



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

October 15, 2023

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Sunday of Holy Fathers
of Seventh Ecumenical Council
& Fourth Sunday of Luke

Hieromartyr Lucian of Antioch;
Venerable Euthymios the Younger of Athos;
Savvinos, Bishop of Catania



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 15

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 Education Class
 11:45 a.m. Agape Meal

Monday, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, October 18—ST. LUKE

7:00 a.m. Daily Readers Matins
 12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry at the church

Thursday, October 19

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
 6:30 p.m. Women's Book Club

Friday, October 20

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, October 21

3:00 p.m. Adult Catechism
 5:30 p.m. Vespers/Confession

Sunday, October 22

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 Education
 11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
 12:45 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Young Adult Dinner

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

October 15 Meyer
 October 22 Fr. Nicholas
 October 29 Dn. G. Braun
 November 5 Jacobs

READERS

October 15 Gish
 October 22 Meyer
 October 29 Alexander
 November 5 Gish

GREETERS

October 15 M. Loulias
 October 22 K. P. King
 October 29 H. Lange
 November 5 L. Baker

USHERS

October 15 K.L. King/M. Loulias
 October 22 S. Speier/C. Speier
 October 29 D. Meyer/D. Alexander
 November 5 P. King/J. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

October 15 Team Lander
 October 22 Team Loulias/Cocores
 October 29 Team King
 November 5 Team Speier

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

Oct. 19 L. Ballew
 Oct. 26 M. Loulias
 Nov. 2 M. Loulias
 Nov. 9 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 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death,

O Thou deathless and immortal One,

then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power.

And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth,

all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee:

O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Holy Fathers

Tone 8

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!

You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.

Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//

O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

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.

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.

Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon)**Tone 8**

Chanter: *Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers,
and praised and glorified is Your name forever.*

Verse: *For You are just in all that You have done for us.*

EPISTLE READING (for the Holy Fathers)**Titus 3:8-15**

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Alleluia before the Gospel

Tone 2

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)

Luke 8:5-15

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

10/15 Edgar & Noelle Aviles
10/17 Tyson & Sherie Shackelford

Birthdays

10/16 Melissa Wayne
10/18 Oleg Moskalyk
10/19 Steven Gross
10/20 Noah Hedges
10/21 Kh. Diane Carrillo
10/22 Kyle Petersilia

Patronal Feast Days

10/12 St. Martin of Tours	Bob Gundersen, Brody Hansen
10/18 Apostle & Evangelist Luke	Steven Gross, Luke Hedges, Luke Palmer, Luke Speier
10/19 St. John of Kronstadt	David Lewis, Jill Wallerstedt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEN'S FIRESIDE GATHERING will take place on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd THIS MONTH (not tomorrow)** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jason and Melissa Wayne.

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 CLASS MEETS ON SATURDAYS FROM 3-5 p.m. The remaining sessions this Fall are on Oct. 21, Nov. 4, and Nov. 18.

WOMEN'S FALL BOOK CLUB

This fall, our Book Club will be reading "Our Hearts' True Home" which is a collection of 14 stories. This makes it a perfect book for the person who can't attend each session. We pray you will feel welcomed to come when you can. If you have questions, contact Liz Hoppe.

Here is the schedule we will follow, and yes, Thursdays are youth group nights. We will be in the Reception Room this time. We will meet from 6:30-7:30, after 5:30 vespers, if you would like to add that to your evening, too.

Oct. 19 (chapters 1-3) **Nov 9** (chapters 10-13)
Oct 26 (chapters 4-6) **Nov 16** (chapters 14-15)
Nov 2 (chapters 7-9)

**The following books were recommended by Fr. Turbo Qualls,
our speaker for last weekend's Sacred Arts Festival.
They are available in our parish bookstore.**

- Introducing the Orthodox Church by Anthony Coniaris (for inquirers)
ON REORDER—We sold out last weekend!
- The Language of Creation by Matthieu Pageau
- The Art of Seeing by Fr. Maximos Constas
- In the Mirror by Fr. Stamatis Skliris

SUSIE'S CLOSET—MOST NEEDED ITEMS

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 purchase and donate items, see the Needs List below. **NEW AND GENTLY USED ITEMS** can be brought to the church and we will deliver them to Susie's Closet. (Susie's Closet is part of Network Medical Women's Center of Santa Barbara.) Keep the list in mind when you are at garage sales, or cleaning out your own garage or storage space!

MOST URGENT NEEDS:

infant head supports
front pack baby carriers
bouncy seats
potty seats
changing pads
nursing covers
pack and plays
strollers (single or double)

OTHER NEEDS:

board books
Easy Reader books
baby girl newborn clothes
soft shoes for baby 0-5
size 3/4 boy toddler clothes
baby bath towels
baby booties
toddler socks

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.**"

Contact Terri Speier if you have questions. (stspeier@cox.net)

Parish Council Corner

- Fr. Symeon signed and delivered a letter to the sheriff's department notifying them that we consider the church property to be "private property." This will enable them to take action in the case of trespassing, which will improve the safety of our parking lot and property.
- Fr. Symeon will be working with Suzi Wiley and the Agape Team leaders to simplify the Sunday meal so as to not create a financial burden for the teams.
- We will make some adjustments to the placement of the Agape Meal serving tables to ease the flow of traffic from the church nave onto the patio.

**A HEARTFELT
THANK YOU
to our 2023
Sacred Arts Festival
Committee
for an inspiring weekend!**

**Special thanks to the
FESTIVAL CHORUS
for Sunday's concert**

and to
ALL of our parishioners who vol-
unteered for set-up & clean-up,
and provided the refreshments
for the receptions
and Agape Meal!



Sacred Arts Festival Committee

Fr. Symeon Halsell,
Spiritual Advisor

Valerie Yova & Subdn. Michael Easbey
Festival Co-Chairs

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

Christie Robinson, Suzi Wiley
Hospitality/Food

Liz Hoppe & Women's Fellowship
Sunday Reception

Greeters/Tour Guides
Carla Brunstead, Fr. John Finley,
Glenn Hoppe, Howard Lange

Tickets
Laurie Baker
Carla Brunstead
Farley Easbey
Liz Hoppe
Natalya Kawahara
Phillip Kawahara
Kristin King
Kristi King

Bookstore
Terri Speier, Manager
Corina Berari
Jody Wallace
Melissa Wayne
Willow Palmer
Adora, Atalya & Athena Wayne

Sound Crew:
Subdn. Michael Easbey
Benjamin Hedges

Photography
Nataliya Tinyayeva

Floral Decorations
Carla Brunstead, Cheryl Washburn Lander,
Melissa Wayne

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.
Wade
Amanda Catherine

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

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church

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.

SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL 2023

