

St. Athanasius Antiochian Orthodox Church

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRSOSTOM

Sunday, January 31, 2021 Tone 1 / Eothinon 1; Thirty-second Sunday of Pentecost & Fifteenth Sunday of Luke ("Zacchaeus")

Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John

Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters Theodota, Theoktiste and Eudoxia of Egypt; New-martyr Elias in the Peloponnesus; Nikita of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Novgorod



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, January 31

9:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Monday, February 1

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins 5:00 p.m. Akathist by Zoom

Tuesday, February 2

6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy for Feast of the

Presentation of Our Lord

Wednesday, February 3

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Thursday, February 4

7:45 a.m. Akathist by Zoom 9:00 a.m.-12 Showers of Blessing

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Friday, February 5

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, February 6

8:30-10:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship of St. John 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, February 7

9:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCHARIST BREAD

Jan. 31 Dillon

Feb. 2 Kern (Feast of Presentation)

Feb. 7 Morrison Feb. 14 Jacobs

Feb. 21 Sieck

READERS

Jan. 31 D. Meyer

Feb. 2 Rdr. M. Kern

(Liturgy-Feast of Presentation)

Feb. 7 Rdr. J. Butler Feb. 14 D. Meyer

Feb. 21 D. Alexander

USHERS

Jan. 31 C. Berari, D. Meyer Feb. 7 S. Speier, C. Speier

Feb. 14 M. Loulias, D. Washburn

Feb. 21 P. King, J. King

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Birthdays

2/4

1/31 Gloria Morrison

★ 2/3 Velislava Nikolov

Hannah Sieck

Patronal Saint Commemorations

2/3 Ann the Prophetess

2/3 St. Simeon the God-receiver

Dorothy Alexander, Leslee Kinman Dana Alexander, Fr. Symeon Halsell,

Tyler Speier

\$2/3 St. Oliver of Ancona Oliver Palmer

At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

THE 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 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—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 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 Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus and John

Tone 5

O Christ God;

You have given us the miracles of Your martyrs Cyrus and John,

as an invincible rampart;

through their prayers frustrate the plans of the heathens,

and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians,//

for You alone are good and lovest mankind.

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 The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple Tone 1

By Your Na<u>tivi</u>ty You sanctified the <u>Virg</u>in's womb! And blessed Simeon's hands, O <u>Christ</u> God. Now You have come and saved <u>us</u> through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

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.

(Ps 32/33:1)

EPISTLE READING Timothy 4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Alleluia before the Gospel

Tone 1

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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,

David and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)

GOSPEL READING Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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

It is, once again, the time of year when we bless our dwellings and pray for God's protection in the coming year. Don't forget to call one of our priests to set up a time to have your home blessed!

The Men's Fellowship of St. John the Theologian will meet this Saturday, February 6th from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on the patio, and on the following Saturday mornings between now and June:

March 13 April 17 May 8 June 5

LITURGICAL CALENDAR — LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple Divine Liturgy at 6:00 p.m.

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. Markos 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. Monsignor J. Yanek

Kent F. Bob N.

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Fr. Jon-Stephen & Melissa 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. Mitch D. Sr. Dn. Gary B. Harvey G. Stephen B. Kris F. David D. Anneli C. Kh. Erin K. Nina Dasha Wendy R.

Bev R. Phyllis M.

Christina & Anthony Lee Family Fr. Wayne W. Audrey

Sarah G. and Family

Zack Keith

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.

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For repose of the souls of:

Neyla, Kiro, Jim R., Betty, Lynn S.

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. *************************

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Metropolitan Joseph has given us a blessing to continue to do our services inside the nave. The Parish Council asks the members of the parish to adhere to the following:

- During services, please maintain at least 6 ft. of distance on all sides, including in the Communion line, and wear a mask that covers both YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE. (Families may sit together but should have six feet of space in front and behind them.
- The Sunday Divine Liturgy is being broadcast in the hallway and on the patio for overflow crowd and for those who are not comfortable sitting inside the nave.
- There will be no COFFEE HOUR for now. Please do not linger inside the building after the services unless you are buying something from the Bookstore.

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Christians who are baptized in the name of the Trinity and chrismated into the Orthodox Faith. Non-Orthodox believers **may approach the chalice for a blessing and the blessed bread instead of the Eucharist.** So that the priest is aware of this, please just say,

"Father, bless" when you get to the chalice.

Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, we offer the prayers of thanksgiving for having received the Body and Blood of Christ. These beautiful prayers help us to reflect on the mystery in which we have just partaken, and prepare us for our transition back into the "world." We invite you to listen to these beautiful prayers during and after the veneration of the cross at the end of the service, and ask that you show courtesy to those who are remaining to hear the prayers in their entirety by waiting until Coffee Hour to socialize.