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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Tone 6 / Eothinon 10

**Sunday of the After-feast of the Ascension
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers
of the First Ecumenical Council**
Hieromartyr Eutychios, Bishop of Melitene;
Martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica;
Venerable Andrew of Constantinople, Fool-for-Christ;
Germanos, Bishop of Paris;
Ignatius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov



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!

Calendar for this Week

Sunday, May 28—Sunday of Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

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
4:00 p.m. St. Barbara Monastery
Friends Gathering

Monday, May 29—MEMORIAL DAY

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
NO ST. BRIGID OUTREACH DINNER

Tuesday, May 30

2:30 p.m. Catechesis Level I
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, May 31

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
11:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing Ministry
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 1

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
6:00 p.m. Teens—Fire on Father
7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join the teens for dessert and an update with the Hoppes, missionaries to Albania.

Friday, June 2

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, June 3

8:30 a.m. Soul Liturgy
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, June 4- PENTECOST

9:00 a.m. Religious Education ages 6-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. GREEN POTLUCK

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

May 28 Hedges
June 4 Jacobs
June 11 Kern
June 18 Tinyayeva

Coffee Hour

May 28 Young
June 4 PENTECOST GREEN POTLUCK
June 11 Jacobs
June 18 Jan Speier/Robinson

Greeters

May 28 P. King, M. Andonian
June 4 H. Lange, C. Berari
June 11 D. Lewis, D. Washburn
June 18 K. & L. Jacobs

Ushers

May 28 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis
June 4 C. Speier, J. King, D. Washburn
June 11 C. Berari, G. Shannon, S. Speier
June 18 P. Brunner, P. King, D. Meyer

Readers

May 28 D. Washburn
June 3 G. Wiley (Soul Liturgy)
June 3 D. Alexander (Vespers)
June 4 R. Barre
June 10 M. Kern (Vespers)
June 11 V. Gish
June 17 D. Meyer (Vespers)
June 18 T. Harris

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

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

GREAT LITANY

FIRST ANTIPHON FOR FEAST OF ASCENSION

[Verse] Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

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

- For the Lord, the Most High is terrible; a great God over all the earth. He subdued people under us, and nations under our feet. [Refrain]
- God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! [Refrain]
- Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. [Refrain]

SECOND ANTIPHON FOR FEAST OF ASCENSION

[Verse] God is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

[Refrain] O Son of God, Who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

- Mount Zion in the far north, is the city of the Great King. Within her citadels God is known when He defends her. [Refrain]
- For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together. [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 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 FEAST OF ASCENSION

[Verse] Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the earth.

Refrain:

**You ascended in glory,
O Christ our God,
granting joy to Your disciples by the
promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing they were assured
that You are the Son of God,
the Redeemer of the world!**

[Verse] My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. **[Refrain]**

[Verse] I will incline mine ear to a parable; I will unfold my problem on the harp.
[Refrain]

LITTLE ENTRANCE

People: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Resurrectional Troparion

Tone 6

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.

Troparion of Ascension**Tone 4**

You ascended in glory,
O Christ our God,
granting joy to Your disciples by the
promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing they were assured
that You are the Son of God,
the Redeemer of the world!

Troparion of the Holy Fathers**Tone 8**

Most glorious are You, O Christ our God!
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

Troparion to St. Athanasius**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 for Ascension**Tone 6**

When You had fulfilled the
dispensation for our sake,
and united earth to heaven,
You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
not being parted from those who love You,
But remaining with them and crying:
“I am with you and no one will
be against you!”

TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (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 (Prokeimenon)

Tone 8

Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is
Your name forever.

Verse: *For You are just in all that You have done for us.*

THE EPISTLE READING

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them:

“Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the Church of God which He obtained with the blood of His own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Alleluia before the Gospel Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps 49/50:1)

Verse: Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice! (Ps 49/50:5)

THE GOSPEL READING

John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made."

"I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD (Meglynarion)

9th Ode of the Canon for Ascension:

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who has ascended from earth to heaven!

We magnify the Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

Hymns for Communion of the Clergy:

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

God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! (*Ps. 47:5*)

Instead of “We have seen the true light,” we sing the Troparion for Ascension:

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,

granting joy to Your disciples by the

promise of the Holy Spirit.

