



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

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Tone 8 / Eothinon 11

**Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican &
Leave-taking of the Presentation
(Meeting) of 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.**

**THE DIVINE LITURGY
OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

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) Harken, 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 darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,
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:**

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 Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Tone 1

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.

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 The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple **Tone 1**

By Thy Nativity, Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb!
And didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God.
Now Thou hast come and saved us through love.
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover 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.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon) **Tone 3**
for Leave-taking of the Feast of the Presentation

Chanter: 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

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

Luke 18:10-14

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

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

MANY YEARS to Alban Richard Easbey, infant son of Michael and Margaret born in December 23, 2024, on his baptism into the Orthodox Faith yesterday, February 8th. Many years, also to his godparents, Fr. Symeon and Kh. Casey Halsell.

HE YOUNG ADULT GROUP will meet today at 3:00 p.m. for a Super Bowl Party at the home of Scott and Terri Speier. To R.S.V.P. or if you need more information, contact Zac Wood or Asia Ballew.

THIS COMING WEEK IS A FAST-FREE WEEK.

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 NEXT SUNDAY, February 16th after the Agape Meal. Please plan to stay for an update on our finances and Land Development planning.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MONTHLY FIRESIDE GATHERING will be Thursday, February 20th at the church. If you have questions, contact Fr. Symeon or Howard Lange.

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/>.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

- 2/11 Nora Schumacher
- 2/14 **Fr. Nicholas Speier**
- 2/15 **Fr. Symeon Halsell**, Margaret Easbey, John Heiduk

Patronal Feast Days

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| 2/10 | St. Anna of Novgorod | Anya Madrigal |
| 2/11 | St. Theodora the Empress | Sydney Hedges |
| 2/13 | St. Priscilla | Julie Gross |

**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!**

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.

WOMEN & GIRLS OF ALL AGES:

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual 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.

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

Tues., March 4 and Thurs. March 6

Wed., March 5

Fri., March 7

Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Little Compline with portion of Canon of St. Andrew

Presanctified Liturgy

Akathist

UPCOMING WEEKDAY LITURGIES at 8:00 a.m.

Tue, Feb 11

Fri, Feb 14

St. Theodora the Empress

Holy Father Auxentius of the Mountain

WEDNESDAYS at 5:30 p.m.

AKATHISTS & PARAKLESES out in the field by the Cross

February 12

February 19

February 26

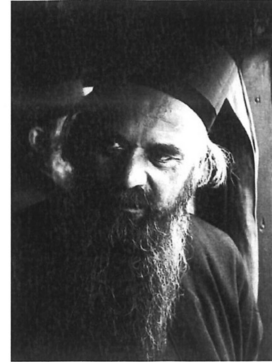
Akathist of St. Herman of Alaska in the Chapel

Paraklesis in the field outside by the cross

Akathist of St. John Maximovich in the Chapel

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



Fr. John Finley lives in Santa Ynez, California, is a member of St. Athanasius Orthodox Church in Santa Barbara, CA, and has been a field staff member of the Department of Missions and Evangelism of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America since 1996. www.missionsandevangelism.com. He was ordained to the holy priesthood in 1997. He earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Oklahoma Baptist University; a Master of Sacred Theology from St. Athanasius Academy of Orthodox Theology; and a Master of Arts in Musicology from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Fr. John is a music composer and arranger, and the author of both **Sacred Meals** from our Family Table, 2005, and **The Inner Heaven of Man: A Companion to the Prologue of Ohrid**, 2024.

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
Fr. Joseph A.

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 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
 3:00 p.m. Young Adult Super Bowl Party

FAST-FREE WEEK

Monday, February 10

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

February 11

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Theodora the Empress
 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, February 12

7:00 a.m. Daily Readers' Matins
 11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry (in the chapel)
 5:30 p.m. Akathist for St. Herman of Alaska

Thursday, February 13

YOUNG ADULT MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE 2/13-2/16

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

Friday, February 14

7:00 a.m. Matins
 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for St. Auxentius

Saturday, February 15

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/ Confessions

Sunday, February 16

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

February 9 Dn. Gary
 February 16 Morrison
 February 23 Jacobs
 March 2 Hoppe

READERS

February 9 Meyer
 February 16 Kern
 February 22 Gish (Soul Liturgy)
 February 23 Lange
 March 2 Butler
 March 2 Alexander (Forgiveness Vespers)

GREETERS

February 9 M. Loulias/H. Lange
 February 16 J. & M. Worthington
 February 23 A. Ballew/N. Aviles
 March 2 G. Hoppe/B. Eberhard

USHERS

February 9 D. Alexander/K.L. King
 February 16 D. Meyer/M. Loulias
 February 23 S. Speier/C. Speier
 March 2 J. King/P. King

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

February 9 Team Lander
 February 16 Team Alexander/Hedges
 February 23 **MEATFARE BBQ**
 March 2 **CHEESEFARE POTLUCK**

