

St. Athanasius Antiochian Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America 300 Sumida Gardens Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93111 Office hours: Tues-Fri. 12:00—5:00 p.m.

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Dn. Scott Jacobs
Dn. John Young (retired)
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, June 1, 2025
Tone 6 / Eothinon 10
Sunday of the After-feast of the Ascension
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers
of the First Ecumenical Council

Martyr Justin the Philosopher & Companions at Rome; Archimandrite Justin Popovic of Serbia



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

FIRST ANTIPHON FOR FEAST OF ASCENSION

• Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

[Refrain] Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

- For the Lord, the Most High is terrible; a great God over all the earth. He subdued people under us, and nations under our feet. [Refrain]
- God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! [Refrain]
- Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. [Refrain]

SECOND ANTIPHON FOR FEAST OF ASCENSION

• God is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

[Refrain] O Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

- Mount Zion in the far north, is the city of the Great King. Within her citadels God is known when He defends her. [Refrain]
- For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together. [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 FOR FEAST OF ASCENSION

• Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the earth.

Refrain:

You ascended in glory, O <u>Christ</u> our God, granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy <u>Spirit</u>.

Through the blessing <u>they</u> were assured that You are the <u>Son</u> of God, the Redeemer of the world!

- My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.
 [Refrain]
- I will incline mine ear to a parable; I will unfold my problem on the harp. [Refrain]

LITTLE ENTRANCE As the clergy enter the altar, we sing the following hymns of the day:

Resurrectional Troparion

Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic pow'rs shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted there-by, Thou did meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O Thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of Ascension

Tone 4

You ascended in glory, O <u>Christ</u> our God, granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy <u>Spirit</u>. Through the blessing <u>they</u> were assured that You are the <u>Son</u> of God, the Redeemer of the world!

Troparion of the Holy Fathers

Tone 8

You are most glorious, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.// O greatly compassionate One, 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 Ascension

Tone 6

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven, You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love You, But remaining with them and crying: "I am with you and no one will be against you!"

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 8

Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

Verse: For You are just in all that You have done for us.

THE EPISTLE READING

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them:

"Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the Church of God which He obtained with the blood of His own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Alleluia before the Gospel Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of

the sun to its setting. (Ps 49/50:1)

Verse: Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by

sacrifice! (Ps 49/50:5)

THE GOSPEL READING John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made."

"I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one.

While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD (Meglynarion) 9th Ode of the Canon for Ascension:

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who has ascended from earth to heaven! We magnify the Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

Hymns for Communion of the Clergy:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! (*Ps 148:1*) God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! (Ps. 47:5)

Instead of "We have seen the true light," we sing the Troparion for Ascension:

You ascended in glory, O <u>Christ</u> our God, granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy <u>Spirit</u>.

Through the blessing <u>they</u> were assured that You are the <u>Son</u> of God, the Redeemer of the world!

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BOOKSTORE IS CLOSED IN ORDER TO GET A FACELIFT!

We are getting new shelving for our bookstore!! Bookstore items (books, icons, incense, charcoal, jewelry, candles) will NOT be available for purchase until June 13. Thank you for your understanding.

GRADUATES

If you or someone in your immediate family is graduating from high school or college (including post graduate degrees), please send a photo to the church office with a few sentences about the graduate. (Please include: what school they are graduating from, degree earned, activities while in school, plans/goals for the next year or two.) Please email to office@stathanasius.org

WE NEED TO EXPAND OUR EUCHARIST BREAD-BAKING TEAM.

Baking the bread to be used in the Eucharist is a blessing, an honor, and an act of prayer. Would you consider learning how to do it, and joining our parish team? Is this something that your family might do together every few months?

We need to recruit AT LEAST 5 more people.

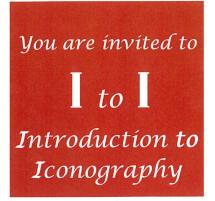
There are a few tricks to the process which are best learned from a veteran Eucharist bread baker. Please let the office know if you are interested in learning to bake Eucharist bread and joining the team. We will schedule a few summer demonstrations and/or pair you with one of our team members to observe them on one of their assigned weeks.

