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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, December 15, 2013

Tone 8 / Eothinon 3

**Hieromartyr Eleutherios, Bishop of Illyria
& Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ**

Martyr Anthia, Mother of Eleutherios; Venerable Paul of Latra;
Stephen, Bishop-confessor of Surozh; Venerable Tryphon of Pechenga



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

*We are glad you are with us this morning.
If you are not Orthodox, we invite you to
partake of the blessed bread during
Communion and to join us at Coffee Hour ~
we'd love to meet you!*

Calendar for this Week

Sunday, December 15

8:45 a.m. Rel. Ed. 3 yrs – High School
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
12:30 p.m. Rite-13 Service Project

Monday, December 16

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
4:30 p.m. Outreach Meal at St. Michael's
University Church in Isla Vista

Tuesday, December 17

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, December 18

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis

Thursday, December 19

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 20

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins (for St. John of
Kronstadt & St. Ignatius)

Saturday, December 21

7:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, December 22

8:45 a.m. Rel. Ed. 3 yrs – High School
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

December 15 Tinyayeva
December 22 Meyer
December 29 Thomas
January 5 Hedges

Coffee Hour

December 15 Ballew/Lenhardt in memory of
Fr. Richard Ballew
December 22 Nikolov
December 29 Potluck: Christmas treats
January 5 Gray/Matthews

Greeters

December 15 D. Genatone/P. Morrison
December 22 D. & D. Alexander
December 25 P. King/P. Matthews
December 29 D. Washburn/D. Lewis
January 5 K. & L. Jacobs

Ushers

December 15 C. & G. Speier, Rita Schneider
December 22 Jon King, P. King
December 25 P. King, R. Barre
December 29 S. & L. Speier, P. Brunner
January 5 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis

**ENJOY OUR EXPANDED BOOKSTORE FOR THE
NEXT FOUR SUNDAYS AND BROWSE FOR
CHRISTMAS GIFTS
DURING COFFEE HOUR. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
THE BUILDING FUND!**

CHANGEABLE TEXTS FOR THE DAY

AT THE END OF THE MATINS SERVICE, WE SING THE GREAT DOXOLOGY.
(“Glory to You, Who have shown us the light...” - Complete text is
in the front of the Liturgy Book.)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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”

After each of the verses sung by the choir, the congregation sings the refrain:
“Remember us, O Lord, when you come in your Kingdom.”

- PROCESSION OF THE CLERGY - AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL HYMNS FOR THE DAY:

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 8

(Music on page 53 of Liturgy Book)

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 Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Tone 2

Through faith You justified the Forefathers,
betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles.
These saints exult in glory,
for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit:
she who bore You without seed.//
So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

Troparion for St. Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria

Tone 5

Being comely adorned in thy sacred priestly robes
And newly drenched with the streams of thy pure and sanctified blood,
Thou didst soar aloft to stand before thy Master, Christ;
Hence never cease to intercede for those honoring
with faith thy mighty and blessed contest,
Thou overthrower of Satan, O wise and blessed Eleutherius.

Troparion to St. Athanasius (Music on p. 54 of Liturgy Book)

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 Preparation of Christ's Nativity**Tone 3**

The virgin cometh today to the cave
to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal.
Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message;
with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him
Who shall appear by His own will as a young child,
He who is from eternity God.

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 9 of Liturgy Book)

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**

Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

Verse: For You are just in all that You have done for us.

EPISTLE READING FOR THE DAY**2 Timothy 1:8-18**

Timothy, my son, do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the Gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. For this Gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygellus and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me --may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day - - and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel Tone 4

v: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (Ps 99/100:6)

v: They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps 99/100:6)

GOSPEL READING FOR THE DAY

Luke 14:16-24

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God (Liturgy Book, Page 27)

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.

Hymn sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist: (Liturgy Book, Page 32)

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the Highest! Alleluia!

Hymn during Communion of the People (Liturgy Book, Page 33)

Of Thy mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant. For I will not speak of thy mysteries to Thine enemies. Neither like Judas will I give Thee a kiss. But like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom!

