



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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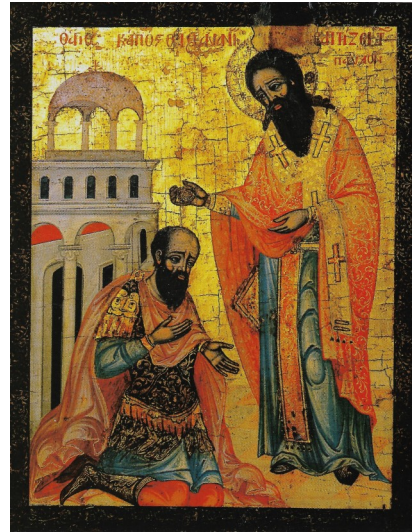
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

October 1, 2023

**Tone 8 / Eothinon 6; Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost & Second Sunday of Luke
Apostle Ananias of the Seventy -
first bishop of Damascus;
Righteous Father Romanos the Melodist**



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, October 1—St. Ananias, St. Romanos

9:00 a.m. Matins
9:00 a.m. Catechesis for children 3yrs-6th grade
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Education
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal—Festival Choir

Monday, October 2

7:00 a.m. Daily Readers Matins
6:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
(Akathist for St. Nikiforos)

Tuesday, October 3

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, October 4

7:00 a.m. Daily Readers Matins
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 5

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. Youth Group—Middle & High School

Friday, October 6—APOSTLE THOMAS, ST. INNOCENT

SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL

1:00-4:30 p.m. Festival Workshops
5:00-6:30 p.m. Tours/Icon Exhibit/Bookstore
7:00 p.m. Session One—Fr. Turbo Qualls

Saturday, October 7—SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL

9:45-12:00 noon Festival Concert Dress Rehearsal
12:00 p.m. Tours/Icon Exhibit/Atrium Open House
1:00 p.m. Session Two—Fr. Turbo Qualls
3:00 p.m. GREAT VESPERS
4:00 p.m. Session Three —Fr. Turbo Qualls
5:30 p.m. Dinner (Pre-registration required)

Sunday, October 8—SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL

9:00 a.m. Matins
9:00 a.m. Catechesis for children 3yrs-6th grade
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
2:00 p.m. Icon Exhibit Open
3:00 p.m. SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

October 1 Morrison
October 8 Kern
October 15 Meyer
October 22 Fr. Nicholas

READERS

October 1 Lange
October 8 Butler
October 15 Gish
October 22 Meyer

GREETERS

October 1 L. Baker
October 8 K.P. King/H. Lange
October 15 M. Loulias
October 22 K. P. King

USHERS

October 1 P. King/J. King
October 8 D. Meyer/D. Alexander
October 15 K.L. King/M. Loulias
October 22 S. Speier/C. Speier

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

October 1 Team Baker/Ballew
October 8 Sacred Arts Festival
October 15 Team Lander
October 22 Team Loulias

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

Oct. 5 D. Alexander/J. Jones
Oct. 12 F. Young
Oct. 19 L. Ballew
Oct. 26 TBA

Every week: Kyle & Jeff Petersilia

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive through prayer and recent Confession. 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**

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 was 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.

HYMNS SUNG AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend,
O Compassionate One;
and Thou didst submit to the three day burial,
that Thou might deliver us from passion.
Thou art our Life and our Resurrection,
O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion for Apostle Ananias of the Seventy

Tone 3

O Holy Apostle Ananias,
intercede with our merciful God
to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Troparion for St. Romanos the Melodist

Tone 4

You gladdened Christ's Church by your melodies
like an inspired heavenly trumpet.
You were enlightened by the Mother of God
and shone on the world as God's poet.
We lovingly honor you, righteous Romanos.

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 - Ordinary Sundays

Tone 4

O undisputed intercessor of Christians,
The mediatrix, who was unrejected by the Creator.
Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners.
Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good.
Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos,
who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle

Tone 8

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

Verse: *God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

EPISTLE READING
2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel

Tone 8

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior.

