



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, January 2, 2022

**Tone 3 / Eothinon 6; Forefeast of &
Sunday before Theophany of Christ**
Sylvester, Pope of Rome;

Cosmas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Constantinople;
Repose of Venerable Seraphim of Sarov



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are glad you are with us this morning.
Please join us on the patio after the Liturgy for Coffee Hour.
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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 2

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
1:00 p.m. Blessing of Graves—Goleta Cemetery

Monday, January 3

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
5:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry—Akathist
by Zoom

Tuesday, January 4

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, January 5

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
9:00 a.m. Royal Hours of Theophany
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Thursday, January 6—THEOPHANY

7:30 a.m. Matins for Feast of Theophany
8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Theophany
7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
3:30 p.m. Catechesis Level I
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Friday, January 7—Synaxis of St. John the Baptist

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, January 8

8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship of St. John
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Religious Education ages 6-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
1:00 p.m. Outdoor Blessing of the Water at
Santa Barbara Yacht Club

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

January 2 Fr. Nicholas
January 9 Meyer
January 16 Dn. G. Braun
January 23 Dillon

READERS

January 2 Rdr. H. Lange
January 5 ALL READERS WHO ARE
ABLE (Royal Hours of Theophany)
January 6 TBA (Theophany Liturgy)
January 9 Rdr. V. Gish
January 16 D. Washburn
January 17 D. Alexander (Vespers 5:30 p.m.
& Liturgy 5:30 p.m. St. Athansius)
January 23 Rdr. H. Lange

GREETERS

January 2 H. Lange/D. Washburn
January 9 K. Fox/D. Lewis
January 16 L. Baker/C. Fisher
January 23 P. Cocores/M. Loulias

USHERS

January 2 P. King/J. King
January 9 D. Meyer/M. Loulias
January 16 D. Washburn/K.L. King
January 23 C. Speier/S. Speier

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

January 2 McCalmont
January 9 King Family
January 16 Celebration for Fr. Nicholas
January 23 Kern (Ethiopian Coffee Hour)

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

January 6 D. Alexander/D. Washburn
January 13 F. Young/S. Saunders
January 20 L. Ballew/D. Franzen
January 27 M Loulias/P. Cocores

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Christians who are baptized in the name of the Trinity and chrismated into the Orthodox Faith. Non-Orthodox believers **may approach the chalice for a blessing and the blessed bread instead of the Eucharist.** So that the priest is aware of this, please just say,
“Father, bless” when you get to the chalice.

**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 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.

**AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR AT THE
LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING
HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 3

(Music on p. 44 of Liturgy book)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad,
for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm.
He hath trampled down death by death
and become the first born from the dead.
He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades,
granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion of the Forefeast of Epiphany

Tone 4

Prepare, O Zebulon;
and adorn yourself, O Naphtali!
River Jordan, cease flowing
and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized!
Adam, rejoice with our First Mother
and do not hide yourself as you did of old in Paradise;
for having seen you naked,
He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment.
Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

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 Forefeast of Epiphany**Tone 4**

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John:
“Do not be afraid to baptize me.//
For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed 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 6

O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. *(PS 27/28:9))*

Verse: *To Thee will I cry, O Lord, O my God,
do not be silent unto me. (PS 27/28:1)*

EPISTLE READING**2 Timothy 4:5-8**

Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the Faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel

Tone 8

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

v: *O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Your countenance upon us, and have mercy on us! (Ps 65/66:2)*

v: *That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations. (65/66:3)*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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 of the Clergy

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

Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, we offer the prayers of thanksgiving for having received the Body and Blood of Christ. These beautiful prayers help us to reflect on the mystery in which we have just partaken, and prepare us for our transition back into the "world." We invite you to listen to these beautiful prayers during and after the veneration of the cross at the end of the service, and **ask that you show courtesy to those who are remaining to hear the prayers in their entirety by waiting until Coffee Hour to socialize.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Men's Fellowship of St. John will meet this Saturday, January 8th, at 8:30 a.m.

UPCOMING FEASTS & SPECIAL SERVICES

FEAST OF THEOPHANY

Wednesday, January 5 at 9:00 a.m.—Royal Hours of Theophany

Thursday, January 6

7:30 a.m.—Festal Matins of Theophany

8:30 a.m.—Festal Divine Liturgy of Theophany, Blessing of the Water

**HOLY WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME
AFTER LITURGY ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 9th.**

Sunday, January 9 at 1:00 p.m. — Outdoor Blessing of the Water at the SB Yacht Club

FEAST OF ST. ATHANASIUS

Monday, January 17 — 5:30 p.m. Festal Vespers followed by Divine Liturgy

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Pre-Lenten Seminar

Saturday, February 26, 2022 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church

“The Crucifixion of the King of Glory”

A deep dive into the Crucifixion of Christ
from a historical, medical, legal and patristic perspective

Presvytera/Dr. Jeannie Constantinou

Based on her new book, due out in April 2022

Catch Dr. Jeannie on her live podcast — “Search the Scriptures”

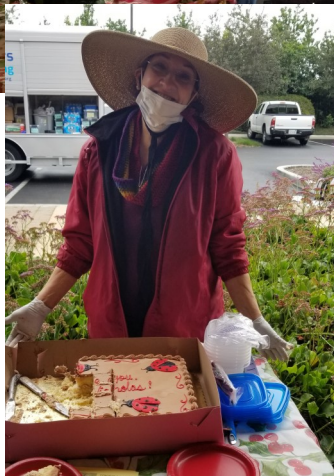
on Ancient Faith Radio on Mondays at 5:00 p.m.