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.*

St. Barbara Monastery Needs Our Help

St. Barbara Monastery is raising funds to complete their chapel. With others being so generous towards us and our Building Fund, our parish has sent a donation of \$1,000 to help in this effort. Please consider joining us in supporting our dear monastery with a contribution during the Advent season. If you want us to send your check, make it out to St. Barbara Monastery and feel free to deposit it in the tithe box. If you received an appeal letter from the monastery at home, you may want to send your check in the envelope that was enclosed with the appeal.

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.

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

Tuesday, December 24

8:00 a.m. Royal Hours (Complete)

8:00 p.m. Nativity Matins & Liturgy

Wednesday, December 25

NO MORNING SERVICE

10:00 a.m. Outreach Breakfast—St. Michael’s University Church
Hosted by St. Brigid Fellowship — all parishioners invited!

Sunday, December 29 at 1 p.m.—Goleta Cemetery Visit with prayers and caroling

ST. BASIL/NEW YEAR

Tuesday, December 31

6:00 p.m. Vespers Liturgy for St. Basil

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

You can access a complete calendar of services and other parish activities on our website: www.stathanasius.org.

AN INVITATION TO THE ENTIRE PARISH FROM THE VANDER LAANS:

The newest member of our family, Miriam Gianna (pronounced "JAH-nuh") Vander Laan is getting baptized this Tuesday, December 17th. We would be delighted to have you witness and celebrate this joyous event with us. The 45-minute baptism service will take place at 6pm (immediately following Vespers which begins at 5:30). Please join us for some hot cider and other goodies after the baptism.—Love, David & Kate

UPCOMING ADVENT SERVICES:

Advent Paraklesis— Wednesday, 12/18 at 6:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

There will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday, December 29th and Sunday, January 5th. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 12th.

HOLIDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-6—Thurs. January 2nd

We will offer a one-day vacation school on Thursday, January 2nd from 9 a.m.– 2 p.m. We will have a lesson on the Nativity and Epiphany, and take a field trip or a hike.

ADVENT CARE PACKAGES FOR THE POOR

We still have an abundance of Advent bags for all of you to take and distribute to the homeless. Please take however many you'd like so we can get these out into the community, and hopefully brighten someone's day and spread Christ's love to those in need during this season. The bags are in the fellowship hall, underneath the collection box for St. Brigid's. Thanks! — The Women's Fellowship

MEMORIAL PRAYERS FOR INFANTS/UNBORN

On Saturday, December 28th (The Feast of the Holy Innocents) after Great Vespers we will say the Trisagion Prayers in memory of all infants, known and unknown, who have died in childbirth or shortly thereafter, and unborn children who have died as a result of abortion. All in attendance will have the opportunity to write down the names of children they know of who have died before the age of one, and to light a small candle for each one.

NEW ADDRESS FOR TIM AND ROUBA, FOR THOSE WHO KNOW THEM:

Timothy & Rouba Heckenlively
725 Arliss Drive
Woodway Tx. 76712

NEW YEAR'S EVE GATHERING AT ST. BARBARA GREEK PARISH

On **Tuesday, December 31st** at 6:30 p.m. they will host a New Year's Eve Party. Tickets are \$45/adults and \$25 children for hors d'oeuvres, prime rib dinner and dancing. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** To make a reservation, see the flyer in the narthex of our church.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATIONS

Friday, January 3	6:45 a.m.	Royal Hours
Monday, January 6	6:00 p.m.	Vespertal Liturgy
Sunday, January 12	12:30 p.m.	Great Blessing of the Water at Goleta Beach along with St. Barbara Greek Parish followed by our traditional Picnic. A donation of \$5/person is requested to cover the lunch.

Consider inviting your friends and relatives to join us this year at the beach! Youth ages 8 years and older are invited to come dressed to dive into the ocean for the cross. Parents, please bring a towel and a change of clothing for them.

BOOK SIGNING TODAY!

Just released this week, **"Sweet Song, the Story of St. Ramanos,"** by Jane Meyer, will be for sale for \$19 in our bookstore. Jane will be available for a book signing during coffee hour today. Books make great Christmas presents!

Here's an excerpt from the book:

"Young Romanos is devoted to Christ and His Mother and longs to be able to sing his praises to them. But when he tries, his voice croaks and the words won't come. The other cantors make fun of him—until one miraculous Christmas Eve."

