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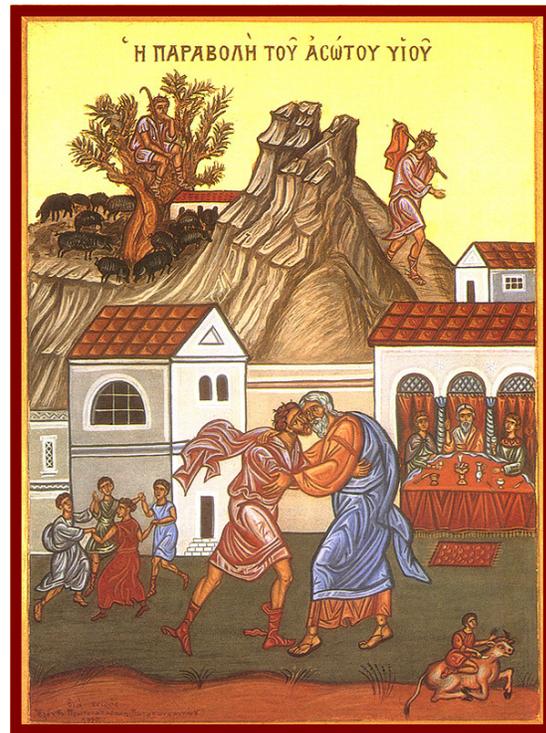
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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, February 8, 2015 Tone 2 / Eothinon 2 Sunday of the Prodigal Son & After-feast of the Presentation of Christ



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

Calendar for this Week

Fr. Nicholas will be away this week Monday through Thursday at the Diocesan Clergy Retreat.

Sunday, February 8

9:00 a.m. Religious Education, ages 3-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. High School "Fire on Father"

Monday, February 9

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
4:30 p.m. Outreach Dinner in Isla Vista

Tuesday, February 10

NO DAILY VESPERS

Wednesday, February 11

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

Thursday, February 12

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

Friday, February 13

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, February 14

4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, February 15

9:00 a.m. Religious Education, ages 3-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
12:30 p.m. Meatfare Picnic at Tucker's Grove

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found basket is located in the little alcove next to the sitting area with the sofas and rocking chair.

The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located in the foyer, on the ledge of the window that looks into the church office.

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

February 8 Fr. Nicholas
February 15 Dn. G. Braun
February 22 Corie Sieck
March 1 Dillon

Coffee Hour

February 8 B. Hedges Family (for St. Theodora,
In honor of Sydney Theodora)
February 15 Meatfare Picnic at the park
February 22 Cheesefare POTLUCK
March 1 NEED A HOST

Greeters

February 8 D. Washburn/D. Lewis
February 15 K. & L. Jacobs
February 22 K. Fox/P. King
March 1 P. King/L. Baker

Ushers

February 8 C. Speier, R. Schneider, P. King
February 15 J. King, G. Shannon
February 22 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King
March 1 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis

Readers

February 8 D. Washburn
February 14 V. Gish (Soul Liturgy)
February 15 D. Washburn
February 22 T. Harris
February 22 D. Meyer (Forgiveness Vespers)
February 25 H. Lange (Presanctified Liturgy)
March 1 R. Barre

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—For the Feast of the Presentation

(verse) *My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king.
My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.*

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

(verse) *Grace hath been poured forth on Thy lips.
Wherefore God hath blessed Thee forever.*

(verse) *Glory... & Both now...*

SECOND ANTIPHON—For the Feast of the Presentation

(verse) *Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Mighty One, in Thy
comeliness and Thy beauty.*

Refrain: **O Son of God who was carried in the arms of Simeon the Righteous, save
us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!**

(verse) *Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.*

(verse) *Thine arrows are sharp, O Mighty One, sharp in the heart of the
enemies of the king. A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of
Thy kingdom.*

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—For the Feast of the Presentation

*(verse) Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear;
and forget thine own people and thy father's house.*

Refrain:

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!

**From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,
enlightening those who sat in darkness.**

**Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,
you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls,
Who grants us the Resurrection!**

(verse) The rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. [Refrain]

(verse) I shall commemorate thy name in every generation. [Refrain]

LITTLE ENTRANCE

AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR, WE SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS FOR THE DAY:

Troparion of the Resurrection

(Music on p. 42 of Liturgy book)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death,
O Thou deathless and immortal One,
then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow'r,
and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth,
all the pow'rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee.
O Christ, Thou art the Giver of life, Glory to Thee.

Tone 2 (Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)

Troparion for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, who art full of grace;
for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God,
a light to those who dwell in darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Simeon,
carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls,
who grants us Resurrection.

Tone 1 (Byzantine chant)

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

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.

