



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Fiftieth Day after Pascha THE GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST



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 with verses for the Feast of Pentecost

Verse: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (*Ps. 18/19:1*)

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Verse: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. (*Ps 18/19:2*) **[Refrain]**

Verse: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Ps 18/19:4*) **[Refrain]**

Verse: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **[Refrain]**

SECOND ANTIPHON with verses for the Feast of Pentecost

Verse: The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (*Ps.19/20:1*)

Refrain: O Good Comforter, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Verse: May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! (*Ps 19/20:2*) **[Refrain]**

Verse: May He remember all your offerings, and fulfill all your plans! (*Ps 19/20:3*) **[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 the Feast of Pentecost

Verse: In Your strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Your salvation. (*Ps. 20/21:1*)

Refrain: **Troparion of Pentecost**

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise,
having sent upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them Thou hast fished the universe,
O Lover of Mankind, glory be to Thee.

Verse: You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. (*Ps 20/21:2*) **[Refrain]**

Verse: For You meet him with goodly blessings; You set a crown of fine gold upon his head. (*Ps 20/21:3*) **[Refrain]**

LITTLE ENTRANCE

Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thine own strength; We shall sing Thy praise and power. O Good Comforter, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Troparion of Pentecost

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise,
having sent upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them Thou hast fished the universe,
O Lover of Mankind, glory be to Thee.

Tone 8

Kontakion of Pentecost**Tone 8**

When the Most High came down, and confused the tongues,
He divided the nations.
But when He distributed the tongues of fire,
He called all to unity.
Therefore, with one voice
we glorify the Holy Spirit.

CHRISMATION OF LOGAN (Agathon) STRAIT**ANTI-TRISAGION**

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

PREPARATORY PSALM VERSES before the Epistle (Prokeimenon) Tone 8

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends
of the universe! (Ps. 19)

Vs. *The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament
proclaims His handiwork.*

THE EPISTLE READING for PENTECOST**Acts 2:1-11**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

PREPARATORY VERSES and ALLELUIA Response Before the Gospel Tone 1

Chanter: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*
All: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

Verse: *By the word of the Lord the heavens were established, and all their
 power by the Spirit of His mouth. (Alleluia...)*

Verse: *From heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth: He saw all the
 children of humankind. (Alleluia...)*

THE GOSPEL READING for PENTECOST

John 7:37-52, 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee."

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD (Meglynarion)

9th Ode of the Canon for Pentecost:

Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins!
No tongue, however sweet or fluent,
is eloquent enough to praise you worthily.
Every mind is overawed by your childbearing.
Therefore, with one voice, we glorify you.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Your good Spirit lead me on a level path. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (Psalm 143)
Instead of “We have seen the true light, we sing the Troparion for Pentecost.

KNEELING PRAYERS

At the end of the Liturgy, we will say the **Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost.** Between Pascha and Pentecost, the Church proscribes no kneeling during services as we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection for 40 days. With these prayers, we resume kneeling in the church. We also resume saying “O Heavenly King” in our daily prayers and in the Trisagion Prayers in our services.

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

Birthdays

6/9 Owen J. Finley, Adrienne Macdonald
6/10 Zach Brasel
6/12 Brett Eberhard, Stoney Stetler
6/13 Gary Braun Jr., June Easbey, Julie Gross, Melissa Hedges, Jacob Palmer

Patron Saint Feast Days

6/9	St. Comille (Columba) of Ireland	Connor Clements
6/11	St. Luke, the Blessed Surgeon & Bishop of Crimea	Luke Hoppe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WEEK FOLLOWING PENTECOST IS A FAST-FREE WEEK.

WELCOME and MANY YEARS TO LOGAN STRAIT, who was received into the Orthodox Faith today through the sacrament of Chrismation. Logan's sponsor is Jim Morrison and his patron saint is St. Agathon, who was the Pope of Rome in 679 A.D.

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.

SUMMER SCHOOL STARTS A WEEK FROM TOMORROW! Parents, please don't forget to register your children if they will be attending our two-week summer program June 16-27. Forms are in the hallway. You can leave forms under the office door, or hand them to Lara Jacobs.

UPCOMING FESTAL SERVICES

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

SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Sat/Sun June 28-29 Regular Weekend Service Schedule

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Tuesday, August 5

5:30 p.m. Festal Matins

6:30 p.m. Festal Divine Liturgy

POTLUCK SUPPER

The Dormition Fast is observed from Friday, August 1 through Thursday, August 14 after the Festal Liturgy.

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Thursday, August 14

5:30 p.m. Festal Great Vespers with Lamentations

6:30 p.m. Festal Divine Liturgy

POTLUCK SUPPER

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 Schmemmann



PENTECOST BARBECUE

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

CONGRATULATIONS to our GRADUATES!



Karti Adimulam will be graduating this month from UC Santa Barbara with a Bachelor's of Science in Statistics & Data Science. He is looking forward to continuing his studies through the University of Texas Austin where he will be pursuing a Master's of Science in Data Science in an online study program. This summer he plans to serve as a camp counselor at Camp St Eugene in Dunlap, CA, an Orthodox summer camp for youth organized by the OCA.

