



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Tone 8 / Eothinon 1

First Sunday after Pentecost

& First Sunday of Matthew

Sunday of All Saints

Prophet Amos;

Apostles Achaikos, Stephen and Fortunatos of the Seventy



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 8

From the heights Thou didst descend,
O Compassionate One;
and Thou didst submit to the three day burial,
that Thou might deliver us from passion.
Thou art our Life and our Resurrection,
O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of All Saints

Tone 4

As with fine porphyry* and royal purple,
Your Church has been adorned with Your martyr's blood,
shed throughout all the world.
She cries to You, O Christ God:
“Send down Your bounties on Your people,//
grant peace to Your habitation and great mercy to our souls!”
(*Porphyry is a deep purple stone quarried in Egypt.)

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**Tone 8**

The universe offers You the God-bearing Martyrs
as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator.
By their prayers keep Your Church,
Your habitation, in abiding peace//
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

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

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

Prokeimenon before the Epistle**Tone 4**

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (Ps. 68:35)

VERSE: *In the churches bless ye God the Lord, from the fountains of Israel.*

THE EPISTLE READING**Hebrews 11:33-12:2**

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

Alleluia before the Gospel**Tone 4**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: *The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps 33/34:18)*

Verse: *Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all. (Ps 33/34:20)*

THE GOSPEL READING
Matthew (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, “Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.” Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name’s sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”

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

6/17 Dana & Dorothy Alexander

6/19 Fr. John & Diane Carrillo

6/21 Dan & Judy Braun

Birthdays

6/17 Gianpaul Caceres

6/20 Robert Rauchhaus

Patron Saint Feast Days

6/15 Holy Prince Jonathan (All Saints) Fr. Jon Braun

6/15 St. Jerome of Stridonum Jerry Jones

6/15 Holy Prophet Amos Amos Palmer

6/18 St. Alena, Martyr of Belgium Alina Speier

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME and MANY YEARS TO LOGAN STRAIT, who was received into the Orthodox Faith last Sunday 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.

SUMMER SCHOOL STARTS 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.

NEXT SATURDAY, June 21st, at 11:00 a.m. Sequoyah Scales will be received into the Orthodox Church through the sacrament of Chrismation. Sequoyah just graduated from Westmont College and is engaged to Sean Ryan. They will be married in July.

CONGRATULATIONS to NICHOLAS BUTLER, who graduated in May 2025 with a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Concordia University at Irvine, where he was a member of the CUI Basketball team. Currently working in restaurant development and management, he plans to remain in Santa Barbara for the near future.



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE TODAY, June 15th after the Agape Meal at a brief all-parish meeting. If you already voted by e-mail, you do not need to vote today. The one elected Council member will be announced TODAY at the end of the meeting.

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!

Many thanks...

...to all those whose efforts made our Pentecost celebration so beautiful and joyful!



- To “those who serve and those who sing!”
- To our Festal Decorating team, who beautify our worship space. (Carla Brunstead, Cheryl Washburn-Lander, Kh. Cayce-Marie Halsell, Melissa Wayne, Papu McIntire)
- To Nataliya Tinyayeva for capturing the feast in photos.
<https://www.stathanasius.org/media/photo-gallery/>
- To our catechists Joanne Gish, Jane Meyer, Cheryl Fisher, and the children of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the opportunity to pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It has become a beloved tradition for us!
- To Christie and Chris Robinson for coordinating the Barbecue, and for all who contributed food and help.
- For all who participated and added their “Amen!” to the celebration! ...And dressed in green!

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 on Friday, July 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

IMPACTing East Africa

Today we welcome Dr. Dana Bates, an OCMC missionary working in East Africa and the father of Briana Bates, one of our parishioners. At the end of the liturgy, he will share with us a short presentation about his work.



Dr. Bates is seeking support for an exciting new youth movement in East Africa called "IMPACTing East Africa". Dana developed the "IMPACT" model in Romania beginning in 2002 and it has since expanded to almost 45 countries. IMPACT is based on experiential education methods, especially service-learning, and combines spiritual formation and community development outcomes. Youth themselves identify community burdens (Gal. 6:2), decide on and implement a community service-project, and through this learn all sorts of life skills such as project management, budgeting, socio-emotional intelligence, and leadership (problem-solving).

In February of this year, Dana and his team trained 44 Orthodox youth leaders in Kenya and Uganda and IMPACT is well underway, putting faith into action! Dana would love to share more about his vision for transforming East Africa through its youth.

You can contact him at:
d.bates@ocmc.org or danamateibates@gmail.com

Follow this link to see a video about IMPACT in Uganda:
<https://youtu.be/46cUkn4digs>

You can find his personal OCMC page for donations at this link:
<https://secure.ocmc.org/site/SPageNavigator/Missionaries/Dana%20Bates/BatesMissionary.html>

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

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:

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 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

THE APOSTLES FAST IS June 16-29.

Monday, June 16

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 17

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

Wednesday, June 18

7:00 a.m.	Daily Reader's Matins
8:45 a.m.-2pm	Summer School
11:50 a.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:30 p.m.	Paraklesis out in the field by the cross

Thursday, June 19

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 Vespers
6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Men's Fireside

NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, June 20

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

Saturday, June 21

5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers/Confessions
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Sunday, June 22

ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA & ANTIOCH

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
12:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

June 15	Dn. G. Braun
June 22	Dillon
June 29	Morrison
July 6	Fr. Nicholas

READERS

June 14	Alexander (Vespers)
June 15	Butler
June 21	Meyer (Vespers)
June 22	Kern
June 28	Gish (Vespers)
June 29	Lange
July 6	TBA

GREETERS

June 15	G. Hopper/M. Wayne
June 22	K.P. King/L. Baker
June 29	B. Eberhard/K.L. King
July 6	A.G. Butler/C. Clements

USHERS

June 15	K.L. King/M. Loulias
June 22	C. Speier/S. Speier
June 29	D. Alexander/D. Washburn
July 6	P. King/J. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

June 15	Women's Fwp for FATHER'S DAY
June 22	Team Gish
June 29	Team Halsell
July 6	Team Worthington

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THE PARISH WEBSITE:**

<https://www.stathanasius.org/media/photo-gallery/>

