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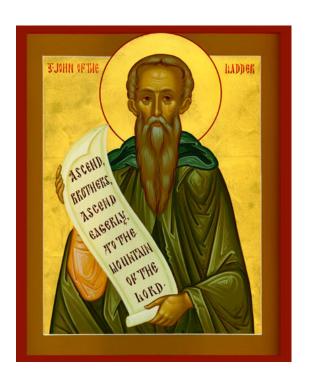
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LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Sunday, April 10, 2016
Tone 4 / Eothinon 1
Fourth Sunday of Great Lent
Commemoration of John Climacus,
Author of "The Ladder"

Martyrs Terence and Pompey of Carthage and those with them; Newhieromartyr Gregory V, Patriarch of Constantinople; New-martyr Demas of Smyrna



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, April 10, 2016—St. John Climacus

9:00 a.m. Religious Education ages 6-18

9:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. High School Fire on Father

Monday, April 11

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

4:30 p.m. Outreach Meal at St. Michaels'

University Church in Isla Vista

6:00 p.m. Great Compline

Tuesday, April 12

3:30 p.m. Catechesis Level I

NO DAILY VESPERS

Wednesday, April 13

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

11:00 a.m. Shower Truck Ministry

12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group

at Carrillo Residence

6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 14

NO DAILY VESPERS

6:00 p.m. Compline/Canon of St. Andrew

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 15

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

6:00 p.m. Akathist Service & Soup Dinner

and presentation about Mt. Athos

Saturday, April 16

4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, April 17—St. Mary of Egypt

9:00 a.m. Religious Education ages 6-18

9:00 a.m. Matins

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

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

April 10 Fr. Nicholas April 17 Dn. G. Braun

April 24 C. Sieck - Palm Sunday

May 1 M. Kern (Pascha)

Coffee Hour

April 10 N. & P. Gilbert April 17 HOST NEEDED

April 24 PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK

May 1 PASCHA Breakfast

Greeters

April 10 D. Genatone/P. Morrison

April 17 K. Fox/H. Lange

April 24 D. Washburn/D. Lewis

May 1 K. & L. Jacobs

Ushers

April 10 R. Barre, D. Lewis, C. Speier

April 17 J. King, D. Washburn, G. Shannon

April 24 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King May 1 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis

Readers

April 10 D. Washburn

April 13 D. Meyer (Presanctified Liturgy)

April 17 R. Barre

April 23 M. Kern (Lazarus Sat. Liturgy)

April 23 R. Barre (Great Vespers)

April 24 V. Gish

April 30 M. Kern (Holy Saturday Liturgy)

May 1 V. Gish (Pascha)

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 DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT CHANGEABLE TEXTS FOR THE DAY

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE GREAT LITANY (Music by Nazo Zakkak)



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 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.

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

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

saying death has been spoiled.

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

Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Byzantine melody harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

Troparion for St. John Climacus (of the Ladder)

Tone 1 (Slavic Chant)

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body,

you were shown to be a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John.

You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil and prayer,

healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith.

Glory to Him Who gave you strength!

Glory to Him Who granted you a crown!//

Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to all!

Troparion to St. Athanasius

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 of Annunciation

Tone 8 Byzantine melody

To thee, our Queen, leader in battle and defender.

We thy people delivered from all peril,

offer hymns of vict'ry and thanksgiving, O Theotokos.

Since thou dost possess invincible power,

set us free from ev'ry calamity.

That we may cry unto thee: Hail O bride without bridegroom.

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 (Music on page 59 of Liturgy book)

Tone 4 Byzantine melody harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works, in wisdom Thou hast made them all. (*Ps 103/104:24*) Vs. Bless the Lord O my soul, O Lord my God, Thou art very great.

EPISTLE READING— Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath. So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel Tone 4

(Music on p. 64 of Liturgy book)

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Draw Thy bow and prosper and reign, in the cause of

truth, meekness, and righteousness. (Ps 44/45:5)

Verse: Thou hast loved righteousness and hated wickedness. (*Ps 44/45:8*)

GOSPEL READING—Mark. (9:16-30)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

Meglynarion for Liturgy of St. Basil (Hymn to the Mother of God—p. 26 of Liturgy book) 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!

Communion of the Clergy (Liturgy Book page 32)

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*) The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (*Ps 111/112:6b-7a*)

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.

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Anniversaries

4/15 Robert & Leslee Kinman

Birthdays:

4/10	Fr. John Finley
4/12	Gabriel Speier
4/14	Olga Marie Gabrie
4/15	Corie Sieck
4/15	Ysabella Madrigal
4/16	Maria Butler
4/16	Nicholas Butler

Feast Days

4/16 St. Galena

Paige Zidek

INCOME FOR FEBRUARY 2016			
	Gen. Operating	Building Fund	
Monthly Goal	\$36,000	\$ 14,120	
Monthly Actual	\$26,882	\$ 9,886 plus \$101.783 bequest	

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

LENTEN SOUP DINNER

We will offer soup dinner this Friday after the Akathist service. After dinner, Subdeacon Stephen Butler will give a presentation about his recent trip to Mount Athos in Greece.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN YOU MOVE OR CHANGE E-MAIL, CELL PHONE NUMBER OR LAND LINE NUMBER.

