



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM June 23, 2024 Fiftieth Day after Pascha THE GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST



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

**At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology
followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion.**

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

FIRST ANTIPHON with verses for the Feast of Pentecost

Verse: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (*Ps. 18/19:1*)

Refrain: **Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Verse: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. (*Ps 18/19:2*) **[Refrain]**

Verse: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Ps 18/19:4*) **[Refrain]**

Verse: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **[Refrain]**

SECOND ANTIPHON with verses for the Feast of Pentecost

Verse: The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (*Ps. 19/20:1*)

Refrain: O Good Comforter, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Verse: May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! (*Ps 19/20:2*) **[Refrain]**

Verse: May He remember all your offerings, and fulfill all your plans! (*Ps 19/20:3*) **[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 for the Feast of Pentecost

Verse: In Your strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Your salvation. (*Ps. 20/21:1*)

Refrain:

Troparion of Pentecost (Music on next page)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise,
having sent upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them Thou hast fished the universe,
O Lover of Mankind, glory be to Thee.

Verse: You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. (*Ps 20/21:2*) [**Refrain**]

Verse: For You meet him with goodly blessings; You set a crown of fine gold upon his head. (*Ps 20/21:3*) [**Refrain**]

LITTLE ENTRANCE

**Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thine own strength; We shall sing Thy praise and power.
O Good Comforter, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Troparion of Pentecost (Music on next page)

Tone 8

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Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise,
having sent upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them Thou hast fished the universe,
O Lover of Mankind, glory be to Thee.

Kontakion of Pentecost**Tone 8**

When the Most High came down, and confused the tongues,
He divided the nations.
But when He distributed the tongues of fire,
He called all to unity.
Therefore, with one voice
we glorify the Holy Spirit.

ANTI-TRISAGION

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

PREPARATORY PSALM VERSES before the Epistle (Prokeimenon) Tone 8

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends
of the universe! (Ps. 19)

Vs. *The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament
proclaims His handiwork.*

THE EPISTLE READING for PENTECOST**Acts 2:1-11**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

PREPARATORY VERSES and ALLELUIA Response Before the Gospel Tone 1

Chanter: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Verse: *By the word of the Lord the heavens were established, and all their
power by the Spirit of His mouth. (Alleluia...)*

Verse: *From heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth: He saw all the
children of humankind. (Alleluia...)*

THE GOSPEL READING for PENTECOST

John 7:37-52, 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee."

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD (Meglynarion)

9th Ode of the Canon for Pentecost:

Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins!

No tongue, however sweet or fluent,

is eloquent enough to praise you worthily.

Every mind is overawed by your childbearing.

Therefore, with one voice, we glorify you.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Your good Spirit lead me on a level path. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (Psalm 143)

Instead of “We have seen the true light, we sing the Troparion for Pentecost.

KNEELING PRAYERS

At the end of the Liturgy, we will say the **Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost.** Between Pascha and Pentecost, the Church proscribes no kneeling during services as we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection for 40 days. With these prayers, we resume kneeling in the church. We also resume saying “**O Heavenly King**” in our daily prayers and in the Trisagion Prayers in our services.

Holy Communion & The Thanksgiving Prayers

In the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have humbly prepared to receive through prayer and a recent Sacramental Confession.

Non-Orthodox people and those not communing today may approach during Communion for a priestly blessing by saying, “*Father, bless.*” After this you may take a piece of antidoron (blessed bread) offered in the bowls.

If you are interested in joining the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, speak with our Pastor about how to become an Orthodox Christian.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we offer **Thanksgiving Prayers** for having received the body and blood of Christ. These beautiful prayers help us to reflect on the mystery in which we have partaken and prepare us for our transition from the Kingdom back into “the world.” If you have partaken, stay to listen to these prayers after you have venerated the cross. Immediately after, the priest will bless the Agape Meal. **We ask that all your socializing take place outside of the church.**

ADULT CATECHISM SPRING/SUMMER 2024 On Saturdays from 3-5 p.m.

All are welcome, whether new inquirers or long-time Orthodox believers.

FINAL CLASS OF THIS SERIES:

- July 13 - Session 5 “The Age to Come:
The Second Coming, the Saints, & the Jesus Prayer”

NEW ICONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

We have commissioned iconographer, Dorothy Alexander to paint four icons to be placed on stands in front of the solea for veneration.

We have also commissioned two more matching icon stands from Skip Sharp, the woodworker who made our existing icon stands.

