

St. Athanasius Antiochian Orthodox Church

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

August 4, 2024 Tone 5 / Eothinon 6; Sixth Sunday after Pentecost & Sixth Sunday of Matthew

The Holy Seven Sleeping Youths of Ephesus; Recovery of the Relics of Martyr Eudokia of Persia



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

GREAT LITANY

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.

We sing the following hymns of the day after The Little Entrance:

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation.

For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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 Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Tone 7

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, and Your disciples saw Your glory as far as they were able, so that when they saw You crucified, they might know that You suffered voluntarily, and might proclaim to the world that You are truly the radiance of the Father.

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN

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 5

Thou O Lord shall keep us and preserve us from this generation forever. (*Ps 11/12:7*) **Verse:** Save me O Lord, for there is now no saint. (*Ps 11/12:1*)

EPISTLE READING Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel

Tone 5

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth

I will make known Thy faithfulness to all generations. (Ps 88/89:1)

Verse: For Thou hast said: "Mercy shall be built up forever;

In the heavens shall Thy truth be established." (Ps 88/89:2)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

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!

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.**



BUILDING UPDATE

This year is our 13th annual event!
We are truly blessed for the years you have donated to our building fund and the accomplishments we have made. Funds raised over the last few years have gone to completing the fellowship hall, classrooms for the children, finishing our kitchen, and patio.
This year, our work will focus on raising money for our

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On. Howard Shannon's dream was to see the project through to completion. Together we can fulfill his dream and support the church.

IMPORTANT INFO

SPACE IS LIMITED!

We sold out last year and expect to do the same this year
Reservations are not confirmed until
FULL PAYMENT is received.

SPONSORSHIP ART & LOGOS

All sponsor art must be received by August 25th Any art received after the 25th is not guaranteed for print

DINNER & AUCTION

The dinner is an ADULT ONLY event
Please no children under the age of 18
No tickets will be sold at the door
All tickets must be purchased by Sept. 8th
Including confirming all dinner guests names

GOLF

If you have a Junior Golfer that plays on a High School or Club Team that wants to participate, please contact us!

We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions, please reach out to our committee at

golf@stathanasius.org

FOR MORE INFO VISIT www.stathanasius.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOMORROW (Monday, August 5th) WE WILL CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD with Festal Matins at 5:30 p.m. and Festal Divine Liturgy at approximately 6:30 p.m.

THIS TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY WE WILL PRAY THE PARAKLESIS to the Theotokos at 5:30 p.m. as part of our participation in the Dormition Fast.

THE MONTHLY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF ST. JOHN <u>FIRESIDE GATHERING</u> will move from Mondays to Thursdays beginning this month on **Thursday**, **August 15th at 7 p.m.** at the home of Jason and Melissa Wayne.

ST. INNOCENT ORPHANAGE'S School Buddies program needs supplies for the upcoming school year. They have registered for a wide variety of supplies on Amazon. If you would like to help, it is very easy to make a gift of school supplies through their Gift List here: https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/B3PYKNUBO8FN

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.

UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Monday, August 5 5:30 p.m. Festal Matins

6:15 p.m. Festal Liturgy

THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Wednesday, August 14 5:30 p.m. Festal Vespers/Lamentations

6:30 p.m. Festal Liturgy

THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Sat./Sun. Sept. 7-8 Regular weekend service times

THE FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

Saturday, September 14 9am Festal Matins/10am Festal Liturgy

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, August 22nd at 6:00 p.m. (Daily Vespers at 5:30 p.m.) END-OF-SUMMER FAMILY NIGHT Pizza, Salad, Ice-cream, Music, FUN!