Through the blessing they were assured

that You are the Son of God,

the Redeemer of the world!

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 DO NOT PARK IN THE BLUE-LINED SPACES

Even if a parking space does not have an official handicapped sign,
**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BLUE-LINED SPACES IF YOU DO
NOT HAVE A HANDICAPPED PARKING PERMIT,**
out of courtesy and compassion for our parish members who are unable to
walk long distances, and who **DO** have handicapped parking permits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES

PENTECOST

Saturday, June 3rd at 8:30 a.m. SOUL LITURGY
6:00 p.m. FESTAL GREAT VESPERS

Sunday, June 4th at 9:00 a.m. FESTAL MATINS
10:00 a.m. FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY

The children of the Atrium will, once again, invite us to participate in their Pentecost activity.

Coffee Hour will be a potluck: Bring a festive GREEN food item, or other festive, non-green treats!

HAVE YOU HOSTED A COFFEE HOUR YET THIS YEAR?

We have **NO COFFEE HOUR HOSTS** for the following dates:

August 13, August 27

If you have not hosted yet during this Liturgical year, (September 1, 2016-August 31, 2017) please sign up on line here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a49a5ab2ba6fc1-coffee>

OR Contact Christie Speier Robinson at: christie.d.robinson@gmail.com.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE RESPONDED IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS TO THE CALL FOR HELP!! ONLY TWO MORE SUNDAYS TO COVER.

SPEAKING OF COFFEE HOUR...

We need a few hale and hearty folks to be in the rotation of Coffee Hour helpers who set up the food tables before liturgy and open the umbrellas, and then collapse the tables and umbrellas and empty the trash after coffee hour. You would be “on duty” about once a month. If you can help in this way, please let Suzi Wiley know. suziwiley@cox.net,

DESSERT WITH THE HOPPE FAMILY—MISSIONARIES TO ALBANIA

On Thursday evening, June 1st at 7:00 p.m. you are invited to join Fr. Nicholas and our teens after their regular “Fire on Father” session for dessert and a brief update by Nathan and Gabriela Hoppe. The Hoppes are the missionaries who we support with a monthly donation to O.C.M.C. (Orthodox Christian Mission Center).

DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATE IN THE FAMILY?

Please email a photo of your graduate (or yourself, if YOU are the graduate) to the church office by May 30th, with a few sentences about accomplishments, plans, hopes, dreams.

Send to: valerie@stathanasius.org. Thanks!

SUMMER SCHOOL is June 19-July 6. Registration forms are available online on the church website and in the foyer. <https://www.stathanasius.org/ministries/youth-education/summer-school/>

GREENS FOR PENTECOST!

Next Sunday, June 4th, all are welcomed and encouraged to bring a small offering of greens to go into a vase provided at the iconostasis.

Many thanks — Lisa Ballew/Festal Decorating Team

WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL ALL-PARISH MEETING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 25 after Coffee Hour. Please plan to stay for this important informational meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS have been scheduled for Sunday, June 25th. We will vote by ballot on that day during Coffee Hour. Regular, communing adult members 18 years and older may cast one vote. Two new Parish Council members will be elected, and two will be appointed by Fr. Nicholas. If you are a parish member and cannot be present that day, you may cast a vote by sending an e-mail directly to Fr. Nicholas before midnight on June 25th. frnicholas@stathanasius.org. **Nominations are open from today through Friday, June 9. See insert for more information.**

GOLF, ANYONE?

Jeff and Kyle Petersilia are interested in playing golf with others on weekday mornings. They are beginners and have been playing at Twin Lakes on Monday and Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Anyone want to join them? All welcome. Email Joan at petersilia@law.stanford.edu if you are interested.

