



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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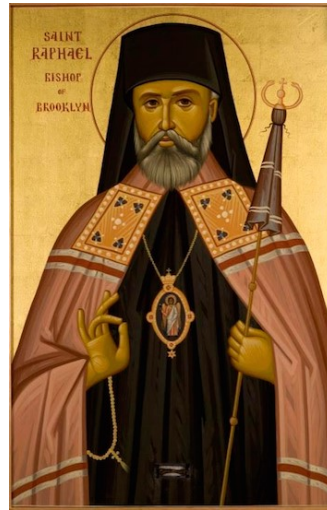
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, October 31, 2021

Tone 2 / Eothinon 8;

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
& Fifth Sunday of Luke**

Apostles Stachios, Apellos, Amplias, Urban,
Aristoboulos and Narcissos of the Seventy;
Martyr Epimachos of Alexandria;
New-martyr Nicholas of Chios



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, October 31

9:00 a.m. Matins
9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. Classes for ages 6-12
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Religious Ed for Teens
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, November 1

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Tuesday, November 2

10:30 a.m. Central Coast Clergy
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, November 3

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
8:30 a.m. Weekly Divine Liturgy
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Thursday, November 4

7:45a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry (by Zoom)
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
3:30 p.m. Atrium Level I
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Friday, November 5

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, November 6

8:30 a.m. Liturgy for St. Raphael
10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship of St. John
4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism:
"The Second Coming of Christ
and Judgement Day"
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, November 7

9:00 a.m. Matins
9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. Classes for ages 6-12
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Religious Ed for Teens
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

**FR. SYMEON AND FAMILY WILL
BE AWAY NOV. 6-7.**

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

October 31 Dn. G. Braun
November 7 Dillon
November 14 Morrison
November 21 Kern

READERS

October 31 Rdr. H. Lange
November 7 Rdr. J. Butler
November 14 D. Alexander
November 20 D. Meyer (Vespers)
November 21 Rdr. V. Gish

GREETERS

October 31 K. King/D. Washburn
November 7 G. & L. Hoppe
November 14 H. Lange/D. Washburn
November 21 G. & L. Hoppe

USHERS

October 31 D. Alexander/K.L. King
November 7 J. King/P. King
November 14 S. Speier/C. Speier
November 21 D. Meyer/M. Loulias

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

November 4 D. Alexander/D. Washburn
November 11 F. Young/S. Saunders
November 18 L. Ballew/D. Franzen
November 24* M. Loulias/P. Cocores
(*Wed. because of Thanksgiving)

COFFEE HOUR

Please consider signing up to bring the
snacks on a Sunday this fall.

To access the sign-up list:

<https://bit.ly/SAOCcoffeehour>

**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 2

(Music on p. 42 of Liturgy book)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death,
O Thou deathless and immortal One,
then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow’r,
and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth,
all the pow’rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee.
O Christ, Thou art the Giver of life, Glory to Thee.

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 - Ordinary Sundays

Tone 4

O undisputed intercessor of Christians,
The mediatrix, who was unrejected by the Creator.
Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners.
Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good.
Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos,
who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

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**

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon)

Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. *(Ps 117/118:4)*

Verse: *The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.*

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel **Tone 2**
(Music on page 64 of Liturgy Booklet)

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble!
May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)

Verse: O Lord, save the King in the day we call on Thee! (Ps 19/20:9)

GOSPEL READING
Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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 Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the Highest!
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

FR. SYMEON AND FAMILY WILL BE AWAY NEXT WEEKEND, NOV. 6-7.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jared and Emily Speier on the birth of their son, Clay Michael, born October 27th. Many years to baby Clay! And congratulations to grandparents, Craig and Jenny Speier, and GREAT grandparents, Fr. Nicholas and Kh. Jan!

ST. BARBARA MONASTERY FRIENDS will meet today at 4:00 p.m. Our own Mitchell Denny will speak on "Lavender in the Field: My Seven Years at St. Barbara Monastery." Vespers and a potluck supper will follow the presentation.

SAVE THE DATE...for our Advent Seminar

Saturday, November 20, 2021

9:00-11:00 a.m.

***May It Be Blessed: The Crucifixion of the Will
and the Resurrection of the New Man***

A presentation by Fr. John Valadez on

- How we can learn to say "May it be blessed" in all aspects of life.
- How to put aside our expectations and assumptions about life and accept God's Will in each moment.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

11/01 Kate Vander Laan, Miriam Vander Laan
11/3 Emily Speier
11/6 Kirsten Franzen

LOOKING AHEAD...UPCOMING FEASTS & SPECIAL SERVICES

Saturday, November 6 at 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy for St. Raphael of Brooklyn

Wednesday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. — Advent Paraklesis

Sunday, November 21 — Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos

Wednesday, November 24 at 6:00 p.m. — Akathist of Thanksgiving

A NEW MINISTRY FOR THOSE WHO BAKE BREAD

We have a wonderful team of parishioners who rotate duties in baking the Eucharist bread that we use each Wednesdays and Sundays for Divine Liturgies. This is a holy ministry and offering, and we give thanks for those faithful servants.

In the coming Liturgical Year, we will be adding some Festal Great Vespers to the schedule so that we can more fully celebrate the major feasts. At those Festal Vespers we will include the procession to the center of the church that includes the prayers of the Litia and Artoklasia (blessing of the sweet loaves, wine and oil).

