



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM January 1, 2023 TONE 4 / EOTHINON 7

Feasts of Circumcision of Christ & Basil the Great

New-martyr Peter of the Peloponnesos



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 on the patio after the Liturgy for Coffee Hour.

We'd love to meet you!

We welcome children of all ages in our worship.

“Let the little children come unto Me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Luke 18:16

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sunday, January 1-ST. BASIL, CIRCUMCISION **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 p.m. Agape Meal
1:00 p.m. Blessing of Graves at Goleta Cemetery

Monday, January 2—St. Seraphim

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
5:15 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry—Akathist
by Zoom

Tuesday, January 3

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, January 4

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Thursday, January 5-PARAMON OF THEOPHANY

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
8:00 a.m. **Royal Hours of Theophany**
10:00 a.m. **Vesperal-Liturgy and
Great Blessing of the Water**
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
6:45 p.m. High School Youth Group

Friday, January 6-THEOPHANY

NO MORNING MATINS

5:30 p.m. **Matins of Theophany**
6:30 p.m. **Divine Liturgy of Theophany and
Reception of Converts**

Saturday, January 7-Synaxis of St. John the Baptist

8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship of St. John
5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, January 8

9:00 a.m. Matins & Religious Ed. ages 3-12
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Education
11:45 p.m. Agape Meal
1:00 p.m. Outdoor Blessing of the Water

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

January 1 Jacobs
January 8 Fr. Nicholas
January 15 Meyer
January 22 Morrison

READERS

January 1 Kern
January 5 TBA (Vesperal-Liturgy 10 a.m.)
January 6 Butler (Liturgy 6:30 p.m.)
January 8 Meyer
January 15 Alexander
January 17 Gish (Vespers & Liturgy for
St. Athanasius)
January 22 Kern

GREETERS

January 1 D. Washburn/D. Lewis
January 8 H. Lange/L. Baker
January 15 P. Cocores/M. Loulias
January 22 K. Fox/K.P. King

USHERS

January 1 P. King/J. King
January 8 C. Berari/D. Alexander
January 15 C. Speier/S. Speier
January 22 K.L. King/D. Washburn

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

January 1 Team Baker
January 8 King Family in memory of Fr. Jim
January 15 Team Washburn-Lander
January 22 Chala Family

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

Jan. 5 D. Alexander/J. Jones
Jan. 12 F. Young
Jan. 19 L. Ballew
Jan. 26 M. Loulias

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive. Non-Orthodox believers and others **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,

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

FIRST ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. Shout with jubilation unto the Lord all the earth. Chant ye unto His name,
give glory in praise of Him. [Refrain]

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

Vs. Say unto God: How awesome are Thy works! In the multitude of Thy power,
shall Thine enemies be proved false unto Thee. [Refrain]

Vs. Glory...now & ever...Amen. [Refrain]

SECOND ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.
Sing unto the Lord; chant unto His Name.

**Refrain: O Son Of God Who was circumcised in the flesh, save us who sing to Thee,
Alleluia!**

Vs. Out of Zion is the magnificence of His comeliness. [Refrain]

Vs. Our God is in heaven and on earth; whatsoever He hath willed, He hath done. 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 for the Feast of the Circumcision

Vs. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever.

Refrain Troparion of the Feast:

*Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and Your divine Spirit
O Jesus, You willed to be born on earth
of the unwedded handmaid, your Mother.
Therefore You were circumcised as an eight-day old Child.
Glory to Your most gracious counsel;
glory to Your dispensation;
Glory to Your condescension, O only Lover of mankind.*

Vs. With my mouth will I tell of Thy truth. (Refrain)

Vs. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity. (Refrain)

HYMNS AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Music on page 45 of Liturgy book)

Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message
of the Resurrection from the angel,
the women disciples of the Lord cast from them
their parental condemnation,
and proudly broke the news to the disciples
saying death has been spoiled.
Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion for the Feast of the Circumcision

Tone 1

Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and Your divine Spirit,
O Jesus, You willed to be born on earth
of the unwedded handmaid, your Mother.
Therefore You were circumcised as an eight-day old Child.
Glory to Your most gracious counsel;
Glory to Your dispensation;
Glory to Your condescension, O only Lover of mankind.

