

St. Athanasius Antiochian Orthodox Church

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

November 12, 2023 Tone 6 / Eothinon 1; John the Almsgiver, Patriarch of Alexandria & Eighth Sunday of Luke

Neilos the Faster of Sinai; Neilos the Myrrh-streaming of the Great Lavra on Athos; Martin the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tours



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are glad you are with us this morning to join our worship of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit!

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, November 12

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

5:00 p.m. Young Adult Dinner

Monday, November 13-ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

7:00 a.m. Daily Readers Matins

6:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom

(Akathist for St. Nikiforos)

Tuesday, November 14

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, November 15-ADVENT BEGINS

7:00 a.m. Daily Readers Matins

12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry at the church

6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis

Thursday, November 16—ST. MATTHEW

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom

9:00 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, November 17

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, November 18

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

Sunday, November 19

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

12:00 p.m. Children's rehearsal for Family Night

12:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCHARIST BREAD

November 12 Washburn November 19 Hoppe November 26 Kern December 3 Dillon

READERS

November 12 Butler November 19 Kern

November 20 Lange (Festal Liturgy)

November 26 Meyer
December 3 Alexander

GREETERS

November 12 M. Loulias November 19 K. P. King November 26 H. Lange December 3 L. Baker

USHERS

November 12 K.L. King/M. Loulias November 19 S. Speier/C. Speier November 26 D. Meyer/D. Alexander December 3 P. King/J. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

November 12 Team Wayne November 19 Team Worthington

November 26 THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

December 3 Team Loulias/Cocores

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.**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:

Resurrectional Troparion

Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic pow'rs shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted there-by, Thou did meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O Thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion for St. John the Merciful

Tone 8

By endurance you gained your reward, venerable Father; you persevered in prayer unceasingly; you loved the poor and provided for them in all things.//
Blessed John the Merciful, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!

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 Presentation of the Theotokos

Tone 4

The most pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, therefore, the Angels of God praise her: "Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!"

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 7

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of all His saints.

Vs. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?

EPISTLE READING for St. John the Almsgiver (Merciful) 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel

Tone 6

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

Vs. 1 He Who dwelleth in the help of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the protection of the God of Heaven. (Ps 90/91:1) Alleluia

Vs. 2 He will say to the Lord, Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God, in Him will I hope. (Ps 90/91:2) Alleluia

GOSPEL READING Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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!

Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion

(Blessing of the 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 <u>ask that all of your socializing take</u> place outside of the church.

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
Cameron Bobro
Paul Carr
Connor Clements
Kevin Duke
Adam English
Mark Gross
Anthony Salcedo, Ethan, Dominic and Jennifer

Parish Council Corner

- The Reception Room is now a designated space for nursing mothers during services (except when the choir is using it to warm up prior to liturgies). Please refrain from entering that room during services unless you are a mother or child.
- We will be building up a stock of clothes and other personal items to help our visitors worship with us in appropriate clothing.
- If there are problems during a service please notify a Parish Council member to aid in resolving any issues related to our visitors.

Active, communing parish members can access the Parish Council meeting minutes on the parish website. You will need a password to access the "PARISHIONERS ONLY" section. You can request a password on the HOMEPAGE: https://www.stathanasius.org/

FINANCIAL UPDATE September 2023

Actual Income Budget Goal

Tithes received in September \$ 46,624 \$ 57,461 (includes \$20,555 for mortgage)

Tithes received Jan.-Sept. \$464,214 \$517,149 (includes \$164,440 for mortgage)

Sept. Temple donations \$ 4,295

Jan.-Sept. Temple donations \$ 163,026

Temple Fund Balance \$ 562,354 (plus Golf Tournament proceeds)

Total General Operating expenses Jan– Sept.

Total General Operating income Jan.– Sept.

DEFICIT for first 9 months

\$ 564,492

\$ 538,406

\$ 26,086

Treasure self-assessment

Can I move one step to the right?

