



## 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 CHRYSOSTOM** Sunday, September 6, 2020

**Tone 4 / Eothion 2; Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew**

**The miracle of the Archangel Michael in Colossae**  
Archippos of Hierapolis; Martyrs Eudoxios, Zeno, Romulus  
and Makarios at Melitene in Armenia



**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, September 6**

9:00 a.m. Readers Matins  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

### **Tuesday, September 8**

6:00 p.m. Festal Liturgy for the Nativity of  
the Theotokos

### **Wednesday, September 9**

12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry

### **Thursday, September 10**

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

### **Saturday, September 12**

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

### **Sunday, September 13**

9:00 a.m. Festal Matins for Exaltation of  
the Holy Cross  
10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy for Feast of  
the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

## ***Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule***

### **EUCCHARIST BREAD**

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

### **READERS**

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 4**

Having learned the joyful message  
of the Resurrection from the angel,  
the women disciples of the Lord cast from them  
their parental condemnation,  
and proudly broke the news to the disciples  
saying death has been spoiled.  
Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

#### **Troparion for Archangel Michael**

**Tone 4**

O Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts,  
we who are unworthy beseech you:  
by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory,  
and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you://  
“Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commanders of the Powers on high!”

#### **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 4**

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works, in wisdom Thou hast made them all.

*(Ps 103/104:24)*

Vs. Bless the Lord O my soul, O Lord my God, Thou art very great.

**EPISTLE READING****1 Corinthians 16:13-24**

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel****Tone 4**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Verse:** Draw Thy bow and prosper and reign, in the cause of truth, meekness, and righteousness. *(Ps 44/45:5)*

**Verse:** Thou hast loved righteousness and hated wickedness. *(Ps 44/45:8)*

**GOSPEL READING**  
**Matthew 21:33-42**

The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’”

**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**

**CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY YEARS to Dn. John and Fay Young, who celebrated their FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY on September 5th!**

**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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! — The beautiful cycle begins again!**

The new Liturgical Year began 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](http://www.stathansius.org). It can also be linked to your personal Google Calendar.

**THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS**, we were able to send \$3500 to the Beirut Relief Fund!

**FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

We ask that those attending services continue to wear facial masks. If you decide not to wear a mask, we ask that you stay a **SIGNIFICANT DISTANCE** from the rest of those present at worship services.

Please continue to observe **SOCIAL DISTANCING** during services, **IN THE COMMUNION LINE**, and while socializing after services.

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***

**Birthdays**

9/7 Cheyenne Braun, Suzi Wiley  
9/8 Luke Hedges  
9/9 Kellie Landrum  
9/11 Joseph Ballew (at St. Gregory Monastery in Ohio), Niko Halsell  
9/12 Tom Johnson

**Patronal Feast Days**

9/8 **St. Adriana** Adriana de Bruin  
9/8 **Theotokos (Nativity)** Fr. John Carrillo, Kellie Landrum  
9/9 **St. Anna (the Mother of the Theotokos)**  
Shirley Dillon, Michelle Madrigal, Sherie Shackelford  
9/7 **St. Cassiana the Hymnographer** Kassiana Van Wagoner

**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

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**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.**

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