



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 April 16, 2023 Great & Holy Pascha

Calendar & Announcements



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, April 16—PASCHA

5:00 a.m. Rush Service/Paschal Matins/Liturgy
8:00 a.m. Pascha Break-fast & Egg hunt for kids
9:00 a.m. Agape Vespers
3:00 p.m. Pascha Picnic at Tucker's Grove

BRIGHT WEEK FAST-FREE WEEK

Monday, April 17

7:00 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins
5:15 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
7:00 p.m. Men's Fireside at Loulias residence

Tuesday, April 18

5:30 p.m. Agape Vespers

Wednesday, April 19

7:00 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Thursday, April 20

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Agape Vespers
6:00 p.m. Youth Group Pascha Party

Friday, April 21

7:00 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins

Saturday, April 22

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, April 23—THOMAS SUNDAY/St. George

9:00 a.m. Matins & Religious Ed. ages 6-12
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Ed.
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
1:00 p.m. Blessing of the Graves at Goleta Cemetery
6:00 p.m. Young Adult Pascha Party

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

April 16 Kern (Pascha)
April 23 Fr. Nicholas
April 30 D. Washburn
May 7 Morrison

READERS

April 16 Lange
April 22 TBA
April 23 Meyer
April 30 Alexander
May 7 Kern

GREETERS

April 16 N/A
April 23 K. Fox/D. Washburn
April 30 L. Baker/K.P. King
May 7 H. Lange/D. Lewis

USHERS

April 16 D. Meyer/M. Loulias
April 23 C. Speier/S. Speier
April 30 D. Washburn/D. Alexander
May 7 P. King/J. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

April 16 PASCHA BREAKFAST
April 23 Team Kawahara
April 30 Team Hoppe
May 7 Team Speier

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

Apr. 20 L. Ballew
Apr. 27 M. Loulias
May 4 Alexander/Jones
May 11 F. Young

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.

The Paschal Greeting in Various Languages

- English:** Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!
Greek: Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!
Latin: Christus Surrexit! Veritas Surrexit!
Arabic: Al-Maseeh Qam! Haqqan Qam!
Slavonic: Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
Romanian: Hristus A Inviat! Adevarat A Inviat!
Georgian: Kriste aghdga! Cheshmaritad aghdga!
Amharic: Kristos Tenestwal! Bergit Tenestwal!
Albanian: Krishti u ngjall! Vertete u ngjall!
Syriac: M’shee ho dkom! Ha koo qam!
Hebrew: Ha Masheeha houh quam! Be emet quam!
Spanish: Cristo ha Resucitado! En verdad ha Resucitado!
French: Le Christ est Resucitee! Vraiment est Resucitee!
German: Christus ist Auferstanden! Wahrlich Er ist Auferstanden!
Gaelic: Taw creest ereen! Taw shay ereen guhdyne!
Japanese: Harisutos Fukkatsu! Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!
Basque: Piztu da Kristo! Egiaz piztu da!
Aleut: Kristusaq Aglagikuk! Angangulakan Aglagikuk!

Please pray for all of our catechumens, that their minds and hearts will be illumined as they continue their journey towards baptism and/or chrismation.

Kevin Duke
Anthony Salcedo, Ethan, Dominic and Jennifer
Marleylna Worthington

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE :

AGAPE VESPERS will begin at approximately 9:00 a.m. today, after the Break-fast/Reception and egg hunt. (This is a change from the original schedule.)

A HUGE THANK YOU to:

- Our clergy, altar servers, readers and singers who served dozens of hours this past week and throughout Great Lent.
- ALL who helped to beautify our church, inside and outside, for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Pascha! Special thanks to Chris & Christie Robinson for leading the charge on the Lazarus Saturday work party and to ALL who stayed to help clean and decorate!
- Carla Brunstead and the Festal Decorating team for the floral beauty throughout the past week!
- Our Agape Meal and Social teams, under the leadership of Suzi Wiley and Christie Robinson, for coordinating the meals and receptions of this past week.

WELCOME TO the newly illumined, received into the Orthodox Faith yesterday! God grant them many years!!

Received by Baptism & Chrismation:

<u>Catechumen</u>	<u>Patron Saint</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Mary Wolfington	St. Mary Magdalene	Lisa Ballew
Alicia Wolfington	St. Barbara	Asia Ballew
Gabriel Wolfington	Archangel Gabriel	Dominic Dopico
Naomi Siragusa	St. Ruth	Kh. Cayce-Marie Halsell
Emma Bobro	St. Emmelia	Fay Young
Tatiana Calhoun	St. Marina	Liz Hoppe
Monica Carralejo	St. Monica	Shirley Dillon

Received by Chrismation:

Gage Salinas	St. Joseph the Betrothed	Glenn Hoppe
Kaleigh Flores	St. Helena	Papu McIntire

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Bask in the glow of Pascha! Join us for one of the Bright Week services this coming week:

Mon./Wed./Fri. mornings—Paschal Daily Matins at 7:00 a.m.