Verse: Come before His countenance with thanksgiving, and with psalms let us shout in jubilation unto Him.

GOSPEL READING
Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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
(Blessing of Agape Meal will follow the Prayers.)**

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
Connor Clements
Kevin Duke
Adam English
Mark Gross
Anthony Salcedo, Ethan, Dominic and Jennifer

**FINANCIAL UPDATE
July & August 2023**

	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Budget Goal</u>	
Tithes received in July	\$ 51,040	\$ 57,461	(includes \$20,555 for mortgage)
Tithes received in August	\$ 60,347	\$ 57,461	(includes \$20,555 for mortgage)
Tithes received Jan.-August	\$417,590	\$459,688	(includes \$164,440 for mortgage)
July Temple donations	\$ 3,350		
August Temple donations	\$ 8,369		
Jan.-August Temple donations	\$ 163,026		
Temple Fund Balance	\$ 558,045		
Total General Operating expenses Jan– August		\$ 497,432	
Total General Operating income Jan.– August		<u>\$ 484,123</u>	
DEFICIT for first 8 months		\$ 13,309	



SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL

SAINT ATHANASIOS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Produced with the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA of the
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Friday, October 6 – Sunday, October 8, 2023

300 Sumida Gardens Ln., Santa Barbara, CA

Fr. Turbo Qualls, Presenter

Friday, October 6 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Session One: "My Journey to the Ancient Faith – the Royal Path"

Saturday, October 7

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Session Two: "Wonder as Worship in Orthodox Christian Art"

4:00 -- 5:30 p.m. Session Three: "Wonder as Worship" Part 2

Please no children under 11 yrs. old at the lectures.

Middle school & high school students are welcome & attend for free!



Sunday, October 8 – 3:00 p.m.

Sacred Music Concert featuring the Sacred Arts Festival Choir

Seating is first-come/first-served.

Youth ages 17 yrs. and under are welcome and attend for free. Bring the whole family!

OTHER FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES:

- LITURGICAL SERVICES
- ICON EXHIBIT
- BOOK STORE
- CHURCH TOURS
- WORKSHOPS ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON
IN ICONOGRAPHY, PROSPHORA BAKING & PRAYER ROPE WEAVING
- MEXICAN BARBECUE SATURDAY EVENING

**\$25 package price for all 3 lectures and
the concert in advance**
AT THE DOOR: \$10/lecture & \$5/concert
Saturday supper \$10/person
Friday workshops \$10/person

FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE & TO REGISTER GO TO:

<https://www.stathanasius.org/events/sacred-arts-festival-2023/>



SACRED ARTS
FESTIVAL

SAINT ATHANASIUS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

**“Old meets New:
Finding our Voice in America”**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

3:00 p.m.

St. Athanasius Orthodox Church
300 Sumida Gardens Ln. in
Santa Barbara/Goleta

**Presented by
The St. Athanasius
Sacred Arts Festival
Chorus
Valerie Yova, Director**



Featuring traditional Slavic & Byzantine chant,
newly composed hymns influenced by the received traditions of the “old world,”
plus beloved American Gospel hymns and plantation songs

Donation: \$5 Seating is first-come/first-served.

Reception following the concert.

Tickets sold at the door, or online at:

<https://www.stathanasius.org/events/sacred-arts-festival-2023/register/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BOOKSTORE will be expanded for the Sacred Arts Festival, and will be open before and after each session.

THERE WILL BE NO WEEKLY DIVINE LITURGY THIS FALL. A schedule of once-a-month weekday liturgies will be announced soon. These liturgies will commemorate the feasts of some of the saints for which our parish has holy relics.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED CONTACT INFORMATION (phone or e-mail) please don't forget to let the church office know. office@stathanasius.org

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:

Oct. 21, Nov. 4 & 18

PRAYERS FOR LOCAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE AGENCIES

We ask that you keep in prayer those working in our area against Human Trafficking. Please keep these agencies on this list in the commemorations of your prayers for their health and salvation and the furtherance of their work to the glory of God.

