



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Tone 1 / Eothinon 2;

**Sunday of All Saints of N. America & Antioch
& Second Sunday of Matthew**

Hieromartyr Eusebios, Bishop of Samosata;
Martyrs Zeno and his servant Zenas of Philadelphia in Arabia;
Alban, Protomartyr of Britain



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**

GREAT LITANY

FIRST ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High;
To proclaim Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. [Refrain]

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

Vs. Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. [Refrain]

Vs. Glory...now & ever...Amen. [Refrain]

SECOND ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength and
hath girded Himself.

**Refrain: O Son Of God Who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee,
Alleluia!**

Vs. For He hath established the world which shall not be shaken. [Refrain]

Vs. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore. [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—The Beatitudes or “Sermon on the Mount”

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and shall persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil
against you falsely for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

**We sing the following hymns of the day after
The Little Entrance:**

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews,
and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst arise on the third day,
O Savior, granting life to the world.
For which cause the heavenly pow'rs
cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life;
Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy kingdom!
Glory to Thy providence, O Thou
Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Troparion of All Saints of North America

Tone 8

As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation,
the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord,
all the saints who have shone in them.
By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Troparion for All Saints of Antioch

Tone 4

O fellow trav'lers in the way of the faithful,
the saints of Antioch now let us all honor:
the pure and blest Apostles with the hierarchs,
martyrs with the righteous ones,
their worn path wisely walking,
wond'ring at their holy lives
overflowing with wonders;
thus let us walk in peace and fear of God
so that we all win the dwelling in Paradise.

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 All Saints of North America**Tone 3**

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God
in the lands of North America
now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us.
With them the Angels glorify Him,
and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them;
and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 9 of Liturgy Book)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon)**Tone 1**

Reader: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee. (Ps 32/33:22)

Reader: **Verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise is becoming to the upright.

THE EPISTLE READING**Acts 11:19-30**

In those days, when the apostles were scattered because of the tribulation that arose over Stephen, they traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one, except to Jews only. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who upon coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. The report concerning them reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas, to go as far out as Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they should cleave to the Lord; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great multitude was added unto the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year, they were gathered together in the church, and they taught a great multitude of people, and the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and signified by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over the whole world; and this took place in the days of Claudius Caesar. And the disciples, every one according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren who dwelt in Judaea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Alleluia before the Gospel

Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: It is God Who avenges me, and subdues people under me. (*Ps 17/18:47*)

Verse: He gives great deliverance to His King, and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his seed forever. (*Ps 17/18:50*)

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God

It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos, ever blessed and most pure and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. Without defilement you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify you.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.

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

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

6/22 Stephen & Jennifer Frangos

6/24 Dn. Gary & Melissa Braun

6/25 Scott & Terri Speier

Birthdays

6/24 Rebecca Beech

6/24 Subdn. Michael Easbey

6/26 Ryder Heiduk, Dn. Scott Jacobs

Patronal Feast Days

6/27 **St. Joanna the Myrrh-bearer**

Cecilia Rose Joanna Denny, Joanne Gish,
Kh. Jan Speier

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. SYMEON WILL BE AWAY THIS COMING WEEK at the Diocesan Parish Life Conference **from Tuesday through Saturday.**

PLEASE KEEP OUR BIBLE BOWL TEAM and their leaders in your prayers as they prepare to compete at the Diocesan Parish Life Conference in San Francisco this Friday, June 27th. They will be competing on their knowledge of St. Luke's Gospel..

Junior Team: Ryder Heiduk, Katia Nikolov, Jesse Palmer, Jennifer Salcedo
Senior Team: Jimmy Easbey, Amos Palmer, Atalya Wayne
Coach: Subdn. Michael Easbey

WELCOME AND MANY YEARS TO Sequoyah Scales, who was received yesterday into the Orthodox Church through the sacrament of Chrismation. Her sponsor is Christie Robinson. Sequoyah just graduated from Westmont College and is engaged to Sean Ryan. They will be married in July. Please keep them in your prayers.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Last Sunday we elected Jared Speier as a Parish Council member for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2025. Peter Braun has been appointed by Fr. Symeon to serve during that same 3-year term. Congratulations and many years to Jared and Peter!

MANY THANKS TO TERRI SPEIER, our Bookstore Manager, for her labor of love week after week in providing us with such outstanding resources and other products and gift items. And kudos and thanks to Jenny Speier (Interior Designer) and Terri for creating such a beautiful and well organized new bookstore space. The bookstore redesign was made possible through the 2024 Golf Tournament. For the past several years, a small portion of the annual fundraiser proceeds (10-15%) are allocated for a project within our existing building or on the grounds. **So thank you to our hard-working Golf Tournament Committee, and to YOU, all of the event supporters!!**



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!

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS OF ANTIOCH

Peter and Paul, Ignatius, Artemios and Julian of Homs. Barbara, Christina and Marina. John Chrysostom and John of Damascus. Ephraim and Isaac the Syrians. Joseph of Damascus and Raphael of Brooklyn. Nicholas and Habib Khasha.

