

ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, February 2, 2025 Tone 7 / Eothinon 10 Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord Jesus Christ



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.

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THE GREAT LITANY

FIRST ANTIPHON—For the Feast of the Presentation

(verse) My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king.

My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos,

O Savior, save us.

(verse) Grace hath been poured forth on Thy lips.

Wherefore God hath blessed Thee forever.

(verse) Glory...& Both now...

SECOND ANTIPHON—For the Feast of the Presentation

(verse) Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Mighty One, in Thy

comeliness and Thy beauty.

Refrain: O Son of God who was carried in the arms of Simeon the Righteous,

save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

(verse) Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.

(verse) Thine arrows are sharp, O Mighty One, sharp in the heart of the

enemies of the king. A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of

Thy kingdom.

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—For the Feast of the Presentation

(verse) Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear; and forget thine own people and thy father's house.

Refrain:

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!

From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,

enlightening those who sat in <u>darkness</u>. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous <u>Eld</u>er,

you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls,

Who grants us the Resurrection!

(verse) The rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. [Refrain]

(verse) I shall commemorate thy name in every generation. [Refrain]

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

Resurrectional Troparion

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 Presentation of Our Lord

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, who art full of grace; for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, a light to those who dwell in darkness.

Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Symeon, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, who grants us Resurrection.

Kontakion of The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

By Thy Na<u>tivi</u>ty, Thou didst sanctify the <u>Virgin</u>'s womb! And didst bless Simeon's hands, O <u>Christ</u> God. Now Thou hast come and saved <u>us</u> through love. Grant <u>peace</u> to all Orthodox <u>Christians</u>, O only <u>Lover</u> of Man!

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.

Tone 7

Tone 1

Tone 1

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon)

Tone 3

Chanter: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

People: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Vs. For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for, behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 7:7-17

Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel Tone 4

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Vs. Lord, now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.

Vs. A light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:22-40

In those days, the parents of Jesus brought Him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace,"

according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel." And His father and his mother marveled at what was said about Him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of Him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you! We faithful saw the figure in the shadow of the Law and the Scriptures: Every male child that opened the womb was holy to God! Therefore, we magnify the first-begotten Son of the unoriginated Father, the first-born Son of the unwedded Mother!

COMMUNION HYMNS

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

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 anti-doron (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

FR. SYMEON WILL BE AT THE DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT NEXT WEEK.

THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY EVENING PARAKLESIS THIS WEEK.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR SECOND ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF ON THE FEAST OF ST. ATHANASIUS! May God grant you many more years of chili cooking! And thanks to all who brought chili for the celebration.

First Place Jim Morrison
Second Place Melissa Wayne
Third Place Fr. John Finley

THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th from 3-5 p.m. will be the last session of Adult Catechism during this winter session. The topic will be: "The Age to Come: The Second Coming and the Saints"

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE RELIEF EFFORT FOR THE LOS ANGELES FIRE VICTIMS, our Archdiocese is asking that donations be made through FOCUS NORTH AMERICA. Online donations can be made here: https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2315

WE WILL HAVE AN ALL-PARISH MEETING on Sunday, February 16th after the Agape Meal. Please plan to stay for an update on our finances and Land Development planning.

FR. JUDE LEPINE FROM ST. BARBARA MONASTERY IN SANTA PAULA invites those interested to join him on a PILGRIMAGE TO ASIA MINOR, organized by Orthodox Tours. The tour is from September 22-October 4, 2025 and begins in Istanbul. The 12 days include visits to famous Orthodox Christian sites and cities, including Myra, Cappadocia, Ephesus, and the island of Patmos where St. John received his Revelation. Brochures about the tour are in the hallway, or information may be found at https://orthodoxtours.com/asia-minor-2025/.

WOMEN & GIRLS OF ALL AGES: SAVE THE DATE! Cannual Annunciation Tea

Saturday, March 29, 2025 2-4 p.m.



Guest speaker: Kh. Caryn Kruse, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor
"Self-care for Orthodox Christian Women: The Theotokos as our Role Model"
- When to say Yes and How to Say No -

Paraklesis Canon & Musical Presentations followed by Tea and Lenten Finger Foods on the Patio Proceeds benefit the Endowment for Widowed Clergy Wives.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

2/3 Oleh & Katty Moskalyk

Birthdays

- 1/27 Jeff Petersilia (He was left off last week. So sorry!!)
- 2/3 Velislava Nikolov
- 2/4 Megan Dillon, Hannah Sieck
- 2/5 Madison Eberhard, Galyna Tinyayeva
- 2/7 Stan Friesen

Patronal Feast Days

2/3 Anna the Prophetess Dorothy Alexander

2/3 St. Symeon the God-receiver Dana Alexander, Fr. Symeon Halsell

2/3 St. Oliver of Ancona Oliver Palmer

YEAR-END FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2024

Tithe Goal \$ 689,000 Total Tithes received \$ 676,964

 General Donations
 \$ 32,695

 Other income
 \$ 75,310

 Total income
 \$ 784,969

 Total expenses
 \$ 798,746

 Deficit
 (\$ 13,777)

Temple Fund Total Donations \$ 76,318 Golf Tournament Proceeds \$ 161,000

(\$141,000 earmarked for Temple Fund

and \$20,000 for Bookstore Shelving & Displays)

Balance in Temple Fund 12/31/24 \$ 936,504

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!