Tues. & Thurs. evening— Agape Vespers at 5:30 p.m.

THERE IS NO FASTING REQUIRED DURING BRIGHT WEEK.

CHANGE IN DAILY TRISAGION PRAYERS:

1. During Bright Week we pray the **Paschal Hours** at home.
Text is here: <https://www.stathanasius.org/resources/downloads-resources/>
2. From Pascha until Pentecost, do not say, "O Heavenly King..."
3. From Pascha until Ascension, replace "Holy God, Holy Mighty..." with "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in tombs bestowing life."

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Fr. Nicholas will bless the graves of our loved ones buried at Goleta Cemetery next Sunday, April 23rd, after the Agape Meal. (approximately 1:00 p.m.) Fr. Symeon will be away next weekend, attending the ordination to the priesthood of a close friend.

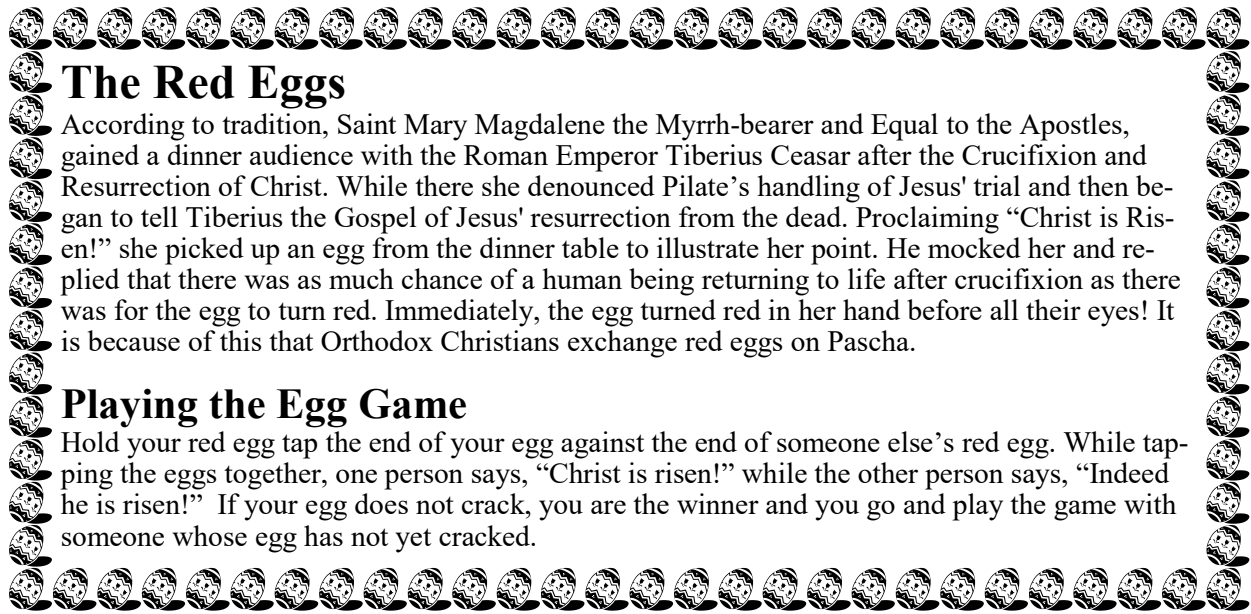
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of our Lenten collection of food items for the Food Bank of Santa Barbara! If you used one of the coin collection boxes during Lent for alms, we ask that they be returned to the church office as soon as possible, if not by today.

PASCHA PICNIC AT THE PARK—3:00 p.m. at Tucker's Grove

- Today we will continue our long-standing tradition of meeting for a Pascha picnic at Tucker's Grove (Area 5—all the way at the end of the park).
- Subdn. Michael Easbey and crew will barbecue tri-tip.
- All are asked to bring: your own table cloth and picnic ware, beverage, and a dish to share (salad, pasta, potato salad, fruit salad).
- **If you would like to partake of the tri-tip, we ask for \$7 for all 12 yrs and older, and \$4 for children under 12 yrs. This helps the church to cover the cost of the meat, bread, and reserving Area 5 of the park.** You can pay by check or cash in the tithe box by 9 a.m. today, by check or cash at the picnic, or online on the parish website by 10:00 a.m. today.
<https://www.stathanasius.org/donation/>

PASCHAL CELEBRATION

5:00 a.m.	Paschal Procession & Rush (Matins) Service
6:15 a.m.	Paschal Liturgy and Blessing of Meat, Cheese and our Baskets
8:00 a.m.	Break-fast on the patio — Bring your own Pascha basket. The church will provide: Pascha eggs Meats (breakfast sausage, bacon and ham) Pascha cheese Bread Strawberries Coffee, tea, hot cocoa, juice, chocolate milk, water
8:30 a.m.	Egg Hunt for the kids in the field behind the church
9:00 a.m.	Agape Vespers (reading of the Gospel in many languages)
3:00 p.m.	Picnic at Tucker's Grove—AREA 5 \$7 adults / \$4 kids under 12



The Red Eggs

According to tradition, Saint Mary Magdalene the Myrrh-bearer and Equal to the Apostles, gained a dinner audience with the Roman Emperor Tiberius Ceasar after the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ. While there she denounced Pilate’s handling of Jesus' trial and then began to tell Tiberius the Gospel of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Proclaiming “Christ is Risen!” she picked up an egg from the dinner table to illustrate her point. He mocked her and replied that there was as much chance of a human being returning to life after crucifixion as there was for the egg to turn red. Immediately, the egg turned red in her hand before all their eyes! It is because of this that Orthodox Christians exchange red eggs on Pascha.