Jane is hoping young children will read this tale of Saint Romanos and see some of their own story in his struggle and surrender. "Not all of us will be gifted like he was with the miracle of music, but all of us have the potential to be filled to the brim with Christ. We can become people who cry out for help when it's needed, who work hard at the things before us, and who can ultimately change the world for good!"

To see more about the book, visit: <http://www.janegmeyer.com/page/books/7>

*This book is dedicated to the Valerie Yova
and the Saint Athanasius Orthodox Church Choir!*

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays

12/17 Jon King
12/18 Dorothy Alexander
12/20 Hudson Zidek
12/22 Alexander Nikolov, Zachary Nikolov

Patron Saint Commemorations

12/15 Sunday of the Forefathers & Foremothers (Ancestors of Christ)

Jesse Jesse Speier
Adam Adam King
Deborah Debbie McQuade
Rachel Rachel Friesen
Rebekah Rebekah Dillon
Ruth Fay Young
Judith Judy Braun
Aaron Howard Lange, Aaron Simonsen, Aaron Sokol

Holy Prophet Daniel

Dan Braun, Garrett Gish, Daniel Giordani, Dan Washburn

King David

Gage Braun, Josh Braun, David Dillon, David Giordani, Jon King,
David Lewis, David McCalmont, Jared Speier, David Washburn

18 – St. Sebastian

Sebastian Shannon

20—St. John of Kronstadt

John De Bruin, Jill Wallerstedt

22—Great Martyr Anastasia

Anastasia Brunner

LITURGICAL CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Liturgical wall calendars for 2014 are now available (first come-first served) in the narthex of the church. They list all major feast days, major saints and fasting days, and daily readings. They are a great reference tool for every Orthodox Christian.

Christmas Family Night

Friday, December 27, 2013

7:00 p.m.

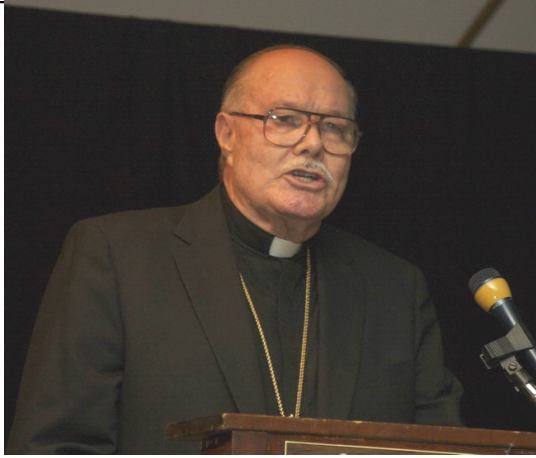
Carol sing-a-long, including our traditional
“Twelve Days of Christmas!”

Open-mic talent show— all ages welcome!

If you or anyone in your family would like to sing, dance, tell a joke, do a magic trick, read a poem, play an instrument or share some other talent, please contact Verne Gish at vgish9@gmail.com or 453-7891.

Bring an hors d'oeuvre
or dessert to share.
Beverages provided.





In memory of
Fr. Richard Ballew

June 1, 1933-December 15, 2008

Coffee Hour is hosted today by the Ballew family and Phoebe Lenhart in memory of Fr. Richard Ballew, the former Senior Pastor of our parish from its founding in 1987 until he moved to become pastor of St. Athanasius Church in Sacramento in 1992.

Fr. Richard was born in Garret, Texas in 1933 and was the youngest of six children. He grew up in Ennis, Texas. In 1951 he became a Christian in a revival meeting at the Baptist Church. Baptism and a very specific call from God to be a full-time pastor and evangelist came very soon after his conversion. He studied at Baylor University for one year from 1952-1953 and served in the Army from 1953-1954, during the United States occupation of South Korea. From 1954-1958 he studied at the University of Texas, and on August 2, 1959, he married his wife Sylvia. In June of 1960 Fr. Richard graduated from the University of Texas and was a full-time staff member of Campus Crusade for Christ from 1960-1969, where he worked with Fr. Jon Braun, Fr. Peter Gillquist, Fr. Jack Sparks, Fr. Gordon Walker, and the other men who were part of the EOC (Evangelical Orthodox Church) that studied together for ten years in search of the New Testament Church.

