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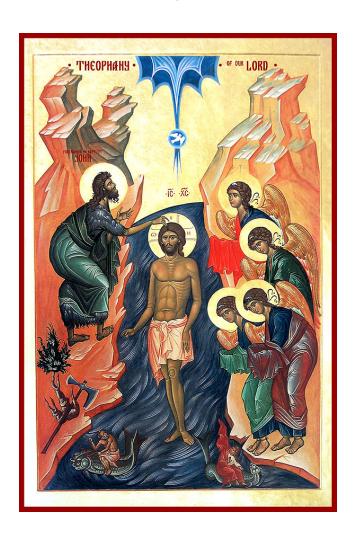
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LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Sunday, January 6, 2013

The Theophany of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ



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, January 6-EPIPHANY

8:45 a.m. Rel. Education ages 3-18

9:00 a..m. Festal Matins

10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy/Rita

Schneider Chrismation

12:30 p.m. Outdoor Blessing of the Water

at Goleta Beach followed by

picnic

Monday, January 7

Synaxis of St. John the Baptist

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

10:30 a.m. Religious Ed.-Level I Atrium 4:15 p.m. St. Brigid Outreach dinner at

St. Michael's in Isla Vista

7:00 p.m. Financial Peace University

Tuesday, January 8

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, January 9

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group

6:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting

Thursday, January 10

5:30 p.m.	Daily Vespers
6:00 p.m.	Facilities Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Catechists Meeting

Friday, January 11

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, January 12

Rite-13 Workday at Monastery (9 a.m.-3 p.m.)

7:30 a.m.	Clergy Meeting
4:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions 7:00 p.m. Youth Steering Committee Mtg.

Sunday, January 13

8:45 a.m. Rel. Education ages 3-18

9:00 a..m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

5:00 p.m. YAC "Fire on Father"

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

January 6	D. Braun
January 13	Thomas
January 20	Hedges
January 27	McConnell

Coffee Hour

January 6 EPIPHANY-Picnic at	
Goleta Beach after Great	
Blessing of the Water	
January 13 J. Ferraez/S. Butler	
January 20 J. Wallerstedt/D. Washburn	n
January 27 Fr. J. & P King/J. & C. Kir	ıg

<u>Greeters</u>

January 6	C. & C. Giordani
January 13	P. King/D. Lewis
January 20	K. & L. Jacobs
January 27	S. & C. Shackelford

Ushers

January 6	D. Meyer, Barre, Lewis
January 13	Craig & Gabe Speier, P. King
January 20	Jon King, G. Braun Jr., P. King
January 27	Scott & Luke Speier, P. Brunner

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 for the Feast with Refrain

Verse: When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange

language, Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos,

O Savior, save us.

Verse: The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back. What ails you, o sea,

that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? [refrain]

Verse: Glory....now and ever... [refrain]

Second Antiphon-Psalm Verses for the Feast with Refrain

Verse: I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Refrain: O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee,

Alleluia!

Verse: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. I suf-

fered distress and anguish, then I called on the name of the Lord. [refrain]

Verse: Gracious and righteous is the Lord, and our God is merciful. [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—Psalm Verses with Troparion as refrain

Verse: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, For his mercy endures forever!

Refrain: (See music on next page of this insert.)

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,

worship of the trinity was made manifest!

For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,

calling You his beloved Son.

And the spirit, in the likeness of a dove

confirmed the truth of His Word. Christ our God, Who has appeared

and enlightened the world,

glory to You!

Verse: Let the house of Israel say: for He is good,

For His mercy endures forever! [refrain]

Verse: Let the house of Aaron say: for He is good,

For His mercy endures forever! [refrain]

LITTLE ENTRANCE

Deacon: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has

revealed Himself to us!

People: O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Troparion of Epiphany (Music on next page.)

Tone 1

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, worship of the trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You his beloved Son.

And the spirit, in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His Word.

Christ our God, Who has appeared and enlightened the world, glory to You!

Kontakian of Epiphany

Tone 4

Today You have shone forth to the <u>world</u>, O Lord, and the light of Your countenance has been <u>marked</u> on us. Knowing You, we sing Your <u>praises</u>: "You have come and re<u>vealed</u> Yourself,// O unapproachable Light."

TROPARION OF THEOPHANY (Epiphany)



ANTI-TRISAGION (replaces the Trisagion. (p. 13 of Liturgy Book)

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3 times)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Deacon: With strength!

People: As many as have been baptized...

Prokeimenon before the Epistle

Tone 4

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

Vs. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Epistle Reading— Titus 2:11-15, 3:4-7

Titus, my son, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for Himself a people of His own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel (p. 65 of liturgy book) Tone 5

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia! People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Vs. Bring unto the Lord, O Sons of God, bring young rams unto the Lord! (Alleluia...)

