



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM August 27, 2023

Tone 3 / Eothinon 1;

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
& Twelfth Sunday of Matthew**

Righteous Father Pimen the Great of Egypt;
Hosius the Confessor, Bishop of Cordova;
Newly-revealed Martyr Phanourios of Rhodes



ST. PHANOURIOS

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 27

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. St. Barbara Monastery Friends

Monday, August 28

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

Tuesday, August 29

BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

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. Middle School Youth Group
6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. High School Youth Group

Friday, September 1—CHURCH NEW YEAR

7:00 a.m. Matins for the Liturgical New Year
8:30 a.m. Liturgy for the Liturgical New Year

Saturday, September 2

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, September 3

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 27 Meyer
September 3 Dn. G. Braun
September 7 Kern (Feast)
September 10 Jacobs
September 17 Washburn

READERS

August 27 Kern
September 3 Meyer
September 7 Lange (feast of Nativity)
September 9 Alexander (Vespers)
September 10 Gish
September 13 Butler (feast of Cross)
September 16 Kern
September 17 Lange

GREETERS

August 27 H. Lange
September 3 L. Baker
September 10 K.P. King
September 17 P. Cocores/M. Loulias

USHERS

August 27 M. Loulias/D. Washburn
September 3 P. King/J. King
September 10 D. Alexander/D. Meyer
September 17 M Loulias/K.L. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

August 27 Team Baker
September 3 Team Palmer
September 10 Team Speier
September 17 Team Worthington

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

Aug. 31 F. Young
Sept. 7 M. Loulias
Sept. 14 F. Young
Sept. 21 L. Ballew

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 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 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—The Beatitudes or “Sermon on the Mount”

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord,
when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are you when men shall revile you and shall persecute you, and shall say all manner
of evil against you falsely for my sake.
Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad,
for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm.
He hath trampled down death by death
and become the first born from the dead.
He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades,
granting the world the great mercy.

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 the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**Tone 4**

By your nativity, most pure Virgin,
Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness,
Adam and Eve from the corruption of death.
And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to You:
“The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.”

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 3**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises. (*Ps 46/47:6*)

Verse: Clap your hands all you peoples!
Shout to God with a voice of joy! (*Ps 46/47:1*)

EPISTLE READING (12th Sunday after Pentecost)**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me.

For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel Tone 3

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: In Thee, O Lord, I have hoped; let me never be ashamed. (*Ps 30/31:1*)

Verse: Be unto me a God and protector, and a house of refuge to save me. (*Ps 30/31:2*)

GOSPEL READING (12 Sunday after Pentecost)

Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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*)

Alleluia, 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 **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 illuminated as they continue their journey towards baptism and/or chrismation.

Rebecca Beech

Paul Carr

Kevin Duke

Adam English

Anthony Salcedo, Ethan, Dominic and Jennifer

UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES

LITURGICAL NEW YEAR

Friday, September 1

7:00 a.m.

Matins

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

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

8/30 Nikolay & Velislava Nikolov

Birthdays

8/27 Ken Gomez

8/28 Lara Jacobs

8/30 Mitch Denny, Kh. Jan Speier

8/31 Peggy King, Timothy Braun

9/2 Benjamin Ballew

Patronal Feast Days

8/15 **The Theotokos (her Dormition)** Elsa Marie Fryer (Sorry we missed it!)

8/30 **St. Sabina the Martyr** Sabina Shackelford

8/30 **St. Theodora of Salonica** Jody Wallace

9/1 **Holy Virgin Martyr Penelope** Penny Cocores

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY YEARS TO JOHN AND MARLEYNNA WORTHINGTON on having their marriage blessed in the Church on August 26th.
Their sponsors were Fr. John and Kh. Jan Finley.

THE ST. BARBARA MONASTERY FRIENDS GATHERING will be today, August 27th. Fr. George Ajalat will do a presentation on "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the Life of a Christian," at 4:00 p.m., followed by Vespers and a potluck supper.

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

ANCIENT FAITH RETREAT FOR SINGLES 30+

WHO: Orthodox Christians who are 30+, unmarried, divorced, or widowed

WHEN: February 29 - March 3, 2024

WHERE: Antiochian Village Conference and Retreat Center, Bolivar, PA

The Ancient Faith Orthodox Singles Retreat 30+ is a gathering of Orthodox Christians who are **at least 30 years of age**, single (never married, divorced, or widowed), and living in the world.

Daily Matins and Vespers, Sunday Divine Liturgy

Interactive, leader-led discussion sessions

Service projects, games, social activities

Free time for relaxation and fellowship.

TO REGISTER: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/singles/>

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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
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.
DEADLINE FOR AUCTION ITEMS: September 1st

A CALL FOR RARE OR UNIQUE 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

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

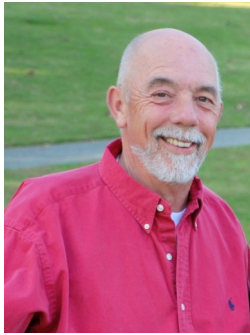
Please pray for the raising up and support of long-term missionaries from our parish.

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.)



ST. PHANOURIOS—help in finding lost objects

The holy, glorious and right-victorious Great-martyr Phanourios the Newly Appeared of Rhodes, the Miracle-Worker, is commemorated by the Church on August 27. Not much is known about St. Phanourios's life other than the images of his martyrdom on his icon.

From the *Lives of the Saints*, it is known that the icon in Rhodes was discovered, around 1500 AD. Some sources support the opinion that the icon was discovered in Cyprus and not in Rhodes. Several manuscripts describe a miracle that took place in Rhodes which caused the saint's fame to spread from Rhodes to Crete.

St. Phanourios has become famous for assisting the faithful in revealing lost or hidden spiritual matters of the heart, lost objects, directing or revealing actions that should be taken, restoring health and similar situations. After such assistance/intercession is granted, the saint is honoured by the faithful through a symbolic cake, called the "Phanouropita" which can be brought to the church, at any time, for a blessing and as a way of giving thanks.