



## ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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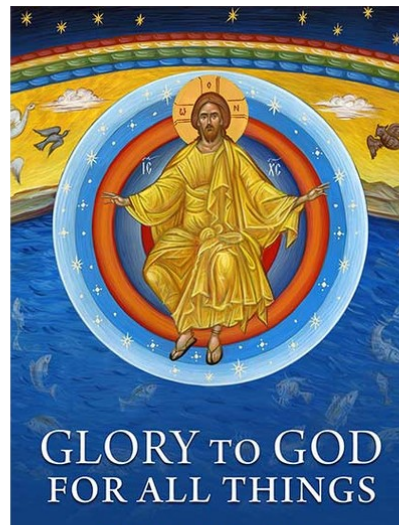
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### **DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

November 26, 2023

Tone 8 / Eothinon 3;

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost &  
Thirteenth Sunday of Luke**  
Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianople;  
Nikon the Preacher of Repentance;  
Venerable Stylianos of Paphlagonia



### **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

### 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:**

**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 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 Preparation of Christ’s Nativity**

**Tone 3**

The virgin cometh today to the cave  
to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal.  
Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message;  
with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him  
Who shall appear by His own will as a young child,  
He who is from eternity God.

**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 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**

**Ephesians 4:1-7**

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

**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 18:18-27

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.’” And the man said, “All these I have observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For 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.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”

### 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 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 **ask that all of your socializing take place outside of the church.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE to the Archdiocese special collection for the relief effort in Gaza,** checks should be written to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church with “RELIEF EFFORT” on the memo line. The funds will be managed and distributed by the Jerusalem Patriarchate. You can also donate on the parish website: <https://www.stathanasius.org/donation/> (Please include the words “RELIEF EFFORT” in the notes.)

**THE MEN’S FIRESIDE** this month will be TOMORROW, Monday, November 27th at 7 p.m. at the home of Jason and Melissa Wayne. Contact Howard Lange if you have questions.

**ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd there will be NO GREAT VESPERS at our parish.** We will join St. Barbara’s Greek parish for Vespers in celebration of their patronal feast day, which they have transferred to Sunday, December 3rd.

**PLEASE NOTE: VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS WILL BE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH,** not on December 6th, as previously announced. We expect a “surprise visitor” that night, and the children will be invited to leave their shoes in the chapel during the service so that holy St. Nicholas can leave them a gift.

**JOIN US FOR FAMILY NIGHT on Friday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m.** when we will celebrate the season with music, refreshments and fellowship. Keep an eye out for a Sign-up Genius email about helping with refreshments.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR MISSION TEAM on a homebuilding trip to Project Mexico this summer from July 30-August 5,** please talk with Fr. Symeon. The deadline for Early Bird registration is December 15th. Each team member will need to register him/herself online and pay the \$100 registration fee. Each team member will also be asked to pay part of their own fee and to assist with group fundraising for the remaining fees.

### ***CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK***

#### **Birthdays**

11/26 Judy Braun  
11/27 Shirley Dillon  
12/1 Anya Madrigal, Lydia Sieck

#### **Patron Saint Commemorations**

11/27	<b>St. James of Persia</b>	James Dillon
11/30	<b>St. Andrew the Apostle</b>	Andrew Macdonald
12/2	<b>St. Porphyrios</b>	Jordan Mitchell Porphyrios Denny

## STEWARDSHIP MONTH

**Have you filled out your commitment card for 2024?**

**NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd,**

all of the Stewardship Commitment cards received thus far for 2024 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.

Please keep in mind that this just represents your intention, and it is understood that circumstances can change during the course of the year.

If you have not filled out a Stewardship Commitment card yet, please fill one out today and put it in the tithe box, or hand it to Fr. Symeon.

You can also fill out the form online here:

**<https://bit.ly/StewardshipCommitment2024>**

*SAVE THE DATE!*

**Women's Fellowship Advent Breakfast**

**Saturday, December 16, 2023 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

Women's Fellowship is looking forward to gathering our women for the annual Advent Breakfast in Sat. Dec 16th from 9-11am including singing, sharing and celebrating.

Details to come; make sure to save the date.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE DECEMBER & JANUARY

Advent Paraklesis	Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Nov. 29, Dec. 13 & 20)
Feast of St. Barbara	Saturday, Dec. 2nd—We will join St. Barbara Greek parish for their festal Vespers.  Sunday, December 3 at 4 p.m.—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 <b>(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE to DEC. 5th.)</b>
Family Night	Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. Musical entertainment, carols, refreshments and <b>FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!</b>

**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

Slaughter of the Holy Innocents	Thursday, December 28, Vespers at 5:30 p.m. We will commemorate infants who have died in childbirth or as a result of miscarriage, premature birth or abortion.
Circumcision of Christ & St. Basil the Great	Sunday, December 31st transferred from Monday, January 1st. We will follow our regular weekend schedule of services.
Theophany	Friday, January 5, 2024 Royal Hours at 9:00 a.m. Matins at 4:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy & Reception of Converts at 5:30 p.m.
St. Athanasius the Great	Wednesday, January 17—PARISH FEAST DAY Vespers at 5:30 p.m./Liturgy at 6:30 p.m.





# Winter Retreat

January 12-15, 2024  
@ Camp St Nicholas ~ Frazier Park, CA

## Building Relationships through Christ

Keynote Speakers:

**Rev Fr George & Kh Miray Katrib**

Early Bird Registration (ends 11/28) ~ \$225

General Registration (ends 12/29) ~ \$260



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With the blessing of His Eminence, **Metropolitan SABA**, we are excited to announce that registration is open for our annual Winter Retreat!

We're equally excited to welcome **Reverend Fr. George and Kh. Miray Katrib** as our keynote speakers. This year's theme is "Building Relationships through Christ"

Early bird pricing is available now through **November 28**.

We hope to see you all there!

**TO REGISTER:** <https://submit.jotform.com/232980702097157>

## 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](mailto: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:** Svetlana, Fr. Paul E.

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

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, November 26

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. **THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**

### Monday, November 27

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins  
7:00 p.m. Men's Fireside

### Tuesday, November 28

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

### Wednesday, November 29

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins  
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry at the church  
6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 30

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom  
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group  
6:15 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

### Friday, December 1

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins  
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing

### Saturday, December 2

#### **NO VESPERS AT OUR PARISH**

8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship of St. John  
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers at St. Barbara Greek  
Parish for their patronal feast

### Sunday, December 3

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  
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 p.m. Vigil for Feast of St. Barbara at  
St. Barbara Monastery in Ojai followed  
by potluck supper

### Monday, December 4—ST. BARBARA

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Barbara Mon-  
astery

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

### EUCCHARIST BREAD

November 26 Kern  
December 3 Dillon  
December 10 Morrison  
December 17 Dn. G. Braun

### ARTOS for Artoklasia

December 5 Mary Denny (St. Nicholas)

### READERS

November 26 Meyer  
December 3 Alexander  
December 5 Kern (Vespers for St. Nicholas)  
December 10 Gish  
December 17 Kern

### GREETERS

November 26 H. Lange  
December 3 L. Baker  
December 10 M. Loulias  
December 17 K.P. King

### USHERS

November 26 D. Meyer/D. Alexander  
December 3 P. King/J. King  
December 10 M. Loulias/K.L. King  
December 17 S. Speier/C. Speier

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**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.**

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