



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

September 3, 2023

Tone 4 / Eothinon 2;

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
& Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew**

Hieromartyr Anthimos of Nicomedia
& Venerable Theoktistos, Fellow Ascetic
with Euthymios the Great



ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR—SEPTEMBER 1

Also the day Christ entered the synagogue and read from the
book of Isaiah (Luke 4:16-30)

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
September 1st begins the new
Liturgical Year.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Religious Education Classes are in recess for the summer. We will resume on September 24th.

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

Monday, September 4—LABOR DAY

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

Tuesday, September 5

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, September 6

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

Thursday, September 7

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Festal Vespers for Feast of the
Nativity of the Theotokos
6:20 p.m. Festal Liturgy

Friday, September 8—NATIVITY OF THEOTOKOS
NO MATINS

Saturday, September 9

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, September 10

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

September 3 Dn. G. Braun
September 7 Kern (Feast)
September 10 Jacobs
September 17 Washburn
September 24 Dillon

READERS

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
September 23 Myer (Vespers—St. Thekla)
September 24 Alexander

GREETERS

September 3 L. Baker
September 10 K.P. King
September 17 P. Cocores/M. Loulias
September 24 H. Lange

USHERS

September 3 P. King/J. King
September 10 D. Alexander/D. Meyer
September 17 M Loulias/K.L. King
September 24 C. Speier/S. Speier

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

September 3 Team Palmer
September 10 Team Speier
September 17 Team Worthington
September 24 Team Loulias/Cocores

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING
HOSPITALITY TEAM

Sept. 7 M. Loulias
Sept. 14 F. Young
Sept. 21 L. Ballew
Sept. 28 M. Loulias

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 4

Having learned the joyful message
of the Resurrection from the angel,
the women disciples of the Lord cast from them
their parental condemnation,
and proudly broke the news to the disciples
saying death has been spoiled.
Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion for St. Anthimos of Nicomedia

Tone 1

O godly-minded Anthimos, as a staunch defender of thy flock,
thou eagerly sheddest thy blood for its protection.
Unbending and wholly unafraid of all thine adversaries' fearful threats,
thou rejoicest now in Heaven,
standing before the throne of the Three-Sun Godhead.
Glory to Christ Who hath given thee strength.
Glory to thy manly bravery.
Glory to thy patient endurance in martyrdom.

Troparion for St. Theoktistos**Tone 8**

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile
with the streams of thy tears;
and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit
through thy struggles a hundredfold.
Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe,
sparkling with miracles.
Therefore, O righteous Father Theoktistos,
intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 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
1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel

Tone 4

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

Verse: Draw Thy bow and prosper and reign, in the cause of
truth, meekness, and righteousness. (*Ps 44/45:5*)

Verse: Thou hast loved righteousness and hated wickedness. (*Ps 44/45:8*)

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

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*)



SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL

SAINT ATHANASIOS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Fr. Turbo Qualls, Presenter

Friday, October 6 – Sunday, October 8, 2023
300 Sumida Gardens Ln., Santa Barbara, CA

Friday, October 6

1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Workshops (for individuals 16 yrs. and older) Class size is limited.

- **Iconography** (\$10/person) – Dorothy Alexander & Kh. Cayce-Marie Halsell
Docent-led tour of the icon exhibit in the chapel; How gold is used in iconography, the different types of gilding, and trying out various methods; A teaching on iconography with a live demonstration of egg tempera as used in the Byzantine Tradition.
- **Prospophora-baking** (\$10/person)—Fr. John Finley
- **Prayer Rope Weaving** (\$10/person) Sister Photini, other teachers TBA

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Tours of Nave, Bookstore & Icon Exhibit Open

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Session One: “My Journey to the Ancient Faith – the Royal Path”
Fr. Turbo Qualls

Dessert Reception, Bookstore & Icon Exhibit open following presentation.

Saturday, October 7

12:00-1:00 p.m.

Tours of nave, Open House in Atria, Bookstore & Icon Exhibit Open

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

“Wonder as Worship in Orthodox Christian Art” Part 1 – Fr. Turbo Qualls

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Break/Snacks available

3:00-3:45 p.m.

Great Vespers

4:00-5:30 p.m.

“Wonder as Worship” Part 2 – Fr. Turbo Qualls

5:30-6:00 p.m.

Bookstore Open

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Light supper/Mexican BBQ (by pre-registration - \$10/person)

Sunday, October 8

9:00 a.m.

Matins Service

10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Meal

2:00 p.m.

Bookstore Open

3:00 p.m.

Sacred Music Concert featuring the Sacred Arts Festival Choir (\$5/person)

Seating is first-come/first-served.

A reception will follow the concert.

\$25 package price for all 3 lectures and the concert in advance

AT THE DOOR: \$10 per lecture & \$5 for concert

Saturday supper is separate - \$10/person Friday workshops are separate - \$10/person

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE BY SEPT. 1 @ WWW.STATHANASIOS.ORG

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DEADLINE FOR THE GOLF TOURNAMENT DINNER IS THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th. There will be NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR the night of the tournament.
<https://www.stathanasius.org/events/2023-golf-tournament/>

WE WELCOME CONNOR CLEMENTS AND MARK GROSS into the catechumenate today!
Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their preparation period for reception into the Faith.

