



## ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM August 6, 2023

### FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



### 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  
the Agape Meal.  
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 Religious Education Classes are in recess for the summer. We will resume in the fall.

Fr. Symeon will be with our mission team in Mexico from August 1-7.

### Sunday, August 6—TRANSFIGURATION

9:00 a.m. Festal Matins  
10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy  
Blessing of grapes & summer fruits,  
Trisagion Prayers for Dn. Richard Easbey  
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal  
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Monday, August 7

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins  
7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom  
(Akathist for St. Nikiforos)

### Tuesday, August 8

5:30 p.m. Little Paraklesis

### Wednesday, August 9

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

### Thursday, August 10

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing  
5:30 p.m. Little Paraklesis  
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bonfire

### Friday, August 11

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

### Saturday, August 12

2:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

### Sunday, August 13

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal  
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

### EUCCHARIST BREAD

August 6 Washburn  
August 13 Dillon  
August 14 Kern (Feast of Dormition)  
August 20 Morrison  
August 27 Meyer

### READERS

August 6 Gish  
August 13 Meyer  
August 14 Butler (Feast of Dormition)  
August 20 Alexander  
August 27 Kern

### GREETERS

August 6 D. Washburn  
August 13 P. Coccores/M. Loulias  
August 20 H. Lange  
August 27 K. Fox

### USHERS

August 6 P. King/J. King  
August 13 S. Speier/C. Speier  
August 20 K.P. King/D. Alexander  
August 27 M. Loulias/D. Washburn

### AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

August 6 Team Worthington  
August 13 Team Palmer  
August 20 Team Loulias/Coccores  
August 27 Team Baker

### THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

Aug. 10 F. Young  
Aug. 17 L. Ballew  
Aug. 24 M. Loulias  
Aug. 31 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.*

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

### GREAT LITANY

#### **FIRST ANTIPHON—Psalm verses for the Feast of Transfiguration with Refrain**

Vs. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. (Ps. 47:2) Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.(Ps. 64:7-8)

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

Vs. Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth. [Refrain]

Vs. Glory...now & ever...Amen. [Refrain]

#### **SECOND ANTIPHON—Psalm verses for the Feast of Transfiguration with Refrain**

Vs. His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. (Ps. 86:1)

**Refrain: O Son Of God transfigured on Mt. Tabor, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!**

Vs. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. [Refrain]

Vs. A man will say: Mother Sion; and: That man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself hath founded her. [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—Verses with Troparion Refrain for the Feast**

Vs. Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. (Ps. 88:2)

**Refrain: (See music in the back of this bulletin)**

**You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,  
revealing Your glory to Your disciples, as far as they could bear it.  
Let your everlasting light shine upon us sinners,  
through the prayers of the Theotokos. Glory to You, O Giver of light!**

Vs. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. **[Refrain]**

Vs. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long. **[Refrain]**

**AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL  
HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

*For in Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light.  
Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor,  
who sing to Thee. Alleluia.*

**Troparion of Transfiguration (See music in the back of this bulletin)**

**Tone 7**

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,  
revealing Your glory to Your disciples, as far as they could bear it.  
Let your everlasting light  
shine upon us sinners,  
through the prayers of the Theotokos.  
Glory to You, O Giver of light!

**Kontakion for the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**Tone 7**

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,  
and Your disciples saw Your glory as far as they were able,  
so that when they saw You crucified,  
they might know that You suffered voluntarily,  
and might proclaim to the world  
that You are truly the radiance of the Father.

### **TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN**

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 (Prokeimenon)**

**Tone 4**

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works, in wisdom Thou hast made them all.

*(Ps 103/104:24)*

Vs. Bless the Lord O my soul, O Lord my God, Thou art very great.

### **EPISTLE READING**

#### **2 Peter. (1:10-19)**

Brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore, I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made surer. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

### **Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel**

**Tone 8**

**Chanter:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Vs. The heavens shall praise Thy wonders.

Vs. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

## GOSPEL READING

### Matthew. (17:1-9)

At that time, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is well that we are here; if Thou wilt, I will make three booths here, one for Thee and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; hear Him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is risen from the dead.”

### Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!  
Your birthgiving was incorruptible!  
God came from your body,  
and appeared on earth in the flesh,  
dwelling among mankind.  
Therefore we magnify you, O Theotokos!

### Communion Hymn

O Lord, we shall walk in the light of Your face, and rejoice in Your name all the day.  
(Ps 88/89:15b)

Instead of singing “We have seen the true light,” we sing the Troparion of the Transfiguration.

After “Blessed be the Name of the Lord”, the clergy will bless the grapes and other summer fruits harvested from the gardens of the faithful.

### 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.**

Rebecca Beech  
Paul Carr  
Kevin Duke  
Adam English  
Anthony Salcedo, Ethan, Dominic and Jennifer  
Marleyinna Worthington

## **UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES**

### **THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**

Monday, August 14	5:00 p.m.	Festal Vespers/Lamentations
	6:00 p.m.	Festal Liturgy

The Dormition Fast is from August 1-15.

We will pray the Little Paraklesis at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Dormition Fast.

