



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Tone 8 / Eothonon 9; Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

& Ninth Sunday of Matthew

After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ

Apostle Matthias; Translation of the relics of Venerable

Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of America



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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 9

9:00 a.m. Readers Matins **on the patio**
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy **on the patio**
AUDIO LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

Tuesday, August 11

5:30 p.m. Paraklesis

Wednesday, August 12

12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry
by Facetime

Thursday, August 13

10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
(no refreshments served by our team yet)
5:30 p.m. Paraklesis
6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
6:00 p.m. Youth Group **on the patio**

Friday, August 14

6:00 p.m. Vespers of the Feast of Dormition
with First Stasis of Lamentations for the Theotokos

Saturday, August 15

8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the Feast of
the Dormition of the Theotokos
(on the patio)
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers **on the patio**

Sunday, August 16

9:00 a.m. Readers Matins **on the patio**
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy **on the patio**
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Fr. Nicholas will continue to give Confession and/or Communion by appointment. Please read the pre-Communion prayers at home in preparation for receiving the Eucharist.

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

EUCCHARIST BREAD

August 9	Washburn
August 15	Morrison (Dormition)
August 16	Meyer
August 23	Dn. G. Braun
August 30	Tinyayeva
Sept 6	Dillon
Sept. 13	Jacobs

READERS

August 9	Rdr. V. Gish
August 15	Rdr. M. Kern (Dormition)
August 16	Rdr. H. Lange
August 23	D. Meyer
August 30	M. Braun
Sept. 6	D. Washburn

DORMITION FAST August 1—14

The Church, through the Paraklesis Service, gives us the opportunity to come to that deathbed and eulogize and entreat the woman who bore God, the vessel of our salvation and our chief advocate at His divine throne. In reflecting on her and her incomparable life, we see a model Christian life, embodying Christ's retort to the woman who stated that Mary was blessed because she bore Him: blessed rather are those who hear His word and keep it. Mary did this better than anyone. As Fr. Thomas Hopko has stated, she heard the word of God and kept it so well, that she of all women in history was chosen not only to hear His Word but give birth to it (Him). So while we fast in contemplation of her life, we are simultaneously preparing ourselves to live a life in imitation of her. That is the purpose of the Dormition Fast.

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**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 for the Feast of Transfiguration with Refrain

Vs. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

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

Vs. Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth. (*Refrain*)

Vs. Glory...now & ever...Amen. (*Refrain*)

SECOND ANTIPHON—Psalm verses for the Feast of Transfiguration with Refrain

Vs. His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Refrain: O Son of God, transfigured on Mount Tabor, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Vs. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. (*Refrain*)

Vs. Zion is our mother, a man shall say, and such a man was born in her; and the Most High Himself hath established her. (*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—Verses with Troparion Refrain for the Feast

Vs. Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. (Ps. 88:2)

Refrain: (Music on page 7 of this bulletin.)

**You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
revealing Your glory to Your disciples, as far as they could bear it.
Let your everlasting light shine upon us sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos. Glory to You, O Giver of light!**

Vs. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. (Refrain)

Vs. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long. (Refrain)

AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL HYMNS FOR THE DAY:

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 Transfiguration

Tone 7 Carpatho-Russian

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
revealing Your glory to Your disciples, as far as they could bear it.
Let your everlasting light
shine upon us sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos.
Glory to You, O Giver of light!

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 the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Tone 7

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
and Your disciples saw Your glory as far as they were able,

so that when they saw You crucified,
they might know that You suffered voluntarily,
and might proclaim to the world
that You are truly the radiance of the Father.

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.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle

Tone 8 Byzantine melody

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

Verse: *God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel

Tone 8

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior.

Verse: Come before His countenance with thanksgiving, and with psalms let us shout in jubilation unto Him.

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

HOMILY

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*)

O Lord, we shall walk in the light of Your face, and rejoice in Your name all the day.

(*Ps 88/89:15b*)

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

8/12 Glenn & Liz Hoppe

8/12 Craig & Jenny Speier

Birthdays

8/9 Craig Speier, Scott Speier, Verne Gish

8/11 Phyllis Morrison

8/12 Josh Dillon

8/13 Dave Dillon

Patronal Feast Days

8/9 **St. Herman of Alaska**

Verne Gish

8/14 **Prophet Micah**

Micah Landrum

8/15 **The Theotokos: Feast of the Dormition**

Jessica Maria Berari, Ginny Braun, Dorian Easbey, June Easbey, Phyllis Morrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will pray the Canon from the Paraklesis to the Mother of God this Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. , instead of Vespers.

SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION of the THEOTOKOS:

Friday, August 14 at 6p.m.—Vespers for the Feast and First Stasis of the Lamentations for the Mother of God

Saturday, August 15 at 8:30 a.m.—Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO HEAR THE SERVICES OUTSIDE, please move closer to one of the large black speakers. **If the sound is too loud for you**, try moving further away from the speakers, or to the center of the area under the patio structure.

A FEW REMINDERS ABOUT SAFETY ...

- All are asked to wear a **protective mask** during services, inside the building, on the patio and around the building and that you keep a 6 ft. distance before, during and after services.
- We ask, for now, that singing by the congregation be minimal and very soft.
- To receive Holy Communion, all should allow the priest to pour the Body and Blood by opening their mouths wide and **not closing their lips on the spoon**.
- For now, there will be **no service books available during services**.
- Bulletin inserts should be taken home or thrown away as you leave the property. Please do not leave them, or any personal belongings behind.
- Unfortunately, there will be **no shared books, coloring supplies or toys for now**.
- We cannot offer **Coffee Hour** at this time. Enjoy conversations outside in the fresh air after the service, but please maintain social distancing.
- We ask that everyone **limit their activity in the building to the restrooms for now**.

A WARM WELCOME to our new Assistant Pastor, Fr. Symeon Halsell, Kh. Cayce-Marie, and their son Niko. May God grant you many, many years!



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:

Metropolitan JOSEPH
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Jacob
Mother Christophora
Fr. Jon B.
Joseph B.
Dn. Richard E.
Kh. Diane C.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family in Albania
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya
Duane F.
Richard and Susan B.
Zac B.
Monsignor J. Yanek
Kent F.
Bob N.

Fr. Jon-Stephen H.
Cole K. (military)
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Lauren K. (military)
Chase K. (military)
Steve T.
Olga Marie G.
Dn. John Y.
Glenn F.
Mitch D. Sr.
Samantha & Chris S. & family
Jeff
Tate & Anna F.
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Michael K.
David W.
Harvey G.

Gary B. Jr.
Bonita M.
Stephen B.
Kris F.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church
The Church & people in Lebanon

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.

For repose of the souls of:

Fr. Raphael J., E. Moon, J. Barre
All who have died in the conflicts in Ukraine Africa & the Middle East
Those who lost their lives in the explosion in Lebanon

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall - two enclosed cabinets containing 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. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Nicholas' 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 Building Fund.