

# St. Athanasius Antiochian Orthodox Church

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# DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, May 30, 2021
Tone 4 / Eothinon 7
Fifth Sunday of Pascha:
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman & After-feast of Mid-Pentecost

Isaac, Founder of the Dalmaton Monastery in Constantinople; Martyrs Natalios and Barlaam of Caesarea in Cappadocia; Martyrs Eusebios and Christina



# 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 Coffee Hour.

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 30—Sunday of Samaritan Woman

Catechesis Levels I, II & III 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour 11:45 a.m.

Monday, May 31—Memorial Day

Paschal Daily Matins 6:45 a.m.

Tuesday, June 1—St. Justin

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, June 2

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

Thursday, June 3

Showers of Blessing 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Friday, June 4

6:45 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins

Saturday, June 5 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship of St. John 4:30 p.m. Class for adults and teens

"What is man?"

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, June 6—Sunday of Blindman

9:00 a.m. Catechesis Levels I, II, & III

9:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour 11:45 a.m.

# SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES **SCHEDULE**

## **EUCHARIST BREAD**

May 30	Meyer
June 6	Fr. Nicholas
June 13	Dn. G. Braun
June 20	Dillon

# **READERS**

May 26	D. Washburn (Mid-Pentecost)
May 30	D. Alexander
June 6	Rdr. J. Butler
June 9	Rdr. H. Lange (Ascension)
June 12	Rdr. M. Kern (Vespers)
June 13	M. Braun
June 19	D. Meyer (Soul Liturgy)
June 19	D. Washburn (Vespers)
June 20	Rdr. V. Gish (PENTECOST)

#### **USHERS**

May 30	P. King, J. King
June 6	C. Speier, S. Speier
June 13	D. Meyer, M. Loulias
June 20	C. Berari, D. Washburn

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

# THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with "Blessed is the Kingdom" and the choir responds "Amen." Bearing the Paschal Candle, the Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Apolytikion and censes the west side of the Altar Table.

**Priest:** Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of age.

People: Amen.

Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

**People:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (2 times)

#### **GREAT LITANY**

#### FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give

glory to His praise!

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

- Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thine enemies cringe before Thee. [Refrain]
- Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee. Let it praise Thy Name, O Most High! [Refrain]
- Glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. [Refrain]

#### SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy

countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

Refrain: O Son of God, Who rose from the dead,

save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

• That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nation! [Refrain]

- Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! [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...

#### THIRD ANTIPHON

Verse: Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee

from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death,

and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

• As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. [Refrain]

- So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. [Refrain]
- This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. [Refrain]

#### LITTLE ENTRANCE

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the Springs of Israel. O Son of God Who Rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

# **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 Mid-Pentecost**

Tone 8

In the middle <u>of</u> the <u>feast</u>, O <u>Savior</u>, fill my thirsting <u>soul</u> with the <u>waters</u> of piety as You <u>cried</u> to all: "If anyone <u>thirst</u>, let him <u>come</u> to <u>Me</u> and drink!"// O Christ God, <u>Fountain</u> of our <u>life</u>, <u>glory</u> to You!

# **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 Pascha

Tone 8

Thou didst descend into the tomb O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the pow'r of death. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming rejoice to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

#### TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (3 times)

+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.

#### THE EPISTLE READING—Acts 11:19-30

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians.

Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel

Tone 4

(Music on p. 64 of Liturgy Book)

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 READNG—John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with His journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying: 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and You say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming [He who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

Just then His disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?' I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

#### Hymn to the Mother of God (Meglynarion)

The angel cried to the lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure virgin! Again I say rejoice, O pure Virgin. Your son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice all ye people. O Shine! Shine! Shine, O New Jerusalem! The glory, the glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult, exult and be glad. Be glad, O Zion, be radiant, O Mother of God, in the resurrection of your Son, of your Son!

## Communion of the Clergy & Communion of the Faithful

Receive the body of Christ. Taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Instead of "We have seen the true light, we sing: "Christ is risen" ONE time.

At the end of the dismissal prayer the service then continues with the typical Paschal dialogue, as follows:

Priest: Christ is risen.
Faithful: Indeed He is risen.
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Faithful: Indeed He is risen.

Priest: Glory to His third-day Resurrection.

Faithful: Let us worship His third-day Resurrection.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those

in the tombs

Faithful: bestowing life.

English:Christ is risen!He is risen indeed!Greek:Christos anesti!Alithos anesti!Arabic:El Messieh kahm!Hakken kahm!Slavonic:Christos voskrese!Voistinu voskrese!Romanian:Hristos a inviat!Adeverat a inviat!

Spanish: Christo ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado!

Amharic: Kristos tenestwal! Bergit tenestwal!

#### **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

Fr. Nicholas is out of town this weekend, returning Sunday evening.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES to Douglas Meyer and family on the falling asleep in the Lord of Douglas' maternal grandmother, Augusta Marie Neumeier Jansen, who was 105 years old. May she rest with the saints.

#### **GRADUATES?**

If you have a 2021 graduate in the family, please send a brief narrative and photo to the church office so that we can honor our grads. (School graduating from, degree, plans for the next year, achievements or accolades, etc.)