<https://bit.ly/TraffickingTaskForce>

SUSIE'S CLOSET offers baby equipment, maternity clothes and children's clothes (up to size 6) to mothers in need. They receive referrals from social workers, Cottage Hospital, and LEAP. Susie's Closet has immediate need for several items. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards the purchase of some of these urgently needed items to help women and children in our community, please donate to SAOC, earmarked "**Women's Fellowship Service Project.**" If you would like to purchase and donate items and would like the complete list of needs, please see Terri Speier. (Susie's Closet is part of Network Medical Women's Center of Santa Barbara.)

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

10/07 Benny & Michelle Madrigal

Birthdays

10/1 Jase Speier

10/2 Andrew Macdonald

10/6 Holden Dillon

10/6 Todd Easbey

Patronal Feast Days

10/1 St. Romanos the Melodist Chandler Baker

10/1 St. Sidonia of Georgia Suzi Wiley

10/2 St. Justina of Nicomedia Justina King

10/6 St. Thomas the Apostle Adam Carralejo, Craig Speier

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.
Jim M.

For the local agencies and their leaders who are working to fight human trafficking.

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. Paul E.

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 ROMANOS THE MELODIST

A Syrian Christian, Romanos was born in Edessa (Homs), Syria, lived in the beginning of the 6th century. Romanos was ordained a deacon and served in the Church of the Resurrection in Berytus (Beirut). Most sources agree that he went to Constantinople during the reign of the Emperor Anastasius I (491-518).

Church legend has it that during this time, Romanos' voice was quite harsh and rasping and he was also tone deaf. It is said that the congregation cringed at hearing his voice. It was in the Church of the Most Holy Theotokos in the Blachernae quarter of Constantinople, that he received the gift of sacred poetry. After a religious retreat there, in his sleep on Christmas eve, he saw a vision of the Most Holy Theotokos who told him not to despair. Blessing him with her right hand, she held forth a scroll with her left hand, saying, "*Take the scroll and eat it.*" The saint, in his dream, opened his mouth and swallowed the parchment. It was Christmas Day, and immediately he awakened and marveled and glorified God. According to an account by Poulos, the service commenced as usual and when it came time for the voice of Romanos to be heard, the participants braced themselves for the accustomed cacophony that would ensue. Then, mounting the pulpit in the church, Romanos began the strains of his kontakion: *Today the Virgin gives birth to the one who is above all living things.* But when the tone rolled across the church like the sound of a heavenly angel, the stunned listeners stood transfixed. When he had finished, the confused priest signaled him to continue and once again the resonant voice reverberated in the house of God. Then it dawned on one and all that a miracle had occurred. He was now hailed as the "Melodist."

His talent was great. Unlike others, he wrote his hymns in simple language and produced a pleasant meter in the verse by the way he accented words. Most scholars agree that he wrote in the colloquial idiom (common language) of his time. The hymns he composed appealed to the hearts of the people, and are still sung today. Romanos has been called "Sweet Singer" (Glykophonos), "Melodist" (Melodos), and "Righteous Chanter" (Psaltis Dhikeosinis). There is no evidence that he was ever ordained to the priesthood or served in a monastery or ever held an official appointment in the Emperor's court.

Romanos died in peace on October 1st and is buried in the Church of the Theotokos, in Constantinople, where his feast is still celebrated. The exact year of his death is not precisely known. Many scholars set it as 555 AD, based on an Imperial document of 551 and his apparent mention of violent earthquakes that shook the Near East in 552, 554, and 555 AD. He was a productive genius and artist, writing and accenting many kontakia. He has been called the patron saint of all who sing for the Church. Others say he is the leader in the world of religious hymnology. Within a few decades after his death, Romanos was canonized and venerated in Byzantium and Armenia and after the 9th century, in Russia. His icon pictures him in the white robes of a young deacon.