Tone 3 (Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)**Kontakion for the Prodigal Son**

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father;
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You gave me.
And now I cry to You as the Prodigal:
“I have sinned before You, O merciful Father;
receive me a penitent,
and make me as one of Your hired servants!”

Tone 3 (Slavic Chant)**Kontakion of The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord**

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin’s womb!
And blessed Simeon’s hands, O Christ God.
Now You have come and saved us through love.
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

Tone 1 (Slavic)**TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN**

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (sung 3 times)
+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
(Page 57 of Liturgy Book)**Tone 2** (Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)**The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.**

Vs. The Lord has chastened me severely but He has not given
me over to death.

EPISTLE READING—1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality! Every other sin, which a man commits, is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which belong to God.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel
(Music on page 64 of Liturgy Booklet)

Tone 2

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble!
May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)

Verse: O Lord, save the King in the day we call on Thee! (Ps 19/20:9)

GOSPEL READING—Luke 15:11-32

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants,

‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry.

Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But the son was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

Meglynarion (Hymn to the Mother of God)

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you!

We faithful saw the figure in the shadow of the Law and the Scriptures: Every male child that opened the womb was holy to God! Therefore, we magnify the first-begotten Son of the unoriginate Father, the first-born Son of the unwedded Mother!

Hymns sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist for the feast of the Cross

- Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.
- The Jesus Prayer: “O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

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.

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.

Fr. Nicholas will be away this week Monday through Thursday at the Diocesan Clergy Retreat.

WE STILL NEED COFFEE HOUR HOSTS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES. If you are able to host or co-host on one of these dates, please contact Christie Robinson at christie.d.robinson@gmail.com.

March 1	April 19
April 26	May 10
May 24	June 7, 14 and 21
July 12 and 26	August 30

WE NEED SOMEONE TO COORDINATE THE LENTEN SOUP DINNERS

On three Fridays during Great Lent, (**Feb. 27, March 20, March 27**) we will have our traditional Soup Dinners following the 6:00 p.m. Akathist service. Sign-up lists have been posted on the big bulletin board for volunteers who can bring soup, bread, juice and fruit. We need a couple of people who are willing to take responsibility for the set-up and clean-up for all three of the weeks. If you would consider making this your “ministry” during Lent, please contact Christie Robinson at christie.d.robinson@gmail.com.

The Prodigal Son

After the Polyeleion at Matins this Sunday we first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon" which serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel:

Psalm 136

“By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.

Upon the willows in her midst, we hung up our musical instruments;

For there our captors asked us for words from our songs,

and those who carried us off said to us,

“Sing us the songs of Zion...”

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“The theme of man’s exile from God, his estrangement from the true spiritual reality to which he belongs, is constantly repeated in the Lenten services. We are not at home. We are not where we belong. We are alienated and estranged. We are in exile. This message is at the very heart of the biblical world view. It is at the center of Christ’s teaching, and that of His prophets, apostles, martyrs and saints of all ages. It is symbolized in many different ways in scriptural stories, parables and events. The Lenten season makes use of them all. Spiritually, we are all “by the waters of Babylon.” Our true home is Jerusalem; not a place on the map, but a spiritual reality. It is the true Jerusalem, the city of God, the Jerusalem on high which, according to St. Paul, is “free, and she is our mother.” (Gal. 4:26)

- from *The Lenten Spring* by Fr. Thomas Hopko

As Great Lent 2015 approaches,

please keep the following dates in mind:

Saturday, February 14	8:00 a.m.	Soul Liturgy
Sunday, February 15	After Liturgy	Meatfare Picnic
Sunday, February 22	6:00 p.m.	Forgiveness Vespers
Monday, February 23	First day of Great Lent 6:00 p.m.	Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew
Tuesday, February 24	6:00 p.m.	Little Compline with Canon of St. Andrew
Wednesday, February 25	6:00 p.m.	Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday, February 26	6:00 p.m.	Little Compline with Canon of St. Andrew
Friday, February 27	6:00 p.m.	Akathist followed by Soup Dinner

SAVE THE DATE for our Lenten Seminar, Friday/Saturday March 6-7!

MEATFARE SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 15th!

Next Sunday we will say farewell to meat for the duration of the Great Fast. Join us for our annual Meatfare Picnic at Tucker's Grove (Kiwanis Meadows—Area 5) at 1:00 p.m. All families are asked to bring their own meat to grill (the barbecue will be fired up), a salad or side dish to share and a beverage of choice. Paper dishes, napkins and plastic cutlery will be provided. Please bring your own plates and cutlery if you need something sturdier. We will serve only beverages at Coffee Hour next week. (From Highway 101 take Turnpike Road north across Cathedral Oaks Road. The park entrance is straight ahead. Follow signs to area 5.)