From 1973 to 1987, Fr. Richard was a vital part of the establishment and development of the Evangelical Orthodox Church and was a bishop in the EOC until the entire parish was received (along with 15 other EOC parishes) into the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America in 1987. Fr. Richard was christmated and ordained to the Holy Diaconate on February 8, 1987, and then to the priesthood on February 15, 1987.

Archbishop Joseph said the following in his eulogy at Fr. Richard's funeral:

"He was a great man in the sense that he devoted himself whole-heartedly to serving others, a way of living that is becoming increasingly rare in our secular world."

"Fr. Richard's intellectual honesty led him to carry out two great tasks that absorbed much of his life in recent years: the Orthodox Study Bible and the translation of the Septuagint. These were monumental efforts that taxed his body and soul. Yet he refused to surrender to mental or even physical exhaustion. Instead, he pushed forward to place the message of the Orthodox Faith 'on the map' of American religious awareness. Certainly he sought to create works that would enrich the Faith of the faithful, but Fr. Richard also understood the evangelical need for such works."

Fr. Richard was pastor, spiritual father, mentor and friend to many in this parish during his service as Senior Pastor of St. Athanasius parish. May his memory be eternal.

2013 St. Nicholas Drive for the Needy

ST. BRIGID FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS to be distributed at our outreach breakfast on Christmas morning. Please keep the homeless in mind as you are doing holiday shopping and consider purchasing an item for the collection. We are asking for:

- **white tube socks**
- **warm hats and mittens**
- **new or gently used/clean sweatshirts**
- **new or gently used/clean sleeping bags or blankets**

Drop your donated items in the large, decorated box in the fellowship hall.

Please do NOT gift-wrap the donated items.

Please limit your gifts to the specific items requested. Thanks!!

Outreach Breakfast on Christmas Morning



Our St. Brigid Ministry Team will be coordinating the lovely Christmas breakfast, once again, for the homeless and needy on Dec. 25th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's University Church in Isla Vista. We need lots of help with set-up, clean-up, food preparation, and entertainment, so please sign up to help in whatever way that you are able. The list is posted in the fellowship hall. Bring the entire family that day and enjoy an extra special Christmas morning blessing by opening your hearts to those in need!



TEEN SCENE

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

Schedule of Activities and Service Projects
September- November 2013

RITE-13 Grades 7-8

Sunday, 12/15 Shopping for Transition House right after Liturgy

J2A Grades 9-10

Sunday, 12/22 Great American Melodrama for the Holiday Extravaganza,
following Liturgy

YAC Grades 11-12

Sunday, 12/29 Christmas Party/White Elephant Gift exchange

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **YES! Weekend** (Youth Equipped to Serve) - January 17-19, 2014
(Martin Luther King Weekend)
- Camp St. Nicholas **Winter Teen Camp** - February 14-17, 2014
(Presidents' Weekend)
 - Project Mexico Mission Trip—August 13-19, 2014

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:

Fr. Alexander Atty	Kh. Luann B.	Eleni Z.
Mother Victoria	Gail S.	Sylvia G.
Met. Paul & Abp. John	Olga G.	Jimmy
who have been	Leona G.	Molly M.
kidnapped by terrorists	Mick K. & Family	Infants Luke & Andrew
in Turkey.	Mary & Susan	Joy
Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W.	Duane F.	
Fr. Luke H. and Family	Marna D.	
Greg & Margaret Y.	Frank G.	
Mary Ellen B.	Baby Christian F.	
Kate, David, Salem & Baby Miriam	Richard	

For repose of the souls of: Bill, Presbyter Katherine H., Patrick B., Andrew S.

