



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, September 13, 2020

**Transference of the Feast of the
EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**
Consecration of Resurrection Church in Jerusalem



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 13—Transference of the FEAST OF THE EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9:00 a.m. Festal Matins
10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy

Monday, September 14—Feast of the Cross

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Tuesday, September 15

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers with Canon of
Reconciliation from the
Fellowship of St. Moses the Black

Wednesday, September 16

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry
6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, September 17

10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
(no refreshments served by our team yet)
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
6-7:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
6:30-8 p.m. High School Youth Group

Friday, September 18

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
5:00 p.m. Akathist (via Zoom)

Saturday, September 12

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, September 20

Blessing of Students & Teachers

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. “Holy Heroes: Stories of Awe
and Wonder” for children
ages 3 yrs—Kindergarten
11:45 a.m. Welcome Reception for
Fr. Symeon, Kh. Cayce-Marie
and Niko Halsell

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

Fr. Nicholas & Kh. Jan will be away
September 20-24.

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

EUCCHARIST BREAD

Sept. 13	Jacobs
Sept. 20	Sieck
Sept. 27	Morrison
Oct. 4	Cocores

READERS

Sept. 12	D. Alexander (Vespers)
Sept. 13	Rdr. J. Butler
Sept. 19	D. Meyer
Sept. 20	Rdr. H. Lange
Sept. 27	Rdr. J. Butler
Oct. 4	M. Braun

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.

**THE DIVINE LITURGY
OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

THE GREAT LITANY

First Antiphon verses for the Feast of the Cross with refrain:

Vs. O God, my God, attend to me; why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions.

First Antiphon Serbian Chant
arr. P. Drobac

Tone 2

Melody

Ison

Through the prayers of the The - o - to - kos, O

Sav-iour, save us! save us!

Final refrain ending

My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? But as for Thee, Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel. **[Refrain]**

Vs. Glory...now & ever...Amen. **[Refrain]**

Second Antiphon verses for the Feast of the Cross & refrain

Vs. O God, why hast Thou cast us off unto the end? Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.

Second Antiphon

Tone 2

Melody

Ison

O Son of God, cru - ci - fied in the flesh,

save us who sing to You: "Al - le - lu - ia!"

Vs. This is Mount Zion wherein Thou hast dwelt. **[Refrain]**

VS. God is our King before the ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.
[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 for the feast of the Cross

Vs. The Lord is king, let the peoples rage; He sitteth on the Cherubim,
let the earth be shaken.

Refrain:

**O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance,
granting victory over all adversaries.
And by the pow'r of Thy cross protect us.**

Vs. The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all peoples.

Vs. Let them confess Thy great Name, for it is terrible and holy.

PROCESSION WITH THE CROSS

Troparion of the Holy and Life-giving Cross

O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance,
granting victory over all adversaries.
And by the pow'r of Thy cross protect us.

Tone 1

Kontakion for the Feast of the Cross

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,
grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God;
make all Orthodox Christians glad by your power,
granting them victories over their adversaries//
by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

Tone 4


Troparion

Elevation of the Cross

Tone 1 Byzantine


Priest Mark Sahady
arr. by Priest John Finley

Soprano
Alto



O Lord, save Thy peo - ple and bless_ Thine in - her - i - tance,

Tenor
Bass



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A.




grant - ing vic - to - ry ov - er all ad - ver - sar -

T.
B.




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ies. And by the pow'r of Thy Cross pro - tect_ us.

T.
B.



INSTEAD OF "HOLY GOD..." WE SING:

Before Thy cross, we bow down in worship, O our Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify. (MUSIC ON THE NEXT PAGE.)

BEFORE THY CROSS

V. Rev. JAMES C. MEENA
Byzantine melody of
the Antiochian Tradition
Tone 1

1, 2, 3, 6 Quietly, Calmly

mf BE FORE THY CROSS WE BOW

Soprano Alto

mf BE - FORE THY CROSS WE BOW DOWN IN

Tenor Bass

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- REC - TION

RES - UR - REC - TION WE GLO - RI - FY. *fine*

mf

Preparatory Psalm (Prokeimenon) Verses before the Epistle

Tone 7

Exult ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool; for He is holy. (Ps. 99:5)

Verse: The Lord reigneth, let the people rage.

EPISTLE READING FOR THE FEAST

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Brethren, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly

of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Vs. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou has purchased of old. (Ps 74:2)

Vs. God is our King of old; working salvation in the midst of the earth. (Ps. 74:12)

GOSPEL READING John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35

At that time, the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death; they led Him to Pilate and cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a Law, and by that Law He ought to die, because He has made himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid. He entered the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over Me unless it had been given you from above.

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. Pilate said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus and led Him away, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of the skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Greek, and in Latin.

Now standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own. After this Jesus, knowing that all was now fulfilled, said, "It is finished"; and He bowed His head and gave up the spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other, who had been crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once, there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness -- his testimony is true.

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

Meglynarion (Hymn to the Mother of God) for the feast of the Cross

You are a mystical paradise, O Birthgiver of God, in which Christ blossomed.
Through Him, the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth.
Now, at its elevation, as we bow in worship before it, we glorify You.

Hymn sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist for the feast of the Cross

The light of Your countenance has shone on us, O Lord. (*Ps 4/5:6*) Alleluia (3x)

Hymn during Communion of the People

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Instead of "We have seen the true light," we sing the Troparion of the Feast.

