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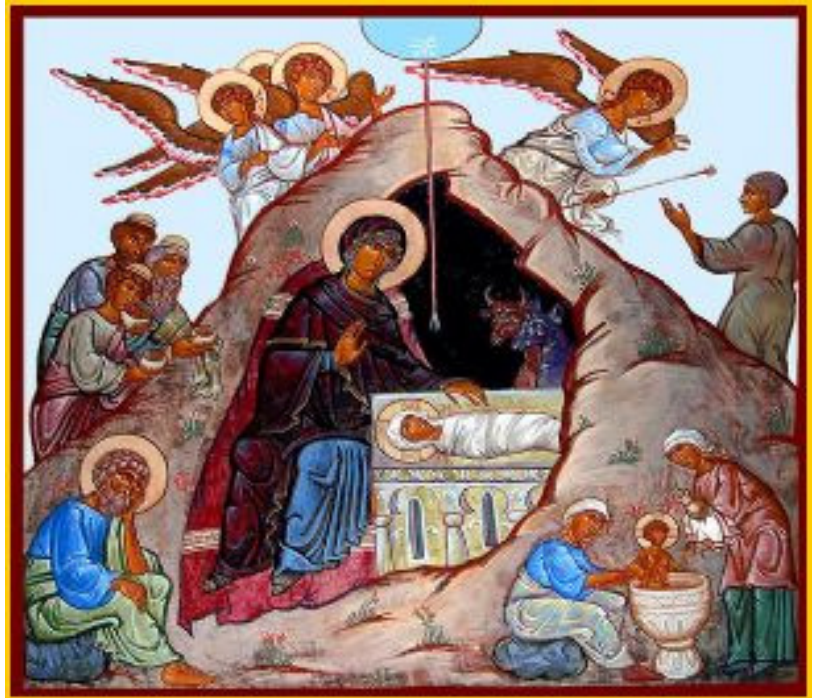
LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, December 23, 2012

Tone 4 / Eothinon 7

First Day of the Fore-feast of Nativity &
Sunday before the Nativity of Christ
(The Genealogy)

Ten Martyrs of Crete; New-martyr Nicholas;
Venerable Nahum of Ochrid



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.
Please join us at Coffee Hour ~ we'd love to meet you!*

Calendar for this Week

Sunday, December 23

NO RELIGIOUS ED.

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 24-EVE OF NATIVITY

8:00 a.m. Royal Hours
8:00 p.m. Nativity Matins & Liturgy

Tuesday, December 25

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

10:00 a.m. Outreach Breakfast in
Isla Vista

- NO VESPERS -

Wednesday, December 26

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Thursday, December 27

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers—St. Stephen

Friday, December 28

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
9:00 a.m. Holy-day Gathering for
children grades K-6

Saturday, December 29

NO CATECHSIM

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions
7:00 p.m. High School X-mas Party

Sunday, December 30

NO RELIGIOUS ED.

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
1:00 p.m. Blessing of the Graves and
Carol singing at Goleta Cemetery

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

December 23 Washburn
December 24 Fr. Nicholas (Nativity service)
December 30 Kern
January 6 D. Braun
January 13 Thomas

Coffee Hour

December 23 Vander Laan
December 30 Christmas Cookie Potluck
January 6 EPIPHANY-Picnic at
Goleta Beach after Great
Blessing of the Water
January 13 J. Ferraez/S. Butler

Greeters

December 23 D. & D. Alexander
December 24 Genatone/Morrison (Nativity)
December 30 P. King, P. Matthews
January 6 C. & C. Giordani
January 13 P. King/D. Lewis

Ushers

December 23 Craig & Gabe Speier, P. King
December 24 Jon King, G. Braun Jr., P. King
December 30 Scott & Luke Speier, P. Brunner
January 6 D. Meyer, Barre, Lewis
January 13 Craig & Gabe Speier, P. King

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

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...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—The Beatitudes or “Sermon on the Mount”

The choir sings each verse of the Beatitudes, after which the congregation responds:
“Remember us, O Lord, when you come in your Kingdom.”

AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL HYMNS FOR THE DAY:

HYMNS FOR THE DAY:

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 3

(Music on page 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 for the Sunday of the Ancestors of Christ

Tone 2

Great are the accomplishments of faith,
for the three Holy Youths rejoice in the fountain of flames as though in the
waters of rest;
and the Prophet Daniel appeared
a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep.//
So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

Troparion of the Pre-feast of the Nativity

Be prepared, O Bethlehem; Eden opens now to all;
O Ephratha, ready make; for within the stable cave
from the Virgin Mary pure, the tree of life has blossomed forth.
For her womb is shown to be paradise in spirit
in which is the plant divine, from which having truly fed;
We will live forevermore, and not die as Adam did.
Christ the Lord is born to raise the image that had fallen long before.

Troparion to St. Athanasius (Music is 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.

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

Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city, which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Alleluia before the Gospel

Tone 4

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us. (Ps 43/44:1)

v: For You have saved us from them that oppose us, and have put to shame them that hate us. (Ps 43/44:7)

GOSPEL READING FOR THE DAY

Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name

Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

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.

Hymn sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist:

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

Hymn during Communion of the People

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

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

AXIOS! HE IS WORTHY! WE HAVE A NEW PATRIARCH!

His Eminence the Metropolitan Archbishop of Western and Central Europe has been elected Patriarch of the Great City-of-God Antioch and all the East, succeeding the late Patriarch Ignatius IV (Hazim) who reposed at the age of 92 on December 5th. His Beatitude **JOHN X (Yaziji)** was elected by the members of the Holy Synod on Monday, December 17th, during a special session held at the Balamand Patriarchal Monastery of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos. May God bless him with peace, health, salvation, and many years!

OUR CONDOLENCES and love go out to Dn. Scott, Karen and their whole family at the falling asleep in the Lord of Karen's father, Rev. Keith Korstjens. A memorial service will take place in Pamona on Jan. 19th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

There will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday, December 23rd and Sunday, December 30th. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6th.

OUTREACH BREAKFAST ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

Join our parish family for the traditional Christmas breakfast for the homeless and needy on Dec. 25th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's University Church in Isla Vista. Bring the entire family that day and enjoy an extra special Christmas morning blessing by opening your hearts to those in need! There are plenty of ways that you can help, including greeting and welcoming our guests, set-up (8:30 a.m. at St. Michael's), carol singing and clean-up.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION—SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH!

Friday, January 4	6:45 a.m.	Royal Hours of Epiphany
Saturday, January 5	6:00 p.m.	Festal Vespers followed by the Blessing of the Water
Sunday, January 6	9:00 a.m.	Festal Matins
	10:00 a.m.	Festal Liturgy
	12:30 p.m.	Great Blessing of the Water at Goleta Beach
	1:15 p.m.	Traditional "Subway Sandwich Picnic."

A donation of \$5/person is requested to cover the lunch.

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.

BEGIN YOUR NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION with thanksgiving, praise, and the Holy Eucharist! We will celebrate the Vespereal-Liturgy for St. Basil at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31st.

CHILDREN'S HOLY-DAY GATHERING FRIDAY DEC. 28TH

All children of the parish, grades K-6, are invited to a day of celebration on the Friday after Christmas from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. We will begin at the church with a special activity. Then we'll be off to the zoo for a scavenger hunt and lunch, and back at the church by 2:00 p.m. Children are asked to bring a lunch and \$10. **PLEASE R.S.V.P.** to Libbee Kinman at libn8r@hotmail.com or 805-680-2520.

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays

- 12/24 Rachel Friesen, Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges, Jared Speier
12/29 Karen Jacobs

Feast Day Celebrations

- 12/26 **St. Joseph the Betrothed** Joe Ballew, Dn. Scott Jacobs
- 12/26 **King David** Gage Braun, Josh Braun, David Dillon,
David Giordani, Jon King, David McCalmont,
David McConnell, Jared Speier, David Washburn
- 12/26 **St. James, the Brother of Jesus** Jim Morrison
- 12/27 **St. John the Apostle** John Heiduk
- 12/27 **St. Stephen the Protomartyr** Steven Ballew, Sbdn. Stephen Butler,
Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges, Steve Thomas



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

Monday, December 24

- 8:00 a.m. Royal Hours (Complete)
8:00 p.m. Nativity Matins & Liturgy

Tuesday, December 25

NO MORNING SERVICE THIS YEAR

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

NO EVENING VESPERS

Sunday, December 30 at 1 p.m.—Goleta Cemetery Visit with prayers and caroling

TEEN SCENE

RITE -13 plus (Grades 7-9)

Saturday, January 12th—We will be conducting a fun and productive work day at St. Barbara's Monastery under the direction of Mother Victoria. Details TBA.