Contact: office@stathanasius.org.

MANY YEARS, DEACON MATTHEW WILEY!

With joy we congratulate Dcn. Matthew (Galen) Wiley, son of Suzi and Dan Wiley and former member of our parish, who graduated from St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary on May 17th as Valedictorian of his class. He is preparing to be ordained to the Holy Priesthood on Pentecost Day, June 8th, 2025 at St. Mary's Church in Maryland. Met. Saba has appointed him as Pastor of St. Nicholas Church in Urbana, IL, effective August 1st, 2025. He will take over for V. Rev. Fr. James Ellison. Dcn. Matthew asks for your prayers for him and Christina as he steps into this role as a Holy Minister of the Sacraments and a Shepherd in Christ's Church in their first parish.

To listen to Dcn. Matthew's valedictory speech at graduation, go to this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-dkFVvQsHA&t=4335s





An Orthodox residential retreat made possible through the Orthodox Vision Foundation

We will delve deeply into drawing, make an egg tempera icon of the face of Christ, and use different gold techniques. After showing your drawings (taking an online course at least one month before the retreat), the Ûdemy fee will be taken off your registration. We will also make other studies of basic icon features on Bristol board and Claybords.

You will be encouraged and directed on how to proceed in further iconography studies.

Registration

A \$200 deposit is required to hold your place or to be added to a wait list. The balance is due July 10, 2025. Contact Dorothy Alexander by dotalexander@westmont.edu, text, or leave a message on (805) 708-0453. Payment can be made by Venmo, Zelle, or by check.

Details

August 10-16, 2025

St. Paul's Commons Retreat Center, Echo Park, CA

The \$700 all-inclusive price includes:

- Double occupancy room and all meals (6N/7D)
- Icon board and supplies (gold, pigments, etc.)
- An Orthodox ethos with prayers and Church visits
- Engaging lectures from Victoria and meditations from Dorothy - with teaching and instruction from both.



and Dorothy Alexander



will be your instructors.

Dr. Victoria Brennan

UPCOMING FESTAL SERVICES

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

SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Sat/Sun June 28-29 Regular Weekend Service Schedule

The Apostles Fast is from Monday, June 16-Sunday, June 29th

PENTECOST BARBECUE

NEXT SUNDAY, June 8th!

Please join us on the patio after
Divine Liturgy for our traditional Pentecost BBQ!
No charge, donations are welcome

Contact Christie Robinson for details or to volunteer. christie.d.robinson@gmail.com

We need a bit of help with set-up, clean-up and a few food items. Please see the sign-up if you can help:

https://bit.ly/PentecostBBQ2025

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

On Pentecost, fifty days after His glorious resurrection, Jesus gave His friends and disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit ~ the treasury of good things and giver of life ~ brought them the life-giving gifts of which the Prophet Isaiah spoke (11:1-3). These gifts were not just for Jesus' friends long ago, Jesus promises these gifts to all who ask. These gifts are for us!

On Pentecost (June 8th) you'll have an opportunity to light a candle as you pray for your gift and will be handed a card with the name of the gift, handmade by one of our LIII children. Please prayerfully consider the one gift you will ask God to bless you with in the coming year:

- **Wisdom**: knowing the way that pleases God and walking in it.
- **Understanding**: seeing clearly with spiritual eyes as a result of listening for God's voice with an open heart.
- **Counsel**: helpful words and wise guidance for others.
- **Might**: strength and courage to do what's right.
- **Knowledge**: knowing more and more of God through prayer, God's Word and the beauty of God's Creation.
- **Godliness**: being devoted to God, to steadfastly love and reverence Him, and to sincerely and diligently obey Him.
- **Fear of the Lord**: living without fear of anyone or anything except the Awesome, Holy, and Almighty God in whom we take joy and refuge.

"With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fullness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom."

- Fr. Alexander Schmemann



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On Sunday, June 15th, we will vote for one of the three candidates below.

That person will serve a three-year term.

Fr. Symeon will also appoint one person to a three-year term.