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries:

5/30 Stan & Donna Friesen
6/02 Brian & Corie Sieck
6/04 Douglas & Jane Meyer
6/05 Richard & Lisa Ballew

Birthdays:

5/29 Christina Papazacharioudakis
5/31 Dana Alexander
6/2 Jill Wallerstedt
6/4 Nadine de Bruin

Patron Saint Feast Days

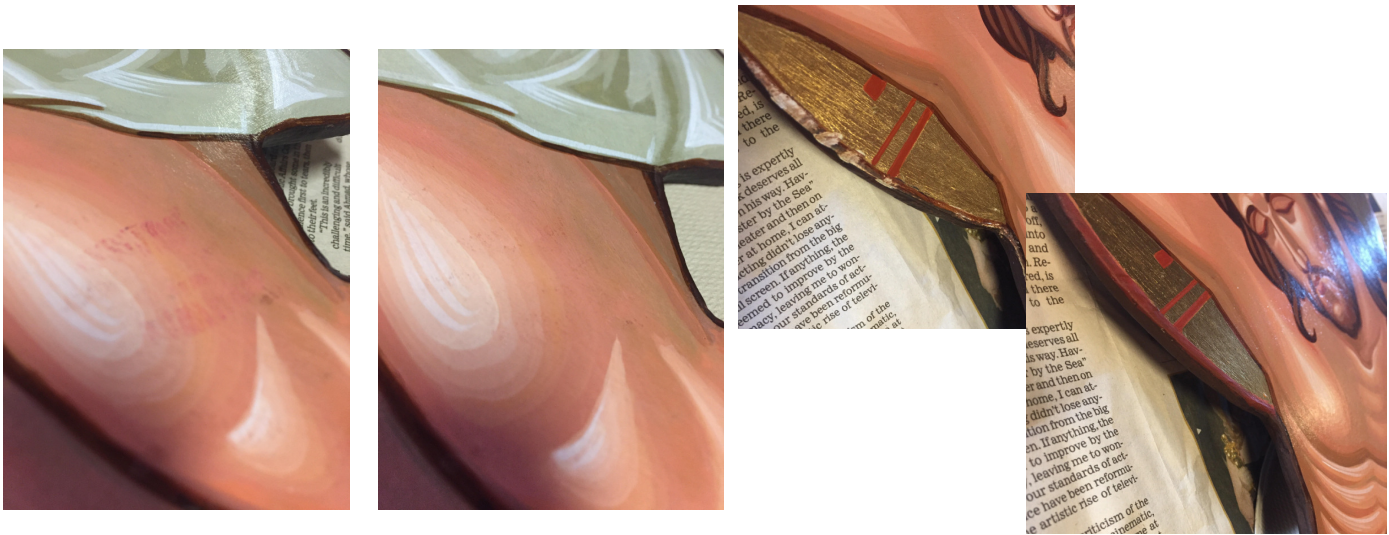
6/1 St. Justin Martyr Justin Brunner
6/4 St. Martha, Sister of Lazarus Dottie Genatone

ICON RESTORATION PROJECT

Last May, the Parish Council commissioned Dorothy Alexander to repair and restore the iconography in our church. You may have noticed that many of the icons have been touched up and are looking cleaner and more vibrant.

Dorothy has just finished working on the “Corpus Christi,” or the icon of Christ’s body that we use during Holy Week. On Holy Thursday evening, this icon is nailed to the cross, and on Good Friday it is taken down from the cross, wrapped in a clean white sheet, and placed in the tomb, and then later placed on the altar. Below are some before and after photos.

Dorothy asks that we be aware that the chemicals in most lipstick and the process of cleaning off the lipstick strip our icons of their finish and eventually make them more vulnerable to damage of the paint. Many of the icons have had to be sanded and repainted in places where there were lipstick stains.



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

INCOME FOR MARCH, 2017

	<u>Gen. Operating</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Monthly Goal	\$36,000	\$ 14,120
Monthly Actual	\$38,289	\$ 7,879

INCOME FOR APRIL, 2017

	<u>Gen. Operating</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Monthly Goal	\$36,000	\$ 14,120
Monthly Actual	\$32,194	\$ 11,852

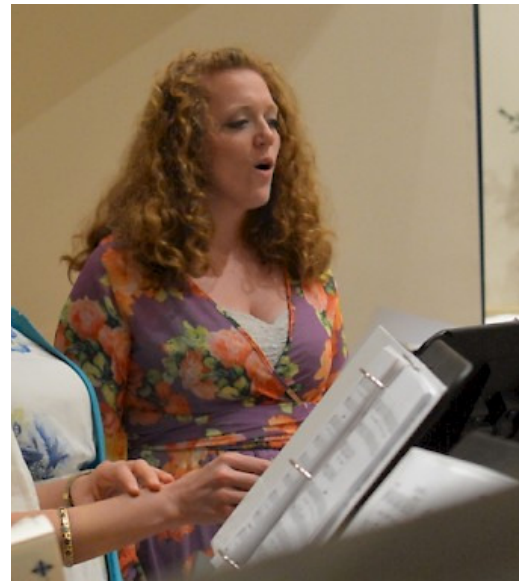
To my SAOC family,

As Fr. Nicholas announced last week, I am moving to Nashville! I have been offered a job at a school, which will pay my bills as I pursue my true calling: my writing.

