



## 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 18, 2024

Tone 7 / Eothinon 8

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
& Eighth Sunday of Matthew**

After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos  
Martyrs Floros and Lauros of Illyria;  
Venerable Sophronios of St. Anne Skete on Athos



## 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 verses for the Feast of Dormition with refrain:**

- Vs. Shout with joy to God, all the earth, give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name. Declare His works among the nations.  
**Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**
- Vs. In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion. **[Refrain]**
- Vs. Glory to the Father & to the Son & to the Holy Spirit, now & ever...Amen. **[Refrain]**

**Second Antiphon verses for the Feast of the Dormition & refrain**

- Vs. The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob.  
**Refrain: O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee:  
Alleluia!**
- Vs. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. **[Refrain]**
- Vs. God hath laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people. The most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle. **[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 wast 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.* Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory.

**Troparion for the Feast of the Dormition Tone 1**

In thy birthgiving, O Theotokos,  
Thou didst keep and preserve virginity,  
And in thy falling asleep thou hast not forsaken the world;  
For thou wast translated into life,  
Being the Mother of Life.  
Wherefore, by Thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

*Vs.* What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? [**Refrain**]

*Vs.* I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. [**Refrain**]

**THE CLERGY WILL PROCESS TO THE  
BAPTISMAL FONT & SAY THE PRAYERS AT THE FONT QUIETLY  
AS WE SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

**Troparion of the Resurrection**

**Tone 7**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross;  
Thou didst open paradise to the thief;  
Thou didst turn the sadness of the  
ointment bearing women into joy,  
and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim  
a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ,  
granting the world the great mercy.

**Troparion for the Feast of the Dormition**

**Tone 1**

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.  
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.  
You were translated to life, O Mother of Life,  
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

**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 of Dormition****Tone 2**

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,  
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.  
For being the Mother of Life, //  
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

**BAPTISM OF  
JOSIAH PETER MACDONALD**

**As the clergy, godparents, newly baptized and parents process around the font, the choir  
sing the ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN:**

*As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, Alleluia (3 times)  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Deacon: "With strength!"**  
*...have put on Christ, Alleluia.*

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

**Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle****Tone 7**

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Vs: Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

**EPISTLE READING for the 8th Sunday after Pentecost  
I Corinthians 1:10-17**

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

**Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel**

**Tone 7**

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

**Verse:** It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High. **Alleluia...**

**Verse:** To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth in the night. **Alleluia...**

**GOSPEL READING for 8th Sunday of Matthew**  
**Matthew 14:14-22**

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

**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.**

**Instead of “It is Truly Meet,” we sing the following Hymn to the Theotokos for the Feast of the Dormition. (From the 9th Ode of the Matins Canon)**

***Refrain:***

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

***Heirmos:***

The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin:  
for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death;  
a virgin after childbearing and alive after death,  
you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

**Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heaven, praise Him in the highest.

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (*Ps 115/116:13*)

**UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES**

**LITURGICAL NEW YEAR**

Sat/Sun Aug 31-Sept 1      Regular weekend service times

**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

**JOIN US FOR AN  
END-OF-SUMMER FAMILY NIGHT  
This Thursday, August 22nd at 6:00 p.m.**

**Pizza, Salad, Ice-cream, Music, FUN!**

# THE DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES AND THE WEST

## WELCOMES ITS NEW BISHOP

All Clergy and Laity of the Diocese are Invited  
To Help Receive Bishop Anthony Formally

### Tuesday, Sep. 3, 2024

7:00 pm Great Vespers, Artoklasia  
Bishop's Message  
Reception

### Wednesday, Sep. 4, 2024

9:30 am Matins  
10:30 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Reception  
Clergy Lunch and Meeting

### St. Nicholas Cathedral

2300 W. 3rd St. • Los Angeles, CA 90057



All events are free, but the favor  
of your reply will help us plan for  
the reception after Vespers.

Scan the QR code, above,  
or enter the following link:

<https://bit.ly/WelcomeBishop>

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MANY YEARS TO JOSIAH PETER MACDONALD, who will be baptized today during the Divine Liturgy.** Congratulations and many years to his parents, Adrienne and Andrew, and to god-parents, Deacon Rico and Sara Monge.

**TODAY AT THE END OF THE LITURGY WE WILL PRAY THE TRISAGION** for Dn. Richard Easbey and Eric Mario Hansen.

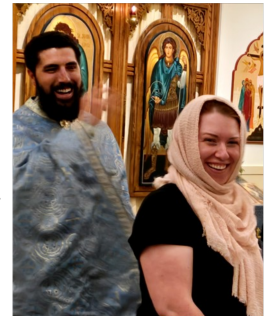
**ST. INNOCENT ORPHANAGE'S School Buddies program needs supplies for the upcoming school year.** They have registered for a wide variety of supplies on Amazon. If you would like to help, it is very easy to make a gift of school supplies through their Gift List here: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/B3PYKNUBO8FN>

**THIS SUMMER, WE WILL BE ASSEMBLING A NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY of all active parish members. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL PHOTOS BY AUGUST 31st.** 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](mailto:valerie@stathanasius.org). (Please, no selfies and no sunglasses.) Nataliya Tinyayeva will be available on several more Sundays this month after the liturgy if you still need to have a photo taken.