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Household income	.5%	1%	2%	3%	5%	10% (tithe)
\$20,000	\$100	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$1000	\$2000
\$30,000	\$150	\$300	\$600	\$900	\$1500	\$3000
\$40,000	\$200	\$400	\$800	\$1,200	\$2000	\$4000
\$50,000	\$250	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2500	\$5000
\$60,000	\$300	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$6000
\$70,000	\$350	\$700	\$1,400	\$2,100	\$3,500	\$7000
\$80,000	\$400	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$4,000	\$8000
\$90,000	\$450	\$900	\$1,800	\$2,700	\$4,500	\$9000
\$100,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$110,000	\$550	\$1,100	\$2,200	\$3,300	\$5,500	\$11,000
\$120,000	\$600	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$3,600	\$6,000	\$12,000
\$150,000	\$750	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$200,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$20,000

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

From November 5-26, Stewardship Commitment Cards will be available next to the tithe box.

We ask that each active member/household fill out a form and put it in the tithe box, or hand it to Fr. Symeon.

On Sunday, November 26th, all of the cards will be put on the altar table during the Liturgy as an "offering," and we will pray that our commitments for the coming year will be blessed.

Commitment Cards will be collected each week from the tithe box until November 26th, and all will be presented that day as an offering.

What is Stewardship? Why is it important?

Stewardship supports the Orthodox Christian practice of consistent, cheerful and purposeful giving of **time**, **talent** and **treasure** in support of our Church and its ministries to help further the word and teachings of Jesus Christ. On a personal level, it supports and showcases a life being lived in Christ.

Stewardship creates and fosters a spirit of generosity and giving for the Glory of God. When we are generous and give freely of our time, talent, and treasure we proclaim, preserve, and practice our Orthodox Christian faith and make a difference in our parish and community.

Stewardship furthers Christ's message within ourselves, our families, and our communities. This creates a spiritual atmosphere of worship, engagement, fulfillment, and inspiration that we can offer to the world, following the example set by God Himself of love, service, and giving.

What does it mean to be a Steward?

Stewardship is a personal responsibility and prayerful commitment that each and every Christian makes in order to support the Church. Stewardship helps us understand that God is the true owner of our possessions, and each of us is accountable to God for the acceptable care and use of those possessions.

According to the Bible, a steward is one who responsibly manages the gifts entrusted to them for the perpetuation of the Lord's work. A steward honors and glorifies God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOTS OF NEW PHOTOS HAVE BEEN POSTED TO THE PARISH WEBSITE from the Golf Tournament and the Sacred Arts Festival. Many thanks to Nataliya Tinyayeva for the beautiful photos! https://www.stathanasius.org/media/photo-gallery/

PLEASE NOTE: VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS WILL BE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, not on December 6th, as previously announced.

WELCOME TO CAMERON BOBRO, who was welcomed into the catecumenate last Sunday. Please pray for all of our catechumens, that their preparation for illumination will be blessed.

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS MEETS ON SATURDAYS FROM 3-5 p.m. The final session for this season will be on Saturday, Nov. 18.

WOMEN'S FALL BOOK CLUB—Last session this Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

This fall, our Book Club is 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. Our last session will be this Thursday from 6:30-7:30, after 5:30 Vespers. We will discuss chapters 13 & 14. If you have questions, contact Liz Hoppe.

FOR COUPLES THINKING ABOUT GETTING MARRIED...

The first step in planning to be married is to meet with Fr. Symeon. No date can be reserved without his blessing. Regarding use of the church facilities, the Parish Council approved detailed policies in 2022 regarding facility use and rental (by parish members only). For more information, contact the church office.

THE MEN'S FIRESIDE this month will be on Monday, November 27th at 7 p.m. Location TBA.

Golf Tournament Proceeds this year were \$149,502!

Thanks be to God!

15% of the proceeds will be used to renovate/refurnish the Teen Room to create a multi-purpose space with up-to-date audio/visual capabilities.

The remaining proceeds go directly into the Temple Fund.

A great big THANK YOU to all who contributed to the success of our 2023 GOLF TOURNAMENT!

