



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Tone 4 / Eothinon 7

Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those with her;
Martyr Peter Absalom of Palestine



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**

THE GREAT LITANY

First Antiphon—Psalm Verses for the Feast of Theophany with Refrain

Verse: When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

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

Verse: The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back. What ails you, o sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? [refrain]

Verse: Glory....now and ever... [refrain]

Second Antiphon— Psalm Verses for the Feast of Theophany with Refrain

Verse: I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.
Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

**Refrain: O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee,
Alleluia!**

Verse: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me.
I suffered distress and anguish, then I called on the name of the Lord. [refrain]

Verse: Gracious and righteous is the Lord, and our God is merciful. [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—Psalm Verses with Troparion for Theophany as refrain

Verse: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, For His mercy endures forever!

**Refrain: When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,
worship of the Trinity was made manifest!
For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,
calling You his beloved Son.
And the Spirit, in the likeness of a dove
confirmed the truth of His Word.
Christ our God, Who has appeared
and enlightened the world,
glory to You!**

Verse: Let the house of Israel say: for He is good,
For His mercy endures forever! [refrain]

Verse: Let the house of Aaron say: for He is good,
For His mercy endures forever! [refrain]

**We sing the following hymns as the clergy enter the altar
during the Little Entrance:**

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message
of the Resurrection from the angel,
the women disciples of the Lord cast from them
their parental condemnation,
and proudly broke the news to the disciples
saying death has been spoiled.
Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion of Theophany

Tone 1

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,
worship of the Trinity was made manifest!
For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,
calling You his beloved Son.
And the Spirit, in the likeness of a dove
confirmed the truth of His Word.
Christ our God, Who has appeared and enlightened the world,
Glory to You!

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.

Kontakian of Theophany**Tone 4**

Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord,
and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us.
Knowing You, we sing Your praises:
“You have come and revealed Yourself, //
O unapproachable Light.”

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 4**

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works, in wisdom Thou hast made them all. (*Ps 103/104:24*)
Vs. Bless the Lord O my soul, O Lord my God, Thou art very great.

EPISTLE READING**Ephesians 4:7-13**

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel**Tone 4**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Verse: Draw Thy bow and prosper and reign, in the cause of truth, meekness,
and righteousness. (*Ps 44/45:5*)

Verse: Thou hast loved righteousness and hated wickedness. (*Ps 44/45:8*)

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Meglynarion for the Feast of Epiphany (Hymn to the Mother of God)

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos,
more honorable than the heavenly hosts!
No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos;
even Angels are overcome with awe praising you.
But since you are good, accept our faith;
for you know our love inspired by God!
You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps. 148:1*)
The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all. (*Ps. 118/119*)

**AFTER THE DISMISSAL, WE WILL FOLLOW THE CLERGY IN
PROCESSION OUT TO THE PARKING LOT TO BLESS THE VEHICLES.**

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, fasting, 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WILL BLESS ALL OF THE VEHICLES IN THE PARKING LOT TODAY at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

THE YOUNG ADULTS WILL GATHER TODAY at 5:00 p.m. at the Carr Residence.

MEN'S FIRESIDE GATHERING will be this Thursday, Jan. 16th at 7pm at the Wayne Residence.

ADULT CATECHISM BEGAN THIS WEEKEND and continues for the next 4 weeks on Saturdays from 3-5 p.m.

WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR PATRONAL FEAST DAY next Saturday, January 18th, beginning with Matins at 9:00 a.m. followed by Divine Liturgy at approximately 10:00 a.m. The services will be followed by an Agape Meal and Chili Cookoff. To sign up to enter the Chili Cookoff, go to: <https://bit.ly/ChiliCookoff2025> If you have questions, see Kh. Cayce-Marie Halsell.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025—LENTEN SEMINAR taught by Fr. John Finley—"The Inner Heaven of Man: Healing of the Mind, Heart, and Will according to St. Nikolai of Zica."

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION: HELP THE CHURCH TO BREAK EVEN...

- If your family is not on one of our Agape Meal teams, please consider contributing weekly or monthly at the meal to help us cover the costs of supplies. (coffee, creamer, juice, paper goods) If everyone who partakes were to put in \$1 per week, we would cover our costs.
- The cost of bee's wax candles has increased significantly in the past year. Please consider making a donation in the separate donation box for candles whenever you light one. **THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!**

UPCOMING FEASTS

Feast of St. Athanasius the Great & St. Cyril — Saturday, Jan. 18

- Matins 9:00 a.m.
- Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
- Followed by Agape Meal and Chili Cookoff/Brunch

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

- Saturday, Feb. 1 -- Great Vespers at 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 2 — Festal Matins/Liturgy at 9:00/10:00 a.m.

ADULT CATECHISM SCHEDULE

WINTER 2025

Saturdays from 3-5 p.m.