**FR. SYMEON AND A GROUP FROM OUR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF ST. JOHN** will be away this week on a pilgrimage to the Archangel Michael Monastery in New Mexico.

**FR. NICHOLAS AND JAN WILL BE ON VACATION** from now until August 27.

**WE WERE SAD TO SAY FAREWELL TO EMMA BOBRO this past Wednesday at the Feast of the Dormition.** She was baptized in our parish on Holy Saturday of 2023 and is relocating to Texas. May God protect and bless her and grant her many, many years!!



### CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

#### Wedding Anniversaries

8/19 Richard & Susan Barre

#### Birthdays

8/22 Emma Bobro, Laura Eberhard

8/23 Chris Robinson

#### Patronal Feast Days

8/20 Prophet Samuel

Bob Newsom





# Antiochian Charities

[www.childrenrelieffund.org](http://www.childrenrelieffund.org)  
email: [childrenrelieffund@gmail.com](mailto:childrenrelieffund@gmail.com)

*“Whoever receives one little child like this in my name receives me.” (Matthew 18:5)*

August 1, 2024

## ***TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PARISHIONERS***

For over forty years the Children’s Relief Fund has provided financial support to help defray the cost of education for children in Lebanon and Palestine. Requests for such support have increased significantly in recent years. As a result of dire circumstances in Lebanon, many parents have become unable to pay tuition to send their children to Orthodox Christian schools. Our Orthodox schools are at risk of closing, and consequently many of our children will now have to attend a public school or to discontinue their schooling altogether.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, we are seeking your help. We have approximately thirty Lebanese children from the Archdioceses of Beirut, Koura, Tripoli, and Zahle who need assistance to continue their education at an Orthodox Christian school this coming school year. The tuition cost per student varies from \$750 to \$1200 per school year, depending on the school and the student’s grade level.

Donated funds will be wired directly to the Orthodox school in the child’s name. The child and their family will receive a notice of your support, and you will receive contact information so that you can communicate directly with the child if you wish. Children receiving a tuition scholarship will not receive any other funding from the Children’s Relief Fund. Sponsorship in any amount will be appreciated.

School begins in a few weeks, so if you can help, please contact CFR Administrator Amy Stiffler at: [childrenrelieffund@gmail.com](mailto:childrenrelieffund@gmail.com).

**Children’s Relief Fund  
Scholarship Program**  
Antiochian Village  
140 Church Camp Trail  
Bolinvar, PA 15923

God bless you for your consideration of this urgent request.

In Christ’s work,

Amy Stiffler, CRF Administrator & Executive Director  
Anne Bourjaily Thomas, Charitable Outreach Chair

cc: His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

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**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  
Jake

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:**

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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

Fr. Symeon will be gone this week until Friday with some of the men of the parish on a pilgrimage to Archangel Michael Monastery in New Mexico.

Fr. Nicholas will be away until August 27th.

### Sunday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Baptism of Josiah Peter Macdonald and Trisagion for Dn. Richard Easbey & Eric Hansen  
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal

### Monday, August 19

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

### Tuesday, August 20

NO VESPERS

### Wednesday, August 21

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins  
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry at the church  
6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, August 22

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. **End-of-Summer Family BBQ**

### Friday, August 23

7:00 a.m. Daily Reader's Matins

### Saturday, August 24

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

### Sunday, August 24

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. **END-OF-SUMMER POTLUCK**

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

### EUCCHARIST BREAD

August 18	Hoppe
August 25	Morrison
September 1	Fr. Nicholas
September 8	Dn. Gary

### READERS

August 18	Lange
August 25	Meyer
September 1	Butler
September 7	Alexander (Vespers)
September 8	Gish

### GREETERS

August 18	H. Lange
August 25	G. Hoppe
September 1	K.P. King
September 8	M. Loulias

### USHERS

August 18	S. Speier/D. Washburn
August 25	D. Alexander/K.L. King
September 1	P. King/J. King
September 8	S. Speier/C. Speier

### AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

August 18	Team King
August 25	<b>END-OF-SUMMER POTLUCK</b>
September 1	Team Speier
September 8	Team Halsell



## SPONSORS & TICKETS

All golfers receive Lunch, Dinner, & Entry into Putting Contest  
 PLEASE REGISTER BY Sept 8, 2024  
[www.stathanasius.org](http://www.stathanasius.org)

<b>CORPORATE SPONSOR:</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
Premier advertising throughout tournament, special recognition at the dinner, 4 golfers and a reserved table for 10 for dinner	
<b>DIAMOND SPONSOR:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Advertising at tournament, 4 golfers (includes dinner) & 4 additional dinner guests	
<b>PLATINUM SPONSOR:</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
Advertising at tournament, 2 golfers (includes dinner) & 2 additional dinner guests	
<b>GOLD SPONSOR:</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Shared advertising at a hole Includes 1 golfer & 1 additional dinner guest	
<b>SILVER SPONSOR:</b>	<b>\$500</b>
Shared advertising at a hole - Includes 2 dinner guests	
<b>FOURSOME:</b>	<b>\$750</b>
Includes lunch and dinner	
<b>SINGLE GOLFER:</b>	<b>\$195</b>
Includes lunch and dinner	
<b>DINNER ONLY:</b>	<b>\$85</b>
Dinner, auction, music & fun!	Early Bird Pricing
	Pricing after Sept. 1st
	<b>\$100</b>

## 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 & LOGO's

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  
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