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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, January 3, 2016

**Tone 6 / Eothinon 9; Forefeast of &
Sunday before Theophany of Christ**

Holy Prophet Malachi; Martyr Gordios of Cappadocia;
Venerable Thomais the Wonderworker of Lesbos;
Venerable Genevieve of Paris



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, January 3

NO RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, January 4

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
4:30 p.m. Outreach Meal at St. Michaels' University Church in Isla Vista

Tuesday, January 5

7:00 a.m. Royal Hours of Epiphany
3:30 p.m. Catechesis Level I
6:00 p.m. Vespers Liturgy for Epiphany

Wednesday, January 6—EPIPHANY

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
11:00 a.m. Shower Truck Ministry

Thursday, January 7

12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Friday, January 8

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
7:00 p.m. Concert: Madeleine Meyer & John Butler at St. Barbara Greek Church Event Center

Saturday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Truly Human Training Session
4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, January 10

9:00 a.m. Religious Education ages 3-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
9:40 a.m. Blessing of the Atria
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
1:00 p.m. Outdoor Blessing of the Water at Santa Barbara Yacht Club

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

January 3 Dillon
January 10 Thomas
January 17 Washburn
January 24 Hedges

Coffee Hour

January 3 J. Ferraez for St. Genevieve
January 10 NEED A HOST
January 17 NEED A HOST
January 24 J. Wallerstedt/D. Washburn

Greeters

January 3 P. King, L. Baker
January 10 G. Shannon, K. King
January 17 P. Morrison, D. Genatone
January 24 K. Fox, H. Lange

Ushers

January 3 P. King, D. Meyer, R. Barre
January 10 D. Lewis, C. Speier, J. King
January 17 D. Washburn, G. Shannon, S. Speier
January 24 P. Brunner, P. King, D. Meyer

Readers

January 3 T. Harris
January 5 M. Kern (Royal Hours)
January 5 H. Lange (Vesp-Liturgy)
January 10 D. Meyer
January 16 D. Alexander (Vespers)
January 17 D. Washburn
January 24 R. Barre

AT THE END OF THE MATINS SERVICE, WE SING THE GREAT DOXOLOGY.
(“Glory to You, Who have shown us the light...”) followed by the Matins Dismissal
Troparion. Complete text is in front of Liturgy book.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE GREAT LITANY

FIRST ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High;
To proclaim Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. [Refrain]

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

Vs. Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. [Refrain]

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

SECOND ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength and hath
girded Himself.

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

Vs. For He hath established the world which shall not be shaken. [Refrain]

Vs. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore. [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 in-
carnate 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—The Beatitudes or “Sermon on the Mount”

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord,
when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and shall persecute you, and shall say all manner of
evil against you falsely for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

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

Troparion of the Resurrection (Music on p. 49 of Liturgy book)

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body,
angelic pow'rs shone above Thy revered tomb,
and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men.
Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted there-by,
Thou did meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world.
O Thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Tone 6 Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

Troparion of the Forefeast of Epiphany

Prepare, O Zebulon;
and adorn yourself, O Naphtali!
River Jordan, cease flowing
and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized!
Adam, rejoice with our First Mother
and do not hide yourself as you did of old in Paradise;
for having seen you naked,
He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment.
Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

Tone 4 (Slavic Chant)

Troparion to St. Athanasius (Music on p. 54 of Liturgy Book) Tone 3 (Byzantine)
Holy Bishop Athanasius, harmonized by Fr. J. Finley
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 for the Forefeast of Epiphany Tone 4 (Slavic Chant)
Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John:
“Do not be afraid to baptize me.//
For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man.”

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 (Prokeimenon) Tone 6
(Page 61 of Liturgy Book)
O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. (PS 27/28:9))

Verse: *To Thee will I cry, O Lord, O my God,
do not be silent unto me. (PS 27/28:1)*

Epistle Reading—2 Timothy 4:5-8

Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the Faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel Tone 8

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: *O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Your countenance upon us, and have mercy on us! (Ps 65/66:2)*

v: *That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations. (65/66:3)*

Gospel Reading— Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"

John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

Communion of the Clergy (Liturgy Book page 32)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

Hymn during Communion of the People (Liturgy Book, Page 33)

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

TICKETS ARE ON SALE TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR for the concert on Friday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. Madeleine Meyer and John Butler will perform separately and together in songs guaranteed to start off your year with a smile! Proceeds benefit the church Building Fund. Tickets are \$20/adults and \$10 for students 13-18 years old. No children under 13, please. Tickets can also be purchased online through the parish website at: <https://www.stathanasius.org/events/>

EPIPHANY CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, January 5	7:00 a.m.	Royal Hours of Epiphany
Tuesday, January 5	6:00 p.m.	Vespertal Liturgy and Blessing of Water
Sunday, January 10	1:00 p.m.	Out of Doors Blessing of the Water at 1:00 Santa Barbara Harbor with St. Barbara Greek Parish

Because parking is sometimes a challenge at the harbor, we are offering bus transportation from the church for \$5/adults and free for kids 14 and younger. The bus is limited to the first 40 who register. Payment will be collected as you board the bus. Please reserve your seat by letting the church office know, or by responding to the E-vite. office@stathanasius.org

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for students ages 3-18 WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK (JANUARY 10th) at 9:00 a.m. The children of the Level I Atrium that meets on Tuesday afternoons are invited to join the Sunday classes next Sunday at 9:40 a.m. for the Blessing of the Atria by Fr. Nicholas for Epiphany.