A FEW REMINDERS FOR THE NEW YEAR...

1. **Mailing address for automatic payments:** Please be sure to use the new church address on anything mailed to the church, and on monthly automated payments. (300 Sumida Gardens Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93111.) The church P.O. box is now closed, so mail sent there will be returned to you.
2. **Please designate** on donation checks to which account you want the funds to go. Otherwise, they will be entered as “tithes.”
3. If any of **your contact information** has changed in the past several months, please be sure to notify the church office with your most current address, email, home phone and cell phone.
4. If you or your family have taken a **new photo** in the past year that you would like to submit for the new parish photo directory, please E-MAIL it by April 1st to the church office. OFFICE@STATHANASIUS.ORG
5. The church office is currently **closed on Mondays**. Office hours are 12:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Tuesday-Friday.
6. Ministry leaders, please **schedule use of the church building** with the church office. Also, don't forget to check ALL DOORS when you leave the building to make sure they have closed and locked properly.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

in support of St. Barbara Monastery

As you know, we are hosting the Yale Russian Male Chorus in a concert on Friday March 13, 2015. All proceeds from the concert will be donated to St. Barbara Monastery to assist with the completion of their new chapel.

We are trying to raise the funds to cover the cost of the concert so that all of the proceeds at the door can be given to the Monastery.

Please consider supporting this effort in one of the following ways:

- **Attending the concert** and inviting several friends or family members to join you
- **Becoming a \$50 Sponsor** (You will receive 1 concert ticket and be listed as a St. Barbara Monastery Friend in the program.)
- **Becoming a \$100 Sponsor** (You will receive 2 concert tickets and be listed as a St. Barbara Monastery Patron in the program.)
- **Becoming a Corporate Sponsor** with a gift of \$500 or more (You will receive 4 concert tickets, be listed as a corporate sponsor in the program and receive a free print advertisement in the program.)
- **A donation of any size** if you are not able to attend the concert.

There will be a reception following the concert to meet and greet the singers, who are being hosted on Friday evening by members of our parish.

If you are interested in being an individual or corporate sponsor for this event, please contact Christie Speier Robinson at christie.d.robinson@gmail.com, or 455-4312.

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WE STILL NEED A FEW MORE HOSTS FOR MEMBERS OF YALE RUSSIAN MALE CHORUS, Friday, March 13th

We need to provide housing on March 13th after the concert for 15 young men. They are willing to sleep on the floor, on air mattresses, several to a room, or whatever we are able to provide. Please contact Valerie in the church office if you are able to host one or several of the chorus members. office@stathanasius.org

The Yale Russian Male Chorus

conducted by Mark Bailey, Artistic Director



in concert
Friday, March 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.
St. Athanasius Orthodox Church



300 Sumida Gardens Lane
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
(facing Hollister between Patterson and Ward)

Tickets: \$15 at the door only
\$10 Students & Seniors OPEN SEATING

**Proceeds will benefit the Chapel Building Fund of
St. Barbara Monastery in Santa Paula, CA**

Founded in 1953, the YRC served as a powerful force toward the preservation of Russian choral music during the Cold War era. It is now recognized as one of the world's most important performance ensembles of Slavic music. The YRC's repertoire, which spans from the 12th to the 21st centuries, includes a variety of sacred and secular music, including ancient chant, cultural songs, and major choral works by Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakoff, and Rachmaninoff.

For more information, go to: www.stathanasius.org or call 805-685-5400

TEEN SCENE

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

Schedule of Activities and Service Projects

For more information, contact Lara Jacobs —Teen Program Coordinator
at: cpejacobs@gmail.com

High School —Grades 9-12

Sunday, Feb 8	5:00-7:00 pm	Fire on Father	Fr. Nicholas and Jan's Home
February 13-16	Weekend	Winter Retreat	Camp St. Nicholas
Sunday, March 8	5:00-7:00 pm	Fire on Father	Fr. Nicholas and Jan's Home
Sunday, March 15	5:00-7:00 pm	Minute to Win It	SAOC
Monday, Marh 23	4:00-6:00pm	Family Event: Service Project: St. Brigid Outreach Dinner	St. Michael's Church in IV
Saturday March 28		Annunciation Tea (Girls)	SAOC
Sunday March 29	4:30-6:00 pm	Girls Small Group	Teen Room
	6:00-7:30 pm	Boys Small Group	Teen Room

Junior High School—Grades 7-8

Friday, Feb 13-Mon Feb 16	Weekend	Winter Camp	Camp St. Nicholas
Fri,, Feb. 20-Sat., Feb. 21	Weekend	Monastery Retreat	TBA
Sunday March 1	6:00 p.m.	Pan Orthodox Vespers and Messy Games	TBA
Sunday, March 22	5:00-6:30	Minute to Win It	SAOC
Saturday March 28		Annunciation Tea (Girls)	SAOC

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
of Syria
Fr. Thomas H.
Dn. Richard E.
Dn. Scott J.
Peggy K. and Family
Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W.
The Hartung Family

Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family
Mary Ellen B.
Gail S.
Dean & Penny
Mary & Susan
Baby Christian F.
Duane F.
Larry L.
Sandy S.