ADULT CATECHISM: The last catechism class of the winter will be this Saturday, April 13 at 4:30 p.m. The class will resume on May 21st with a book study.

BABY CLOTHES NEEDED - GIRLS SIZES NEWBORN TO 9 MONTHS

Susie's Closet is the material aid arm of Network Medical, located at 185 S Patterson Ave, Goleta. They accept donations of children's clothes up to size 4T, but they are especially in need of baby girl clothing from newborn to 9 months. Clothing can be dropped off at Network Medical, Mon. - Thurs. between 8:45 am and 5 p.m. You can also bring items directly to Susie's Closet on Thursday between 10 and 2 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Wintz, who is one of four graduating seniors at Westmont College who will share the title of "First Senior" due to their 4.0 grade-point averages. All four will speak at Westmont's annual Academic Awards Convocation on April 11. Paul is a Physics major, a member of the college orchestra, and sings in our parish choir.

ANNUAL WORK PARTY ON LAZARUS SATURDAY April 23rd from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Join us as we make our church building ready for Holy Week and Pascha on Saturday, April 23rd. We will need help with decorating, cleaning the icons, preparing the palms, and other little jobs. Please plan to stay after the Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday to lend a hand. Kids are welcome!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for:

- Kevin Speier, for continued healing.
- Ethan Keller, who is recovering from surgery for a broken jaw after a very bad fall. His mouth will be wired shut for 4-6 weeks. Pray that his jaw, teeth, and bruised liver are restored to complete health.

Services of Great Lent 2016

Monday, April 11 6:00 p.m. Great Compline

Wednesday, April 13 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 14 6:00 p.m. Little Compline/Canon of

St. Andrew

Friday, April 15 6:00 p.m. Akathist, Soup Dinner

and presentation about

Mount Athos by Subdeacon

Stephen Butler

Monday, April 18 6:00 p.m. Great Compline

Wednesday, April 20 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy at

St. Barbara Greek Church

Friday, April 22 6:00 p.m. Canon of Lazarus

Saturday, April 23 8:30 a.m. Liturgy of Lazarus Saturday

PASCHA EGG HUNT Time to prepare for the fun!

If you have kids who will be participating in the egg hunt at the Pascha picnic, it's time to start thinking about getting your plastic eggs and candy/toys/coins! Don't wait until the last minute when it might be hard to find them. Please bring 12-18 filled eggs per child with you to the picnic (along with a basket or bag for your child to collect eggs). Please make sure you consider any non-church family and friends you will be inviting and bring enough for them as well. If you can do more than a dozen, that really helps for people who would like to participate but don't have the means to bring eggs. Contact Katie AbuGhazaleh at 453-5324 with any questions. Thank you!

SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK 2016

(Please note that the Tues-Friday morning services are at 7:00 a.m.)

Palm Sunday, 4/24 Bridegroom Matins (Full Choir) 6:00—7:15 p.m. (Finish times

are approximate.)

Monday, 4/25 Bridegroom Matins 6:00 -7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, 4/26 Presanctified Liturgy 7:00—8:15 a.m.

Bridegroom Matins 6:00-7:20 p.m.

Wednesday, 4/27 Presanctified Liturgy 7:00—8:15 a.m.

Holy Unction 6:00-7:40 p.m.

Thursday, 4/28 Institution Liturgy 7:00-8:20 a.m.

Matins with 12 Passion Gospels 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Friday, 4/29 Royal Hours 7:15-8:00 a.m.

Royal Hours 12:15-1:00 p.m.
Burial Vespers (Full choir) 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Lamentation Matins (Full choir) 7:00-8:50 p.m.

All-night Vigil 10:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.

Saturday, 4/30 Vesperal Liturgy celebrating 8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Christ's Victory over Hades (Full Choir)

Sunday, 5/1 Paschal Procession, Matins 5:00—8:00 a.m.

Liturgy, Blessing of baskets (Full Choir)

Break-fast 8:00 a.m.

Agape Vespers 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Picnic at Tucker's Grove 3:00 p.m.

(When the "Full Choir" is not indicated, services will be led by smaller ensembles of chanters.)

PASCHA CELEBRATION 2016 It's that time of year again!

PASCHA BREAKFAST

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Pascha we will celebrate together with our traditional BREAK-fast at our new Church!

Due to limited kitchen facilities we will again be "downsizing" our morning festivities a bit. Please plan *now* to put together a family Easter basket. Add to it your own family favorites and include some meats, eggs, cheeses, etc.