I am filled with sorrow to leave this community, but can already feel your prayers and love propelling me forward. God is calling me to my next adventure, and I believe the firm foundation of this parish is giving me the courage to say, "yes!"

I am thankful for each and every one of you. Pray for me - I need it! I will pray for you.

*With love,
Steph (Braun)*



**ST. BARBARA MONASTERY FRIENDS GATHERING
TODAY—MAY 28th**

***The Holy Things-
The Liturgy and the Economy of Service***

Speaker: Rev. Arkadiusz Mironko

Priest of the OCA Diocese of the West,
attached to Holy Virgin May Cathedral, Los Angeles, CA

This presentation will begin at 4:00 PM,
followed by Vespers and a potluck supper.

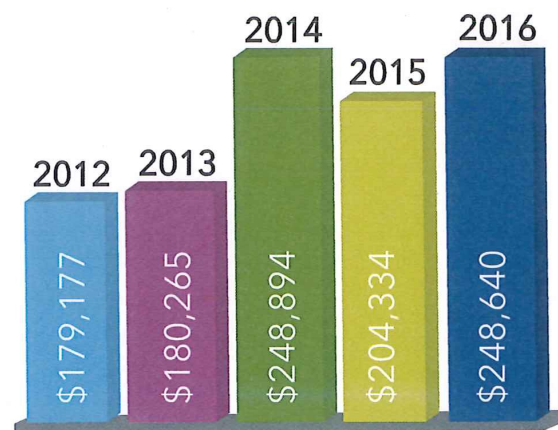
ANNUAL REPORT

2016

SAOC BUILDING FUND

2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Paid \$65,306 in principle on loan
- Completed Sunday school rooms & chapel - paid for in full
- Preserved \$100,000 reserve
- Set aside \$70,000 for kitchen improvements
- Additional \$50,000 in savings for patio & outside area



BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

2017 GOALS

- Design and complete patio/ outside improvements
- Complete design of kitchen area and submit plans for approval - possibly begin construction this year
- Create committee to explore use of our property
- Another successful golf tournament which will again be used to fund the kitchen improvements

GOLF
INCOME

2016

\$70,000

for more information visit
www.stathanasius.org

TEEN SCENE

April, 2017

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

- 6/1 Fire on Father at the church 6:00-7:00 p.m. ALL TEENS
7:00 p.m.—presentation by Hoppe Family (Missionaries to Albania)
- 6/8 No Thursday Night Youth Group (Junior high and high school graduations)
- 6/15 Regular Youth Group times
- 6/22 Regular Youth Group times
- 6/29 Regular Youth Group times

TATIANA SPEIER HEADED TO ALBANIA WITH O.C.M.C.

Tatiana (Tati) Speier will represent the youth of our parish in an OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) missions trip to Durres, Albania from June 13-27! While in Albania, she will be staying at the Home of Hope—an orphanage at the Shlen Vast Monastery. The missions team will create a summer camp for the children at Home of Hope, their only vacation from school each year. The children there range from ages 5-13 and the team will create lessons and activities in arts and crafts, games, sports, music, English and Bible studies for them to enjoy. Tati has been assigned to aid in arts and crafts and sports, and she is very excited about that!



62% of the Albanian population is Muslim while 30% are Christian (17% of them being Orthodox). It is so important to nurture these children with Christ's love and teachings amidst a mainly Muslim country.

Tati has raised over \$2,000 of the \$3,290 needed for the mission trip. Our parish is committed to assisting with the remaining balance of \$1,100, which will help cover her plane fare. If you would like to support this exciting effort, please make your donation by June 11th either through the tithe box, in the mail, or on the parish website. Be sure to include a note that says, "Tati's OCMC trip."

Please keep Tati and the entire OCMC team in your prayers.

