



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

May 21, 2023

Tone 5 / Eothinon 8

**Sixth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Blind Man;
Equals-to-the-Apostles Constantine and Helen
Constantine, Prince of Murom, and his sons Michael
and Theodore, the Wonderworkers**



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

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT
NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARISH
COUNCIL TO FR. SYMEON.**

Sunday, May 21—Sunday of the Blindman SAINTS CONSTANTINE & HELENA

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
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, May 22

7:00 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins
5:15 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom

Tuesday, May 23

5:30 p.m. Book Study: Man and the God-man

Wednesday, May 24

7:00 a.m. Paschal Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:00 p.m. Vespers/Artoklasia for Ascension
6:00 p.m. Festal Liturgy for Ascension

Thursday, May 25—ASCENSION

NO DIVINE LITURGY

NO DAILY VESPERS

NO YOUTH GROUP

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
6:00 p.m. Parish Council

Friday, May 26

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, May 27

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, May 28—Sunday after Ascension

Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

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. POTLUCK for Memorial Day
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

May 21 Dn. G. Braun
May 24 Kern (Ascension)
May 24 M. Denny (Artos)
May 28 Jacobs
June 4 Washburn
June 11 Meyer

READERS

May 21 Gish
May 24 Lange, Butler (Ascension)
May 27 Meyer (Vespers)
May 28 Alexander
June 3 Kern (Vespers)
June 4 Butler (Pentecost)
June 10 Meyer (Vespers)
June 11 Lange

GREETERS

May 21 L. Baker/D. Washburn
May 28 K.P. King/K. Fox
June 4 H. Lange/D. Lewis
June 11 P. Cocores/M. Loulias

USHERS

May 21 D. Meyer/K. L. King
May 28 D. Washburn/D. Alexander
June 4 P. King/J. King
June 11 C. Speier/S. Speier

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

May 21 Team Worthington
May 28 **MEMORIAL DAY POTLUCK**
June 4 **PENTECOST BBQ**
June 11 Team Palmer

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING

HOSPITALITY TEAM

May 18 L. Ballew
May 25 F. Young
June 1 D. Alexander/J. Jones
June 8 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: Christos 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!

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

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

The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with “Blessed is the Kingdom” and the choir responds “Amen.” Bearing the Paschal Candle, the Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Apolytikion and censes the west side of the Altar Table.

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of age.

People: Amen.

Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. **(2 times)**

GREAT LITANY

FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise!

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

- Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thine enemies cringe before Thee. [Refrain]
- Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee. Let it praise Thy Name, O Most High! [Refrain]
- Glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. [Refrain]

SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

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

- That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nation! [Refrain]
- Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! [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...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Verse: Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

- As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. [Refrain]
- So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. [Refrain]
- This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. [Refrain]
- Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. [Refrain]

LITTLE ENTRANCE

**In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the Springs of Israel.
O Son of God Who Rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!**

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 Equals-to-the-Apostles Constantine and Helen

Tone 8

Having seen the figure of the cross in the heavens
and like Paul, not having received his call from men,
O Lord, your apostle among rulers the Emperor Constantine
Has been set by your hand as ruler over the Imperial City
that he preserved in peace for many year,
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O only lover of mankind.

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 Pascha**Tone 8**

Thou didst descend into the tomb O Immortal.
Thou didst destroy the pow'r of death.
In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God,
proclaiming rejoice to the myrrh-bearing women,
granting peace to Thine apostles,
and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (3 times)

+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 (Prokeimenon)**Tone 8**

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends
of the universe! (Ps. 19)

Vs. *The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament
proclaims His handiwork.*

THE EPISTLE READING— Acts 26:1, 12-20**For SS. Constantine & Helen**

In those days, King Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak for yourself.” Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: “I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.’ And I said, ‘Who art Thou, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus Whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’”

Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance.”

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 READNG— John 9:1-38

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As He said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash;' so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you?"

How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped Him.

Hymn to the Mother of God (Meglynarion)

The angel cried to the lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure virgin! Again I say rejoice, O pure Virgin. Your son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice all ye people. O Shine! Shine! Shine, O New Jerusalem! The glory, the glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult, exult and be glad. Be glad, O Zion, be radiant, O Mother of God, in the resurrection of your Son, of your Son!

Communion of the Clergy

Receive the body of Christ. Taste the fountain of immortality.

Communion of the Faithful

Receive the body of Christ. Taste the fountain of immortality.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Instead of "We have seen the true light," we sing "Christ is Risen" once.

PARENTS!