### **THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS**

Thursday, Sept. 7	5:30 p.m.	Festal Vespers & Liturgy
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### **ELEVATION OF HOLY CROSS**

Wednesday, Sept. 13	5:30 p.m.	Festal Matins & Liturgy
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## **PARISH COUNCIL CORNER**

- Chris Robinson will continue to be our Building Maintenance Supervisor. If you notice any building related repairs needing attention, please fill out the form made available just inside the doorway to the offices and the small kitchen, and put it in the designated box.
- The Sheriff's Department will be doing more drive throughs of our parking area to curtail and address safety issues.
- While the PC will not meet till September, we welcome any parish feedback!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FR. SYMEON WILL BE WITH OUR MISSION TEAM in Mexico from August 1-7. Please pray for their safety as they travel there and represent our parish in building a home.**

### CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY YEARS to:

- Tim and Teri Palmer on the baptism of their daughter, Seraphina, last Sunday. (Godparents — Dr. Scott and Terri Speier)
- Gary Braun, Jr. and Cheyenne on the baptism of their son, Gary, III, last Sunday. (Godparents—Garrett and Elleney Gish)
- Lucas and Lauren (Shackelford) Rascon on the birth of their daughter, Renley Marie, on July 21st. Congratulations to grandparents Tyson and Sherie Shackelford, and great grandma, Dottie Genatone!

### DIRECTORY OF PARISHIONERS WHO OWN BUSINESSES OR OFFER SERVICES

Once a year we update and publish a directory of our own parishioners who own businesses or offer professional services, so that we can support each others' businesses, as appropriate. If you own a business or offer a service, and are not already listed in this directory, please send your information to the church office by August 20th at: [office@stathanasius.org](mailto:office@stathanasius.org).

### **CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

#### Wedding Anniversaries

8/12 Glenn & Liz Hoppe  
8/12 Craig & Jenny Speier

#### Birthday

8/7 Howard Lange  
8/8 Oliver Palmer, Steve Thomas  
8/9 Craig Speier, Scott Speier, Verne Gish  
8/11 Phyllis Morrison  
8/12 Josh Dillon

#### Patronal Feast Days

8/7 St. Theodora of Silha Adora Wayne  
8/9 St. Herman of Alaska Verne Gish



ST. ATHANASIUS ORTHODOX CHURCH  
**THE HOWARD SHANNON  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



*September 15*

**GOLF • DINNER • AUCTION**

<b>FOURSOME:</b> Includes lunch and dinner	<b>\$750</b>
<b>SINGLE GOLFER:</b> Includes lunch and dinner	<b>\$195</b>
<b>DINNER ONLY:</b> Dinner, auction, music & fun!	<b>\$85</b>

\* Space is limited and will sell out! Golf is not confirmed until paid in full. No walk ups for golf or dinner will be available. 18 years and older only.

<https://www.stathanasius.org/events/2023-golf-tournament/>

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: SEPTEMBER 1, 2023**

TROPARION of the TRANSFIGURATION

Tone 7,  
Carpatho-Russia

YOU WERE TRANS-FI-GURED ON THE MOUN-TAIN, O CHRIST GOD,

The first line of musical notation features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

REVEAL-ING YOUR GLO-RY TO YOUR DIS-CI -PLES, AS FAR AS THEY

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

COULD BEAR IT. LET YOUR E-VER-LASTING LIGHT SHINE U-PON US

The third line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

SIN - NERS, THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE THE-O-TO-KOS.

The fourth line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

GLORY TO YOU, O GI-VER OF LIGHT.

The fifth line of musical notation concludes the troparion with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## 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](mailto:office@stathanasius.org).**

**Please pray for the health of:**

His Beatitude, Patriarch John X  
Metropolitan SABA  
Mother Victoria  
Met. Paul & Abp. John  
Fr. Markos  
Fr. Jon B.  
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.  
Fr. Nicholas & Jan  
Audrey C.  
Greg & Margaret Y.  
Hoppe Family in Albania  
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya  
Duane F.  
Richard and Susan B.  
Bob N.  
Kh. Melissa H.  
Jeremiah & Sarah H. (military)  
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)  
Chase K. (military)  
Nick & Kristine J. (military)  
Connor V. (military)  
Julianna & Zaron D. (military)  
P. Speier (military)

Subdn. Matthew W. (seminary)  
Steve T.  
Abp. Benjamin  
Temmo K.  
Sarah B..  
Dn. John & Fay Y.  
Zachary B.  
Samantha & Chris N. & Family  
Kevin D. & Family  
Stephan & Rosa K.  
Ethan K.  
Erik L.  
Matthew  
Nina & Erik Sr.  
Anthony & Christina and Family  
Hannah Rose  
Leticia B.  
Kari H.  
Carol J.  
Suzi W.  
Wade V.  
Adam and Family  
Madison E.  
Susan W.

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. Alexander V.

## 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.**

ST. ATHANASIOS ORTHODOX CHURCH  
THE HOWARD SHANNON  
GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Silent Auction at the Golf Tournament**  
We are now accepting silent auction items!

- You may ask a business you frequent for a donation of a gift card or item.
- You may buy a gift card or item and donate it. (restaurant, travel, jewelry, wine)
- You may offer your special talent and we will create a gift card for you (jewelry, painting, babysitting, gourmet meal, repair/fix it, etc.)
- We will have a table at the Agape Meal with donation request letters, receipts and a list of suggested baskets with links to items.

Please see Terri Speier or Sherie Shackelford.