We will provide the Pascha Cheese, sliced ham, deviled eggs and beverages. Agape Vespers (with the Gospel read in many languages) will follow the breakfast. Please see the food signup list in the foyer of the church. We need volunteers to bring:

- Deviled eggs (please respond with how many)
- Large fancy assorted cheese platters
- Large assorted fruit platters
- Homemade sweet rolls, yeast breads, sweet loaves
- Set up and clean up help



PASCHA PICNIC

The main focus of our celebration this year will be the afternoon PICNIC at Kiwanis Meadows/Tuckers Grove at 3 p.m. The deacons will barbeque tri-tip for all bread read will be provided. Please bring a large salad (green, potato, pasta, fruit) to share and your own place settings and beverages. As always, there will be games, activities for our children, plus music and lots of wonderful fellowship. Plan to attend this special day for our church family. It is a great opportunity to bring your non-Orthodox friends and family members, as well!

The day's festivities cost the church over \$4,000. Last year, for the first time, we came very close to breaking even on our costs for the day. Please help us to cover our costs again this year. We are asking for a donation for each adult and child participating. You can pay in advance online through the parish website (www.stathanasius.org) or you can pay in the food line on Pascha. Pricing is as follows:

Adults: \$15 for breakfast only

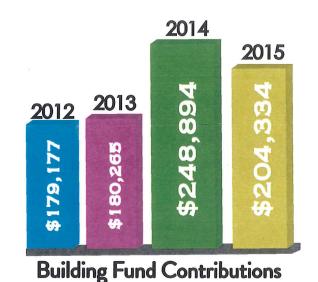
\$20 for breakfast and picnic

Children: \$10 flat fee

(Maximum charge per family: \$80)

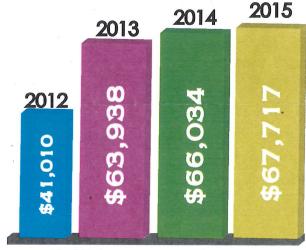
Of course we could use some help with preparation and clean up and with the children's activities. Please email June Easbey @ june1211@msn.com or call 805.705.3668 to volunteer.

2015 Building Fund Annual Report



2015 Accomplishments

- Over \$84,000 paid in loan principal
- Preserved \$100,000 reserve
- Adequate funds raised to complete Sunday School rooms



Golf Tournament Income

2016GOALS

- Complete Sunday School rooms
- Create plans for functional use of the unfinished kitchen space
- Plan for optimal use of the back half of our property
- Plan and complete patio improvements

TEEN SCENE

Activities - Winter/Spring 2016

Junior High School

Friday, May 13 Pool Party and Barbecue

June End of year trip (Date TBA)

High School

Sunday, April 10 Fire on Father 5:00-7:00 p.m. Fr. Nicholas and Jan's

Good Friday April 29 All Night Vigil: 8:30 pm-10:00 a.m. at the church

Saturday, May 21 St. Barbara's Monastery Day Trip Time TBA

Sunday, May 22 Fire on Father 5:00-7:00 p.m. Fr. Nicholas and Jan's Sunday, June 12 Graduation Party 5:00-7:00 p.m. Fr. Nicholas and Jan's

& Fire on Father

SAVE THE DATES!

SAOC Summer School 2016

for children in grades K-6

Monday, June 20-Thursday, July 7

We are excited about our Summer School team for 2016. Fr. Nicholas and Chris Dillon will be working with the 4th-6th graders. Mary Gish (and all of her helpers) will be with our K-3rd graders, and Jody Wal-

lace will be overseeing all of the administrative duties.

Registration forms will be available on the church website by Pascha.

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

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.

Temmo K

Paige

Galina, Nikolai & Nataliya

Olga Marie G.

Mike, Trevor & Adam

Emily F.

Joan, Jerry, Brenda

Kevin O.

Steve K.

Terri-Lynn & Hannah Rose H.

Scott

Rachel D. and family

Silvia

Helen

Trevon

All those suffering and

in danger in the Ukraine,

Africa, and the Middle East

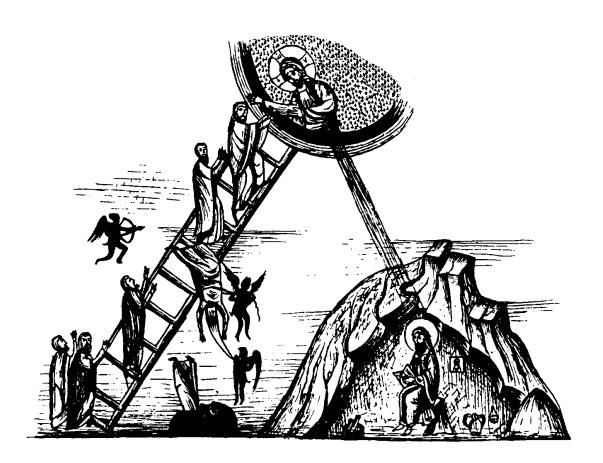
For repose of the souls of: Christine, Michel C., All who have died in the conflicts in the Ukraine, Africa & the Middle East

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).

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of 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 lockbox mounted on wall next to Fr. Nicholas' office. Make checks payable to "St. Athanasius Book Center."



FOR THE CHILDREN TO COLOR DURING THE HOMILY OR AT HOME -