The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

Today the Church commemorates an important event in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple, the center of the nation's religious life. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple of God for forty days. At the end of this time the mother came to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb or pigeon to the Lord as a purification sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin, the Mother of God, had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity without defilement. However, she humbly fulfilled the requirements of the Law.

At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (February 3) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold the promised Messiah. By inspiration from above, St Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and St Joseph had brought the Infant Jesus to fulfill the Law.

The God-Receiver Simeon took the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). St Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35).

At the Temple was the 84-year-old widow Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel (February 3), "who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She arrived just when St Simeon met the divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem" (Luke 2:37-38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: "This Child has established Heaven and earth."

Before Christ was born, righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous people of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet the Savior in the Temple.

The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. We have sermons on the Feast by the holy bishops Methodius of Patara (+ 312), Cyril of Jerusalem (+ 360), Gregory the Theologian (+ 389), Amphilocius of Iconium (+ 394), Gregory of Nyssa (+ 400), and John Chrysostom (+ 407). Despite its early origin, this Feast was not celebrated so splendidly until the sixth century.

In 528, during the reign of Justinian, an earthquake killed many people in Antioch. Other misfortunes followed this one. In 541 a terrible plague broke out in Constantinople, carrying off several thousand people each day. During this time of widespread suffering, a solemn prayer service (Litia) for deliverence from evils was celebrated on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, and the plague ceased. In thanksgiving to God, the Church established a more solemn celebration of this Feast.

Church hymnographers have adorned this Feast with their hymns: St Andrew of Crete in the seventh century; St Cosmas Bishop of Maium, St John of Damascus, and St Germanus Patriarch of Constantinople in the eighth century; and St Joseph, Archbishop of Thessalonica in the ninth century.

The Inner Heaven of Man

A one-day Seminar on
The Healing of the Mind, Heart, and Will
according to St. Nikolai of Zica,
the Serbian saint who compiled the Prologue of Ohrid.



Presented by V. Rev. Fr. John Finley Saturday, March 15, 2025

St. Athanasius Antiochian Orthodox Church 300 Sumida Gardens Ln., Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Schedule

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the Departed (Soul Liturgy)

10:00 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. Session 1

11:30 a.m. Break

11:45 a.m. Session 2

1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:45 p.m. Session 3

3:00 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Great Vespers for Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

No registration charge. Please register by March 10, 2025 so that we know how many to plan for.

R.S.V.P. at: https://bit.ly/LentenSeminar2025

 $Free-will \ donations \ will \ be \ accepted \ at \ the \ seminar \ to \ St. \ Athanasius \ Orthodox \ Academy/St. \ Athanasius \ College$



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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. 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)

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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 Fr. Joseph A.

Subdn. Matthew & Christina

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.

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, February 2—PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

9:00 a.m. Festal Matins & Catechesis 10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy 11:30 a.m. Teen Education 11:45 a.m. Agape Meal

Fr. Symeon will be at the diocesan Clergy Retreat this week.

Monday, February 3

Righteous Simeon, Prophetess Anna 7:00 a.m. Daily Readers' Matins

3:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom

February 4

NO DAILY VESPERS

Wednesday, February 5

7:00 a.m. Daily Readers' Matins

11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry (in the chapel)

NO EVENING SERVICE

Thursday, February 6

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom 10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing Daily Vespers

6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 6:45 p.m. High School Youth Group

Friday, February 7 7:00 a.m. Matins

Saturday, February 8

3:00 p.m. Adult Catechism Session 4 "The Age to

Come: The Second Coming and the Saints"

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/ Confessions

Sunday, February 9

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

EUCHARIST BREAD

February 2 Meyer February 9 Dn. Gary February 16 Morrison February 23 Jacobs

READERS

February 2 Gish February 9 Meyer February 16 Kern

February 22 Gish (Soul Liturgy)

February 23 Lange

GREETERS

February 2
A.G. Butler/C. Clements
February 9
M. Loulias/H. Lange
J. & M. Worthington
A. Ballew/N. Aviles

USHERS

February 2
P. King/J. King
D. Alexander/K.L. King
February 16
D. Meyer/M. Loulias
February 23
S. Speier/C. Speier

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

February 2 Team Wayne
February 9 Team Langer
February 16 Team Hedges
February 23 MEATFARE BBO

March 2 CHEESEFARE POTLUCK

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND AS GREAT LENT APPROACHES...

Fast-free week—February 10-16 Soul Liturgy—Sat. Feb. 22 at 9:00 a.m. Meatfare Sunday—February 23

Cheesefare Sunday—March 2 (Forgiveness Vespers at 6:00 p.m.)

GREAT LENT BEGINS ON MONDAY, MARCH 3rd.

SERVICES IN THE FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Monday, March 3 Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew of Crete Little Compline with portion of Canon of St. Andrew

Wed., March 5 Presanctified Liturgy

Fri., March 7 Akathist

UPCOMING WEEKDAY LITURGIES at 8:00 a.m.

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

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 espiritu Slavonic Mir fs'em i so dukhom tw-oim Romanian Pace tuturor Şi duhului tău.