January 18th-21st– WINTER CAMP at Camp St. Nicholas : "Following Christ to the Cross." Register at <http://www.campstnicholas.com>. \$140 registration fee.

Saturday, January 26th, 7-9 pm --Bonfire at Hendry's Beach after Vespers.

Saturday, February 16th: Service Project: Challenger Division baseball team's annual Valentine dance for local physically and developmentally disabled youth.

Saturday, February 23rd—Family hike, picnic and games.

Friday/Saturday, March 8-9—Annual Rite-13 Retreat at St. Barbara's Monastery.

YAC (Young Adults in Church- Grades 10-12)

Saturday December 29th 6 pm- 9 pm – Vespers/Dinner/Christmas Party at Fr. Nicholas & Jan's house.

Sunday, December 30th—9 am– Fr. Nicholas will meet with the **SENIORS ONLY** at Elk's Lodge.

Sunday, January 13th—5-7 pm—"Fire on Father"

Monday January 14th from 4:15pm- 7 pm- Provide dessert and serve for St. Brigid's Outreach meal, out to dinner as a group afterwards.

January 18th-21st– WINTER CAMP at Camp St. Nicholas : "Following Christ to the Cross." Register at <http://www.campstnicholas.com>. \$140 registration fee.

Saturday February 2nd—4 pm-10 pm- Vespers @ St. Herman's Orthodox Church in Oxnard/ Dinner/Sky High

Friday, Feb. 22-Sun. Feb. 24—YAC Retreat Weekend

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:

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| Metropolitan PHILIP | Olga G. | Brian S. |
| Archbp. JOSEPH | Leona G. | Jim M. |
| Fr. Alexander Atty | Presbyteria Katherine H. | Frank A. |
| Mother Victoria | Mick K. & Family | Pat M. |
| Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W. | Richard & Elizabeth | Marta C. |
| John Weldon H. | Sari W. | Joy |
| Greg & Margaret Y. | Mary & Susan | Bob B. |
| | Fran R. | Mike R. |
| | | Mike & Shelley D. |

For repose of the souls of: Patriarch Ignatius IV of Antioch, Patriarch Maxim of Bulgaria, Theophano, Roman, John H., Charles James B., Fran H., George B., Keith K.

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.”

All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.



WHO IS JESUS?

A Christmas Activity
for Children

*Read the clues and fill in the blanks with the missing letters.
Use your Bible to help.*

1. Jesus is the **C** _ _ r _ _ _ _
(Messiah or Anointed One) Mt. 16:15-16
2. Jesus is the **H** _ _ _ y _ _ n _ _ of _ _ _ _ _
(set apart) Mk. 1:24
3. Jesus is **R** _ _ _ h _ _ e _ _ _ _ _
(good, just, blameless) 1 John 2:1
4. Jesus is **I** _ _ m _ _ _ _ e _ _
(God with us) Isaiah 7:14
5. Jesus is our **S** _ _ _ i _ _ _ _
(one who saves us from our sins) Lk. 2:10-11
6. Jesus is our **T** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ r
(one who instructs, gives us commandments to live by) Mt. 19:16
7. Jesus is our **M** _ _ _ i _ _ _ o _ _
(one who prays to God the Father for us) 1 Tim 2:5
8. Jesus is **A** _ _ m _ _ _ h _ _ _ _
(the powerful one, one who has authority) Rev. 1:8
9. Jesus is the **S** _ _ _ of _ _ _ _ _
(second person of the Holy Trinity) Mt. 27:54

Answers: 1. Christ 2. Holy One of God 3. Righteous 4. Immanuel
5. Savior 6. Teacher 7. Mediator 8. Almighty 9. Son of God