Drew W.
Yvette B.
Marliese Z.
All those suffering and
in danger in the Ukraine,
Nigeria, and the Middle East
Cheri W.
Kh. Marilyn G.
Stan and Donna F.
Molly M.

For repose of the souls of:

Dn. David D., Anthony B. (Santa Barbara policeman),
Fr. Michael R., All who have died in the conflicts in the
Ukraine, Syria and Palestine

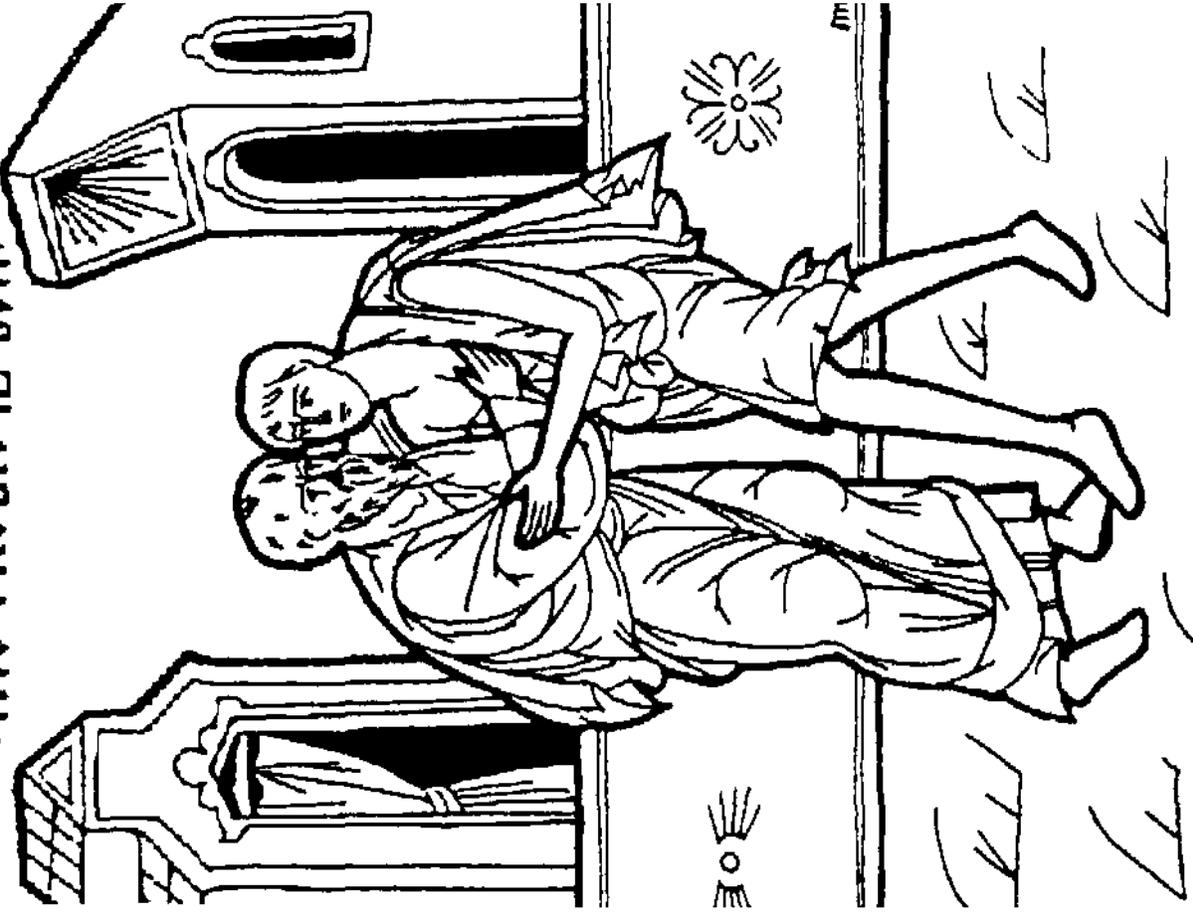
ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS:

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 PRODIGAL SON:



FOR THE CHILDREN TO COLOR
DURING THE HOMILY OR AT HOME