

St. Athanasius Antiochian Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America 300 Sumida Gardens Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93111 Office hours: Tues-Fri. 12:00—5:00 p.m.

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Tone 5 / Eothinon 6; Sixth Sunday after Pentecost & Sixth Sunday of Matthew

Great-martyr Christina of Tyre
New-martyrs Athanasios of Ikia
and Theophilos of Zakynthos;
Athenagoras the Confessor;
Passion-bearers Boris (Roman) and Gleb (David)



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 MORNING MINISTRIES **SCHEDULE**

Sunday, July 24-PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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

OPEN CHOIR REHEARSAL 12:20 p.m.

Monday, July 25

Daily Matins 7:00 a.m..

5:15 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry—Akathist

by Zoom

Tuesday, July 26

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 27 7:00 a.m. Daily Daily Matins

12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Thursday, July 28

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. Youth Group

Friday, July 29

7:00 a.m. **Daily Matins**

Saturday, July 30

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, July 31

9:00 a.m. Matins

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

EUCHARIST BREAD

July 24 Washburn July 31 Dillon August 6 Mever August 7 Morrison August 14 Jacobs August 15 Fr. Nicholas

READERS

July 24 Washburn July 31 Alexander August 5 Kern August 6 Gish August 7 Butler Washburn August 14

GREETERS

July 24 H. Lange/D. Washburn July 31 K.P. King/L. Baker K. Fox/D. Lewis August 7 August 14 G. & L. Hoppe

USHERS

July 24 C. Speier/S. Speier July 31 D. Washburn/K.L. King August 7 J. King/P. King August 14 D. Meyer/M. Loulias

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

MUSIC MINISTRY July 24 July 31 WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP August 7 **NEED A HOST**

August 14 **NEED A HOST**

TO SIGN UP TO HOST A COFFEE HOUR: https://bit.ly/SAOCcoffeehour

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING

HOSPITALITY TEAM

July 28 M. Loulias/K. Gomez Aug. 4 D. Alexander/D. Washburn Aug. 11 F. Young/S. Saunders Aug. 18 L. Ballew, D. Franzen

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive. Non-Orthodox believers and others **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.

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

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"

After each of the verses, the choir and congregation sing the refrain: "Remember us, O Lord, when you come in your Kingdom."

We sing the following hymns of the day after The Little Entrance:

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.

Troparion for Martyr Christina of Tyre

Tone 4

Your lamb Christina calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: "I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might live with You. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love."

Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

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 - Ordinary Sundays

Tone 4

O undisputed intercessor of Christians,
O mediatrix, who is 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 always 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 Psalm Verses before the Epistle

Tone 5

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 Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

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 READING Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

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!

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 <u>ask that you show courtesy to those who are remaining to hear the prayers in their entirety by waiting until the blessing of the food at Coffee Hour to eat and socialize.</u>

UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES

THE DORMITION FAST IS AUGUST 1 - 15.

TRANSFIGURATION of Our Lord

Friday, August 5 6:00 p.m. Vespers/Artoklasia

Saturday, August 6 9:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

(Bring a basket of grapes to be blessed!)

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Monday, August 15 5:30 p.m. Vespers/Lamentations

6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

PARAKLESIS to the Mother of God will be prayed instead of Daily Vespers during the Dormition Fast at 5:30 p.m. on the following days:

Tuesday, August 2, Thursday, August 4 Tuesday, August 9, Thursday, August 11

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE out in the entryway to make PRAYER REQUESTS for the living. The names will be mentioned in the litanies at the Paraklesis services.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY January-June 2022

Monthly tithe goal = \$54,167

	Actual Tithe Income	Temple Fund Income
January	\$ 58,011	\$ 20,164
February	\$ 30,917	\$ 3,310
March	\$ 65,687	\$ 5,035
April	\$ 59,683	\$ 8,861
May	\$ 49,038	\$ 3,615
June	<u>\$ 55,157</u>	<u>\$ 8,108</u>
Totals JanJune	\$318,493	\$ 50,093
Tithe Goal JanJu	ne \$325,000 Curr	ent Temple Fund Balance: \$199,467

