

ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, July 25, 2021
Tone 4 / Eothinon 5
Dormition of Righteous Anna,
Mother of the Theotokos
& Fifth Sunday of Matthew

Righteous Mother Olympias, Deaconess of Constantinople; Eupraxia of Tabenna



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

THE DORMITION FAST BEGINS **AUGUST 1st.**

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES

SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 25

9:00 a.m. Matins

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

Presentation by Hoppe Family—OCMC Missionaries

HIGHWAYS & HEDGES WEEK BEGINS

Monday, July 26-St. Paraskeva

6:45 a.m. **Daily Matins**

Tuesday, July 27-St. Panteleimon

3:15pm St. Xenia Prayer Ministry (with

Highways & Hedges group)

NO DAILY VESPERS

Wednesday, July 28

Daily Matins 6:45 a.m.

Thursday, July 29

7:45a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry (by Zoom)

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

6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Friday, July 30

6:45 a.m. **Daily Matins**

Saturday, July 31

Great Vespers/Confessions 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 1-Procession of Cross

Matins 9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour 11:45 a.m. 12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal **EUCHARIST BREAD**

July 25 Tinyayeva Meyer August 1 August 5 Kern

August 8 Fr. Nicholas Dn. G. Braun August 15

READERS

July 25 D. Alexander August 1 M. Braun August 5 Rdr. H. Lange August 8 Rdr. J. Butler August 14 D. Meyer August 15 Rdr. V. Gish

USHERS

July 25 D. Washburn, D. Alexander

August 1 J. King, P. King August 8 C. Speier, S. Speier August 15 M. Loulias, D. Meyer

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

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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.

AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL HYMNS FOR THE DAY:

Troparion of the Resurrection (Music on page 45 of Liturgy book)

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 Dormition of St. Anna the Mother of the Theotokos

Tone 4

Divinely-wise Anna,

you carried in your womb the pure Mother of God who gave <u>life</u> to our Life. Therefore, you are now carried joyfully to the inheritance of <u>heaven</u>, to the abode of those who rejoice in <u>glory</u>,// where you seek forgiveness of sins for those

who faithfully honor you, O ever-blessed one.

Troparion to St. Athanasius (Music on page 54 of Liturgy Book)

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 Repose of St. Anna

Tone 2

We <u>cel</u>ebrate the memory of the pro<u>gen</u>itors of Christ, and with faith we <u>ask</u> their help, that de<u>liv</u>erance from every affliction be granted to <u>those</u> who cry out:// "Be with us, O <u>God</u>, Who in Your good pleasure <u>glo</u>rified them!"

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 9 of Liturgy Book)

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.

Prokeimenon before the Epistle

Tone 4

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (Ps. 68:35)

VERSE: *In the churches bless ye God the Lord, from the fountains of Israel.*

EPISTLE READING (for St. Anna) Galatians 4:22-27

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by the handmaid, and one by the freewoman. But the one from the handmaid is born according to the flesh; whereas the one from the freewoman is through the promise. These things are an allegory, for these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for bondage, which is Hagar. For Sinai, which corresponds to Hagar, is a mountain in Arabia, and resembles the present Jerusalem, for she is in bondage with her children. But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is the mother of us all. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry out, you who are not in travail: For many are the children of the desolate, much more than of her who has a husband."

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel (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 READING Matthew 8:28-9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

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*) Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps. 32:1*) Alleluia. Alleluia!

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

The St. Barbara Monastery Friends will gather today (for the first time since February of 2020!) at 4 p.m. Fr. John Finley will speak on "Creating a False Utopia: St. Nikolai's Words for us Today."

This Sunday has been designated as PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops. We will be sending a contribution from our Pastor's Fund. If you would like to contribute towards this donation, feel free to put a check in the tithe box or donate online, and please be sure to include the memo: PASTOR'S FUND for PRISON MINISTRY.

LOOKING AHEAD... August Feast Days

Thursday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m. Vesperal-Liturgy for **Feast of the Transfiguration** & **Blessing of Grapes**

Saturday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. Festal Great Vespers for **Feast of the Dormition**

Sunday, August 15 at 9:00 a.m. Festal Matins for **Dormition** Divine Liturgy for **Dormition**

11:45 a.m. Fiesta Reception (Mexican Luncheon)



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

7/25 Zak & Kellie Landrum

7/27 Zach & Sarah Brasel

Birthdays:

7/29 Douglas Meyer, Phoebe Lenhart

₹ 7/30 Emily King, Jackson Stetler, Nikolai Rice

7/31 Jeremiah Hoppe

Patron Saint Feast Days

7/25St. Anna (Dormition)Anna Grace Butler7/30St. Angelina of SerbiaAngelina Speier7/31St. Benjamin of PetrogradTerrell Armstrong

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CORNER

Some of the women of the parish gathered on July 17th at the home of Penny Cocores & Mike Loulias to learn to make Koliva, the wheat that is sometimes offered and blessed as part of our Trisagion/Memorial prayers for the departed.

Thank you, Penny, for hosting and teaching this class!



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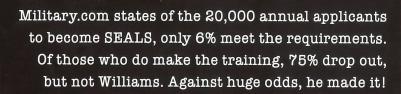
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PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

Dan A. John S. Earle L. Barbara W.

Phoebe L. Abp. Benjamin

Kris F.

John N., Samantha & Chris

Harvey G.

Temmo K. Dr. Andrew G. Mark K. Sarah B.

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: David (Father of Mother Paraskeva), Peter R., Augusta J.

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.) * 米 All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund. ※

Please pray

for our

Highways & Hedges

youth participants, and for the presenters, that they will have an edifying week!

July 25-31, 2021

Sunday, July 25

Dinner

Introduction to the program
Understanding poverty & homelessness – Jennifer Ferraez, MSW

Monday, July 26

A morning with Nathan & Gabriela Hoppe: Life as Orthodox missionaries

Tuesday, July 27

In-reach Day

Learning about some of our parish ministries:
Liturgical/Clergy, Music, Coffee Hour, Iconography,
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd,
Festal Decorating, St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Wednesday, July 28

Presentation by Sally Cook of Hope Refuge: The Tragedy of Human Trafficking & What we can do to help end it

Thursday, July 29

History of our St. Brigid Fellowship – Jill Wallerstedt Morning with our Showers of Blessing team Afternoon presentation by Betsy Gray of Network Medical Shopping & assembling of New Mom Bags for Network Medical

Friday, July 30

All-day work trip to St. Barbara Monastery

Saturday, July 31 MAGIC MOUNTAIN

This program was conceived in memory of Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges. May his memory be eternal!