FINANCIAL UPDATE June 2023

Actual Income Budget Goal

Tithes received in June \$ 47,681 \$ 57,417 (includes mortgage of \$ 20,555)
Tithes received Jan.-June \$ 323,818 \$ \$344,502 (includes mortgage of \$123,330)

June Temple donations \$ 4,885 Jan.-June Temple donations \$ 31,427

Total expenses Jan– June \$405,330 (includes \$11,921 off-budget expenses for

tree removal & trimming, patio umbrellas)

Total income Jan. – June \$ 389,454

DEFICIT for first 6 months \$ 15,876

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

- 8/4 Lauren Rascon
- 8/7 Howard Lange
- 8/8 Oliver Palmer, Steve Thomas
- 8/9 Craig Speier, Scott Speier, Verne Gish

Patronal Feast Days

8/7 St. Theodora of Silha Adora Wayne 8/9 St. Herman of Alaska Verne Gish

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.

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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

Wade

Amanda Catherine

Penny B. Kh. Peggy K.

Amanda, Chris & Baby James

Benny & Michelle M.

Chala Family Kh. Janet Henderson Stephanie Maly Nikolov Family Michael Audrey D.

Eric J. Jason T. Michael J.

Bruce Monica 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 Logan Strait Ethan Salcedo Logan Strait

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

********************************** 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 MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 4

9:00 a.m. Matins 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Agape Meal 11:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 12:15 p.m.

Monday, August 5

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins 4:45 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom 5:30 p.m. Festal Matins for Transfiguration Festal Liturgy for Transfiguration 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 6—Feast of the Transfiguration NO VESPERS

Wednesday, August 7

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins 12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry at the church 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis

Thursday, August 8

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom 10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing 5:30 p.m. **Paraklesis** 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Friday, August 9 7:00 a.m. Daily Matins (with priest)

Saturday, August 10

Great Vespers/Confessions 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 11

9:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 11:45 a.m. Agape Meal

EUCHARIST BREAD

August 4	Kern
August 11	Chala
August 14	Hoppe (Dormition—Wed.)
August 18	Dillon
August 25	Fr. Nicholas

READERS

August 4	Kern
August 5	Gish
August 11	Alexander
August 14	Gish (Dormition—Wed.)
August 18	Lange

Meyer

GREETERS

August 25

August 4	M. Loulias
August 11	L. Baker
August 18	H. Lange
August 25	G. Hoppe

USHERS

August 4	P. King/J. King
August 11	S. Speier/C. Speier
August 18	D. Meyer/D. Washburn
August 25	D. Alexander/K.L. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

August 4	Team Lander
August 11	Kawahara
August 18	Team King
August 25	END-OF-SUMMER POTLUCK



SPONSORS & TICKETS

All golfers receive Lunch, Dinner, & Entry into Putting Contest PLEASE REGISTER BY Sept 8, 2024 www.stathanasius.org

CORPORATE SPONSOR:

\$10,000

Premier advertising throughout tournament, special recognition at the dinner, 4 golfers and a reserved table for 10 for dinner

DIAMOND SPONSOR:

\$5,000

Advertising at tournament, 4 golfers (includes dinner) & 4 additional dinner quests

PLATINUM SPONSOR:

\$2.500

Advertising at tournament, 2 golfers (includes dinner) & 2 additional dinner quests

GOLD SPONSOR:

\$1,000

Shared advertising at a hole Includes I golfer & I additional dinner quest

SILVER SPONSOR:

\$500

Shared advertising at a hole - Includes 2 dinner guests

FOURSOME:

\$750

Includes lunch and dinner

SINGLE GOLFER:

\$195

Includes lunch and dinner

DINNER ONLY:

Early Bird Pricing \$85

Dinner, auction, music & fun!

Pricing after Sept. 1st \$100

DAY OF EVENTS

10AM REGISTRATION

Check in, grab lunch and buy some mulligans! Entry into the putting contest is Free!

Sign up for other contests during registration Hole in one, Closest to the pin, Longest Drive Prizes for both Men & Women!

11:30AM PUTTING CONTEST

Qualify to win \$2500 before the tournament! Qualifications end at 11:00!

12PM SHOTGUN START

Take a swing and play from the best ball!

5PM DINNER & AUCTION

Dinner, Music, Drinks and Silent Auction!