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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, January 4, 2015

**Tone 5 / Eothinon 8; Forefeast of &
Sunday before Theophany of Christ**
Synaxis of the Seventy Holy Apostles;
Venerable Thektistos of Sicily;

Venerable Martyrs Euthymios and his twelve companions
of Vatopedi Monastery on Mount Athos



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 4

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. ages 3-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, January 5

6:45 a.m. Royal Hours of Epiphany
4:30 p.m. Outreach Dinner in Isla Vista
6:00 p.m. Vesperal-Liturgy for Feast of Epiphany of our Lord

Tuesday, January 6—EPHIPHANY

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, January 7

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

Thursday, January 8

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Friday, January 9

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, January 10

7:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, January 11

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. ages 3-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. POTLUCK
1:00 p.m. Outdoor Blessing of Water at Goleta Beach, dessert served at the beach

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

January 4 Thomas
January 5 Gish (for Epiphany)
January 11 Dillon
January 18 Meyer
January 25 Tinyayeva

Coffee Hour

January 4 J. Ferraez, S. Butler
for St. Seraphim & St. Genevieve
January 11 POTLUCK at church,
DESSERT at the beach after
Great Blessing of the Water
January 18 J. Wallerstedt/D. Washburn
in commemoration of St. Xenia
January 25 Shackelford/Genatone in memory
of Al Genatone

Greeters

January 4 K. & L. Jacobs
January 11 S. & C. Shackelford
January 18 C. Robinson/K. Fox
January 25 P. King/L. Baker

Ushers

January 4 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis
January 11 C. Speier, R. Schneider, P. King
January 18 J. King, G. Braun Jr., G. Shannon
January 25 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King

Readers

January 4 V. Gish
January 5 Lange/Meyer
January 11 D. Washburn
January 17 T. Harris
January 18 V. Gish
January 24 P. Braun
January 25 H. Lange

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—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 incarnate of
the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, who without change didst become man and was cruci-
fied, 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”

Music by
P. Mironositsky

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.

LITTLE ENTRANCE

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

(Music on p. 47-48 of Liturgy book)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born of the Virgin for our salvation.

For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh
to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Tone 5 (Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)

Troparion of the Forefeast of Epiphany

Tone 4

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.

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

Tone 3 (Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)

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 for the Forefeast of Epiphany

Tone 4

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

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 61 of Liturgy Book)

Tone 6 (Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)

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 "John and Preparation"

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!

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.

AED

(Automated External Defibrillator)

The AED is located in the foyer, on the ledge of the window that looks into the church office.

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
1/10 Kalix Braun

Patron Saint Commemorations

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, John Heiduk, Gianni Madrigal, John Ronan Meyer, Johnny Wallace

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

FREE ROOM AND BOARD - part time assistance needed in home to live-in with two very sweet adults who need support in their home. They both very independent and work full time jobs. They need light assistance with shopping, cooking, cleaning, medical appointments, and general hygiene Managing the home and household in general is also part of the job. A car is essential, as are good references, no criminal record, and clean driving record. No pets, no smoking. There is ample time to work another job and for your own personal endeavors. For more details, contact Joan Petersilia at petersilia@law.stanford.edu

WEST COAST GALA CELEBRATION FOR ENTHRONEMENT OF METROPOLITAN JOSEPH—SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st

We have some tickets available for the Gala celebration, which will be held at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Universal City. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is at 7:30 p.m. Please let Fr. Nicholas know if you are interested in representing our parish at this event.

OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS AT SUMIDA GARDENS LANE!



2014 Christmas Outreach Breakfast
Thanks to the many helping hands in serving, greeting, pouring, singing, distributing gifts, set-up and clean-up, and especially to our coordinators, Richard and Susan Barre!!



SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & CELEBRATIONS

EPIPHANY CELEBRATIONS

Monday, January 5	6:45 a.m.	Royal Hours of Epiphany
Monday, January 5	6:00 p.m.	Vespertal Liturgy and Blessing of Water
Sunday, January 11	1:00 p.m.	Outdoor Blessing of the Water NOTE CHANGE IN TIME TO 1:00 P.M. Goleta Beach along with St. Barbara Greek Parish; POTLUCK at the church after Liturgy, dessert served at the beach

Consider inviting your friends and relatives to join us this year at the beach! Youth ages 8 years and older are invited to come dressed to dive into the ocean for the cross. Parents, please bring a towel and a change of clothing for them.

Last Sunday we blessed the graves of all of our loved ones who are buried at Goleta Cemetery. We sang the troparion for the Feast of the Nativity as we processed from one grave to the next, "Memory Eternal" at each grave, and Christmas carols to conclude this sweet time of remembrance.