**Don't forget to register your children for
SAOC SUMMER SCHOOL!**

Monday, June 19-Friday, June 30 (weekdays only)

**FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH
& ON THE WEBSITE AT:**

<https://www.stathanasius.org/ministries/youth-education/summer-school/>

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 the blessing of the food at Coffee Hour to eat and socialize.**

Please continue to 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

Marleyanna Worthington

UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES

ASCENSION

Wed. May 24

5:00 p.m.

Festal Great Vespers/Artoklasia

6:00 p.m.

Festal Divine Liturgy

PENTECOST

Saturday, June 3

5:30 p.m.

Festal Great Vespers/Artoklasia

Sunday, June 4

9:00 a.m.

Festal Matins

10:00 a.m.

Festal Divine Liturgy/Kneeling Prayers

followed by BBQ on the patio

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

5/22 Beau & Leticia Brunner

5/27 Andrew & Andrienne Macdonald

Birthdays

5/23 Nataliya Tinyayeva

5/25 Tatiana Speier

5/27 Adam King

Patronal Feast Days

5/21 St. Helena, Mother of the Emperor Constantine Kaleigh Flores

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL.
See the back of this bulletin for details.

FR. SYMEON WILL BEGIN A NEW TUESDAY EVENING BOOK STUDY this Tuesday, May 23rd and it will run through June 13. We will begin with 9th Hour Prayers at 5:30 p.m., followed by a potluck supper and then the book study. The book to be discussed will be “**Man and the God-man**” by St. Justin Popovich. The book is available for purchase in our bookstore.

BULDING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

In January of this year, we welcomed Chris Robinson to the St. Athanasius staff as our part-time Building Maintenance Supervisor. If you notice something that is broken or puts people at risk in the building or on the grounds, you may fill out a memo for Chris so that he will be aware of it, if he is not already. We will mount a box near the church office where you can drop a note for Chris. We ask that you please allow Chris to enjoy Sunday worship and fellowship as a member of the parish, and put your concerns in writing rather than pulling him away from the Agape Meal.



SAVE THE DATE! SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL OCTOBER 6-8, 2023

We will be hosting our 6th Sacred Arts Festival, (which we began in 2011) the weekend of October 6-8, 2023. Fr. Turbo Qualls of St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Church in Kansas City, Missouri will be our keynote speaker for the weekend. More information coming soon!

FINANCIAL UPDATE April 2023

April tithes	<u>Budget Goal</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>
Jan.-April tithes	\$ 57,461 (includes \$20,555 for mortgage)	\$ 68,312
	\$229,868 (includes \$82,220 for mortgage)	\$210,834

Total number of households giving to General Fund:
63 out of 115 households or giving units (Giving units include adult children still living at home.)

April Temple donations \$ 9,165
Jan.-April Temple donations \$ 34,465

EXPENSES JANUARY-APRIL \$250,316
INCOME JANUARY-APRIL 239,639
DEFICIT for first 4 months \$ 10,677

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
Kh. Patricia A. and Family

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: Fr. Angelo A., Shamassy Barbara B., Elizabeth J., Terrilynn

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.

**NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE OPEN
FROM MAY 7-21, 2023**

There will be 2 elected seats and one appointed seat to be filled for the September 2023-August 2026 term. **ELECTIONS WILL BE ON JUNE 18, 2023.**

To nominate a candidate and/or to vote, one must be an active, communing member of the parish and be 18 years or older.

Please nominate anyone you feel would be a good Parish Council member. The qualifications for Council members are as follows:

A candidate must be:

- 25 years or over.
- A member of the parish for at least 2 years.
- In “good standing” in the church.

A nominating committee will review the nominations, and the selected candidates will be submitted to the parish for a vote.

To nominate someone for Parish Council, please e-mail Fr. Symeon at: frsymeon@stathanasius.org no later than May 21, 2023.

ELECTIONS SCHEDULE:

- Sunday, May 7—Sunday, May 21 — Nominations accepted by Nominating Committee
- Sunday, June 11, 2023—Four nominees announced
- Sunday, June 18—All-Parish Meeting for elections by ballot
The 2 newly elected Council members will be announced at the end of the meeting.

**Those who are traveling, infirm, or otherwise unable to vote in person
may vote by e-mail from:
Sunday, June 11—midnight on Saturday, June 17th.**

Current Parish Council Members are:

Lara Jacobs, Chair
Glenn Hoppe, Vice Chair
Dan Braun, Treasurer
Dorothy Alexander, Secretary (**stepping down this year**)
Dominic Dopico
Lizabeth Hoppe (**stepping down this year**)
Michael Loulias