- Our corporate sponsors, hole sponsors and donors
 - All who supported the auction and dinner
 - Terri Speier & her entire Auction Team
 - Our Golf Tournament Committee:

Jami Stetler, Scott Speier, Terri Speier, Angel Speier, Chris Robinson with help from: Leticia Brunner, Christie Robinson, Nataliya Tinyayeva



LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Thank you to Jim Morrison for many hours of work this week replacing the light fixtures in the ceiling of the nave. And thanks to Dn. Scott Jacobs and Ben Hedges for wiring work on the new speakers that were installed in the ceiling.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT

Advent begins on November 15th

There will be no Advent Seminar since this was a Sacred Arts Festival year.

Advent Paraklesis Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Nov. 15 & 29, Dec. 13 & 20)

Feast of Presentation of Monday, November 20

the Theotokos 5:30 p.m. Matins followed by Divine Liturgy

Thanksgiving Akathist Wednesday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day Liturgy Thursday, November 23 at 8:30 a.m.

Feast of St. Barbara Saturday, Dec. 2nd—We will join St. Barbara Greek

parish for their festal Vespers.

Sunday, December 3 at 4pm—Vigil at the St. Barbara Monastery Monday, December 4 at 10 am—Divine Liturgy at Monastery

St. Nicholas Vespers Tuesday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Visit by St. Nicholas, children's shoes filled, refreshments

(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE to DEC. 5th.)

Family Night Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Musical entertainment, carols, refreshments and

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Due to the fact that the feast of the Nativity falls on a Monday this year, our service schedule will be slightly different than usual:

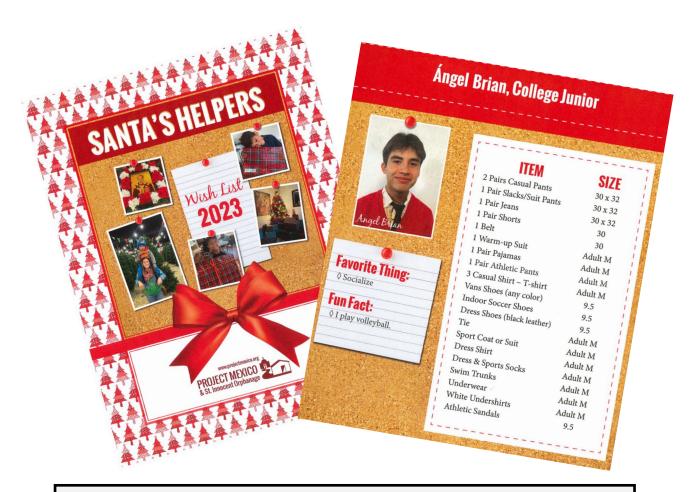
Friday, December 22 at 9:00 a.m. Royal Hours of Nativity

Saturday, December 23 at 5:30 p.m. Great Vespers of Sunday before Nativity

Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 a.m. Matins & Liturgy of Sunday before Nativity

Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 p.m. Matins & Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity





This year, our parish will be Angel Brian's Santa's Helper. He grew up at St. Innocent Orphanage in Mexico, and now is in their transitional program for young men who are in college or trade school.

If you would like to provide one of the items on Angel Brian's wish list, please use this link to go to the online sign-up list.

https://bit.ly/SantasHelpers2023

Please be sure to download the detailed instructions. All packages need to arrive at Project Mexico by December 1st. Be sure to write "Angel Brian" on every parcel! Questions? See Cheryl Washburn Lander.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

- 11/13 Farley Easbey, James Morrison, Leticia Brunner
- 11/14 Sophia Roberts
- 11/15 Anna Grace Butler
- 11/16 Cole Keller
- 11/17 Catherine Braun, John Heiduk
- 11/18 Taylor Eberhard

Patronal Feast Days

- 11/13 St. John Chrysostom Dn. John Young
- 11/14 St. Philip the Apostle Dn. Gary Braun, Gary Braun, Jr., Phillip Kawahara
- 11/16 **St. Matthew the Apostle** Mateo Finley, Larry Lander, Subdn. Matthew (Galen) Wiley



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. John & Kh. Diane C. Fr. Nicholas & Jan

Audrey C.

Fr. Jon B.

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.

For repose of the souls of: Fr. Paul E.

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.

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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 ti-* tle. 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.)

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

All proceeds go to the parish Temple Fund. *********************************