O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance,
granting victory over all adversaries.
And by the pow'r of Thy cross protect us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Nicholas & Jan will be away September 20-24.

NEXT SUNDAY after the Divine Liturgy, we will have a welcome reception for Fr. Symeon, Kh. Cayce-Marie and Niko Halsell. Coffee, tea, water, punch, and cupcakes will be provided by the church. Our musicians will offer some festive entertainment.

STARTING THIS TUESDAY and for the rest of the Tuesdays of September, we will pray the Canon of for Racial Reconciliation during Daily Vespers at 5:30 p.m. The text to the Canon can be found at: <http://mosestheblack.org/resources/canon/>

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

NEXT SUNDAY THERE WILL BE A BLESSING FOR ALL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS at the end of the Liturgy.

THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, WE RESUME THE AKATHIST SERVICE (VIA ZOOM) for Westmont College students at 5:00 p.m. If you want to participate, contact Dorothy Alexander at dotalexander@westmont.edu.

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR TEENS will not meet in September. More information will follow when a start date has been determined.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (ATRIUM) FOR CHILDREN GRADES 1-6 BEGINS SEPT. 20!

You should have received an email from Joanne Gish with important details for this year's religious education program. If not, please email her at jgish@westmont.edu.

Level II (grades 1-3) and LIII (grades 4-6) will meet *in person* beginning Sunday, September 20 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. If you have not responded to the email letting Joanne know if your child(ren) will be participating, please do so ASAP. Thank you!

CATECHESIS LEVEL I

Level I will NOT meet this semester on Tuesdays. The Level I catechists will be visiting each of the children at home this semester on a monthly basis to do personal presentations.

BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th for the TOTS:

On Sundays right after the dismissal at the end of the Liturgy, Fr. Symeon will meet with the Level I children (ages 3-6 years) for “Holy Heroes: Stories of Awe and Wonder.” He will do a very brief teaching on a saint or Biblical story relevant to the church calendar. Parents of children in this age group will be receiving an email from Joanne Gish.

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.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

We honor those in our parish who put themselves in harm's way every day for the sake of our community, including those on the frontline in healthcare and law enforcement facing the challenges of Covid-19, and first responders who are currently battling a multitude of wildfires. Please keep these folks in your prayers.

Gary Braun, Jr. just graduated this spring from the Fire Academy, and has jumped right into this season of rampant wild fires. Gary helped to fight the Lake Fire, the Moc Fire, and the CZU Lightening Complex Fire for 21 days straight. He is back in Buellton now, in rotation to continue to fight the wild fires.

John Heiduk is a firefighter with Santa Barbara County Fire Department and on call to respond to natural disasters, wildfires, vehicle accidents and medical emergencies.

Subdeacon Michael Easbey is the Director of Assisted Living at Samarkand Santa Barbara. Early in the Covid-19 pandemic he faced the same healthcare challenges that all senior facilities were facing. (At the same time, he was instrumental in getting our live-streaming of liturgical services up and running!)

Dr. Scott Speier is a physician in the Emergency Department of Ventura County Medical Center.

Dr. Adrienne Macdonald is a pediatrician at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.

Josh Dillon has been working as a technician in the Emergency Department at Cottage Hospital for the past 2 years. This year he will complete nursing school with a Bachelors Degree and hopes to continue working at Cottage Hospital as a nurse.



The following parish members are also working in healthcare or law enforcement:

Cheyenne Braun	EMT for AMR ambulance service Santa Barbara/Goleta
June Easbey	Hospital Administration, Cottage Hospital
Kent Fox	Occupational Therapist, Cottage Hospital
Donna Friesen	Hospital Administration, Cottage Hospital
Garrett Gish	Sheriff's Deputy, Santa Barbara County
Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges	Chaplain, Police Department
Dr. Doug King	Optometrist
Dr. Jon King	Dentist
Veli Nikolov	Registered Nurse
Chuck Sasala	Audiologist
Luke Speier	Medical Assistant/Scribe for Jackson Medical Group
Tatiana Speier	Medical Assistant for Dr. William Koonce, and in nursing school, doing patient care once a week at the hospital.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT—January-August, 2020

Goal for Tithes January-August, 2020	\$ 313,547
Actual Tithes January-August, 2020	\$ 347,151
Building Fund Goal for Jan.-August, 2020	\$ 112,960
Actual Building Fund donations Jan.-August, 2020	\$ 94,123
Monthly tithe goal	\$39,193
<u>Tithes received per month:</u>	
January	\$30,384
February	\$85,781
March	\$39,386
April	\$33,096
May	\$33,572
June	\$26,607
July	\$47,946
August	\$50,380
Total operating income for 8 months	\$383,483
Total operating expenses for 8 months	\$347,996

For the first 8 months, we are operating at \$20,000 less than budgeted. That includes some one-time off-budget expenses such as bookshelves for the new library.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

9/19 Timmy & Teri Palmer

Birthdays

9/14 Michael Easbey

9/17 Christina Lydick

9/18 Andy Simonsen

9/19 Leslee Kinman

Patronal Feast Days

9/17 **St. Hope (daughter of St. Sophia)**

Willow Hope Palmer

9/17 **St. Nadia (daughter of St. Sophia)**

Nadine De Bruin

9/17 **St. Sophia** Noelle Ballew

Giana Sophia Brunner

Lauren King

Isabel Kosic

Sophia Roberts

9/17 **St. Sophia & her 3 daughters**

Bella Madrigal

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., Manuel
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.