Troparion for St. Basil the Great

Tone 1

Your proclamation has gone out into all the earth
which was divinely taught by hearing your voice.
You expounded the nature of creatures
and ennobled the manners of men.
Venerable Father of royal priesthood,
entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved.

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 of the Feast of the Circumcision

Tone 3

The Lord of all accepts to be circumcised,
thus as He is good He excises the sins of mortal men.
Today He grants the world salvation,
while light-bearing Basil, high priest of our Creator,
rejoices in heaven as a divine initiate of Christ.

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.
Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon)

Tone 1

My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

Verse: Hear this, all people! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world!

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 2:8-12

Brethren, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in Him, Who is the head of all rule and authority. In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, Who raised Him from the dead.

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

Tone 8

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Vs. O shepherd of Israel, attend. (Ps. 79/80: 1)

Vs. The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

And it came to pass that the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him. Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing Him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why hast Thou treated us so? Behold, Thy father and I have been looking for Thee anxiously." And Jesus said to them, "How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God sung during the Liturgy of St. Basil

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins,
from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages:
He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens.
All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

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! (*Ps 148:1*)
- Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)

After Communion, instead of singing "We have seen the true light", we sing the Troparion of the Circumcision.

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 the blessing of the food at Coffee Hour to eat and socialize.

UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES

Feast of the Theophany of the Lord

Thursday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Royal Hours of Theophany
10:00 a.m. Vespers-Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Great Blessing of the Water

Friday, January 6

4:30 p.m. Matins of Theophany
5:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy of Theophany
and reception of converts

Sunday, January 8

1:00 p.m. Outdoor Blessing of Water
at Santa Barbara Harbor with St. Barbara
Greek Orthodox Church

FEAST OF ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT

Tuesday, January 17

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

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SAVE THE DATE...

PRE-LENTEN SEMINAR

Saturday, February 4, 2023

10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

Presenter: Fr. James Coles

Topic: “Going to Confession: A Baptism of Tears”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY AT 1:00 P.M. WE WILL BLESS THE GRAVES OF OUR LOVED ONES BURIED AT GOLETA CEMETERY.

TODAY DURING THE AGAPE MEAL, Erik Lawrence will play a brief program on the grand piano in the sitting area by the library. All are welcome to come and listen. Feel free to bring your coffee and refreshments. Erik has completed his Doctoral studies at UCSB and will be moving to Arkansas to be near family. Erik has made a significant contribution to our music ministry here at St. Athanasius for the past four years, singing in the choir and serving as a chanter at Saturday evening Vespers and some of our daily services. We are thankful to Erik for his service, and thankful to God for the time that we have had him in our spiritual family. We pray that our Lord will bless this next part of Erik's spiritual and musical journey. May God grant him many years!

CONGRAULATIONS AND MANY YEARS to Julianna (Ballew) and Zaron DeSilva, who were united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony on December 27, 2022!!

WE WILL RESUME OUR TUESDAY BOOK STUDY on January 24, 2023. The January book study series will be on *The Hidden Man of the Heart* by Archimandrite Zacharias of Essex. We will begin each Tuesday session with the Prayers of the Ninth Hour, followed by a simple pot-luck supper and then the study. The schedule is below:

Session 1 - Jan 24	<i>The Heart and Awakening It</i>
Session 2 - Feb 7	<i>Building Up the Heart</i>
Session 3 - Feb 14	<i>Understanding and Living Repentance</i>
Session 4 - Feb 21	<i>Entering the Heart and the Life of the Spirit</i>

WINTER RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Our diocese's Young Adult Ministry is sponsoring a Winter Retreat in Big Bear January 13-16, 2023. The registration fee includes lodging and meals. Passes for the ski lift and ski rentals are separate. Deadline for registration is December 31, 2022.

