



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, May 18, 2025

Tone 4 / Eothinon 7

Fifth Sunday of Pascha:

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

& After-feast of Mid-Pentecost

Martyrs Peter, Dionysios, Andrew, Paul, Christina,

Heraklios, Paulinos and Benedimos;

Stephen the New, Patriarch of Constantinople



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**

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. **(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 the Resurrection

Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message
of the Resurrection from the angel,
the women disciples of the Lord cast from them
their parental condemnation,
and proudly broke the news to the disciples
saying death has been spoiled.
Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion for Mid-Pentecost**Tone 8**

In the middle of the feast, O Savior,
fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety as You cried to all:
“If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!”//
O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to You!

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 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**Tone 4**

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works, in wisdom Thou hast made them all. (*Ps 103/104:24*)

Vs. Bless the Lord O my soul, O Lord my God, Thou art very great.

THE EPISTLE READING— Acts 11:19-30

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch.

For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians.

Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel

Tone 4

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Draw Thy bow and prosper and reign, in the cause of truth, meekness and righteousness. (*Ps 44/45:5*)

Verse: Thou hast loved righteousness and hated wickedness. (*Ps 44/45:8*)

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with His journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him.

God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I Who speak to you am He.” Just then His Disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, “What dost Thou wish?” or, “Why art Thou talking with her?” So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, “Come, see a man Who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the Disciples besought Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the Disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him food?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony, “He said to me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

Communion of the Clergy

Receive the body of Christ. Taste the fountain of immortality.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD GRANT MANY YEARS to the newly baptized handmaidens of God, Cecilia Denny and Anastasia Palmer, to their families, and to the godparents!!

TODAY IS TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY in our Archdiocese. We thank and honor all of our Catechists, Classroom Assistants, and Teen Religious Education teachers. May God grant them many years! (See Metropolitan SABA's letter honoring teachers on the next page of this bulletin.)

THE BOOKSTORE IS CLOSING IN ORDER TO GET A FACELIFT!

We are getting new shelving for our bookstore!! Please purchase any items you need by NEXT SUNDAY. Bookstore items (books, icons, incense, charcoal, jewelry, candles) will NOT be available for purchase May 26-June 13. Thank you for your understanding.

GOLF TOURNAMENT 2025

With the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Anthony, the Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, September 26th this year, with a dispensation to serve fish. We look forward to holding this event for all our community, our supporters, and in memory of our dearly departed. Look for more details this summer.

SUMMER SCHOOL SUPPORT

Please consider helping us to keep the cost of our two-week Summer School program affordable for our families. A donation of any size will help us to cover supplies and bus rental for our field trip on the last day. Checks should be made to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church with a memo that says "Summer School."

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE MEN AND BOYS of the parish for the beautiful Mother's Day brunch last Sunday. Special thanks to Anthony Salcedo, our chef for the day!



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

5/20 Stoney & Jami Stetler
5/22 Beau & Leticia Brunner

Birthdays

5/18 Penny Cocores
5/19 Anastasia Brunner, Bob Newsom
5/20 Luke Speier, Peter Braun
5/23 Nataliya Tinyayeva

Patronal Feast Days

5/21 St. Helena, Mother of the Emperor Constantine Kaleigh Flores

WEEKDAY SERVICES at ST. ATHANASIUS

We are back into our regular weekday service rhythm.
We have resumed Wednesday evening Paraklesis or Akathist at 5:30 p.m.,
whenever we do not have a Wednesday festal service.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday — Daily Matins at 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday/Thursday — Daily Vespers at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays — Paraklesis or Akathist at 5:30 p.m. (See the parish calendar.)

UPCOMING FESTAL SERVICES

ASCENSION

Wednesday, May 28 5:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Liturgy

PENTECOST

Saturday, June 7 9 a.m. Soul Liturgy
5:30 p.m. Vespers
Sunday, June 8 9 a.m. Matins
10 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Kneeling Prayers
Pentecost Barbecue and POTLUCK

SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Sat/Sun June 28-29 Regular Weekend Service Schedule