All of the shows are archived on Ancient Faith:

<https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/searchthescriptureslive>

**SHOWERS OF BLESSING
CHRISTMAS BRUNCH & TRIBUTE TO FR. NICHOLAS
DECEMBER 30, 2021**

Thank you to our Showers/St. Brigid team of volunteers who provided a beautiful brunch for our shower guests this week. Miraculously, the rain stopped for exactly the two hours during which we were serving!! God is good!



This year our \$50 per month donation to the OCMC “Support a Mission Priest” Program will support Fr. Francis Kiriri in Kenya.



FRANCIS NGIGE KIRIRI

SAMP PRIEST SERVING IN THE DIOCESE OF NYERI AND MOUNT KENYA

Fr. Francis Ngige Kiriri was born on May 3, 1971. In the area where he grew up, he saw that many Orthodox parishes did not have a full-time priest. He felt called to the priesthood, and so he pursued studies at the Makarios III Patriarchal Seminary. He graduated in 1998, shortly after being ordained to the priesthood. Fr. Francis currently serves the parish of Archangel Michael in Nyahururu.

Orthodoxy came to the people of East Africa, not through the efforts of a single missionary, but through charismatic African men searching for truth and "orthodoxia" in the early 1920s. Correspondence began with the Patriarchate of Alexandria, and in 1946, they were received into canonical Orthodoxy through Patriarch CHRISTOPHOROS. In 1958, the Patriarchal Synod appointed Nicholas (Valeropoulos) the first Metropolitan of Irinoupolis and All East Africa, and in 1972, three African priests were ordained to the rank of auxiliary bishop.

In 1972, construction began on the Makarios III Patriarchal Seminary in Nairobi. His Beatitude Archbishop ANASTASIOS (Yannoulatos), who in 1982 was assigned as acting Archbishop, completed the seminary and undertook the training of indigenous priests, translations, and the building of churches, clinics, and schools.

In November 2015, the Patriarchal Synod expanded the Church in Kenya into three dioceses: the Metropolis of Nairobi, under His Eminence Elder Archbishop MAKARIOS; the Diocese of Nyeri and Mount Kenya, under His Grace Bishop NEOFITOS; and the Diocese of Kisumu and West Kenya, under His Grace Bishop MARKOS.

His Grace NEOFITOS (right) is a native of Kenya and a graduate of the Makarios III Patriarchal Seminary in Nairobi, as well as Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Massachusetts. Under His Grace's leadership, the Diocese of Nyeri has increased to over 50 priests, operates numerous schools, and manages an agricultural farm that helps fund their outreach efforts.



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CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

1/08 Tyler & Taylor Speier

Birthdays

1/6 Robert Kinman

Patron Saint Commemorations

1/2 **St. Juliana of Lazarevo** — Julianna Ballew, Juliet Macdonald

1/2 **St. Seraphim of Sorov** — Seraphima Butler

1/3 **St. Genevieve of Paris** — Violet Gray

1/4 **St. Jason, Apostle of the 70** — Jason Wallace

1/5 **Prophet Micah** — Micah Landrum

1/7 **St. John the Baptist (Synaxis)**

Ron Berari, Fr. John Finley, John Heiduk, Gianni Madrigal,
John Ronan Meyer, Johnny Wallace

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT—January-November, 2021

Goal for Tithes January-November, 2021	\$ 458,333
Actual Tithes January-November, 2021	\$ 493,060

Building Fund Goal for Jan.-November, 2021	\$ 155,320
Actual Building Fund donations Jan.-November, 2021	\$ 124,964

2021 GOLF TOURNAMENT — \$140,000 for the Temple Fund!

Monthly tithe goal = \$41,667

Tithes received per month:

January	\$37,625	May	\$50,358	September	\$44,021
February	\$46,485	June	\$47,493	October	\$53,576
March	\$59,535	July	\$50,714	November	\$29,359
April	\$47,921	August	\$25,973		

We prepared for a significant deficit when planning the budget for this year due to having two full-time priests on staff. Thanks to your generosity, lower operating costs than expected, and a government Payroll Protection grant of \$55,700, we only had a deficit of **\$7,800** as of the end of November.

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:

Metropolitan JOSEPH
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Markos
Fr. Jon B.
Dn. Richard E.
Kh. Diane C.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family in Albania
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya
Duane F.
Richard and Susan B.
Monsignor J. Yanek
Bob N.
Kh. Melissa H.
Cole K. (military)
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)
Chase K. (military)

Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Connor V. (military)
Steve T.
Bev R.
Phyllis M.
Scott L.
Abp. Benjamin
Kris F.
Temmo K.
Sarah B.
Coleman Family (Lori, Abby, Matt)
Jerry J.
Chuck S.
Mat. Trudi & Richter Family
Linda Gish & Family
Kevin F.
Debbie S.

Steve H.
David L.
Joanne R.
James A.
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Zachary B.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church
The Church & people in Lebanon
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.

For repose of the souls of: Liz. P., Archpriest Nicholas N. ,Tom W., Fr. Thomas L, Maureen W.

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall - two enclosed cabinets containing 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. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Nicholas' 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 Building Fund.
