



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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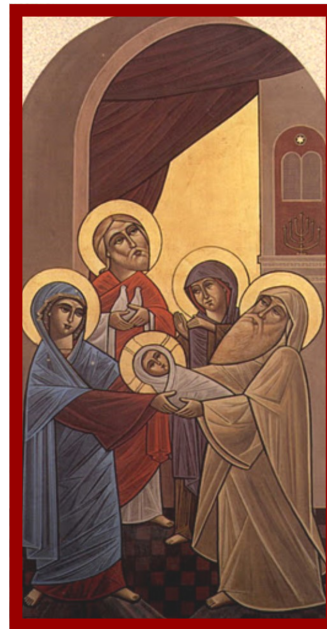
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**LITURGY OF
St. John Chrysostom
Sunday, February 3, 2019
Tone 3 / Eothinon 3; Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost
& Sixteenth Sunday of Matthew
Synaxis of Holy and Righteous Simeon the
God-receiver & Anna the Prophetess**



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!

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 this Week

Sunday, February 3

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. Classes ages 6-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, February 4

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
4:30 p.m. St. Brigid outreach dinner at
St. Michael's Church in Isla Vista

Tuesday, February 5

4:30 p.m. Catechesis Level One
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, February 6

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group
6:30 p.m. Women's Book Study

Thursday, February 7

11:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 8

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
4:45 p.m. Akathist Prayers at
Westmont College in the chapel

Saturday, February 9

8:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship Seminar
"Relationships done God's Way"
4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers /Confessions

Sunday, February 10

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. Classes ages 6-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

February 3 Dn. G. Braun
February 10 Jacobs
February 17 Kern
February 24 Fr. Nicholas

Coffee Hour

February 3 Alexander (for St. Simeon & St. Anna)
February 10 Chala Family in honor of Evonne's
90th birthday
February 17 Sieck
February 24 S. & T. Speier

**(To sign up to host Coffee Hour, go to:
www.stathanasius.org/coffee-hour/)**

Greeters

February 3 D. Genatone/P. Morrison
February 10 P. King/H. Lange
February 17 D. Washburn/D. Lewis
February 24 P. Cocores/M. Loulias/P. King

Ushers

February 3 P. Brunner, P. King, D. Meyer
February 10 D. Lewis, C. Speier, J. King
February 17 D. Washburn, C. Berari, S. Speier
February 24 P. Brunner, P. King, D. Meyer

Readers

February 3 V. Gish
February 10 Rdr. M. Kern
February 17 M Braun
February 24 Rdr. John Butler

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

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

THE 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 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 Presentation

*(verse) Harken, 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]

FOLLOWING THE PROCESSION WITH THE GOSPEL, THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR AS WE SING THE FOLLOWING 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

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

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 Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple **Tone 1**

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!

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 13 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.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle
(Music on p. 58 of Liturgy book)

Tone 3 Byzantine melody

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*)

EPISTLE READING
2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel Tone 3
(Music on page 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*) **Alleluia!**

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

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord spoke this parable: A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying: "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying: "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying: "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." As Jesus said these things He cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

HOMILY

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

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 unoriginated Father, the first-born Son of the unwedded Mother!

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. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (*Ps 115/116:13*)

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.

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.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Friday, March 1-Saturday, March 2

Pre-Lenten Seminar:

"On Behalf of All and for All:" Liturgy & Life
Greg Abdalah, Guest Presenter

Sunday, March 3 after Liturgy

MEATFARE CELEBRATION on the patio

Sunday, March 10

CHEEFARE POTLUCK after Liturgy
Forgiveness Vespers at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 11

GREAT LENT BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

You can access a complete calendar of services and other parish activities on our website: www.stathanasius.org.
On the homepage, click on **VIEW CALENDAR** at the bottom left.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NESTAN TSISKARIDZE, from our parish, who won the grand prize at the St. Barbara Monastery raffle drawing: a cruise to Alaska!

HOUSE BLESSINGS

It is the time of year when we bless our dwellings again and pray for God's protection in the coming year. Don't forget to call one of our priests to set up a time to have your home blessed!

WEBMASTER NEEDED

The church is looking for a volunteer who has the appropriate training, experience and some time to serve as our Webmaster. There is already a team in place made up of parish members who are handling many of the aspects of the website, including the regular posting of photos, information and recordings. The Webmaster would need to have extensive knowledge about the programming/backend aspect of websites and be able to troubleshoot when problems arise. If you are interested in leading this ministry, please contact Valerie Yova, our Administrator at valerie@stathanasius.org.

CHILDCARE MINISTRY

If you have a heart for our young families and would consider helping us to get a new ministry off the ground that would make sure childcare is provided during our various seminars, classes and gatherings for adults, please contact Fr. Nicholas or Kristi King. You would NOT be expected to be the one doing the childcare. What we need is a small team of people who will COORDINATE the hiring of babysitters on a per-event basis.

IMPORTANT 2019 DATES TO NOTE:

SUMMER SCHOOL 2019: June 17-28 with Magic Mountain field trip on July 1st.

PROJECT MEXICO MISSION TRIP: June 27—July 3.

TEEN RETREAT WEEK—June 10.

PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

- The permit for the patio was approved! Brian Sieck will proceed with the project.
- The Parish Council would like to ask our members to prayerfully consider their monthly financial commitment to our Building Fund. At our January meeting parish treasurer, Dan Braun, reported that we received donations to the Building Fund of \$125,800 in 2018, well short of our \$169,440 goal for the year. The Building Fund covers approximately \$145,000 per year of our mortgage payment along with other building related costs. With the shortfall, our unrestricted Building Fund cash on hand is only \$20,916.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

2/3 Velislava Nikolov
 2/4 Hannah Sieck
 2/7 Stan Friesen
 2/9 Zavien Van Wagoner

Patron Saint Commemorations

2/3 St. Anna the Prophetess Dorothy Alexander, Leslee Kinman
 2/3 St. Simeon the God Receiver Dana Alexander, Tyler Speier

ADULT CATECHISM

Saturdays from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

All adults are welcome to any and all classes.

January -April 2019

January 5	Sacraments I	Accessing the Divine Energies
January 12	Sacraments II	Accessing the Divine Energies
January 19	Cycle of Prayer/Church Year	Redeeming the Time
January 26	Church Year	Redeeming the Time
February 2	Liturgy (Fr. Jon-Stephen)	Understanding the Mystery
February 9	Music (Valerie Yova)	Accessing Beauty
February 16	Virtues (Fr. John Finley)	Drawing Near to God
February 23	Beatitudes	As a Guide to Life
March 2	PRE-LENTEN SEMINAR	NO CLASS at 4:30 p.m.
March 9	Lent	Bright Sadness
March 16	Spirituality	Living a Holy Life
March 23	Morality	Keeping Body and Soul Healthy
March 30	Church Ministry	Participating in the Life of the Church
April 6	Holy Week	Walking with Christ through His Passion
April 13	Confession	Forgiveness, Strength, Healing
April 19 (Friday)	Canon of Lazarus	6:00 p.m.
April 20	Lazarus Saturday Liturgy	8:30 a.m.
April 27	Great and Holy Saturday	8:30 a.m. Vesperal-Liturgy with Baptisms and Chrismations
April 28	PASCHA	5:00 a.m. Procession, Rush Service/Liturgy

TEEN SCENE

Junior High teens meet from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
and High School teens meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
on Thursdays in the Teen Room at the church, unless noted otherwise.

2/7 Regular Youth Group
2/14 NO YOUTH GROUP—**WINTER CAMP**
2/21 Regular Youth Group
2/28 Regular Youth Group

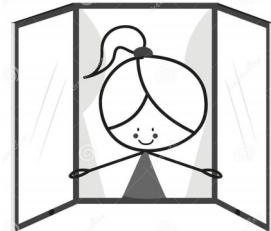
Saturday, 3/2—**AFTER VESPERS**
TEEN CHAT & PIZZA with Pre-Lenten Seminar Speaker,
Greg Abdalah

WOMEN'S WINDOW

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

Ladies high school age and up,
join us for a day of inspiration, growth and fellowship!

**"Relationships Done God's Way:
with Others, with Yourself and with Him."**



Presenter: Michelle Moujaes of Faithtree.Org

February 9, 2019 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
St. Athanasius Orthodox Church

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.
Registration for the day is \$20, and \$10 for our High School ladies

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
Bishop Neofitos (Diocese of Kenya)
Mother Christophora
Fr. Jon B.
Dn. Richard E.
Kh. Diane C.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family
Gail S.
Duane F.
Joan and Steve T.
Richard and Susan B.
Fr. Jon and Kh. Elizabeth S.

Regina M.
Ethan & Cole K.
Tony E.
Monsignor John Y.
Gaylen C.
Zac B.
Terri Lynn & Hannah Rose
Lauren
Cheryl G.
Elka
Elizabeth J.
Jimmy
Phoebe L.
Kh. Carla Z.
Sharmaine & Emma

Evonne C.
Elizabeth H.
Tyler A.
Fr. Patrick and Vanessa K.
All those suffering and
in danger in Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East
The victims of the recent shootings
and fires

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

For repose of the souls of:

Richard F., William F.
All who have died in the conflicts in Ukraine Africa & the Middle East, in the recent fires, and in the shootings in Pittsburgh and Thousand Oaks..

ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS: Richard F.

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 Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion).

* **ST. ATHANASIUS BOOK CENTER** *
* 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 St. Athanasius Book Center.. (The pamphlets in the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.) *
* **All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.** *



**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT
at Big Bear—January 19-21, 2019**

INCOME FOR DECEMBER 2018		
	<u>Gen. Operating</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Monthly Goal	\$ 37,500	\$ 14,120
Monthly Actual - December	\$ 67,560	\$ 17,215
Goal for Tithes January—December 2018		\$ 450,000
Actual Tithes January-December 2018		\$ 467,130
(Surplus operating funds will enable us to take care of several special projects in 2019, including the resealing and striping of the parking lot asphalt.)		
Building Fund Goal for January-December		\$169,440
Actual Building Fund donations Jan.-Dec.		\$125,800
GOLF TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS		\$89,453
MONTHLY TITHE GOAL FOR 2019:		\$39,750.