



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, May 2, 2021 Great & Holy Pascha Calendar & Announcements



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are glad you are with us this morning.
If you are not Orthodox, we invite you to partake of the
blessed bread during communion.
Please join us on the patio after the Liturgy for the reception.
We'd love to meet you!

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, May 2—PASCHA

(Feast of St. Athanasius)

5:00 a.m. Procession/Paschal Matins
Paschal Divine Liturgy
7:45 a.m. Blessing of Baskets
Break-fast on the patio
Approx. 9:00 a.m. Agape Vespers — Gospel
proclaimed in many languages

BRIGHT WEEK FAST-FREE WEEK

Monday, May 3—St. Nikolai Velimirovich

6:45 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins

Tuesday, May 4

5:30 p.m. Agape Vespers

Wednesday, May 5—St. Irene

6:45 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Thursday, May 6

5:30 p.m. Agape Vespers
6:30 p.m. Youth Group Pascha Party

Friday, May 7

6:45 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins

Saturday, May 8—St. John the Apostle

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

Sunday, May 9—THOMAS SUNDAY

(We will also commemorate St. Athanasius, whose feast day was on Pascha.)

MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
1:00 p.m. Blessing of the Graves at Goleta
Cemetery

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

May 2 Jacobs (Pascha)
May 9 D. Washburn
May 16 Sieck
May 23 Tinyayeva

READERS

May 2 Rdr. J. Butler (PASCHA)
May 9 M. Braun
May 16 Rdr. J. Butler
May 23 Rdr. V. Gish

USHERS

April 25 C. Berari, D. Meyer
May 2 P. King, J. King
May 9 C. & S. Speier
May 16 D. Washburn, M. Loulias

Join us TODAY for AGAPE VESPERS at 9:00 a.m.

We will hear the Gospel read
in 10 languages:

English
Slavonic
Hebrew
Greek
Spanish
Portuguese
Ukrainian
Amharic
German
Dutch

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY ILLUMINED servants of God:

James Arnold	Sponsors: Richard & Lisa Ballew
Cyrus & Lincoln Brunner	Sponsors: Beau & Leticia Brunner, Jami Stetler
Peter Van Dolah	Sponsor: David Dillon

May God guide their walk in the Faith and grant them many years!!

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Bask in the glow of Pascha! Join us for one of the Bright Week services this coming week:
Mon./Wed./Fri. mornings—Paschal Daily Matins at 6:45 a.m.
Tues. evening— Agape Vespers at 5:30 p.m.

THERE IS NO FASTING REQUIRED DURING BRIGHT WEEK.

CHANGE IN DAILY TRISAGION PRAYERS:

1. From Pascha until Pentecost, do not say, “O Heavenly King...”
2. From Pascha until Ascension, replace “Holy God, Holy Mighty...” with “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in tombs bestowing life.”

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Fr. Nicholas and Fr. Symeon will bless the graves of our loved ones buried at Goleta Cemetery next Sunday, May 9th, after Coffee Hour.

SAOC SUMMER SCHOOL IS BACK!
FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED GRADES K-6

Monday, June 14-Friday, June 25 (weekdays only)

8:45-11:30 a.m. — Class time

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Lunch

12:30-2:00 p.m. — Special Activity

**MEMO TO PARENTS & REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH
& ON THE WEBSITE AT:**

<https://www.stathanasius.org/ministries/youth-education/summer-school/>

What is man, that Thou art mindful of Him?
A series for teens and adults, Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

There are many competing beliefs about what it means to be a flourishing human being taught by the world. In this lecture series Fr. Symeon will address the big questions we face today about human life, and how we as Christians may understand and respond to the ever-changing social fabric as *little Christs*. We will ask the question of God and of ourselves, *What is man, that Thou art mindful of Him?* The lectures will be appropriate for teenagers and up and will run for 7 weeks from May 15th to June 26th every Saturday beginning at 4:30 pm at the parish.

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| May 15 | <i>Creation - The Creation of Human Beings & Life in Paradise</i> |
| May 22 | <i>The Fall and the Composition of Humanity</i> |
| May 29 | <i>Our Re-creation through & in Christ</i> |
| June 5 | <i>Does God care about sex(uality)?</i> |
| June 12 | <i>The Nations - Israel and Gentiles or
What do we have to do with Race?</i> |
| June 19 | <i>Are Humans Fluid or Solid? or What is Human Nature?</i> |
| June 26 | <i>Cultivating the Soul and Growth in Christ:
Our Recomposition & Life Toward Paradise!</i> |