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
Fr. Jon Braun
Dn. Richard E.
Kh. Diane C.
Kh. Mary Sue W.
Fr. Patrick and Vanessa K.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family
Gail S.
Dean & Penny B.
Angelina, Jase & Alina S.

Baby Emma
Mary
Rich and Susan B.
Christian F.
Duane F.
Galina, Nikolai & Nataliya
Olga Marie G.
Joan T.
Terri-Lynn & Hannah Rose H.
Jared E. James
Alma G.
Dawn L.

Johnny Z.
Temmo K.
Nancy R.
Ethan K.
Tony C.
All those suffering and
in danger in the Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East

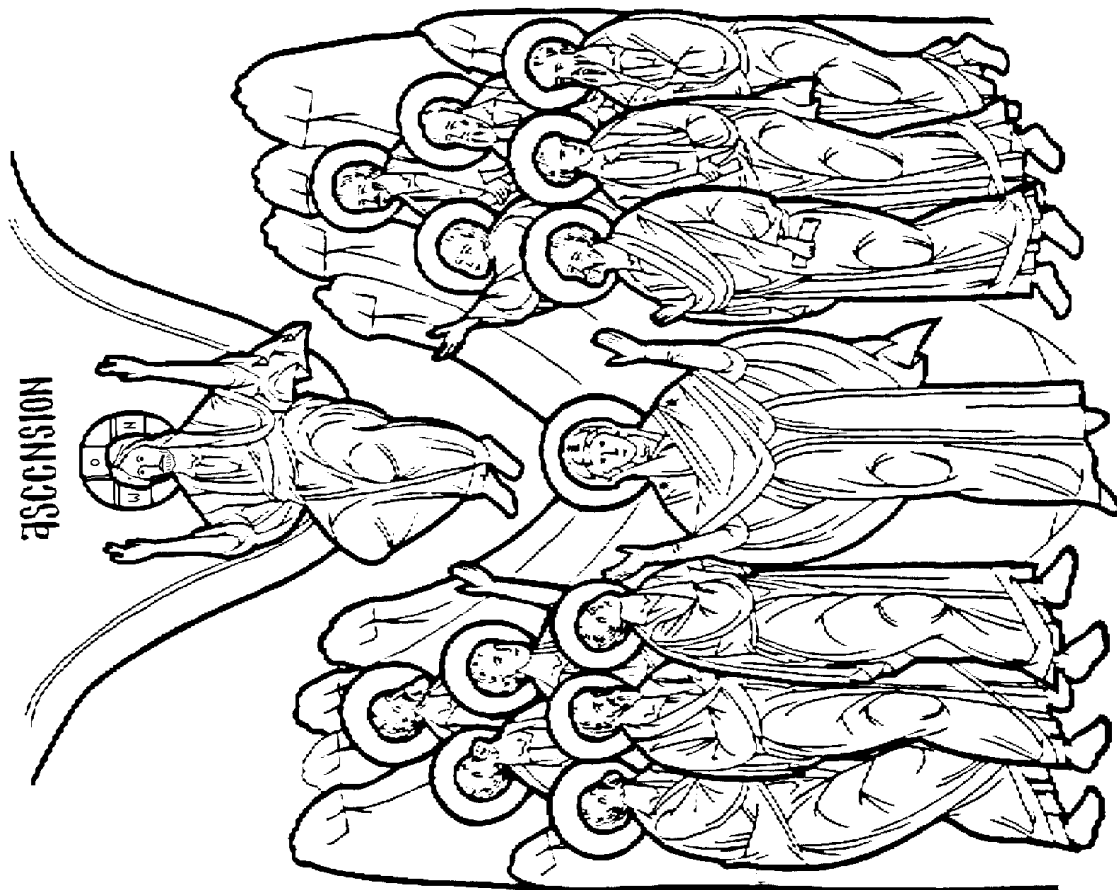
For repose of the souls of: Baby Alia, Carmen G., Emily, Molly, Donald S., Kevin S.
All who have died in the conflicts in the Ukraine Africa & the Middle East

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).

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ST. ATHANASIUS BOOK CENTER
* 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. Pay-
* ment 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."
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All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.
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- FOR THE CHILDREN TO COLOR DURING THE HOMILY OR AT HOME -