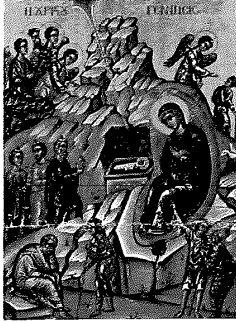




ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

HIS Eminence

THE MOST REVEREND METROPOLITAN JOSEPH



*"Come, let us wonder at the virgin most pure,
wondrous in herself, unique in creation,
she gave birth, yet knew no man;
her pure soul with wonder was filled,
daily her mind gave praise in joy at the twofold wonder:
her virginity preserved, her child most dear.
Blessed is He who shone forth from her!"*

ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN, SONGS OF PRAISE

Beloved in Christ:

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

المسيح ولد ، فمجدوه !

Χριστός γεννάται! Δοξάσατε!

Христос се роди! Ваистину се роди!

*May the King who was quietly born in a cave
ignite love in the hearts of people throughout the world.*

*In the peace of His birth, may we find tranquility.
By His gentleness, may we perfect kindness and
by His humility acquire patience, forgiveness and love.*

*We greet you in the joy of His birth
With gratitude for all our blessings
praying for the remembrance of Bethlehem
to be present within us forever.*

Yours in His Service,

Metropolitan Joseph

"... and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch..." ACTS 11:26

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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.
Mary Ellen B.
Gail S.
Dean & Penny
Mary & Susan
Baby Christian F.
Duane F.
Larry L.
Sandy S.
Drew W.

Katie Zoe
Yvette B.
Marliese Z.
All those suffering and
in danger in the Ukraine,
Nigeria, and the
Middle East
Cheri W.
Hoppe Family
Kh. Marilyn G.

For repose of the souls of:

Fr. Michael R.
All who have died in the conflicts in the Ukraine,
Syria and Palestine

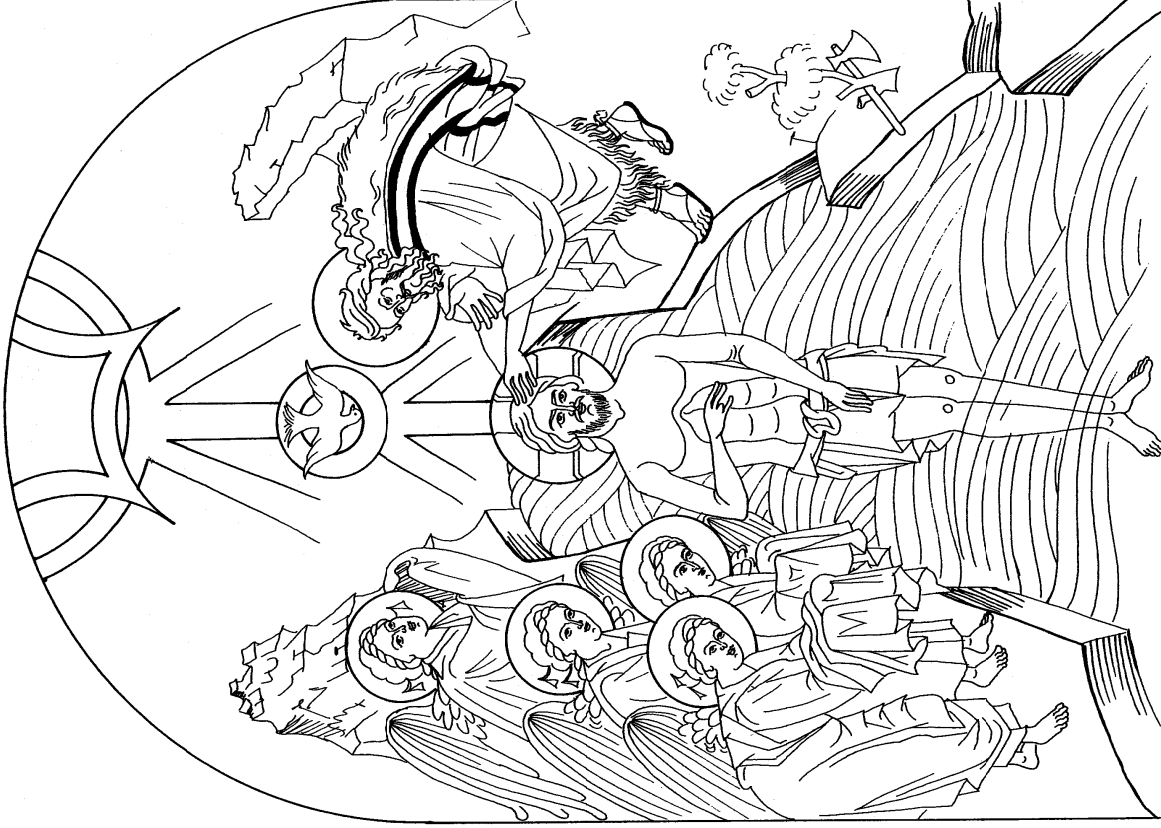
ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS:

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.”



FOR THE CHILDREN TO COLOR
DURING THE HOMILY OR AT HOME