



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRSTOSTOM Sunday, August 30, 2020

**Tone 3 / Eothinon 1; Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
& Twelfth Sunday of Matthew**

**Leave-taking of the commemoration of the
Beheading of St. John the Baptist**

Alexander, Paul the New, and John, Patriarchs of Constantinople;
Venerable Phantinos of Calabria;
Repose of Venerable Alexander of Svir;
Translation of the relics of Alexander Nevsky, Prince of Novgorod;
Cyril and Makarios, Patriarchs of Serbia



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 30

9:00 a.m. Readers Matins **on the patio**
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy **on the patio**

Tuesday, September 1—NEW YEAR

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, September 3

12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Thursday, September 4

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

Saturday, September 5

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, September 6

9:00 a.m. Readers Matins **on the patio**
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy **on the patio**

Fr. Nicholas will continue to give Confession and/or Communion by appointment.

OUR ARCHDIOCESE IS COLLECTING FUNDS FOR RELIEF IN BEIRUT, LEBANON. The donated funds will be distributed between the Archdiocese of Beirut under the auspices of His Eminence Metropolitan Elias for distribution to needy families and St. George Orthodox Hospital that suffered severe damage as a result of the explosion. If you would like to make a donation, you can: 1) Put a check in the tithe box at the church; 2) Mail a check to the church; 3) Make a donation through our parish website donation page. Please be sure to designate in the memo line: **PASTOR'S FUND: BEIRUT.**

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

EUCCHARIST BREAD

August 30	Tinyayeva
Sept 6	Dillon
Sept. 13	Jacobs
Sept. 20	Sieck
Sept. 27	Morrison
October 4	Cocores

READERS

August 30	M. Braun
Sept. 6	D. Washburn
Sept. 8	Rdr. V. Gish
Sept. 12	D. Alexander (Vespers)
Sept. 13	Rdr. J. Butler
Sept. 19	D. Meyer
Sept. 20	Rdr. H. Lange
Sept. 27	Rdr. J. Butler

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AND HEALING

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in Thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, Thy people gathered in Thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord Who lovest mankind, deliver us from this Corona Virus. Send Thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and frontline workers and preserve those who are healthy. Heal the wounds in our society created by racial tensions, bringing us all to a true love of neighbor. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace, that together we may glorify Thy most honorable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**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 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—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.

AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS FOR THE DAY:

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad,
for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm.
He hath trampled down death by death
and become the first born from the dead.
He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades,
granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion for the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Tone 2

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise,
but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner.
You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets,
for you were deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him
Whom they foretold.
Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy,
you proclaimed to those in hell God Who appeared in the flesh,
Who takes away the sin of the world//
and grants us great mercy.

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 Nativity of the Theotokos**Tone 4**

By your nativity, most pure Virgin,
Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness,
Adam and Eve from the corruption of death.
And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to You:
“The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.”

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 3**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises. (*Ps 46/47:6*)

Verse: Clap your hands all you peoples!
Shout to God with a voice of joy! (*Ps 46/47:1*)

EPISTLE READING (12th Sunday after Pentecost)
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel**Tone 3**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: In Thee, O Lord, I have hoped; let me never be ashamed. (*Ps 30/31:1*)

Verse: Be unto me a God and protector, and a house of refuge to save me. (*Ps 30/31:2*)

GOSPEL READING (12 Sunday after Pentecost)
Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGICAL NEW YEAR — The beautiful cycle begins again!

The new Liturgical Year begins on September 1st. Most of the service schedule is now posted to the online Google calendar on the church website. Please get in the habit of consulting this calendar. It can be accessed from any page of the church website in the bottom, left hand corner: www.stathansius.org. It can also be linked to your personal Google Calendar.

UPCOMING FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, September 8

Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos
6:00 p.m. Festal Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 13

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
(transferred from Sept. 14)
9:00 a.m. Festal Matins 10:00 a.m. Festal Liturgy

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

We ask that those attending services continue to wear facial masks. If you decide not to honor this request, we ask that you stay a **SIGNIFICANT DISTANCE** from the rest of those present at worship services, and that you do not sing along or recite any of the prayers out loud.

Please continue to observe SOCIAL DISTANCING during services, IN THE COMMUNION LINE, and while socializing after services. We ask that those attending services enter the building only to use the restroom, and that time spent in the building be kept at a minimum.

We will continue to practice the same safety protocols that we have been observing since June until we receive other guidelines from our Metropolitan and local health authorities. Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

8/30 Nikolay & Velislava Nikolov
9/05 Dn. John & Fay Young

Birthdays

8/30 Mitch Denny, Kh. Jan Speier
8/31 Peggy King, Timothy Braun
9/2 Benjamin Ballew
9/3 Bob Gundersen, Lucia Speier
9/4 Richard Ballew, Tom Williams

Patronal Feast Days

8/31	St. Aidan, Bishop of Lindesfarne	Brennen West
9/1	Prophetess Abigail, Wife of David the King	Abigail Simonsen
9/1	Holy Virgin Martyr Penelope	Penny Cocores
9/3	St. Phoebe the Deaconess	Phoebe Lenhart
9/5	St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist	
	Elizabeth Ballew	Atalia Finley
	Lara Jacobs	Elleney King
	Jane Meyer	Terri Speier
		Elizabeth (Bitty) Easbey Heiduk
		Kh. Peggy King
		Salem Vander Laan
9/5	St. Zachariah, Father of John the Baptist	Zachary Nikolov

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 & Fernando J. (military)
Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Steve T,
Olga Marie G.
Dn. John Y.
Glenn F.
Mitch D. Sr.
Samantha & Chris S. & family
Jeff
Tate & Anna F.
Michael K.
David W.
Harvey G.

Gary B. Jr.
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., Bonita M.
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.