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP that meets each week has changed their meeting day to Thursdays at 12:00 noon, to accommodate the new Shower Truck Ministry at the church on Wednesdays. All are welcome to join this prayer group. They alternate every other week praying the Akathist to the Nurturer of Children (and they pray for EACH of the children in our parish by name) and the Akathist of the Inexhaustible Cup.



Photos of
St. Brigid Fellowship
Outreach Breakfast
On Christmas Morning, 2015

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

1/08 Tyler & Taylor Speier
1/09 Mark & Dee Kern

Birthdays

1/6 Robert Kinman
1/9 Carla Harris

Patron Saint Commemorations

1/3	St. Genevieve of Parish	Jennifer Ferraez, Violet Gray
1/4	St. Jason the Apostle of the Seventy	Jason Wallace
1/4	St. Philip the Apostle	Phillip Brewer
1/6	Feast of Theophany	Tiffany Van Wagoner
1/7	St. John the Baptist (Synaxis)	

Greyson AbuGhazaleh, Ron Berari, Kalix Braun, Fr. John Finley,
John Charles Finley, Patrick Gilbert, John Heiduk, Gianni Madrigal,
John Ronan Meyer, Johnny Wallace



Many thanks to
Lisa Ballew and
the Festal Decorat-
ing crew for
adorning our
church so beauti-
fully for the feast
days!



Some of our Jr. Highers decorating the
church Christmas tree



Thank you!

What a beautiful, full and festive weekend we had for the Feast of the Nativity!

We began **Christmas Eve** with the chanting and singing of the **Royal Hours**, which are FILLED with prophecies and other scripture and hymns which speak of our Lord's coming.

- In the evening we celebrated the **Matins and Liturgy** for the feast in candle light, with the choir singing both services with great joy and beauty.
- A **reception** followed the services for those who were able to stay for a bit of Christmas cheer and fellowship.

On **Christmas morning** we served our annual **St. Brigid Outreach breakfast** in Isla Vista. There was food and merriment a-plenty. We had over 50 people from the parish participating in some way, whether it was providing food, helping with set-up, singing carols, serving in the food line, greeting guests, organizing the gift table and helping to distribute the gifts, or helping with clean-up. All went without a hitch and the Spirit of Christmas was in abundance! Many thanks to Richard and Susan Barre for coordinating the breakfast and providing such superb leadership!

On **Saturday, December 26th**, during Vespers we lit candles for and **prayed for the souls of infants who have died** before, during or shortly after birth, in commemoration of the Slaying of the 14,000 Infants by Herod the King. (celebrated by the Church on December 29th) The poignant prayers and hymns were extremely moving for those in attendance.

And on **Sunday, December 27th**, we celebrated the **After-feast of the Nativity** with all of the festal music from Christmas Eve sung again during the Divine Liturgy, some carols, a holiday potluck, and the **Blessing of the Graves** at Goleta Cemetery, where we blessed each tombstone of our deceased parishioners, family members and friends of the parish. Eighteen of us were gathered at the cemetery. We began with the Trisagion Memorial Prayers, and sang the Troparion of the Nativity as we walked to each gravesite. The clergy blessed each grave with holy water, a bouquet was left on each tombstone and we sang "Memory Eternal." After visiting each grave, we ended with the singing of Christmas carols at the top of the hill overlooking the cemetery.

So many people stepped up to help throughout the weekend. Thank you to "those who serve and those who sing," and all who made contributions of decorations, food, labor, and joy!

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA



“This day He Who Is, is Born; and He Who Is becomes what He was not. For when He was God, He became man; yet not departing from the Godhead that is His. Nor yet by any loss of divinity became He man, nor through increase became he God from man; but being the Word He became flesh, His nature, because of impassibility, remaining unchanged”.

*(From the Homily on the Nativity of The Lord -
St. John Chrysostom)*

Dear Beloved in the Lord,

As we celebrate the Birth in the Flesh of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, the profound words of St. John Chrysostom which are quoted above stir in us feelings of great joy, and hope because of the great condescension which God has deigned to show toward His children. We are ever mindful, in the midst of the great joy of this Feast, of the suffering people around the world, especially in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Palestine, Egypt, and throughout the Middle East and other parts of the world, and we offer our prayers that our Lord, The Prince of Peace, will bring to them the peace which can only come from above.

