



## 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, August 29, 2021

Tone 1 / Eothinon 10

**Behheading of the Forerunner and Baptist John**

Venerable Theodora of Thessalonica;  
Theopistis and Joseph the Sanctified of Samaka



### 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

**FRIENDLY REMINDER:**  
**Please silence your cell phone during the service. Thank you!**

### ***CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK***

#### **Sunday, August 29**

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:15 p.m. Highways & Hedges Debrief Mtg.

#### **Monday, August 30**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

#### **Tuesday, August 31**

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

#### **Wednesday, September 1-Church New Year**

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

#### **Thursday, September 2**

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry (by Zoom)  
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing  
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers  
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

#### **Friday, September 3**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

#### **Saturday, September 4**

8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship of St. John  
4:00 p.m. Adult Catechism  
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

#### **Sunday, September 5**

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy /Blessing of icon of  
St. Moses the Black  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

### ***SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE***

#### **EUCCHARIST BREAD**

August 29 Morrison  
September 5 Kern  
September 12 D. Washburn  
September 19 Jacobs

#### **READERS**

August 29 Rdr. V. Gish  
September 5 D. Alexander  
September 11 Rdr. M. Kern  
September 12 Rdr. H. Lange  
September 18 D. Washburn  
September 19 Rdr. J. Butler

#### **USHERS**

August 29 D. Alexander, K.L. King  
September 5 J. King, P. King  
September 12 C. Speier, S. Speier  
September 19 C. Berari, D. Washburn

#### **THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM**

September 2 H. Lange/D. Alexander  
September 9 F. Young/S. Saunders  
September 16 L. Ballew/J. Jones  
September 23 M. Loulias/P. Cocores  
September 30 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—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 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—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.

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

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection**

**Tone 1**

**(Music on p. 40 of Liturgy book)**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews,  
and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,  
Thou didst arise on the third day,  
O Savior, granting life to the world.  
For which cause the heavenly pow'rs  
cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life;  
Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Thy kingdom!  
Glory to Thy providence, O Thou  
Who alone art the lover of mankind.

#### **Troparion for St. John the Forerunner**

**Tone 2**

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise,  
but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner.  
Thou wast shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets,  
for thou wast deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan  
Him Whom they foretold.

Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy,  
thou didst proclaim to those in hell God Who appeared in the flesh,  
Who takes away the sin of the world, //  
and grants us great mercy.

**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 the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**

**Tone 4**

By your nativity, most pure Virgin,  
Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness,  
Adam and Eve from the corruption of death.  
And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to You:  
“The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.”

**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 7**

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall hope in Him. (*Ps. 63:11a*)

*Vs. Here my prayer, O God, when I pray to Thee.*

**EPISTLE READING for St. John the Baptist**  
**Acts 13:25-33**

In those days, as John was fulfilling his course, he said, “Who do you suppose that I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me the shoes of whose feet I am not worthy to unloose.” Men, brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you is the word of this salvation sent forth. For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read on every Sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning Him.

And though they found no cause of death in Him, yet they asked Pilate that He should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all the things that were written of Him, they took Him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead; and for many days He was seen by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now His witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled the same to us their children, in that He raised up Jesus again.

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

**Tone 1**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Verse:** It is God Who avenges me, and subdues people under me. (*Ps 17/18:47*)

**Verse:** He gives great deliverance to His King, and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his seed forever. (*Ps 17/18:50*)

**GOSPEL READING—for St. John the Baptist**

**Mark 6:14-30**

At that time, Jesus' Name had become known, and King Herod heard of it. Some said, "John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in Him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod had sent and seized John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard him, he was much perplexed; and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will grant it." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." And she went out, and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptizer." And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring his head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The Apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

**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)*  
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings!  
*(Ps. 111:6)* Alleluia, 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**

**DON'T FORGET TO DECIDE HOW YOU WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S GOLF TOURNAMENT. All proceeds go towards the New Temple Fund!**

**THE BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL NEW YEAR IS SEPTEMBER 1st. Happy New Year! The beautiful cycle begins again!** The full schedule of festal services will be posted to the website calendar soon.

### **PARISH LIBRARY GRAND OPENING & BLESSING—SEPTEMBER 12**

On Sunday, September 12th, right after the Divine Liturgy we will bless our new parish library and have a brief orientation. Coffee Hour that day will be at the front entrance of the church, closer to the library, which is in the sitting area at the end of the long hallway. More information about the library coming next week!

### **UPCOMING FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS**

#### **Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos**

Tuesday, September 7                               6:00 p.m. Vesperal- Liturgy

#### **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Monday, September 13                               6:00 p.m.



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ORTHODOX CHURCH

THE HOWARD SHANNON  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
AND DINNER

**SEPTEMBER 17**  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE

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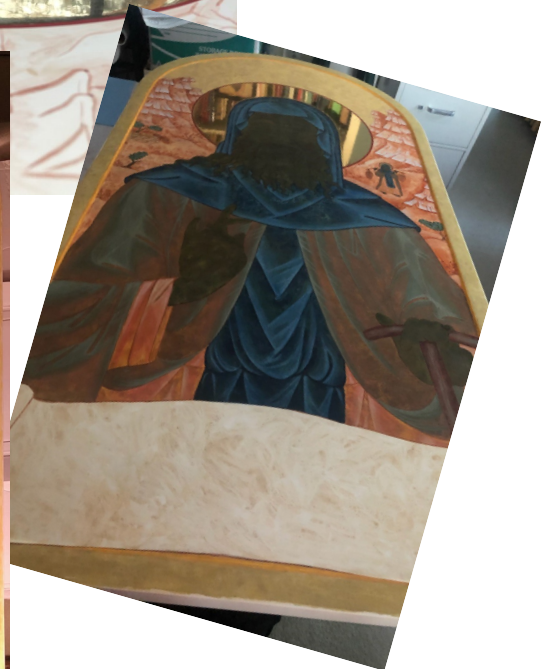
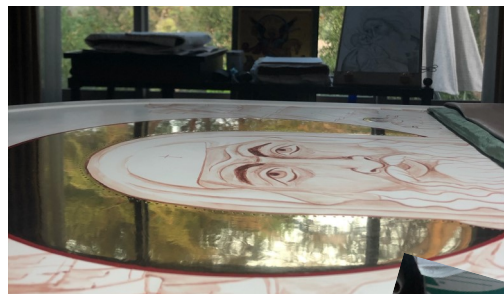
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**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**  
**Blessing and installation of new icon**  
**of St. Moses the Black**

This icon was commissioned of Dorothy Alexander over one year ago and donated by a group of 17 families in the parish. We hope to continue to add other icons to the walls of the church that reflect the diverse and universal nature of the Orthodox Christian Church.

Here are some photos of the process.  
Come see and venerate the finished icon next Sunday!



## ***CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK***

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

8/30 Nikolay & Velislava Nikolov, Lauren (Shackelford) & Lucas Rascon

### **Birthdays**

8/30 Mitch Denny, Kh. Jan Speier  
8/31 Peggy King, Timothy Braun  
9/2 Benjamin Ballew  
9/3 Bob Gundersen, Lucia Speier  
9/4 Richard Ballew

### **Patronal Feast Days**

8/30	St. Sabina the Martyr	Sabina Shackelford
8/30	St. Theodora of Salonica	Jody Wallace
9/1	Holy Virgin Martyr Penelope	Penny Cocores
9/3	St. Phoebe the Deaconess	Phoebe Lenhart



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**SUNDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**  
**GRAND OPENING & BLESSING**  
**of our parish library**  
**- right before Coffee Hour -**

**Library patron saint: Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria**

**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,  
Bev R.  
Phyllis M.  
Scott L.  
Abp. Benjamin  
Kris F.  
John N., Samantha & Chris  
Harvey G.  
Temmo K.  
Dr. Andrew G.  
Mark K.  
Sarah B.  
Coleman Family (Lori, Abby,  
Matt)  
Dn. Nicholas D. and family

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:** Roxy & Kaleo Coleman, Tresja D., Maria M.

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**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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A cartoon illustration of a man with a yellow face, wearing glasses, a black shirt, white pants, and a black visor with an orange top. He is holding a golf club and is in a mid-swing or preparing to swing. The entire graphic is enclosed in a black rectangular border.

# **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

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