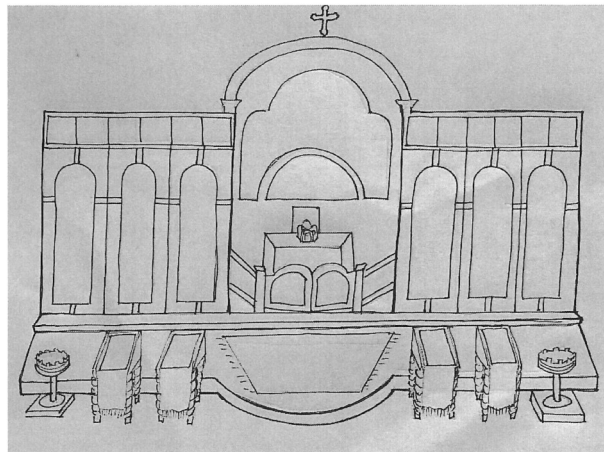
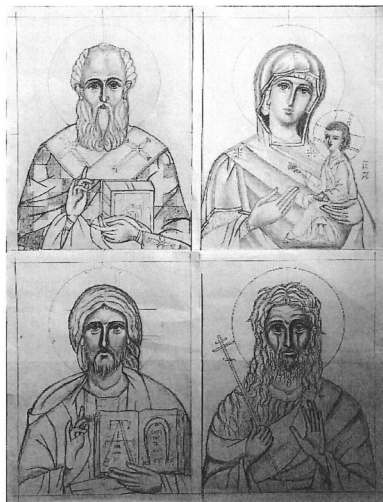
PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT WITH A DONATION OF ANY SIZE.

Donations may be made by dropping a check or cash in the tithe box, or donating online through our website. (Cash should be in a labeled envelope.)

Please be sure to include the memo: "Icon Project."

If you would like to donate the total cost of an specific item, please indicate which one in your memo.

Carved icon stands	\$1,300 each
Icon of Christ	\$ 800
Icon of Theotokos the Directress (pointing to the Christ Child as "The Way")	\$ 875
Icon of St. John the Baptist & Forerunner	\$ 800
Icon of St. Athanasius, our Patron	\$ 800



(Sketches of the four icons and their placement below the solea)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF FR. JAMES BERNSTEIN, who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, June 17th. Fr. James' daughter, Heather, is the wife of Fr. David Sommer, a "son" of our St. Athanasius parish, and the son of Fr. John and Kh. Elizabeth Sommer from Lompoc. May his memory be eternal! To read about Fr. James' life and the amazing ways that the Lord used him for the building up of His Holy Church, go here: <https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2081>

CONGRATULATIONS to Sydney Hedges, who was elected by the parish to the Parish Council last Sunday, and to Cheryl Washburn-Lander who was appointed by Fr. Symeon. They will both serve a 3-year term. May God grant them many years!

THIS COMING WEEK IS A FAST-FREE WEEK.

FAMILY NIGHT BBQ — Friday, June 28 at 5:30 p.m.

THIS FRIDAY we will continue our celebration of the feast of Pentecost with a barbecue on the church patio. There will be games and activities for the kids, music-making, and other entertainment. If you or someone in your family would like to share your talents with the parish family in the informal, "open-mic" setting, **please let Valerie know at: valerie@stathanasius.org.**

PLEASE JOIN US THIS SATURDAY, June 29th, for Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. in celebration of the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, two pillars of the Church. Because of the way that Pascha and Pentecost fell this year, there was no Apostles Fast leading up to the feast.

FR. SYMEON WILL BE AWAY THE WEEK OF JULY 1st at the Diocesan Parish Life Conference .

WE HAVE RESUMED OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE SCHEDULE.

Except on days when there are other festal services, we will pray the following schedule:

- First and third Wednesdays — Paraklesis in the field at the Cross at 5:30 p.m.
- Second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays — Akathists for various saints at 5:30 p.m.

THIS SUMMER, WE WILL BE ASSEMBLING A NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY of all active parish members. If you have a family photo of high quality/resolution, taken within the past six months, please send it to Valerie at valerie@stathanasius.org. (Please, no selfies and no sunglasses.) If you would like to have a photo taken, Nataliya Tinyayeva will be available on several Sundays after the liturgy in the next few months. Watch for a link to a sign-up list to have her take your photo. Single adults and families without young children at home may choose to use their photo from our 2022 directory. If you don't remember what your photo looked like in the last directory, a link will be sent for you to view the directory online.