Peter Braun

I grew up in Isla Vista as a part of the community that would become St. Athanasius Orthodox Church. During my time attending St. Athanasius, I have served in Youth and Music ministries. At the present time I serve as a chanter and sing in the choir. For 15 years, (1996 - 2011) I attended St. Anthony Orthodox Church in San Diego, participating in the music ministry and being heavily involved with the physical facilities of the church. At present, I work as a caregiver. I would be



honored to serve our parish family on the Parish Council.

Jared Speier

I have been a member of St. Athanasius since birth. I grew up attending St. Nicholas nights and participating in the egg toss and can think of no better community to be part of. I am a partner at Stradling where I practice Labor and Employment law. My practice includes representing companies in litigation as well as advising on compliance with California labor and employment laws. Over the past several years I have had the privilege of participating in several ministries including Camp St. Nicholas and Project Mexico. As a member of the Parish Council I want to ensure that these opportunities are available for all. I would be honored to continue to serve this community as a member of the Parish Council.



Zac Wood

After graduating from George Mason University in 2021 and being received into the Orthodox Faith at the Protection of the Holy Mother of God Orthodox Church in Falls Church, VA, I moved to Santa Barbara for an opportunity furthering my career as a Software Engineer. I have been attending St. Athanasius ever since. I am so grateful to be a part of this community which has truly become my family in Christ. In our parish I been privileged to serve as a chanter during our weekday services, a co-leader of our St. John Maximovitch Young Adult Fellowship, and as a co-leader of one of our Agape Meal teams. It would be a great honor to serve on the Parish Council.



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

06/02 Sean and Tiffany Hampton, Brian & Corie Sieck

6/04 Douglas & Jane Meyer

6/05 Mitchell & Mary Denny

Birthdays

6/2 Jill Wallerstedt

6/4 Nadine de Bruin

6/6 Violet Gray

6/7 Michelle Madrigal

Patron Saint Feast Days

6/1 St. Jutin Martyr Justin Brunner 6/4 St. Martha, Sister of Lazarus Dottie Genatone

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.

Temmo K. Dn. John & Fay Y. Samantha & Chris N. & Family Kh. Peggy K. Amanda, Chris & Baby James Kh. Janet Henderson Phyllis M. Marta C. Sonia T. Michael Fr. Joseph A. Jim M. Gayla Cameron B. Galeyna T. Jill W. and Family Dn. Matthew & Christina

Steve T.

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 Joshua Weiss

For repose of the souls of: Wade V.

Jeremiah & Sarah H. (military) Lauren & Fernando J. (military)

Chase K. (military) Nick & Kristine J. (military) Julianna & Zaron D. (military)

P. Speier (military)

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 1—Holy Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council

JUSTIN MARTYR

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 12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, June 2

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins

3:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom

(Akathist for St. Nikiforos)

Tuesday, June 3

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, June 4

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins
11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:30 p.m. Paraklesis out in the field

Thursday, June 5

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, June 6

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, June 7

9:00 a.m. Soul Liturgy

5:30 p.m. Festal Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, June 8—FEAST OF PENTECOST

9:00 a.m. Festal Matins & Catechesis

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Kneeling Prayers 11:30 a.m. Teen Education (Bible Bowl Study)

11:45 a.m. Pentecost Barbecue

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCHARIST BREAD

June 1 Meyer
June 8 Jacobs
June 15 Dn. G. Braun
June 22 Dillon

READERS

June 1 Lange

June 7 Gish (Vespers of Pentecost)

June 8 Lange
June 14 Alexander
June 15 Butler

June 21 Meyer (Vespers)

June 22 Kern

GREETERS

June 1 J. & M. Worthington June 8 A. Ballew/N. Aviles June 15 B. Eberhard/K.P. King June 22 K.P. King/L. Baker

USHERS

June 1 P. King/J. King
June 8 D. Washburn/D. Meyer
June 15 K.L. King/M. Loulias
June 22 C. Speier/S. Speier

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

June 1 Team Speier
June 8 PENTECOST BBQ

June 15 Women's Fwp for FATHER'S DAY

June 22 Team Gish

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

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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."