Playing the Egg Game

Hold your red egg tap the end of your egg against the end of someone else’s red egg. While tapping the eggs together, one person says, “Christ is risen!” while the other person says, “Indeed he is risen!” If your egg does not crack, you are the winner and you go and play the game with someone whose egg has not yet cracked.

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
2023 Monthly tithe goal	\$57,461 (includes \$20,555 for mortgage)
March tithes	\$53,769
March Temple donations	\$ 4,165
Total number of households giving to General Fund:	
60 out of 115 households or giving units (Giving units include adult children still living at home.)	

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK		
<u>Wedding Anniversaries</u>		
4/22	Owen J. & Monica Finley	
<u>Birthdays</u>		
4/16	Maria Butler, Nicholas Butler	
4/17	Giana Grace Brunner, Adriana (de Bruin) Malik	
4/21	Carla Brunstead	
4/22	Dn. Gary Braun, Elias Hedges	
<u>Patronal Feast Days</u>		
4/16	Pascha (The Resurrection)	Velislava Nikolov
4/18	St. Athanasia the Wonderworker	Asia Ballew

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:

His Beatitude, Patriarch John X
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Markos
Fr. Jon B.
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.
Audrey 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.
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)
Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Connor V. (military)
Julianna B. (military)
P. Speier (military)
Subdn. Matthew W. (seminary)

Steve T.
Abp. Benjamin
Temmo K.
Sarah B.
Chuck S.
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Zachary B.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Lander and Washburn Families
Kevin
Stephan & Rosa K.
David
Evonne C.
Phyllis M.
Christina S.
Judy A.
Mark K.
Todd C.
Ethan K.
Mari & the Fewell Family
Matt & Tessa, Matt & Olivia
Jesús D.
Erik L.
Matthew

Nina & Erik Sr.
Anthony & Christina and Family
Hannah Rose

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church

The Church & people suffering from the earthquake in Syria and Turkey

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: Terrilynn, Nicko, Aiden B., Rick S.

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. Symeon's 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 Temple Fund.

PASCHAL HOMILY

of Our Father Among the Saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople
Acts 1:1-8 and John 1:1-17
Delivered on Great and Holy Pascha

**There are traditional responses to this homily. All the Faithful respond with "It was embittered!" after each embittering statement and "Truly He is Risen!" after each "Christ is risen."*

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If anyone is devout and a lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful and radiant festival. If anyone is a wise servant, let him, rejoicing, enter into the joy of his Lord. If anyone has wearied himself in fasting, let him now receive his recompense. If anyone has labored from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let him keep the feast. If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; for he shall suffer no loss. If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near without hesitation. If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour, let him not fear on account of his delay. For the Master is gracious and receives the last, even as the first; he gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, just as to him who has labored from the first. He has mercy upon the last and cares for the first; to the one he gives, and to the other he is gracious. He both honors the work and praises the intention.

Enter all of you, therefore, into the joy of our Lord, and, whether first or last, receive your reward. O rich and poor, one with another, dance for joy! O you ascetics and you negligent, celebrate the day! You that have fasted and you that have disregarded the fast, rejoice today! The table is rich-laden; feast royally, all of you! The calf is fatted; let no one go forth hungry! Let all partake of the feast of faith. Let all receive the riches of goodness. Let no one lament his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn his transgressions, for pardon has dawned from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free.

He that was taken by death has annihilated it! He descended into hades and took hades captive! **He embittered it** (*It was embittered!*) when it tasted his flesh! And anticipating this Isaiah exclaimed, "**Hades was embittered** when it encountered thee in the lower regions." **It was embittered**, for it was abolished! **It was embittered**, for it was mocked! **It was embittered**, for it was purged! **It was embittered**, for it was despoiled! **It was embittered**, for it was bound in chains! It took a body and, face to face, met God! It took earth and encountered heaven! It took what it saw but crumbled before what it had not seen! "O death, where is thy sting? O hades, where is thy victory?"

Christ is risen, (*Truly He is Risen!*) and you are overthrown! **Christ is risen**, and the demons are fallen! **Christ is risen**, and the angels rejoice! **Christ is risen**, and life reigns! **Christ is risen**, and not one dead remains in a tomb! For Christ, being raised from the dead, has become the First-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and might unto ages of ages.

Amen.