<http://www.dlawayoungadults.com/events/winter-retreat-2023/>
Instagram @dlawayoungadults

Please pray for all of our catechumens, that their minds and hearts will be illumined as they continue their journey towards baptism and/or chrismation.

Chandler Baker
Emma Bobro
Tatianna Calhoun
Kevin Duke
Brett and Laura Eberhard, Taylor & Madison
Kaleigh Flores
Sean Ryan
Gage Salinas
Naomi Siragusa
Mary Wolfington, Alicia & Gabriel



SB COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

VIGIL FOR FREEDOM

In solidarity with local survivors of human trafficking

JANUARY 18, 2023

5:30PM-6:30PM

DE LA GUERRA PLAZA, SANTA BARBARA

Join the SB County Human Trafficking Task Force, Kingdom Causes, Inc., SB ACT, the Interfaith Collaborative Against Human Trafficking, North County Rape Crisis Center, STESA, local faith communities and more as we stand for freedom in our community. Join us for speakers regarding the local human trafficking landscape and a candlelight vigil.

Please RSVP below.

tinyurl.com/vigilforfreedomsouth2023



REGARDING 2022 TITHES...

The church will accept tithes and donations for the 2022 fiscal year up through Sunday, January 8th. Please be sure to date checks these next two Sundays for the year for which they are intended.

Checks received after January 8th will be credited towards 2023, regardless of what date is on them.

Donations made online on the parish website are entered as the date of the transaction, unless noted otherwise in the memo section.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

1/1 Nikolay Nikolov
1/4 Phillip Kawahara

Patron Saint Commemorations

1/1	St. Emelia	Emilia Rose Macdonald
1/1	St. Gregory of Nazianzus, the Elder	Glenn Hoppe
1/2	St. Juliana of Lazarevo	Julianna (Ballew) DeSilva, Juliet Macdonald
1/2	St. Seraphim of Sorov	Seraphim Cisneros
1/4	St. Jason, Apostle of the 70	Jason Wallace
1/5	Prophet Micah	Micah Landrum
1/7	St. John the Baptist (Synaxis)	Ron Berari, Fr. John Finley, John Heiduk, Gianni Madrigal, John Ronan Meyer, Johnny Wallace

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:

His Beatitude, Patriarch John X
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Markos
Fr. Jon B.
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.
Audrey C.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family in Albania
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya
Duane F.
Richard and Susan B.
Monsignor J. Yanek
Bob N.
Kh. Melissa H.
Cole K. (military)
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)
Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Connor V. (military)
Julianna B. (military)
P. Speier (military)

Subdn. Matthew W. (seminary)
Steve T.
Phyllis M.
Abp. Benjamin
Kris F.
Temmo K.
Sarah B.
Jerry J.
Chuck S.
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Zachary B.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Lander and Washburn Families
Bob
Cheryl F.
Michael V.
Jane M.
Hannah S.
Chrissy M.
David W.
Nina

Kevin
Stephan & Rosa K.
David
Evonne C.
Phyllis M.
Christina S.
Judy A.
Mark K.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church
The Church & people in Lebanon
All those suffering and
in danger in Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East

Please pray for the raising up and support
of long-term missionaries from our parish.

For repose of the souls of: Fr. Maximos

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall - two enclosed cabinets containing items that are FOR SALE. One cabinet holds icons, crosses, incense, prayer ropes, etc. The bookshelf has books for sale, arranged alphabetically by book title. Children's books are on the bottom shelf. See Terri Speier if you are looking for jewelry such as a cross or chain. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Nicholas' office. Make checks payable to **S.A.O.C. Bookstore**. (The pamphlets in the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.)

All proceeds go to the parish Temple Fund.

**FAREWELL AND GODSPEED, ERIK!
WE WILL MISS YOU!**



**SAOC Choir -
Nativity 2019**