We extend to you, our beloved in the Lord, our prayers for every blessing for you, your family, and your parishioners. May He, who today is humbly born in a manger, grant you good health and strength as you pursue the work to which you have been called.

With love in the Lord we exclaim, Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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PRAAYER 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. Diane Carrillo
Kh. Mary Sue W.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family
Kh. Mary Ellen B.
Gail S.
Dean & Penny B.
Kevin & Angel S.

Mary
Susan B.
Baby Christian F.
Duane F.
Stan and Donna F.
Angel, Helen and Family
Joy
Terri-Lynn H.
Hannah Rose H.
Holly C.
Temmo K.

Paige
Galina, Nikolai & Nataliya
Nikita
Marina
Olga Marie G.
Mike, Trevor & Adam
Emily F.
Joan, Jerry, Brenda
Kevin O.
Delaney N.
Sabina S.
Steve K.

For repose of the souls of: All who have died in the conflicts in the Ukraine,
Africa & the Middle East

ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS:

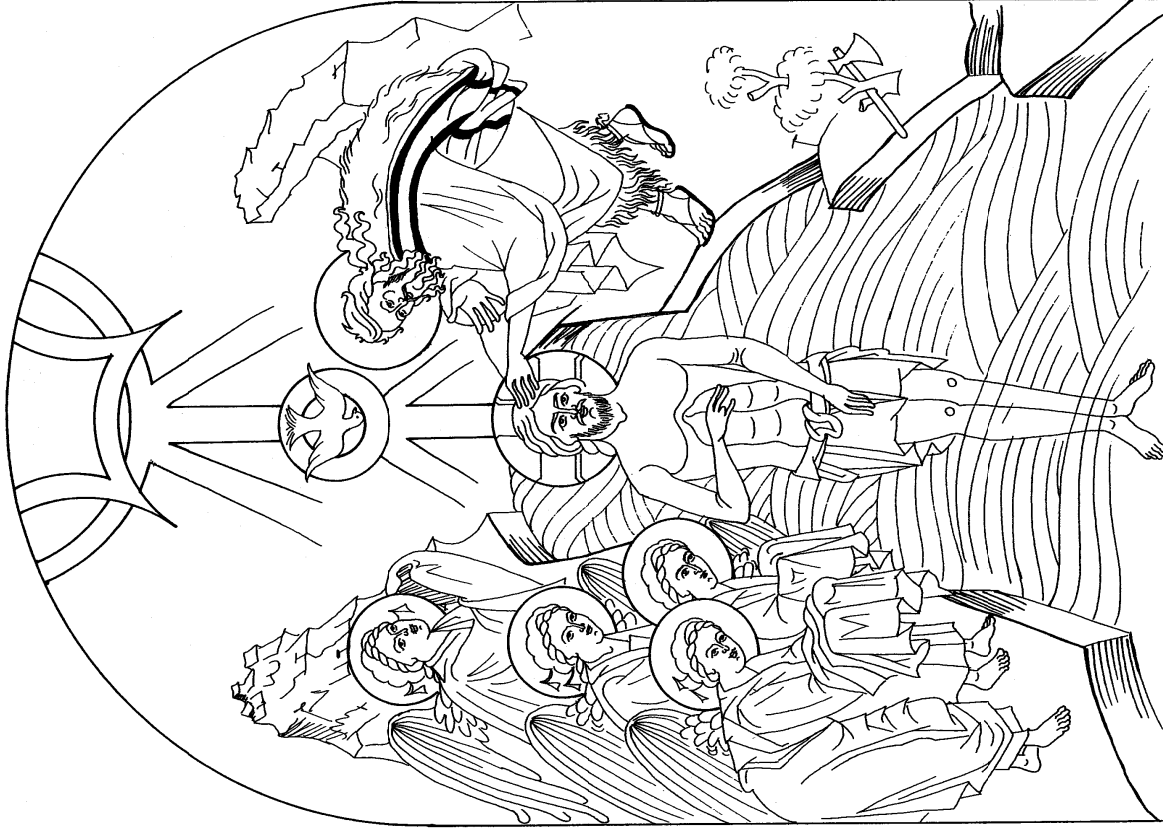
Prayer requests in the bulletin are prayed out loud during the deacons' litanies and should be submitted to the church office—office@stathanasius.org.

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, and other items that are FOR SALE. 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 the brown lock box ON THE BOOKSTORE SHELF. 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 -

THE MISSION AND VISION OF

ST. ATHANASIUS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Ephesians 3:14-21)

That we would be rooted and grounded 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 people
- in **SERVING** new members, catechumens,
inquirers and visitors
- In **SHARING THE ANCIENT FAITH** with our
community, the wayward and seekers
- In **LOVING AND CARING FOR OUR COMMU-
NITY**

Unto the inheritance of the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN