



## 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

August 11, 2024

Tone 6 / Eothinon 7

### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost & Seventh Sunday of Matthew

After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ  
Martyr and Archdeacon Euplos of Catania in Sicily;  
Niphon, Patriarch of Constantinople;  
New-martyrs Anastasios and Demetrios of Lesbos



## 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 for the Feast of Transfiguration with Refrain**

Vs. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

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

Vs. Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth. (*Refrain*)

Vs. Glory...now & ever...Amen. (*Refrain*)

**SECOND ANTIPHON—Psalm verses for the Feast of Transfiguration with Refrain**

Vs. His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

**Refrain: O Son of God, transfigured on Mount Tabor, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!**

Vs. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. (*Refrain*)

Vs. Zion is our mother, a man shall say, and such a man was born in her; and the Most High Himself hath established her. (*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—Verses with Troparion Refrain for the Feast**

Vs. Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. (Ps. 88:2)

#### **Refrain:**

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,  
revealing Your glory to Your disciples, as far as they could bear it.  
Let your everlasting light  
shine upon us sinners,  
through the prayers of the Theotokos.  
Glory to You, O Giver of light!

Vs. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. (Refrain)

Vs. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long. (Refrain)

### **AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection**

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.

**Tone 6**

#### **Troparion of Transfiguration**

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,  
revealing Your glory to Your disciples, as far as they could bear it.  
Let your everlasting light  
shine upon us sinners,  
through the prayers of the Theotokos.  
Glory to You, O Giver of light!

**Tone 7 (Carpatho-Russian)**

**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 (Prokeimenon)****Tone 6**

O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. *(PS 27/28:9)*

**Verse:** *To Thee will I cry, O Lord, O my God, do not be silent unto me. (PS 27/28:1)*

**EPISTLE READING****Romans 15:1-7**

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good for his edification. For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

## Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel

Tone 6

**Chanter:** Alleluia, 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

### Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

## 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.**

### **Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God**

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!  
Your birthgiving was incorruptible!  
God came from your body,  
and appeared on earth in the flesh,  
dwelling among mankind.  
Therefore we magnify you, O Theotokos!

### **Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps 148:1)*  
O Lord, we shall walk in the light of Your face, and rejoice in Your name all the day.  
*(Ps 88/89:15b)*

### **Thank you for your prayers & financial support!**

Our Project Mexico mission team returned this past Monday from a week at St. Innocent Orphanage in Mexico. They built a house for a Mexican family, spent some time with the boys at the orphanage, and worshipped and worked alongside other Orthodox Christians who were also there to build a house.



**THE ENTIRE GROUP WHO BUILT THE HOUSE**



**OUR TEAM from left to right:  
Zac Wood, Jim Morrison, Fr. Symeon Halsell,  
Paul Carr, Niko Halsell, Nikolay Nikolov)**



## 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](mailto:golf@stathanasius.org)

FOR MORE INFO VISIT  
[www.stathanasius.org](http://www.stathanasius.org)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY AT THE END OF THE LITURGY WE WILL PRAY THE TRISAGION** for Evonne Chala (40 days) and her deceased family members and also for Deacon Edward Fryer (25 years). Next Sunday, August 18th, we will pray Trisagion Prayers for Dn. Richard Easbey and Eric Mario Hansen.

**THIS TUESDAY EVENING AT 5:30 p.m., we will pray the Parklesis** to the Theotokos as part of our observance of the Dormition Fast and in preparation for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

**THIS WEDNESDAY we will celebrate the Feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos** with Great Vespers & Lamentations at 5:30 p.m. and Divine Liturgy at approximately 6:30 p.m.

**THE MONTHLY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF ST. JOHN FIRESIDE GATHERING** will move from Mondays to Thursdays beginning this **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>

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

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

- 8/12 Glenn & Liz Hoppe
- 8/12 Craig & Jennifer Speier
- 8/16 Doug & Kristi King

#### **Birthdays**

- 8/11 Phyllis Morrison
- 8/12 Joshua Dillon
- 8/13 David Dillon, Ashley McCauley
- 8/17 Susan Barre
- 8/17 Salem Vander Laan

#### **Patronal Feast Days**

- 8/15 **The Theotokos: Feast of the Dormition**  
Jessica Berari, Ginny Braun, Dorian Easbey, June Easbey, Elsa Fryer,  
Kh. Cayce-Marie Halsell, Doug King, Phyllis Morrison,  
Renley Marie Rascon, Nora Schumacher



**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**

	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Budget Goal</u>
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	
<b>Balance in Temple Fund June 30, 2024</b>		<b>\$738,065</b>
Total expenses Jan- June	\$ 406,359	(includes \$11,921 off-budget expenses for tree removal/trimming & patio umbrellas)
Total income Jan.- June	\$ 381,018	
<b>DEFICIT for first 6 months: \$ 25,341</b>		(This includes an unexpected extra \$10,000 in salaries due to a change in the pay cycle, mandated by State of CA. Not an actual added expense, just a reporting issue for this fiscal year.)

**UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES**

**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

**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  
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  
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.

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\* **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 ti- \*  
\* tle. Children’s books are on the bottom shelf. See Terri Speier if you are looking for jew- \*  
\* elry such as a cross or chain. **You can contact Terri at: [bookstore@stathanasius.org](mailto: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.** \*  
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## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, August 11

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Trisagion Prayers for  
Evonne Chala & Family Members  
and Dn. Edward Fryer  
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal  
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Monday, August 12

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

### Tuesday, August 13

5:30 p.m. Paraklesis to the Theotokos

### Wednesday, August 14

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins  
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry at the church  
5:30 p.m. Vespers & Lamentations for Feast of the  
Dormition of the Theotokos  
6:30 p.m. Festal Divine Liturgy

### Thursday, August 15

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  
7:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship of St. John  
Fireside Gathering at Wayne Residence

### Friday, August 16

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins (with priest)

### Saturday, August 17

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

### Sunday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Trisagion for  
Dn. Richard Easbey, & Eric Hansen  
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

### EUCCHARIST BREAD

August 11 Chala  
August 14 Dillon (Dormition—Wed.)  
August 18 Hoppe  
August 25 Morrison  
September 1 Fr. Nicholas

### READERS

August 11 Alexander  
August 14 Gish (Dormition—Wed.)  
August 18 Lange  
August 25 Meyer  
September 1 Butler

### GREETERS

August 11 L. Baker  
August 18 H. Lange  
August 25 G. Hoppe  
September 1 K.P. King

### USHERS

August 11 S. Speier/C. Speier  
August 18 D. Meyer/D. Washburn  
August 25 D. Alexander/K.L. King  
September 1 P. King/J. King

### AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

August 11 Kawahara  
August 18 Team King

August 25 **END-OF-SUMMER POTLUCK**  
September 1 TBA

*the*  
Dr HOWARD SHANNON

# GOLF

*-Tournament-*

## SPONSORS & TICKETS

All golfers receive Lunch, Dinner, & Entry into Putting Contest

PLEASE REGISTER BY Sept 8, 2024

[www.stathanasius.org](http://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 guests

### **PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$2,500**

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

### **GOLD SPONSOR: \$1,000**

Shared advertising at a hole  
Includes 1 golfer & 1 additional dinner guest

### **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: \$85**

Dinner, auction, music & fun!

Early Bird Pricing

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!