



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM August 20, 2023

Tone 2 / Eothinon 11;

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
& Eleventh Sunday of Matthew**

After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
Prophet Samuel; Martyr Photeini of Blachernae;
Martyrs Heliodoros and Dosai of Persia



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.

Sunday, August 20

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal under front portico

Monday, August 21

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

Tuesday, August 22

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, August 23

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

Thursday, August 24

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, August 25

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, August 26

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

Sunday, August 27

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 20 Morrison
August 27 Meyer
September 3 Dn. G. Braun
September 7 Kern (Feast)
September 10 Jacobs

READERS

August 20 Alexander
August 27 Kern
September 3 Meyer
September 7 Lange (feast day)
September 10 Alexander

GREETERS

August 20 H. Lange
August 27 K. Fox
September 3 L. Baker
September 10 K.P. King

USHERS

August 20 K. L. King/D. Alexander
August 27 M. Loulias/D. Washburn
September 3 P. King/J. King
September 10 D. Alexander/D. Meyer

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

August 20 Team Loulias/Cocores
August 27 Team Baker
September 3 Team Speier
September 10 Team Palmer

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

Aug. 24 D. Alexander, J. Jones
Aug. 31 F. Young
Sept. 7 M. Loulias
Sept. 14 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 verses for the Feast of Dormition with refrain:

Vs. Shout with joy to God, all the earth, give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name. Declare His works among the nations.

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

Vs. In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion. **[Refrain]**

Vs. Glory to the Father & to the Son & to the Holy Spirit, now & ever...Amen. **[Refrain]**

Second Antiphon verses for the Feast of the Dormition & refrain

Vs. The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob.

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

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

Vs. God hath laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people. The most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle. **[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. Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory.

Troparion for the Feast of the Dormition Tone 1

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life, O Mother of Life,
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Vs. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? [**Refrain**]

Vs. I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. [**Refrain**]

**AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR
AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE,
WE SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews,
and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst arise on the third day,
O Savior, granting life to the world.
For which cause the heavenly pow'rs
cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life;
Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy kingdom!
Glory to Thy providence, O Thou
Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Troparion for the Feast of the Dormition

Tone 1

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life, O Mother of Life,
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

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 of Dormition**Tone 2**

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life, //
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

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 (Prokeimenon)**Tone 2**

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

*v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.
(Ps 117/118:18)*

THE EPISTLE READING**1 Corinthians 9:2-12**

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned?

Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel Tone 2

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

Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Instead of “It is Truly Meet,” we sing the following Hymn to the Theotokos for the Feast of the Dormition. (From the 9th Ode of the Matins Canon)

Refrain:

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Heirmos:

The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin:
for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death;
a virgin after childbearing and alive after death,
you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heaven, praise Him in the highest.

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps 115/116:13)

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

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

8/22 Emma Bobro, Laura Eberhard

8/23 Chris Robinson

Patronal Feast Days

8/20 Prophet Samuel Bob Newsom

8/26 St. Adrian of Nicomedia Adrian Berari

8/26 St. Natalia of Nicomedia Nataliya Tinyayeva

UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES

LITURGICAL NEW YEAR

Friday, September 1 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Thursday, Sept. 7 5:30 p.m. Festal Vespers & Liturgy

ELEVATION OF HOLY CROSS

Wednesday, Sept. 13 5:30 p.m. Festal Matins & Liturgy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S AGAPE MEAL WILL BE SERVED UNDER THE FRONT PORTICO OF THE CHURCH, instead of on the patio. The patio is set up for a wedding reception.

WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR GUESTS visiting today for the wedding of Kh. Cayce-Marie's sister, Chryse, including Khouria's parents, Fr. David and Kh. Caryn Kruse.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY YEARS to Marleyinna Worthington, who was baptized into the Orthodox Faith yesterday, August 19th. Her godmother is Dorothy Alexander.

THE AUGUST MEN'S FIRESIDE GATHERING will be a this Monday, August 21st, at 7:00 p.m. at Haskell's Beach. If you have questions, see Howard Lange.

VALERIE, our Administrator, will be away from August 17-22. If you need to get into the church outside of service times, please contact Fr. Symeon or one of the ministry leaders.

PLEASE NOTE:

AUCTION ITEMS for the Golf Tournament are due by Sept. 1st to Terri Speier!

DEADLINE FOR GOLF REGISTRATION & DINNER is September 1st.

ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES WILL BE ON SATURDAYS FROM 3-5 p.m. in the coming Liturgical Year. The Fall session will meet on the following Saturdays:

Sept. 23 & 30

Oct. 21

Nov. 4 & 18

HERE IS A LINK TO THE TRANSCRIPT of Metropolitan SABA's address to the delegates of the Antiochian Archdiocese Convention in Phoenix (July 27, 2023):
<https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/1692>

A CALL FOR RARE OR UNUSUAL ICONS FOR OUR SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL EXHIBIT

As part of our Sacred Arts Festival (October 6-8) we will, once again, set up an icon exhibit. Our Exhibit Team, (the members of the Icon Guild of our parish) is requesting submissions of **hand-painted** icons from your personal collection that you would be willing to loan the church for this exhibit. If you have one or more icons you would like to submit, please take a photo of each icon (with your phone is fine) and e-mail with a brief description to the church at: **office@stathanasius**. We will forward the photos to the Icon Guild, and they will contact you.

We have limited space, so we may not be able to use every icon that is submitted. Our goal is to be able to display a wide variety of styles and traditions of Orthodox iconography.

St. Athanasius Icon Guild: Dorothy Alexander, Asia Ballew, Kh. Cayce-Marie Halsell, Nataliya Tinyayeva

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**THE HOWARD SHANNON
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



September 15

GOLF • DINNER • AUCTION

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

* 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.stathanasios.org/events/2023-golf-tournament/>

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

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THE HOWARD SHANNON
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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.

DEADLINE FOR AUCTION ITEMS: September 1st

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
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.
Adam and Family
Madison E.
Susan W.
David 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

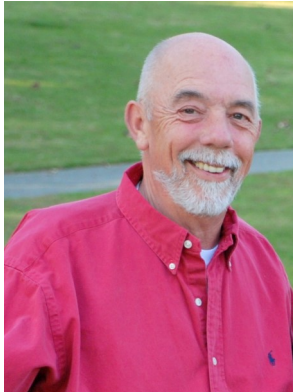
Please pray for the raising up and support of long-term missionaries from our parish.

For repose of the souls of: Mother Nektaria, Shamassa Zinetta N., 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.



This year's Putting Contest
at the
Howard Shannon Golf Tournament
will, once again, be in honor & memory
of Dn. Richard Easbey.

Please consider a gift in his memory to support
this year's tournament and to get us closer to our vision of
BUILDING A TEMPLE to the GLORY OF GOD!

<https://www.stathanasius.org/events/2023-golf-tournament/>
(Scroll down to the button for the Dn. Richard Putting Contest.)