#### SUMMER SCHOOL—JUNE 14-25

Parents, please don't forget to sign up your children for St. Athanasius Summer School, if they are planning to attend. Forms are available in the foyer and also online at: https://www.stathanasius.org/ministries/youth-education/summer-school/

# DIRECTORY OF PARISHIONERS WHO OWN BUSINESSES OR HAVE SERVICES OR PRODUCTS TO OFFER

We are updating this directory, which helps us to support each other as a parish. The directory will be inserted into the bulletin in mid-June, and then posted to the parish website. If you are an ACTIVE member of the parish and would like to put a listing in the directory, please send your information to valerie@stathanasius.org. **Deadline for receiving your listing is June 11.** 

#### **UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES**

WEDNESDAY, June 9th at 6:00 p.m.—Vesperal Liturgy for Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

SUNDAY, June 20th—PENTECOST Festal Vespers, Matins & Liturgy that weekend. BARBECUE ON THE PATIO!! More details to follow.

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

June 5	Does God care about sex(uality)?
June 12	The Nations - Israel and Gentiles or
	What do we have to do with Race?
June 19	Are Humans Fluid or Solid? or What is Human Nature?
June 26	Cultivating the Soul and Growth in Christ:
	Our Recomposition & Life Toward Paradise!

# CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

#### **Wedding Anniversaries:**

- 5/30 Stan & Donna Friesen, Steven & Julie Gross
- 6/02 Brian & Corie Sieck
- 6/04 Douglas & Jane Meyer
- 6/05 Richard & Lisa Ballew, Mitchell & Mary Denny

# **Birthdays:**

- 5/30 Luke Palmer
- 5/31 Dana Alexander
- 6/2 Jill Wallerstedt
- 6/4 Nadine de Bruin

#### **Patron Saint Feast Days**

- 5/30 St. Emmelia, Mother of St. Basil the Great Emily King, Amelia Rose Macdonald, Emily Speier
- 6/1 St. Justin Martyr Justin Brunner 6/4 St. Martha, sister of Lazarus Dottie Genatone

# **UPDATED SAFETY PROTOCOLS—May 2021**

Having entered the "Orange Tier" in California, we are permitted to be at 50% capacity inside the nave of the church. With the blessing of our Metropolitan, masks are now optional.

The Sunday Divine Liturgy is being broadcast in the hallway and on the patio and we are still offering chairs against the far wall for those who prefer to maintain more of a distance for a while.

## 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. Phoebe L. Abp. Benjamin

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: Augusta J., Doreen, 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. ※

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# On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman.

St. Photini lived in first century Palestine. She was the Samaritan woman who Christ visited at the well asking her for water. It was she who accepted the "living water" offered her by Christ Himself after repenting from her many sins (John. 4:5-42). She went and told her townspeople that she had met the Christ. For this, she is sometimes recognized as the first to proclaim the Gospel of Christ. She converted her five sisters (Sts. Anatole, Photo, Photis, Paraskeve, and Kyriake) and her two sons (Victor and Joses). They all became tireless evangelists for Christ.

The apostles of Christ baptized her and gave her the name of Photini which means "the enlightened one." She is remembered by the Church as a Holy Martyr and Equal to the Apostles. After Sts. Peter and Paul were martyred, St. Photini and her family left their homeland of Sychar, in Samaria, to travel to Carthage to proclaim the Gospel of Christ there.

During the reign of Emperor Nero in the first century, excessive cruelty was displayed against the Christians, St. Photini lived in Carthage with her younger son, Joses. Her eldest son, Victor, fought bravely in the Roman army against the barbarians, and was appointed military commander in the city of Attalia (Asia Minor). Later, Nero called him to Italy to arrest and punish Christians.

Sebastian, an official in Italy, said to Victor, "I know that you, your mother and your brother, are followers of Christ. As a friend I advise you to submit to the will of the emperor. If you inform on any Christians, you will receive their wealth. I shall write to your mother and brother, asking them not to preach Christ in public. Let them practice their faith in secret."

Victor replied, "I want to be a preacher of Christianity like my mother and brother." Sebastian said, "O Victor, we all know what woes await you, your mother and brother." Then Sebastian suddenly felt a sharp pain in his eyes. He was dumbfounded, and his face was somber.

For three days Sebastian lay there blind, without uttering a word. On the fourth day he declared, "The God of the Christians is the only true God." St. Victor asked why Sebastian had suddenly changed his mind. Sebastian replied, "Because Christ is calling me." Soon he was baptized, and immediately regained his sight. St. Sebastian's servants, after witnessing the miracle, were also baptized.

Reports of this reached Nero, and he commanded that the Christians be brought to him at Rome. The Lord Himself appeared to the confessors and said, "Fear not, for I am with you. Nero, and all who serve him, will be vanquished." All these things, and even future events, were revealed to St. Photini. She left Carthage in the company of several Christians and joined the confessors in Rome.

At Rome, Emperor Nero severely tortured Photini and her family and many other Christians for refusing to renounce the Savior. Over the course of several years, they were miraculously saved from various turtures or healed, and also worked miracles of healing in others around them. Eventually, Nero had St. Photini brought to him and asked if she would now relent and offer sacrifice to the idols. St. Photini spat in his face, and laughing at him, said, "O most impious of the blind, you profligate and stupid man! Do you think me so deluded that I would consent to renounce my Lord Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols as blind as you?" Hearing such words, Nero gave orders to throw St. Photini down a well, where she surrendered her soul to God in the year 66.