Anna Grace Butler graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Automotive Technology from Río Hondo College in Whittier California. She was awarded the Outstanding Student Award in her department, and also graduated with highest honors. Her plans are to continue working at Carpinteria Tire and Wheel as Service Manager and Technician. She is however, most excited about getting married to Gage Salinas in August of this year! Anna Grace is the daughter of Subdn. Stephen Butler, and Sierra (Seraphima) Boatwright.

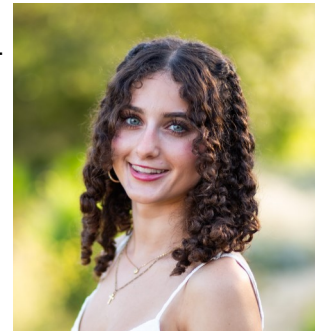


Adam King graduated with his Master's in Business Administration with an emphasis on Sports Management from Azusa Pacific University. He especially enjoyed his last two years competing in mid-distance running for Azusa. He's looking forward to starting the next chapter of his life. Adam is the son of Dr. Jon and Kristin King.

Justina King is graduating from Dos Pueblos High School. Next year, she's excited to continue her education at Santa Barbara City College, where she plans to explore different fields to help her decide on a career path. This summer, you'll likely find her enjoying the beach, babysitting, and spending quality time with family and friends. Justina is the daughter of Dr. Jon and Kristin King.



Ysabella (Bella) Madrigal graduated in May from Westmont College with a major in Business/Economics. She is pursuing an internship at a local bank. Bella is the daughter of Benny and Michelle (Young) Madrigal.



Lydia Sieck will be graduating from Dos Pueblos H.S. this year and will be attending the WIN transition program at SBCC in the fall. She is excited to have some extra time to focus on some of her favorite activities which include attending Church services, hanging out with friends, walking/hiking/biking and swimming. Lydia is the daughter of Brian and Corie Sieck.



Adora Wayne has graduated from Trivium Charter School, where she served on the Student Council for 4 years and was student body president for 2 years. She is enrolled at Santa Barbara City College, beginning this summer, to complete her undergraduate program, with plans to transfer to UCSB. Adora will be majoring in biology, with an interest in pursuing a medical degree. Adora is the daughter of Jason and Melissa Wayne.

Luke Speier graduated with a Doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine (DO) with distinction from Touro University Nevada. He was hooded by his dad, Dr Scott Speier. Luke will do a four-year residency in anesthesiology at UC Davis. After that, he will likely do a one-year fellowship in pediatric anesthesia. Luke is the son of Dr. Scott and Terri Speier.



Peter Speier graduated with honors in May with a Bachelor's of Arts in Biology from the University of Florida. He is now enrolled (online) at Arizona State getting a Masters of Science in Biology. Peter is a paratrooper in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska. This spring he was promoted to Sergeant, becoming a non-commissioned officer. He won Distinguished Honor Graduate and the Distinguished Leader Award at Basic Leaders Course. Peter is the son of Dr. Scott and Terri Speier.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

NOMINEES FOR A 3-YEAR TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2025

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.



**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE
NEXT SUNDAY, June 15th** after the Agape Meal
at a brief all-parish meeting.

Active parish members in good standing may vote in person
next Sunday, or by e-mail
by midnight NEXT SATURDAY, June 14th.

The choice of ONE CANDIDATE should be sent to Fr. Symeon
at frsymeon@stathanasius.org.

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)

Steve T.
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
Alla G.
Oleg G.

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
Tyler Vrem
Joshua Weiss

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

FAST-FREE WEEK

Sunday, June 8—FEAST OF PENTECOST

9:00 a.m. Festal Matins & Catechesis
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
 11:30 a.m. Teen Education (Bible Bowl Study)
 11:45 a.m. PENTECOST BARBECUE

Monday, June 9

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

Tuesday, June 10

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, June 11

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins
 11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
 5:30 p.m. Akathist of St. Xenia

Thursday, June 12

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 13

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, June 14

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, June 15 — ALL SAINTS

9:00 a.m. Festal Matins
 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

EUCHARIST BREAD

June 8 Jacobs
 June 15 Dn. G. Braun
 June 22 Dillon
 June 29 Morrison

READERS

June 8 Lange
 June 14 Alexander
 June 15 Butler
 June 21 Meyer (Vespers)
 June 22 Kern
 June 28 Gish (Vespers)
 June 29 Lange

GREETERS

June 8 A. Ballew/N. Aviles
 June 15 B. Eberhard/K.P. King
 June 22 K.P. King/L. Baker
 June 29 M. Wayne/K.L. King

USHERS

June 8 D. Washburn
 June 15 K.L. King/M. Loulias
 June 22 C. Speier/S. Speier
 June 29 D. Alexander/D. Washburn

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

June 8 PENTECOST BBQ
 June 15 Women's Fwp for FATHER'S DAY
 June 22 Team Gish
 June 29 Team Halsell

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!

