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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, August 23, 2015

**Tone 3 / Eothinon 1; 12th Sun. after Pentecost
& Twelfth Sunday of Matthew**

Leave-taking of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Martyr Lupus, Servant of the Great-Martyr Demetrios;
Hieromartyr Irenaios, Bishop of Lyons;
Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympos



August 29, the commemoration of the Beheading of St John the Baptist, a Feast day established by the Church, is also a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint.

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, August 23

9:00 a.m. Matins/**NO RELIGIOUS ED**
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
1:00 p.m. Mission Team Debriefing

Monday, August 24

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
5:00 p.m. Outreach Meal at St. Michaels'
University Church in Isla Vista

Tuesday, August 25

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 27

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

Friday, August 28

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, August 29

2:30-5:30 FAMILY DAY to celebrate the
Liturgical New Year
5:30 p.m. Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, August 30

9:00 a.m. Matins/**NO RELIGIOUS ED**
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

August 23 Hedges
August 30 D. Washburn
September 6 N. Tinyayeva
September 13 M. Kern

Coffee Hour

August 23 Vander Laan
August 30 Finley/Morrison FIESTA
September 6 HOST NEEDED
September 13 HOST NEEDED

Greeters

August 23 P. Morrison/D. Lewis
August 30 K. & L. Jacobs
September 6 K. Fox/P. King
September 13 L. Baker/P. King

Ushers

August 23 J. King, G. Shannon
August 30 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King
September 6 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis
September 13 C. Speier, P. King

Readers

August 23 H. Lange
August 30 D. Alexander
September 6 R. Barre
September 8 V. Gish (Nativity of Theotokos)
September 12 M. Kern (Vespers)
September 13 P. Braun

**At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology
followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion.**

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

GREAT LITANY

First Antiphon verses for the Feast of Dormition with refrain:

Vs. Shout with joy to God, all the earth. Declare His works among the nations. O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His name.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Vs. In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion. **[Refrain]**

Vs. Glory to the Father & to the Son & to the Holy Spirit, now & ever...Amen. **[Refrain]**

Second Antiphon verses for the Feast of the Dormition & refrain

Vs. The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob.

**Refrain: O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee:
Alleluia!**

Vs. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. **[Refrain]**

Vs. God hath laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people. **[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 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—Verses with Troparion Refrain for the Feast of the Dormition

Vs. Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory.

**In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life, O Mother of Life,
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.**

Vs. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? [**Refrain**]

Vs. I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. [*Refrain*]

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

(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.

Tone 3 Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

Troparion for the Feast of the Dormition

In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life, O Mother of Life,
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tone 1 Slavic Chant

Troparion to St. Athanasius

(Music on p. 54 of Liturgy book)

Holy Bishop Athanasius,
you became a stronghold of Orthodoxy,

Tone 3 Byzantine Melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

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 Dormition

Tone 2 Serbian Chant

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life, //
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

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
(Music on p. 58 of Liturgy book)**

Tone 3 Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises. (*Ps 46/47:6*)

Verse: Clap your hands all you peoples!
Shout to God with a voice of joy! (*Ps 46/47:1*)

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast -- unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely

born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel Tone 3
(Music on p. 64 of Liturgy Booklet)

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: In Thee, O Lord, I have hoped; let me never be ashamed. (*Ps 30/31:1*)

Verse: Be unto me a God and protector, and a house of refuge to save me. (*Ps 30/31:2*)

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came to Jesus, kneeling before Him and saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? There is no good but One, and that is God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Jesus, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Jesus, "All these I have observed from my youth; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Instead of "It is Truly Meet," we sing the following Hymn to the Theotokos for the Feast of the Dormition. (From the 9th Ode of the Matins Canon)

Refrain:

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Heirmos:

The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin:
for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death;
a virgin after childbearing and alive after death,
you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

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. (*Ps 115/116:13*)

Jesus Prayer: O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
UPCOMING 2014 FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Birth of the Theotokos Tuesday, September 8 Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m.

Elevation of the Holy Cross Transferred to Sun. September 13 (from Sept. 14)
Saturday, Sept. 12 Vespers 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 13 Matins 9:00 a.m.
Festal Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
POTLUCK after Liturgy

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays

8/23 Ivan de Bruin , Johannes de Bruin, Chris Robinson
8/28 Lara Jacobs
8/30 Mitch Denny, Jan Speier

Patronal Feast Days

8/26 St. Adrian Adrian Berari
8/26 St. Natalia of Nicomedia Nataliya Tinyayeva
8/29 St. Sabina the Martyr Sabina Shackelford
8/29 St. Theodora of Salonica Jody Wallace

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

PROJECT MEXICO MISSION TEAM

Thanks be to God, our mission team has returned home safely from Mexico. They will meet today after Coffee Hour to debrief their experience. This photo was taken at the service where the house they built for a Mexican family was blessed by Fr. Nicholas Andruchow (priest at St. Innocent Orphanage) and the family was given a Bible and icon.



