



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Tone 1 / Eothinon 10;

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
& Tenth Sunday of Matthew**

After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
Hieromartyr Myron of Kyzikos; the Righteous Siblings
Eutychios, Eutychian, and Kassiane of Crete



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 verses for the Feast of Dormition with refrain:

Vs. Shout with joy to God, all the earth, give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name. Declare His works among the nations.

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

Vs. In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion. **[Refrain]**

Vs. Glory to the Father & to the Son & to the Holy Spirit, now & ever...Amen. **[Refrain]**

Second Antiphon verses for the Feast of the Dormition & refrain

Vs. The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob.

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

Vs. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. **[Refrain]**

Vs. God hath laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people. The most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle. **[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 wast 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—Verses with Troparion Refrain for the Feast

Vs. Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory.

Troparion for the Feast of the Dormition Tone 1

In thy birthgiving, O Theotokos,
Thou didst keep and preserve virginity,
And in thy falling asleep thou hast not forsaken the world;
For thou wast translated into life,
Being the Mother of Life.
Wherefore, by Thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Vs. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? **[Refrain]**

Vs. I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. **[Refrain]**

THE CLERGY WILL PROCESS TO THE BAPTISMAL FONT & SAY THE PRAYERS AT THE FONT QUIETLY AS WE SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS FOR THE DAY:

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 for the Feast of the Dormition

Tone 1

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life, O Mother of Life,
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

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 of Dormition**Tone 2**

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life, //
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN

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.

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

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

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

**EPISTLE READING
I Corinthians 4:9-16**

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

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)

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

Instead of "It is Truly Meet," we sing the following Hymn to the Theotokos for the Feast of the Dormition. (From the 9th Ode of the Matins Canon)

Refrain:

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Heirmos:

The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin:
for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death;
a virgin after childbearing and alive after death,
you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heaven, praise Him in the highest.

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (*Ps 115/116:13*)

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

BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Friday, August 29 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL NEW YEAR

Monday, September 1 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Sunday, September 7 (transferred from Sept. 8)

Regular weekend services

ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sunday, September 14

Regular weekend services

A FUN TRADITION TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST!

In Romania, the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God includes a very big celebration. Many people take off a few days from work and go to the monasteries with their families.

This feast brings back such wonderful memories of my childhood. As children, we received treats (cookie necklaces) that we ate with much joy !

During these days of celebration , there were booths with traditional Romanian clothing, books, icons, and jewelry, as well as lots of delicious foods, desserts, and of course these cookie necklaces that our parents would buy for us.

I wanted to introduce this tradition to our church family for our children to remember this celebration by. Because some children might need to avoid gluten or might have food allergies, I decided to use Rice Krispies, Cheerios and Fruit Loop cereals to make it fun and memorable for our children. I encourage our parents and children to come with ideas for next year. The Cheerios I used are nut-free, regular Cheerios and also the Honey Cheerios from Trader Joe's without almond flour.

This year I am making the necklaces myself, but I invite the children to make them together next year as an activity that I can organize with some fun games and food as well. Fr. Symeon has given his blessing for me to introduce this tradition. I pray that it will be well received by our children and parents.

We will give the necklaces to the children after the liturgy today. A blessed feast to all!

Corina Berari

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MANY THANKS TO OUR AMAZING YOUNG ADULTS, who did the set-up and clean-up for the potlucks following our festal services for the Transfiguration and the Dormition. Their service enabled all of us to celebrate the feasts together with joy. **THANKS, ALSO**, to all who brought contributions of food for the celebrations!

ADULT CATECHISM BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

The next series of Adult Catechism classes begins on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 12:45—1:15 P.M. and will meet every Sunday at that time until the beginning of Great Lent, with a few exceptions. We will announce ahead of time when there will be no Sunday class.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

July 31, 2025

Actual Income Budget Goal

Tithes received in July	\$ 51,503	\$56,293 (includes \$20,555 for mortgage)
Temple donations in July	\$ 6,109	
Total Operating Expenses January-July, 2025		\$ 457,337
Total income January-July, 2025		<u>\$ 429,866</u>
DEFICIT for the first 7 months:		\$ 27,471
Temple Fund donations Jan-July, 2025	\$ 40,969	
Temple Fund Balance year-to-date:	\$ 1,024,696	(Reserved for Building Project)
Building Reserve	\$ 106,185	(Emergency fund to cover current monthly mortgage payment, if needed)