We are looking for a team of parishioners who enjoy baking and who would take turns baking the sweet bread for these Festal Vespers. We will provide several recipes for you to choose from. Each Artoklasia requires 5 loaves of sweet bread, and it would need to be delivered to the church and given to the clergy at least ten minutes prior to the service.

The upcoming feasts for which we need the sweet bread are:

Saturday, November 20, 2021 (6:00 p.m.)

Great Vespers for Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple

Sunday, December 5, 2021 (5:30 p.m.)

Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

If you would be willing to be part of this team, please let Valerie know by e-mailing to: valerie@stathanasius.org.

Artoklasia, which means “breaking of bread” is a special prayer service offered by an individual or family typically on a Feast day or special family occasion. It includes hymns, petitions and prayers for health, well-being and strength to endure all of life’s difficulties. The five loaves are reminiscent of the five loaves that Jesus Christ blessed in the desert and by which five thousand of His followers were fed.

Items used in the service are five loaves of Artoklasia bread, a small container of oil, a small container of wine and sometimes the names of loved ones to be prayed for, submitted to the priest prior to the service. The bread is divided among the faithful in the congregation in the hopes that God’s blessings be shared and multiplied. The wine symbolizes the blood of Christ and the olive oil symbolizes the healing of our bodies and souls.



PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

- The Warming Kitchen permits have been issued! Thanks be to God. Dn. Scott will pick up the permits from the County.
- The Parish Council approved the purchase of new altar covers and cloths for our icon stands. Our current everyday cloths are frayed and due to be replaced.
- We will purchase a new metal Gospel cover and a new tabernacle for our altar with funds that were donated by Miguel, a friend of our parish who passed away.
- Our parish members have donated \$10,000 toward the purchase of the house next door to St. Barbara's Monastery. The Parish Council approved matching those funds, donating another \$10,000 to St. Barbara's Monastery, allowing them to take advantage of this incredible opportunity to expand their facilities.

An E-mail message from a friend:

Thank you so very much to all those who make your services available online! I have been a Protestant for the past 50 years of my life and am in the process of learning about the Orthodox faith. I am unable to attend Divine Liturgy in person due to health challenges so I am DEEPLY grateful for your service being available online! — Debbie

MEET OUR ST. XENIA INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

St. Xenia Prayer Ministry meets at the church every Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the chapel. We pray for ALL of our clergy, ministries and ministry leaders EVERY week. We also pray for dozens of individuals who are suffering from a wide range of circumstances including illness, loss, depression, tragedy, troubled relationships, to name a few. And we pray the Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children, every week. All of our children, teens and young adults in the parish are mentioned by name. We also have several groups that have been meeting by Zoom for prayer since the beginning of the pandemic.

For more information or to submit a prayer request, please contact
Dorothy Alexander (dotalexander@westmont.edu) or
Fay Young (fay24ry@yahoo.com)



An invitation to all women of the parish...

WOMEN'S FALL BOOK CLUB 2021

In an effort to reconnect our women's community at St. Athanasius,
Kristin King has volunteered to facilitate a book study of
A Long Walk with Mary.

We will intentionally nurture our relationships with the Theotokos
as we prepare to enter the season of Advent.

WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 p.m.
beginning NOVEMBER 3, 2021

If you are interested in joining us, please fill out the form at this link:
<https://bit.ly/WomensFallBookClub2021>

Have questions? Contact Liz Hoppe at: hop2it1995@gmail.com



**Celebrating
Fr. Jon Braun's
89th birthday
on
Sunday, Oct. 24th**

Many years!!!

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
Temmo K.
Dr. Andrew G.
Mark K.
Sarah B.
Coleman Family (Lori, Abby,
Matt)
Dn. Nicholas D. and family
Jerry J.
Chuck S.
Mat. Trudi & Richter Family

Linda Gish & Family
Kevin F.
Debbie S.
Steve H.

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: Doris 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.

Saint Raphael of Brooklyn (November 20, 1860 – February 27, 1915), also known as **Father Raphael**, was born as **Raphael Hawaweeny** in Beirut, Lebanon, of Damascene Syrian parents of Greek Orthodox Antiochite-Byzantine origin. He was first educated at the Damascus Patriarchal School that had become the leading Greek Orthodox institution of higher learning in the Middle-East under the leadership of Saint Joseph of Damascus. He furthered his study of Christian theology at the Patriarchal Halki seminary in Turkey, and at the Theological Academy in Kiev, Russian Empire (now Ukraine). Father Raphael was sent to New York City in 1895 by Tsar Nicholas II of Russia to administer the local Orthodox Christian community then composed essentially of Russian and Middle-Eastern immigrants. In 1904 he became the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America; the consecration was performed by Archbishop (Saint) Tikhon of Moscow and Bishop Innocent in New York City. He served as Bishop of Brooklyn until his death.

During the course of his ministry as an auxiliary bishop of the Russian Orthodox Church in America St. Raphael founded the present-day cathedral of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, established twenty-nine parishes, and assisted in the founding of St. Tikhon's Orthodox Monastery. Saint Raphael was originally buried in New York until August 1989 when his relics were translated to the Antiochian Village Camp in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, on property of the Antiochian Archdiocese along with several other bishops and clergy.