FINANCIAL UPDATE

April 2025

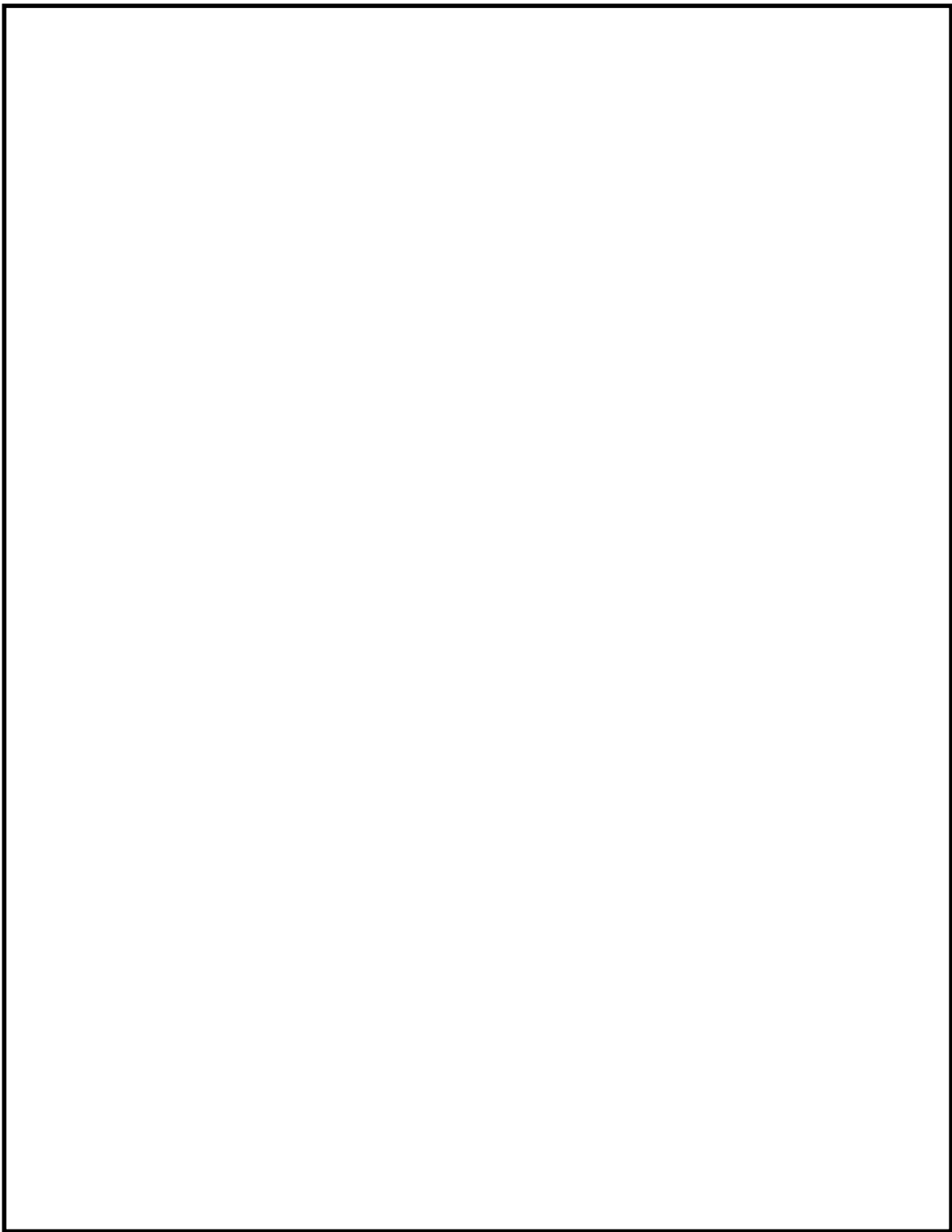
| | <u>Actual Income</u> | <u>Budget Goal</u> |
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| Tithes received in April | \$ 36,588 | \$56,293 (includes \$20,555 for mortgage) |
| Temple donations in April | \$ 3,490 | |

Temple Fund Balance year-to-date: \$ 979,479

Temple Reserve Fund \$105,583
(Emergency Fund)

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| Total expenses April 2025 | \$ 66,095 |
| Total income April 2025 | <u>\$ 47,601</u> |
| DEFICIT for April | \$ 18,494 |

DEFICIT for the first 4 months: \$40,222



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
Cameron B.

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:

Cameron Clouse
Ethan Salcedo
Sequoyah Scales
Logan Strait
Tyler Vrem

For repose of the souls of: Wade V.

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 18—Sunday of the Samaritan Woman **TEACHER APPRECIATION 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

Monday, May 19

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

Tuesday, May 20

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, May 21

11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:30 p.m. Paraklesis out in the field by the cross
6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, May 22

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 23

7:00 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins

Saturday, May 24

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, May 25—Sunday of the Blindman

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

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| May 18 | Fr. Nicholas |
| May 25 | Kern |
| June 1 | Dillon |
| June 8 | Jacobs |

READERS

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| May 18 | Gish |
| May 25 | Lange |
| May 28 | Butler & Alexander (Ascension) |
| May 31 | Meyer (Vespers) |
| June 1 | Kern |
| June 7 | Gish (Vespers of Pentecost) |
| June 8 | Lange |

GREETERS

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| May 18 | A.G. Butler/C. Clements |
| May 25 | M. Loulias, H. Lange |
| June 1 | J. & M. Worthington |
| June 8 | A. Ballew/N. Aviles |

USHERS

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| May 18 | C. Speier/S. Speier |
| May 25 | M. Loulias/D. Alexander |
| June 1 | P. King/J. King |
| June 8 | D. Washburn/D. Meyer |

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

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| May 18 | Team Alexander/Hedges |
| May 25 | MEMORIAL DAY POTLUCK |
| June 1 | Team Speier |
| June 8 | PENTECOST BBQ & POTLUCK |

WE NEED YOUR HELP...

We ask that you kindly clean up your own sitting area
and return service booklets at the end of each service.
Bulletins and Matins/Vespers weekly handouts may be taken home. Thank you!

St. Athanasius Summer School

for children who have just completed K-6 grades

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/>

**Scholarships are available through the Pastor's Fund.
Speak with Fr. Symeon if your family would like to request assistance.**

**Please consider helping us to keep the cost
affordable for our families**

by supporting

St. Athanasius' two-week Summer School Program.

**A donation of any size will help us to cover supplies and
bus rental for our field trip on the last day.**

**Checks should be made to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church
with a memo that says "Summer School."**

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

ARE YOU STILL GETTING TO KNOW THE PARISH FAMILY?

You can view the 2024 Parish Family Photo Directory here:

<https://www.stathanasius.org/resources/downloads-resources/photo-directory/>

Some of our active members never picked up their hard copy of the photo directory.

If you did not get your copy, it is on the table just outside Fr. Symeon's office.

We will update the directory this autumn with our newest members.