Vs. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters! The glory of God thundered, the Lord is upon many waters! (Alleluia...)

Gospel Reading—Matthew 3:13-17

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

Meglynarion (Hymn to the Mother of God—p. 27 of Liturgy book)

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos; even Angels are overcome with awe praising you. But since you are good, accept our faith; for you know our love inspired by God! You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you.

Communion of the Clergy (Liturgy Book page 32)

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all. Alleluia. (Titus 2:11)

Communion of the People (Liturgy Book page 33)

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

After Communion, instead of singing "We have seen the true light," we sing the troparion of the Feast: "When You, O Lord were baptized in the Jordan" (music on previous page).

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.**

YOU'RE INVITED...

to the baptism of our son, Luke Ignatius Hedges, on Saturday, January 19th at 11:00 a.m. Viktoria's brother, Fr. Luke Hartung, will be co-celebrating with Fr. Nicholas at this joyous event. If you are planning to attend, please R.S.V.P. to us at 805-569-5349, or viktoriasilver@yahoo.com by Wednesday, January 16th. — Ben & Viktoria Hedges

UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES

Thursday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. Vesperal-Liturgy for Feast of Saints Athanasius & Cyril

Tuesday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m. Vesperal-Liturgy for Feast of the Three Hierarchs

PASTORAL VISIT BY ARCHBISHOP JOSEPH

Archbishop Joseph will visit our parish on the weekend of February 9-10. Please make a special effort to attend Vespers and Matins that weekend and help us to welcome our beloved diocesan bishop.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet on Tuesday, January 15th starting with Vespers, followed by a teaching and discussion, and then dinner out together.

2013 Stewardship Commitment Card

It is not too late to turn in your Commitment Card for 2013. The Stewardship Committee has **extended the deadline to January 31**. Please remember that:

- This is just your best estimate, and it is not a legal contract. We understand that circumstances can change within the course of the year.
- The Budget Committee needs to have a realistic sense of the intentions of each member of the parish in order to create a responsible financial plan for the year.
- Remember, we first are giving our offering to God, who, in turn, sends His blessing.

CELEBRATTONS for THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

1/9 Mark and Dee Kern

Birthdays

01/06 Robert Kinman

1/09 Stefan Carpenter, Carla Harris

1/10 Kalix Braun

1/11 Monica Cardenas Brewer

Feast Day Celebrations

1/6 Theophany Tiffany Van Wagoner

1/7 St. John the Baptist

Greyson AbuGhazaleh, Ronald Berari, Kalix Braun, Fr. John Finley, John Charles Finley, John Kyle Heiduk, Gianni Madrigal, John Ronan Meyer, Johnny Wallace

1/12 The Holy Martyr Tatiana of Rome Tatiana Speier

THEOPHANY—January 6th A time for blessing & sanctifying our homes!

For four days, the church prepares for Christ's baptism by John in the Jordan. As Christ came to bless and sanctify the waters of the Jordan river and, through them, all of creation, so in this feast will we be blessed by the water that we take from the church to our homes. In the few days that we have to get ready, we must prepare ourselves and our homes to welcome Christ. Now is the time to clean our rooms, prepare our altars, bring out the icon of the Baptism of Christ, (if possible) and to prepare the water that will be used to bless the house.

Don't forget to call one of the priests of our parish to schedule an appointment for your House Blessing!

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)

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:

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

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

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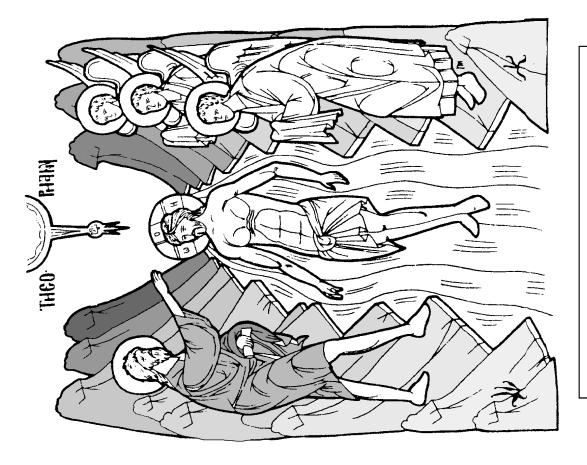
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**** The church bookstore is located in the fellowship hall. The two enclosed cabinets hold icons, books, jewelry and ********** other items that are FOR SALE. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in the brown lock box. Make checks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

All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.



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