These saints, old and new, are just a few of the holy ones who have shone as stewards of the Most Holy Patriarchate of Antioch, the Great City of God, since its apostolic founding as recorded in the book of Acts (11:26) to the present.

"Looking upon the vine of Antioch that the pure Apostles have planted, rich with abundant good fruits, we glorify the heavenly Vinedresser who revealed humans as angels in the flesh by living in various ways and thriving in words and toil, and allowed them to partake of the Kingdom by the shedding of their blood." – First Doxasticon at Vespers

In its fall session in 2023, the Holy Synod of Antioch declared that the second Sunday after Pentecost would celebrate this choir of heavenly intercessors before Almighty God. His Beatitude Patriarch John X commissioned the writing of the service and the hymnography at Simonopetra Monastery on Mt. Athos. It is now available in English, Arabic and Greek.

In his essay, *Antiochian Distinctions*, His Eminence Metropolitan Saba explains the Church of Antioch's contributions to Orthodoxy, its endurance throughout history, and what lessons we can learn and apply today.

You can find the essay here:

<https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2465>

By the intercessions of All Saints of Antioch, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.



A Saint for Alaska and for All the World

In every generation, God raises up His saints—those who live not for themselves, but for others, and whose lives are transfigured by love. Some are prophets. Some are martyrs. Some are ascetics or bishops or missionaries. And some, like Saint Olga of Kwethluk, are mothers whose holiness is woven through the fabric of everyday life: in quiet prayers, in bread baked with love, in garments sewn for the cold, in the simple, unseen acts of mercy that echo in eternity.

She lived in obscurity, yet now her name is spoken in cathedrals and chapels, in villages and homes, in whispered prayers and joyous hymns. She did not study theology, yet she embodied the theology of the Incarnation: that God has taken flesh and dwells among us, and that holiness is not reserved for the few, but shines in every person who lives in Christ.



She is a saint of the Alaskan land, yet her love has crossed every border. Her spirit walks where the Yup'ik drum once sounded and where Orthodox chant now rises. Her prayers accompany survivors, mothers, widows, children, and all who suffer in silence. To the broken, she is a healer. To the forgotten, she is a friend. To the despairing, she is a light in the long night of the soul.

The Yup'ik elders say: *"A real person does not disappear, but remains in the hearts of those they have loved."* In the Church, we say more: A real person in Christ becomes a saint, and the hearts they have loved, in communion with the Lord, become the Church, the living body of Christ in the world.

Saint Olga Michael of Kwethluk—Tanqilria Arrsamquq, the Quiet One—has not left us. She remains, as she always was: praying, watching, guiding.

Righteous Mother Olga, Matushka of all Alaska,
Refuge of the afflicted, comfort of the grieving,
Intercessor for women, protector of the pure,
Pray to Christ God for us, that our souls may be saved.

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.
Wayne Family
Shirley D. and Family

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: Jonathan

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, June 22

ALL SAINTS OF N. AMERICA & ANTIOCH

9:00 a.m.	Matins
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 23

7:00 a.m.	Daily Reader's Matins
8:45 a.m.-2pm	Summer School
3:00 p.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom (Akathist for St. Nikiforos)

Tuesday, June 24—NATIVITY of St. John the Baptist

8:45 a.m.-2pm	Summer School
5:30 p.m.	Readers Vespers

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE in San Francisco June 25-29

Wednesday, June 25

7:00 a.m.	Daily Reader's Matins
8:45 a.m.-2pm	Summer School
11:50 a.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

NO PARAKLESIS

Thursday, June 26

7:45 a.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
8:45 a.m.-2pm	Summer School
10:00 a.m.	Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m.	Daily Readers Vespers
6:30 p.m.	Bible Bowl Study Session

NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, June 27—BIBLE BOWL

7:00 a.m.	Daily Matins
8:45 a.m.-2pm	Summer School Field Trip

Saturday, June 28

5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers/Confessions
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Sunday, June 29

FEAST OF SS. PETER & PAUL

9:00 a.m.	Festal Matins
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy & Trisagion Prayers for Evonne Chala (1 year on 6/28)
11:45 a.m.	Agape Meal

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

June 22	Fr. J. Finley
June 29	Morrison
July 6	Fr. Nicholas
July 13	Jacobs

READERS

June 22	Meyer
June 28	Gish (Vespers)
June 29	Lange
July 6	TBA
July 13	TBA

GREETERS

June 22	K.P. King/L. Baker
June 29	B. Eberhard/K.L. King
July 6	A.G. Butler/C. Clements
July 13	M. Loulias/H. Lange

USHERS

June 22	C. Speier/S. Speier
June 29	D. Alexander/D. Washburn
July 6	P. King/J. King
July 13	D. Meyer/K.L. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

June 22	Team Gish
June 29	Team Halsell
July 6	Team Worthington
July 13	Team Aviles/Wood

SUMMER SCHOOL 2025 — WEEK 1

