



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, August 15, 2021

Tone 7 / Eothinon 8

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos



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, August 15—Feast of the Dormition

9:00 a.m. Festal Matins
10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, August 16

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
7:00 p.m. Men's Firepit

Tuesday, August 17

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, August 18

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

Thursday, August 19

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry (by Zoom)
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Friday, August 20

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, August 21

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, August 22

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Fr. Nicholas and Kh. Jan will be away
from August 16-27.**

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCHARIST BREAD

August 15 Dn. G. Braun
August 22 Dillon
August 29 Morrison
September 5 Kern

READERS

August 15 Rdr. J. Butler
August 22 D. Washburn
August 28 Rdr. M. Kern (Vespers)
August 29 Rdr. V. Gish
September 5 D. Alexander

USHERS

August 15 M. Loulias, D. Meyer
August 22 C. Berari, D. Washburn
August 29 D. Alexander, K.L. King
September 5 S. Speier, C. Speier

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

August 19 L. Ballew/J. Jones
August 26 M. Loulias/P. Cocores
September 2 H. Lange/D. Alexander
September 9 F. Young/S. Saunders

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

**THE DIVINE LITURGY
OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

GREAT LITANY

First Antiphon verses for the Feast of Dormition with refrain:

Vs. Shout with joy to God, all the earth. Declare His works among the nations. O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His name.

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

Vs. In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion. **[Refrain]**

Vs. Glory to the Father & to the Son & to the Holy Spirit, now & ever...Amen. **[Refrain]**

Second Antiphon verses for the Feast of the Dormition & refrain

Vs. The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob.

**Refrain: O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee:
Alleluia!**

Vs. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. **[Refrain]**

Vs. God hath laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people. **[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—Verses with Troparion Refrain for the Feast

Vs. Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory.

Troparion of the Feast of the Dormition

Tone 1

In thy birthgiving, O Theotokos,
Thou didst keep and preserve virginity,
And in thy falling asleep thou hast not forsaken the world;
For living thou wast translated,
Being the Mother of Life.
Wherefore, by Thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Vs. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? **[Refrain]**

Vs. I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. **[Refrain]**

**AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR AT THE
LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING
HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 7

(Music on p. 51 of Liturgy book)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross;
Thou didst open paradise to the thief;
Thou didst turn the sadness of the
ointment bearing women into joy,
and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim
a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ,
granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion of the Feast of the Dormition

Tone 1

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life, O Mother of Life,
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

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 Dormition**Tone 2**

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life, //
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

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.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle**Tone 3**

Chanter: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Vs. For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for, behold,
henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

THE EPISTLE READING**Philippians 2:5-11**

Brethren, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name, which is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel **Tone 2**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Arise, O Lord, into Your resting place: You and the Ark of Your sanctification! (Ps 131/132:8)

v: The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which He will not turn back. (Ps 131/132:11)

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Jesus and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But Jesus answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

As Jesus said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But Jesus said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Instead of "It is Truly Meet," we sing the following Hymn to the Theotokos for the Feast of the Dormition. (From the 9th Ode of the Matins Canon)

Refrain:

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Heirmos:

The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin:
for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death;
a virgin after childbearing and alive after death,
you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymns

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (*Ps 115/116:13*)

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

8/16 Doug & Kristi King
8/19 Richard & Susan Barre

Birthdays

8/17 Susan Barre
8/17 Salem Vander Laan

Patronal Feast Days

8/15 **The Theotokos: Feast of the Dormition**
Jessica Maria Berari, Ginny Braun, Dorian Easbey, June Easbey,
Kh. Cayce-Marie Halsell, Doug King, Phyllis Morrison

8/20 **Samuel the Prophet** Bob Newsome

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 and Kh. Jan will be away from August 16-27.

Parish Council elections will take place TODAY, Sunday, August 15th (by paper ballot) or votes may be emailed to Fr. Nicholas from August 15-20. If you are voting by paper ballot today, **PLEASE PLACE YOUR BALLOT IN THE BALLOT BOX**. Several of our current Parish Council members will be at a table to receive your ballot during Coffee Hour.

The Men’s Firepit gathering will take place TOMORROW, August 16th, at 7 p.m. at the home of Mike Loulias and Penny Cocores. For more information, contact Howard Lange.

HIGHWAYS & HEDGES 2021—PHOTOS

There are lots of great photos from our recent week-long youth program on the parish website. Take a look! **<https://www.stathanasius.org/media/photo-gallery/>**



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contribute one item or gift card or solicit one business for a donation.

Contact **TERRI SPEIER** stspeier@cox.net

The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos (Mother of God)

Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulchre, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

These things has the Church received from the traditions of the Fathers, who have composed many hymns out of reverence, to the glory of the Mother of our God

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
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Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
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Chase K. (military)
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Dasha
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Harvey G.

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Dr. Andrew G.
Mark K.
Sarah B.
Evonne C.

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.)

All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.



Our teens spent a day working at St. Barbara Monastery on Friday, July 30th through our Highways & Hedges program.