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

8/19 Richard & Susan Barre

Birthdays

8/17 Susan Barre

8/17 Salem Vander Laan

8/22 Laura Eberhard

8/23 Chris Robinson

SPONSORS & TICKETS

All golfers receive Breakfast, Dinner, & Entry into Putting Contest

PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPT. 5, 2025

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CORPORATE SPONSOR: \$10,000

Premier advertising throughout tournament, special recognition at the dinner, 4 golfers and a reserved table for 10 for dinner

DIAMOND SPONSOR: \$5,000

Advertising at tournament, 4 golfers (includes dinner) & 6 additional dinner guests

PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$2,500

Advertising at tournament, 2 golfers (includes dinner) & 2 additional dinner guests

GOLD SPONSOR: \$1,000

Shared advertising at a hole
Includes 1 golfer & 1 additional dinner guest

SILVER SPONSOR: \$500

Shared advertising at a hole - Includes 2 dinner guests

FOURSOME: \$800

Includes breakfast and dinner

SINGLE GOLFER: \$220

Includes breakfast and dinner

DINNER ONLY: \$95

Dinner, auction, music & fun!

Early Bird Pricing
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the **HOWARD SHANNON**

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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.
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.
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Kh. Peggy K.
Kh. Janet Henderson
Phyllis M.
Fr. Joseph A.
Jim M.
Gayla
Cameron B.
Galeyna T.
Jill W. and Family
Alla G.
Oleg G.
Wayne Family
Shirley D. and Family
Jesús D.
Josh W.
Briana 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
Tyler Vrem
Joshua Weiss

For repose of the souls of: Rdr. John, Rodolfo R., Bob N.

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of our building. The tables and cabinets contain items that are FOR SALE. If you need a cross or chain and jewelry is not displayed on Sunday, contact **Terri Speier at: bookstore@stathanasius.org**.

Payment should be made at the time of purchase. Cash and checks may be placed in the brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Symeon's office. Make checks payable to **S.A.O.C. Bookstore**.

Online payment can be made at www.stathanasius.org. (Select "MAKE A DONATION," and then use the dropdown earmark for 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, August 17

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal

Monday, August 18

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

Tuesday, August 19

5:30 p.m. Reader's Vespers

Wednesday, August 20

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

Thursday, August 21

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
7:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship of St. John Fireside

NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, August 22

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, August 23

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, August 24

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

August 17 Fr. Nicholas
August 24 Dn. Gary
August 31 Kern
September 7 Frangos

READERS

August 17 Lange
August 24 Alexaner
August 29 Meyer (Liturgy for St. John Baptist)
August 31 Butler
Sept. 1 Gish
September 7 Lange

GREETERS

August 17 K.P. King/H. Lang
August 24 A.G. Butler/C. Clements
August 31 M. Loulias/K.L. King
September 7 J. & M. Worthington

USHERS

August 17 C. Speier/S. Speier
August 24 K.L. King/D. Alexander
August 31 M. Loulias/D. Washburn
September 7 P. King/J. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

August 17 Team Lander
August 24 END OF SUMMER POTLUCK
August 31 Simplified Coffee Hour
September 7 Team Speier

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!

NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Logan Strait

Logan-Agathon is a licensed CA-Title24 Home Energy Rater and N.C.I. Commercial Air Balancer working for a small firm on Milpas street. He holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in the field of Ecology from the University of California, and enjoys the hybrid environment of working in the trades and in administration, providing energy models and consulting, and testing equipment and assemblies in the field. He was Baptised at the age of twenty-three, and was Chrismated and received into the Holy Orthodox Catholic Church two years later at Pentecost. He is an amateur musician, playing mainly the guitar and bass-guitar, and has some knowledge of harmony, mode, composition, and counterpoint. He is an avid reader of history and literature, and particularly enjoys the novels of Dostoyevsky. He was born and raised on the north shores of Humboldt Bay and enjoys hiking and river life.



Jacob Feinstein

My name is Jacob Feinstein and I am a lifelong local of Santa Barbara. I recently graduated from UC Davis with my BA in History, and am now enrolled in online classes at Johns Hopkins University (Washington DC Campus) to pursue a Masters in Security Studies, and conducting a job search. I enjoy traveling, sports, nature, animals, and always love trying new things and meeting new people. Orthodoxy and the St. Athanasius Church are guiding lights in my life. I am beyond fortunate to be part of such a great community!