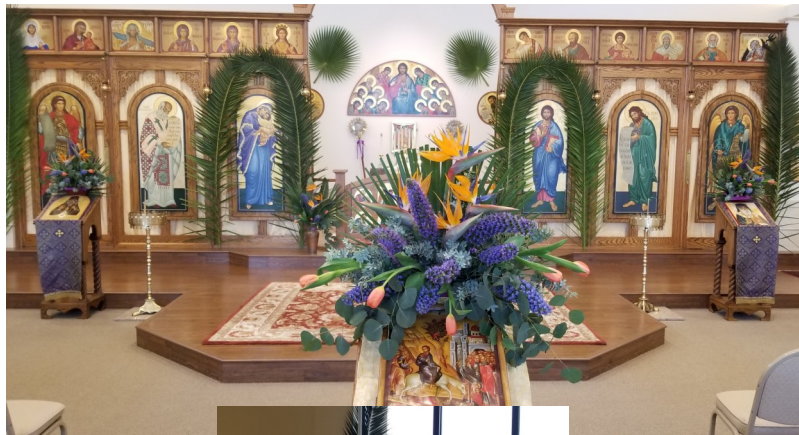
MANY THANKS...

...to all the good and faithful servants who participated in the annual Lazarus Saturday work party. Your efforts are a gift to the entire parish. May God bless you and grant you many years!

...and to all those who helped to make our Holy Week and Pascha so prayerful, beautiful, and inspiring:

- The clergy, altar servers, singers and chanters;
- Lisa Ballew and the Festal Decorating crew for creating heavenly beauty all around us!
- Christie Speier Robinson and her team, and ALL those who helped to organize, set-up and clean-up for our Lazarus Saturday, Holy Saturday, and Pascha celebrations.
- Terri Speier and her team for providing such a wonderful book store throughout Great Lent;
- All the faithful who participated in the many services, and offered support in so many ways.

*Thanks be to God for the team effort
that carried us all through Holy Week
to the joy of the Resurrection!*



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

5/07 Michael & Margaret Easbey

Birthdays

5/2 Kristin King

5/8 Jane Meyer

Patronal Feast Days

5/2 Holy Pascha Velislava (Veli) Nikolov (“Velislava” means Resurrection)

5/3 St. Nikolai of Ohrid Niko Halsell

5/4 St. Monica (Mother of St. Augustine) Monica Finley

5/5 St. Irene of Thessalonica Karen Jacobs, Kyndal Vogt

5/8 St. John the Theologian Johnny Heiduk, Erik Lawrence

SAFETY PROTOCOLS—March 2021

Having entered the “Orange Tier” in California, we are permitted to be at 50% capacity inside the nave of the church. This means that during services, we still must maintain some distance between chairs and wear masks.

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.

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
Fr. Jon 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
Bob N.
Kh. Melissa H.
Cole K. (military)
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)

Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Steve T,
Nina
Dasha
Bev R.
Phyllis M.
Lee Family
Audrey
Scott L.
Samantha and Chris N.
Dan A.
John S.
Earle L.
Barbara W. and Doreen
Jim M.
Phoebe L.
Abp. Benjamin

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.

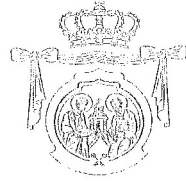
For repose of the souls of: Fr. Vladimir L., Jim R., Betty

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.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

March 21, 2021

To Be Read from the Pulpit and Printed in the Bulletin

Reverend Fathers, Esteemed Members of the Parish Council, and Beloved Faithful:

Greetings and blessings to you in the Name of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ!

I pray that, having completed the first week of the fast, you have been strengthened by the beautiful services and fasting discipline in order to complete the rest of this holy journey.

When we wrote this appeal to you last year and celebrated the Sunday of Orthodoxy, who knew that just over one week later our world as we know it would change and, for the first time in a century we would have to endure the consequences of a world-wide pandemic and restrict access to our churches during this most holy season. What we hoped would be a short period of suffering has lasted for an entire year. While there are many signs of hope we remain vigilant, but nevertheless are thankful that we can participate liturgically in the Fast this year *in person*. I encourage you therefore, to come back to the Church if you have been missing, being mindful and careful, but also realizing that it is time to return home to the cradle of the Church.

Having said that, we remind you that it is been a long-standing tradition in our archdiocese to give scholarships to our seminarians studying for the priesthood. We are blessed this year to have 19 seminarians studying in three seminaries (St. Vladimir's, St. Tikhon's and Holy Cross). More than ever, these young men (and their families in many cases), have had to endure so much this past year including being locked down on campuses, unable to travel to our parishes for training, attending classes virtually, and missing out on the full liturgical life of the Church that is so necessary to their priestly formation while at seminary. Let us show our love and appreciation for this sacrifice by at least making sure they can start their ministry to you and your families without the added burden of great debt from seminary. Please give generously so we, in turn, can continue to be generous with them. Believe me when I tell you that they are deeply grateful for this expression of love.

Wishing you all a blessed journey that will help lead us to the heavenly kingdom, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is preceded by a large, stylized cross symbol.

+JOSEPH
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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