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

WE NEED LOTS OF HELP THE WEEKEND OF OUR SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL, OCT. 6-8.
(Set-up clean-up, donations of sweets for the receptions, tour guides, and volunteers at the ticket table.)
We will post a sign-up soon. Please reserve that weekend for this exciting parish event. **We encourage you to bring the kids to the concert on Sunday afternoon, October 8th at 3:00 p.m.!** We will be working on childcare during the presentations by Fr. Turbo (for our own parish member's children ages 4-10 years old.) More information to come.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

9/5 Dn. John and Fay Young

Birthdays

8/29 Elsa Fryer (Sorry we missed it last week!)
9/3 Bob Gundersen
9/4 Richard Ballew
9/6 Obadiah Robinson
9/7 Cheyenne Braun, Suzi Wiley
9/8 Luke Hedges

Patronal Feast Days

9/5 **St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist**
Elizabeth Ballew Atalia Finley Elizabeth Heiduk
Lara Jacobs Elleney Gish Kh. Peggy King
Jane Meyer Terri Speier Salem Vander Laan

9/5 **St. Zachariah, Father of John the Baptist** Zachary Nikolov, Zachary Wood
9/8 **St. Adriana** Adriana de Bruin
9/8 **Martyr Natalia (of Nicomedia)** Natalya Kawahara
9/8 **Theotokos (Nativity)** Fr. John Carrillo, Laura Eberhard
9/9 **St. Anna (the Mother of the Theotokos)**
Letician Brunner, Shirley Dillon, Laurel Fryer,
Michelle Madrigal, Sherie Shackelford

Beloved parents of the younger parishioners of St. Athanasius,

I would like to address an issue regarding the safety and supervision of all the children of our parish. The Members of this parish are our spiritual family from the youngest newborn to our oldest brothers and sisters, and we are struggling for salvation and to grow together toward Jesus Christ *in wisdom and in stature*. Together as a spiritual family we can work together to keep and maintain a safe, peaceful, and spiritually thriving community where this can continue to occur.

We also need to keep in mind that our campus is open, and we frequently have visitors that we know very little about. This involves our vigilance in knowing where our children are and what they are doing while at St. Athanasius.

Thank God, He has preserved us in my years here from any untoward or dangerous situations that have led to evil ends regarding our children's safety while at our parish and our community events. However, we need more attention and help as a spiritual family from you parents to make this situation better and safer and to preserve the peace and harmony of our parish community.

There have been times when a child has needed to be parented and their parents or the person in charge of them could not be found nearby. Please parents, follow this general rule of child supervision when you are on our parish campus.

No child should be sent or allowed to go into a different part of the building or a section of our campus where a parent or a person in charge is not present. All children 12 years old and under need to be within the hearing or sight of their parents or a designated person in charge. The only exception is when your children are under the supervision of one of the Catechists or the Youth Church School Teacher during the lesson, or with the Youth Group Leader at a youth event. In all circumstances, children must remain with their parents in the Nave of the Church during the services or with their family at a parish event. A parent must accompany their child in the other areas of our campus when they need a bathroom or a 'get the wiggles out' break. If a child is found somewhere without their parents, we will help them find you.

Lastly, some kids have wanted to help with the Agape Meal. Glory to God! We want to encourage this desire to serve, so from now on children who desire to help the Agape Meal Team may do so only when working alongside their parent and under their supervision if the Agape Meal Team leader for that week gives their permission for this addition to the team, as this set up must be done quickly and carefully.

May we each grow together in the peace and wisdom of Christ in this spiritual family.

Your co-struggler and shepherd in Christ,

Fr. Symeon Halsell

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.

Dave D.
Roman N.
Eloise G.

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.

ST. ATHANASIOS ORTHODOX CHURCH
THE HOWARD SHANNON
GOLF TOURNAMENT



September 15
GOLF • DINNER • AUCTION

**RESERVATIONS FOR THE DINNER & AUCTION
WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH!**

HERE IS ONE OF OUR MANY EXCITING AUCTION ITEMS:

**8-DAY STAY AT VIDANTA
NUEVO NAYARIT-VALLARTA RESORT**

Dates are specific: May 12-19

**Secluded amid the magnificent Sierra Madres, and named one of
the top resorts in Mexico & in the world!**

GRAND LUXXE THREE-BEDROOM SPA SUITE

3 bedrooms (two king-size beds and two double-size beds)

Sleeps 8 adults, 2 kids under 12 years

**3 bathrooms with two jacuzzi tubs, private terrace with a plunge pool,
gourmet kitchen, one living space with sleeper sofa,
2 dining rooms, and 4 TVs.**

Great opportunity for a family vacation or for 3 couples to split.