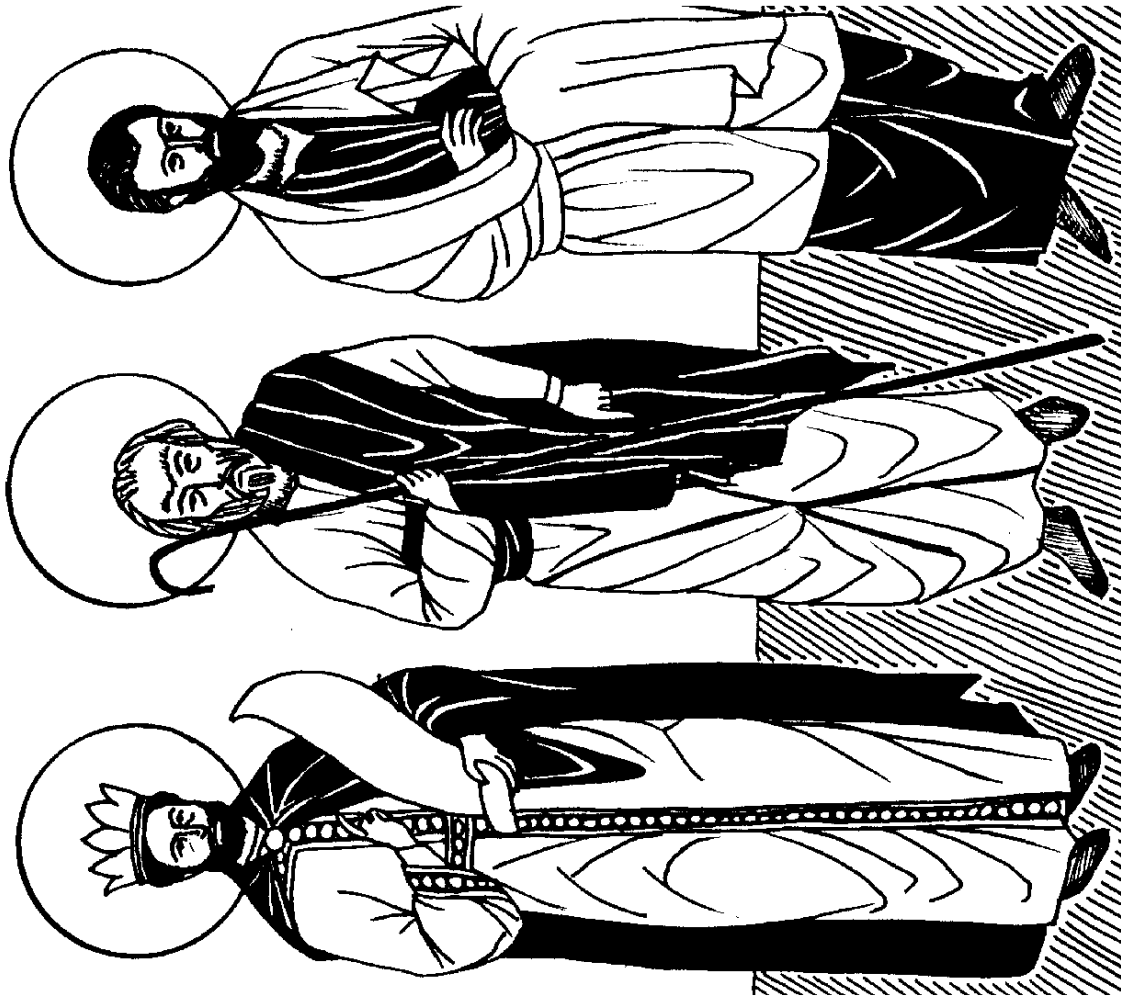
ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Prayer requests in the bulletin are prayed out loud during the deacons' litanies and should be submitted to the church office—office@stathanasius.org.

Prayer requests put into the **wooden box in the narthex** will be said silently at the altar at most services. During the **Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy**, only Orthodox Christians are commemorated, and that list is comprised of the sick, those celebrating special occasions listed in the bulletin, and those who prepared the Eucharist bread. Others are prayed for during the Proskomedie (Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion).

ST. ATHANASIUS BOOK CENTER

The church bookstore is located in the fellowship hall. The two enclosed cabinets hold icons, books, jewelry and other items that are FOR SALE. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in the brown lock box. Make checks payable to "St. Athanasius Book Center."



-For the children to color during the homily or at home-