January 18 - Session 2

“A Life of Repentance and Holiness”

January 25 - Session 3

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

February 1 - Session 4

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

February 8 - Session 5

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

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1/14 Jesse & Ashleah Speier, David & Kate Vander Laan
- 1/15 John & Elizabeth Heiduk

Birthdays

- 1/14 Viktoria Hedges, Sabina Shackelford
- 1/15 Jesse Palmer
- 1/17 Ethan Salcedo
- 1/18 Camila Aviles

Patron Saint Commemorations

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| 1/12 | St. Tatiana the Martyr | Atalya Wayne |
| 1/14 | St. Mungo/Kentigern | Kent Fox |
| 1/17 | St. Anthony the Great | Beau Brunner, Lincoln Brunner |
| 1/18 | St. Cyril of Alexandria | Owen J. Finley |

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you are an **ACTIVE parish household or a CATECHUMEN**, you can pick up a copy of the photo directory compiled this past fall. The directories are in alphabetical order in a box right outside Fr. Symeon’s office. If you are not yet an active (communing) member or catechumen, you can ask Fr. Symeon for a copy of the directory. The online version of the directory can be accessed at: <https://www.stathanasius.org/resources/downloads-resources/photo-directory/>

THE NATIVITY SEASON

The "TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" between Nativity & Theophany



NATIVITY SERVICES Dec. 24, 2024



THEOPHANY SERVICES & CHRISMATIONS Jan. 5, 2025





FAMILY NIGHT JAN. 3, 2025



OUTDOOR BLESSING OF THE WATER Jan. 5, 2025



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. Gabriel in Kenya (OCMC)
Fr. Jon B.
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.
Fr. Nicholas & Jan
Fr. Turbo & St. Mary parish
Fr. Paul and St. Moses parish
Hieromonk Siloan
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)
Julianna & Zaron D. (military)
P. Speier (military)

Subdn. Matthew & Christina
Steve T.
Temmo K.
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Wade
Kh. Peggy K.
Amanda, Chris & Baby James
Kh. Janet Henderson
Phyllis M.
Marta C.
Sonia T.
Jon R.
Penny B.
Eden Rose
Suzanne S.
Jen H.
Randall B.
Michael

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
Gianpaul Caceres
Jacob Feinstein
Isaak Lau
Brennan Pawley
Diego Rangel
Ethan Salcedo
Logan Strait
Joshua Weiss

For repose of the souls of: Fr. Thomas F., Matushka Marie M., Craig W.

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, January 12

9:00 a.m. Matins & Catechesis
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and
**Blessing of Vehicles right after
 the Dismissal**
 11:30 a.m. Teen Education
 11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
 5:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering at Carr Residence

Monday, January 13

7:00 a.m. Daily Readers' Matins
 3:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom

Tuesday, January 14

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, January 15

7:00 a.m. Daily Readers' Matins
 11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry (in the chapel)
 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, January 16

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. Jr. High Youth Group
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 6:45 p.m. High School Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. Men's Fireside at Wayne Residence

Friday, January 17

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

Saturday, January 18

9:00 a.m. Matins for Feast of St. Athanasius
 10:00 a.m. Liturgy for Feast of St. Athanasius
 followed by Chili Cookoff
 3:00 p.m. Adult Catechism Session 2
 "A Life of Repentance"
 5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/ Confessions

Sunday, January 19

9:00 a.m. Matins & Catechesis
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
 11:30 a.m. Teen Education
 11:45 a.m. Agape Meal
 12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

January 12 Dillon
 January 19 Morrison
 January 26 Fr. Nicholas
 February 2 Meyer

READERS

January 12 Meyer
 January 18 Kern (St. Athanasius Liturgy)
 January 19 Gish
 January 26 Lange
 February 1 Alexander (Vespers)
 February 2 Butler

GREETERS

January 12 G. Hoppe/B. Eberhard
 January 19 K.P. King/L. Baker
 January 26 M. Wayne/K.L. King
 February 2 A.G. Butler/C. Clements

USHERS

January 12 K.L. King/D. Meyer
 January 19 M. Loulias/D. Washburn
 January 26 S. Speier/C. Speier
 February 2 P. King/J. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

January 12 McIntire (Ethiopian Cuisine)
 January 19 Team Worthington
 January 26 Team Aviles/Wood
 February 2 Team Wayne

UPCOMING WEEKDAY LITURGIES at 8:00 a.m.

January

Fri, Jan 24 St. Xenia of St. Petersburg, the fool for Christ
Tue, Jan 28 Righteous Ephraim and Isaac the Syrians
Fri, Jan 31 Cyrus & John the Unmercenaries

February

Tue, Feb 11 St. Theodora the Empress
Fri, Feb 14 Holy Father Auxentius of the Mountain
Thur, Feb 27 St. Ephraim of Katounakia

WEDNESDAYS at 5:30 p.m.

AKATHISTS

& PARAKLESES out in the field by the Cross

January 22 Akathist of St. John Maximovich in the Chapel
January 29 Akathist of St. Paisios of Athos in the Chapel
February 5 Paraklesis in the field outside by the cross
February 12 Akathist of St. Herman of Alaska in the Chapel
February 19 Paraklesis in the field outside by the cross
February 26 Akathist of St. John the Theologian in the Chapel

RESPONSES IN OTHER LANGUAGES

At the encouragement of His Eminence, Metropolitan Saba, during the Divine Liturgy Fr. Symeon is "giving the peace," in a variety of languages and the choir is responding to "Peace be to all," in the corresponding language with "And to thy spirit." These are the languages being rotated each week:

English	Peace be to all.	And to thy spirit.
Arabic	As-sa-la-mu li-ja- í-kum.	Wuh-li wou-ee-kah
Greek	E-ray-ney pasi.	Ke-to pnevmati-sou
Spanish	La paz sea con vosotros.	Y con tú espíritu
Slavonic	Mir fs'em	i so dukhom tw-oim
Romanian	Pace tuturor	Și duhului tău.