



## ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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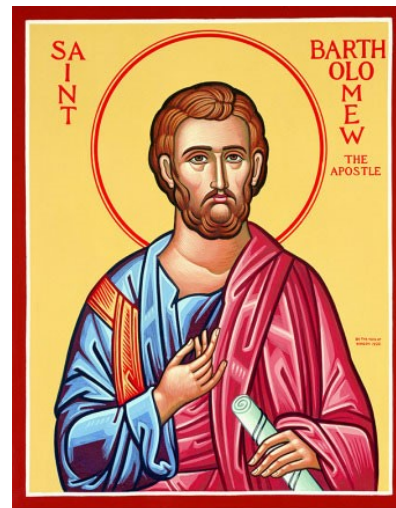
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## DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

August 25, 2024

**Tone 8 / Eothinon 9; Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
& Ninth Sunday of Matthew**

Return of the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew;  
The Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy



## 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.

**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 for the Apostles Bartholomew & Titus**

**Tone 3**

Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Titus,  
entreat the merciful God, //  
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

**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 Nativity of the Theotokos**

**Tone 4**

By your nativity, most pure Virgin,  
Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness,  
Adam and Eve from the corruption of death.  
And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to You:  
“The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.”

### **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 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**

#### **I Corinthians 3:9-17**

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

### **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 Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

### 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!

### 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.**



## THE CLOCK IS TICKING!

Only 3 weeks to the  
**HOWARD SHANNON GOLF  
TOURNAMENT!**  
Friday, September 13, 2024

- **Silent auction items are due TODAY!**  
Can you donate an item or solicit a donation from a local vendor, business owner, restaurant or service provider? We hope every parishioner will make an effort to bring in at least one auction item. Please give auction items to Terri Speier. (She is usually in the Bookstore on Sundays after the Liturgy. If you cannot find her, give items to Fr. Symeon or Valerie.)
- **The price for the dinner increases from \$85 to \$100 on September 1st.**  
Consider purchasing your tickets by next weekend, if you have not done so already.
- The **deadline** for ALL reservations is **September 8th**, including golf and dinner.

Please consider supporting out once-a-year fundraiser in one or more of the following ways:

- Become a sponsor and/or secure a corporate sponsor.
- Consider supporting Fr. Nicholas' Hole #10 Fundraiser or the Dn. Richard Easbey Putting Context
- Support the auction by seeking or providing auction items.
- Sign up to golf. Bring a team! **(Sept. 8 deadline. We sold out last year.)**
- Attend the dinner and auction. **(Sept. 8 deadline.)**

**For more details and to donate or register, go to:**  
<https://www.stathanasius.org/events/2024-golf-tournament/>

# 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

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

ST BARBARA MONASTERY is hosting its Monastery Friends Gathering TODAY at 4pm. Fr. John Tomasi will speak on “Watching over our thoughts to prevent sin.” Vespers and a potluck supper will follow the presentation.

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.)

### CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

#### Wedding Anniversaries

8/26 John & Marleynna Worthington  
8/30 Nikolay & Velislava Nikolov  
8/30 Lucas & Lauren Rascon

#### Birthdays

8/27 Ken Gomez  
8/28 Lara Jacobs  
8/29 Elsa Fryer  
8/30 Mitch Denny, Kh. Jan Speier  
8/31 Peggy King

#### Patronal Feast Days

8/26	St. Adrian of Nicomedia	Adrian Berari
8/26	St. Natalia of Nicomedia	Nataliya Tinyayeva
8/26	St. Moses the Ethiopian	Paul Carr
8/30	St. Sabina the Martyr	Sabina Shackelford
8/30	St. Theodora of Salonica	Jody Wallace



## **FALL 2024 ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES**

**On Saturdays from 3-5 p.m.**

September 28 - Session 1

“The Life in Christ by Faith: The Trinity, Apostolic Tradition, and Scripture”

October 5 - Session 2

“A Life of Repentance and Holiness”

October 19 - Session 3

“The Realm of Redemption: The Church and Its Sacraments”

November 2 - Session 4

“Seeing and Living in the Beauty, Truth and Wisdom of God”

November 9 - Session 5

“The Age to Come: The Second Coming, the Saints”

## **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

**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. Nicholas is away until August 27th.**

### Sunday, August 25

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

### Monday, August 26

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

### Tuesday, August 27

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

### Wednesday, August 28

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

### Thursday, August 29

#### **BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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

### Friday, August 30

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

### Saturday, August 31

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

### Sunday, September 1

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Agape Meal

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

### EUCCHARIST BREAD

August 25 Morrison  
September 1 Fr. Nicholas  
September 8 Dn. Gary  
September 15 Jacobs

### READERS

August 25 Meyer  
September 1 Butler  
September 7 Alexander (Vespers)  
September 8 Gish  
September 14 Lange  
September 15 Meyer

### GREETERS

August 25 G. Hoppe  
September 1 K.P. King  
September 8 M. Loulias  
September 15 L. Baker

### USHERS

August 25 D. Alexander/K.L. King  
September 1 P. King/J. King  
September 8 S. Speier/C. Speier  
September 15 D. Meyer/D. Washburn

### AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

August 25 **END-OF-SUMMER POTLUCK**  
September 1 Team Speier  
September 8 Team Halsell  
September 15 Team Worthington



## 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 & 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**  
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