meyer
May 11	Morrison
May 18	Fr. Nicholas

READERS

April 27	Kern
May 4	Alexander
May 11	Meyer
May 14	Kern (Mid-Pentecost)
May 18	Gish

GREETERS

April 27	G. Hopper/B. Eberhard
May 4	K.P. King/L. Baker
May 11	K.L. King/M. Wayne
May 18	A.G. Butler/C. Clements

USHERS

April 27	D. Washburn/D. Alexander
May 4	P. King/J. King
May 11	K.L. King/D. Meyer
May 18	C. Speier/S. Speier

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

April 27	Team Lander
May 4	Team Wayne
May 11	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP for Mother's Day
May 18	Team Alexander/Hedges

We lost a good friend of the parish on Pascha Sunday.

Wade Volk was the Site Coordinator for the Showers of Blessing, which we host on Thursday mornings. He had been living temporarily on our property in the Airstream RV parked on the back of our land. He watched over our property and loved our church and its members.

We will miss him. May God forgive him and grant him rest,
and may his memory be eternal.