PLEASE KEEP OUR BIBLE BOWL TEAM and their leaders in your prayers as they prepare to compete at the Diocesan Parish Life Conference in Tucson, Arizona on the weekend of July 5th. Pray for their safe travels and for a blessed time at the conference.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

- 6/24 Dn. Gary & Melissa Braun
- 6/25 Scott & Terri Speier

Birthdays

- 6/23 Wesley Brave Speier
- 6/24 Rebecca Beech
- 6/24 Subdn. Michael Easbey
- 6/26 Ryder Heiduk, Dn. Scott Jacobs
- 6/29 Dorian Easbey, Laurel Fryer

Patronal Feast Days

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| 6/27 | St. Joanna the Myrrh-bearer | Joanne Gish, Kh. Jan Speier |
| 6/29 | The Apostle Paul | Josh Dillon, Paulo Carralejo |
| 6/29 | The Apostle Peter | Peter Braun, Stan Friesen, Peter Speier |

THIS MORNING FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST, the children who participate each week in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, (Level III) once again, offer all of us the opportunity to pray to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

You are invited to light a candle and pray to receive one of seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Might, Knowledge, Fear of the Lord, or Delight. When you have chosen the gift which you will pray to receive in the coming year, the children will give you a beautiful handmade card to put on your home altar as a reminder.

A big thank you to Jane Meyer and the LIII children for preparing our Pentecost Celebration.

Also, many thanks to all of our Catechists (Joanne Gish, Cheryl Fisher, Jane Meyer) and their assistants (Dorothy Alexander, Liz Hoppe, Teri Palmer & Naomi Siragusa) for their faithful work with our children this year!



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
Abp. Benjamin
Fr. Mathias in Tanzania (OCMC)
Fr. Jon B.
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.
Fr. Nicholas & Jan
Fr. Turbo & St. Mary parish
Fr. Paul and St. Moses parish
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family in Albania (OCMC)
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.
Temmo K.
Sarah B..
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Kevin D. & Family
Erik L.
Matthew
Wade
Amanda Catherine
Darcy
Penny B.
Nancy & Patrick G.
Audry D.
Kh. Peggy K.
Laura & Jeff & Family
Amanda, Chris & Baby James
Benny & Michelle M.
Evonne C. and Family
Kh. Janet Henderson
Stephanie Maly
Nikolov Family

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.

OUR CATECHUMENS:
Karti Adimulam
Kevin Duke
Isaak Lau
Matthew, Ashley and Ryan McCauley
Brennan Pawley
Ethan Salcedo
Logan Strait

For repose of the souls of: Fr. James B., Fr. Basil C.

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of our building. The tables and two enclosed cabinets contain 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. **You can contact Terri at: bookstore@stathanasius.org.**

Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in the 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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 23—PENTECOST

9:00 a.m. Matins of Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Kneeling Prayers
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Ed. (Bible Bowl Study)
12:00 p.m. "GREEN" POTLUCK

SUMMER SCHOOL CONTINUES THIS WEEK

8:45 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

FAST-FREE WEEK

Monday, June 24—Nativity of St. John the Baptist

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins
4:45 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom

Tuesday, June 25

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, June 26

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry
5:30 p.m. Akathist

Thursday, June 27

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. Choir Rehearsal

NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, June 28

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins with a priest
5:30 p.m. **FAMILY NIGHT BBQ for**
End of Summer School & PENTECOST
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Saturday, June 29—Feast of SS. Peter & Paul

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for SS. Peter & Paul
5:30 p.m. Great Vespers of Pentecost/Confessions

Sunday, June 30

9:00 a.m. Matins of Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Kneeling Prayers
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Ed. (Bible Bowl Study)
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

June 23	Jacobs
June 30	Kern
July 7	Dillon
July 14	Fr. Nicholas

READERS

June 23	Gish
June 29	Lange (Morning liturgy)
June 29	Alexander (Vespers)
June 30	Meyer
July 6	Meyer (Vespers)
July 7	Butler
July 13	Alexander (Vespers)
July 14	Gish

GREETERS

June 23	K.P. King
June 30	M. Loulias
July 7	L. Baker
July 14	H. Lange

USHERS

June 23	D. Washburn/K.L. King
June 30	M. Loulias/D. Alexander
July 7	P. King, J. King
July 14	S. Speier/C. Speier

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

June 23	PENTECOST "GREEN" POTLUCK
June 30	Team Speier
July 7	Team Halsell
July 14	Team Worthington

the
Dn. HOWARD SHANNON

GOLF

-Tournament-



SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 13TH 2024

DINNER & AUCTION

GLEN ANNIE GOLF CLUB

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