ST. ATHANASIUS FAMILY DAY

Join us on the church patio on Saturday, August 29, 2015 from 2:00-5:30 p.m. for a celebration of the Church New Year! The afternoon will culminate with Vespers at 5:30 p.m. There will be music, games, dinner, and ice-cream!

Adults: \$5, and \$2 for children 7 and younger. Please respond to the E-vite to make a reservation, or contact Christie Speier Robinson. If the cost is prohibitive for your family, speak with Christie about volunteering on the set-up/clean-up crew as your contribution.

GREAT VESPERS WILL BE AT 5:30 p.m. THIS SATURDAY, INSTEAD OF 6:00 p.m., so that we can end our Family Day in worship and thanksgiving together. Please plan to attend with your entire family.

CONGRATULATIONS to Duane Franzen on the birth of his grandson, Titus Michael, born on August 14th to his daughter Jill, and her husband Bruce Machado. Many years!

SEPTEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH! This year on the Sundays of September we will review the concepts of stewardship of our time, talents and treasures, and we will ask each parish family to consider how they may serve in the building up of the parish and God's Kingdom. Each family/household will also be asked to consider how they can support the General Fund and Building Fund in 2016. More information to follow soon!

INCOME FOR JULY 2015

	General Operating	Building Fund
Monthly Goal	\$33,000	\$14,120
Monthly Actual	\$31,073	\$10,241



**Get ready! Only 4
Weeks to
September 18th,
2015!**

For our Annual

**Howard Shannon Golf Tournament
Dinner & Silent Auction**

Let's raise funds to finish our building!

Here's what you can do:

- **Form your own 4-some for golf and register now**
- **Purchase tickets for dinner and the silent auction**
- **Invite friends to join you or host them for golf or dinner**
- **Supply a silent auction item – check first with Sherie Shackelford or Terri Speier**
- **Sponsor Fr. Nicholas' Golf-A-Thon**



it's that time again!

Time to sign up to host a

Coffee Hour

during the 2015-2016 Liturgical Year!

We need EVERYONE's participation!

We ask that each parish family/household host or co-host a Coffee Hour once during the year. This is our chance to offer hospitality and to provide the opportunity for fellowship for the whole parish after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour is an important time for bonding and reaching out to each other. It's also a great way to commemorate a birthday, anniversary, name day or to honor the memory of a departed family member.

Wondering what is expected of you?

- Put simply, hosts bring some food and drink, set it up, and clean it up. Some financial assistance is available for those who need it.
- More detailed information will be emailed and posted on the bulletin board.

This past year's coordinators, Christie Speier Robinson and Carla Brunstead, have made it really easy with detailed instructions, reminders the week before you host, and even a **HOW-TO MANUAL with PHOTOS**, located in the little kitchen.

NEW: Coffee Hour Advisors

We have a team of Coffee Hour "Advisors" and one of them will be available each Sunday morning to answer any questions the hosts might have. On the team so far: Carla Brunstead, Laurie Baker, Corina Berari, Cheryl Washburn-Lander.

How to Sign up

Sign-ups will be done online this year. Please consult your family calendar, and then check out the online sign-up list. We will be emailing the link to you, or you can type it into your computer's browser. You can also e-mail a preferred date to christie.d.robinson@gmail.com.

Here is the link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a49a5ab2ba6fc1-coffee>

Many thanks to all of our hosts for 2014-2015 and to all who contributed to our many potlucks during the year!

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
Dn. Richard E.
Kh. Mary Sue W.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family
Kh. Mary Ellen B.
Gail S.
Dean & Penny
Mary
Susan B.

Baby Christian F.
Duane F.
Stan and Donna F.
Angel, Helen and Family
Joy
Kh. Marilyn G.
Ryan Family
Terri-Lynn H.
Hannah Rose H.
Holly C.
Valeria

Tami, Denny, Maddie B.
Kevin O.
Steve T.
Temmo K.
Paige
All those suffering and
in danger in the Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East

For repose of the souls of: Fr. Gordon W., Jane W., Ryan B, Sohei, David W.,
All who have died in the conflicts in the Ukraine, Africa & the Middle East

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 Proskomedia (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 ON THE BOOKSTORE SHELF.
Make checks payable to “St. Athanasius Book Center.”

**THE MISSION AND VI-
SION OF
ST. ATHANASIUS
ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Ephesians 3:14-21)**

That we would be rooted and gunded in
FAITH, LOVE AND HUMILITY
so we might experience and manifest the
FULLNESS OF THE CHURCH

- in the **WORSHIP** of the Holy Trinity
- in the **CARE AND GROWTH** of the peo-
ple
- in **SERVING** new members, catechu-
mens,
inquirers and visitors
- In **SHARING THE ANCIENT FAITH**
with our community, the wayward and
seekers
- In **LOVING AND CARING FOR OUR**
COMMUNITY

**Unto the inheritance of
the
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**

