

ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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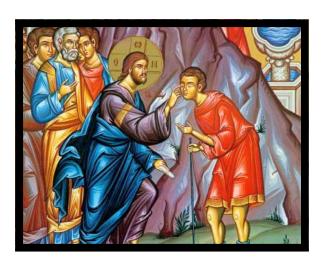
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, June 6, 2021 Tone 5 / Eothinon 8

Sixth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Blind Man

Venerable Hilarion the New of the Dalmaton Monastery; Venerable Vissarion of Egypt and Attalos the Wonderworker



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, June 6—Sunday of the Blind Man

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

9:00 a.m. Matins

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

Monday, June 7

6:45 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins

Tuesday, June 8

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, June 9

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

6:00 p.m. Vesperal-Liturgy for Ascension

Thursday, June 10—ASCENSION

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

Friday, June 11

6:45 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins

Saturday, June 12

4:30 p.m. Class for adults and teens

"What is man?"

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, June 13-Afterfeast of Ascension

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

9:00 a.m. Matins

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

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCHARIST BREAD

June 6 Fr. Nicholas June 13 Dn. G. Braun June 20 Dillon June 27 Morrison

READERS

June 6

June 9

June 12

Rdr. H. Lange (Ascension)

Rdr. M. Kern (Vespers)

June 13

June 19

June 19

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June 20

Rdr. V. Gish (PENTECOST)

June 26

D. Alexander (Vespers)

Rdr. J. Butler

June 27 Rdr. H. Lange

USHERS

June 6

June 13

June 20

June 27

C. Speier, S. Speier

D. Meyer, M. Loulias

C. Berari, D. Washburn

P. King J. King

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays:

6/6 Violet Gray

6/7 Michelle Madrigal

6/9 O.J. Finley, Adrienne Macdonald

6/10 Zach Brasel

Patron Saint Feast Days

6/11 Saint Luke, Bishop of Simferopol and Crimea, the Blessed Surgeon Luke Hoppe

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 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

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 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation.

For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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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 Blind Man

Tone 4

I come to You, O Christ, blind from birth in my <u>spir</u>itual eyes, and call to You in re<u>pentance://</u>
"You are the most radiant Light of those in <u>darkness</u>."

Kontakion for Pascha

Tone 8

Tone 5

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

Thou O Lord shall keep us and preserve us from this generation forever. (*Ps 11/12:7*) **Verse:** Save me O Lord, for there is now no saint. (*Ps 11/12:1*)

EPISTLE READING—Acts 16:16-34

In those days, as we Apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel

Tone 5

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth;

I will make known Thy faithfulness to all generations. (Ps 88/89:1)

Verse: For Thou hast said: "Mercy shall be built up forever;

In the heavens shall Thy truth be established." (Ps 88/89:2)

GOSPEL READNG—John 9:1-38

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As He said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to

him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash;' so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped Him.

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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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! Christos voskrese! Slavonic: Voistinu voskrese! Romanian: Hristos a inviat! Adeverat a inviat! Christo ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado! Spanish:

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/

- Lara Jacobs will be available today to register your children during Coffee Hour.
- There will be a mandatory meeting for all of the Summer School Teen Assistants next Sunday, June 13, after the Liturgy.

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.

The Nations - Israel and Gentiles or
What do we have to do with Race?
Are Humans Fluid or Solid? or What is Human Nature?
Cultivating the Soul and Growth in Christ:
Our Recomposition & Life Toward Paradise!



CALLING ALL TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS!!

ages 13-30 yrs.

Register now for an inspiring, energizing week of service in the

HIGHWAYS & HEDGES!

Sunday, July 25—Saturday, July 31, 2021

in memory of Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges

We will begin Sunday with a sleepover at the church, and then will meet daily for prayer, discussion, social time, and service activities within our local community.

Here's a sneak preview:

Sunday, July 25

Introduction & Discussion: The reasons for poverty and homelessness,

and what we can and cannot do to help.

Jennifer Ferraez, Orthodox mental health professional Dinner, ice-breakers, movie & sleepover at the church

Monday, July 26

A morning with the Hoppe Family, Missionaries to Albania

Tuesday, July 27

TBA

Wednesday, July 28

Service project for Hope Refuge

(shelter for women who have escaped human trafficking)

Thursday, July 29

Morning with Showers of Blessing, afternoon shopping for

and assembling New Mom Kits for Network Medical

Friday, July 30

A day at St. Barbara Monastery

Saturday, July 31

MAGIC MOUNTAIN

The cost for the week-long program is \$100 and includes the cost of materials for the kits we will make for Network Medical and Hope Refuge, and dinner each day except Monday, when we will end the day after lunch. Participants are asked to bring a lunch each day.

Except in extraordinary circumstances, **participants must attend EACH DAY** of the program in order to be able to join the group at Magic Mountain on Saturday.

Scholarships are available.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JULY 4th. Registration forms are available here: http://bit.ly/HighwaysandHedges2021

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. ※