His Eminence The Most Reverend Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

July 13, 2022

To be published and read from the Pulpit

Reverend Hierarchs, Clergy, esteemed Board of Trustees, Organizations, and Faithful of the Antiochian Archdiocese:

We are very pleased to announce that on June 7, 2022, the Antiochian House of Studies received full accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) to offer the following degrees:

- Master of Divinity
- Master of Theological Studies
- Master of Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Doctor of Ministry
- Doctor of Philosophy

We congratulate the V. Rev. Father Michel Najim (President), the Rt. Rev. Father Fadi Rabbat (Academic Dean) and the V. Rev. Father Joseph Purpura (Accreditation Director) and all the officers, faculty, staff, the AHOS board of trustees, alumni and students of the Antiochian House of Studies for this outstanding achievement in the life of the school and in the life of our Archdiocese and Orthodoxy across North America.

The Antiochian House of Studies (AHOS) was founded in 1980 as the St. Stephens Program of Studies. Over the past several decades, AHOS has developed into full-fledged school, offering another option for the education and pastoral formation of students who are preparing themselves for priesthood and for Church ministries within the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America and beyond. Today, with over two hundred students presently enrolled, the Antiochian House of Studies is now a fully accredited Graduate School of Theology.

We encourage all the priests and parishes to financially support and participate in the life and work of this Orthodox Theological School https://tahos.org and we ask that you encourage the faithful of your parish to consider supporting by various means, as well as encouraging participation by your faithful in one of these degree programs.

We ask that you offer your prayers as well as your parish's financial support and participation in this school. I do designate the First Sunday of the Dormition Fast as a Sunday to support the Antiochian House of Studies. On that day a collection tray will be passed. The collection tray will be sent to Antiochian Archdiocese (earmarked AHOS). On personal level you may make your tax-deductible on line donation by clicking her or copying this link into your browser: https://tithe.ly/give?c=5322090 or by mailing your check payable to: The Antiochian House of Studies, 1020 Baseline Road, La Verne, CA 91750.

For further questions or to make large donations, you may contact the Very Reverend Joseph Antypas, <u>Frjoseph.antypas@tahos.org</u>, Vice President of Business Development.

Yours in the service of Christ,

-Metropolitan Joseph_

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Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS are today after the Liturgy. Active members in good standing (chrismated into the Orthodox Faith), 18 years and older may pick up a ballot at the table in the hallway and drop their ballot in the box. Those not present today may vote by email by this Friday, July 29th, by sending their choice of ONE NAME to Fr. Symeon at: frsymeon@stathanasius.org.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS for the health and salvation of the living, to be commemorated at the four Paraklesis services that we will do during the Dormition Fast.. Commemoration forms are available in the entryway of the church building.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF ST. JOHN for August has been moved to Saturday, August 13th at 8:30 a.m., because of the festal services for the Feast of the Transfiguration on August 6th.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

7/25 Zak & Kellie Landrum

7/27 Zach & Sarah Brasel

Birthdays:

7/29 Douglas Meyer

7/30 Emily King, Jackson Stetler, Nikolai Rice

Patron Saint Feast Days

7/17 St. Marina Margaret Easbey, Athena Wayne (MISSED THEM LAST WEEK!)

7/24 St. Christina Kaya Christine Heiduk, Christie Robinson,

Christina Shackelford, Kristin King

7/25 St. Anna (Dormition) Anna Grace Butler

7/30 St. Angelina of Serbia Angelina Speier

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)

Connor V. (military)
Julianna B. (military)

Steve T.
Phyllis M.
Abp. Benjamin
Kris F.
Temmo K.
Sarah B.
Jerry J.
Chuck S.
Dn. John & Fay Y.

Zachary B. Samantha & Chris N. & Family Lander and Washburn Families

Bob Cheryl F. Michael V. Jane M. David W. 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.

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For repose of the souls of:

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.)

