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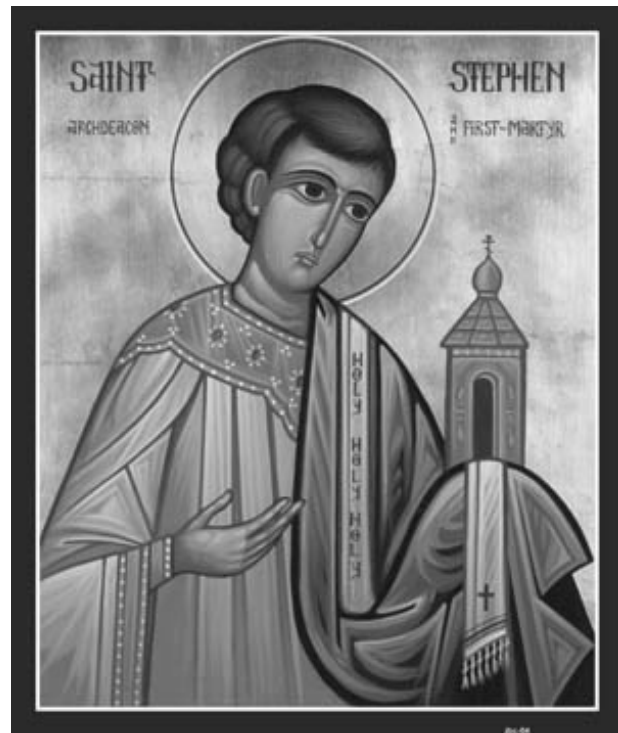
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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, August 2, 2015

**tone 8 / Eothinon 9; Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
& Ninth Sunday of Matthew**

Relics Translation of Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon
Venerable Photeini Wonderworker
of Carpasia in Cyprus; Blessed Basil the fool-for-Christ,
Wonderworker of Moscow



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

THE DORMITION FAST IS FROM
AUGUST 1-15.

Sunday, August 2

9:00 a.m. Matins/**NO RELIGIOUS ED**
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Chrismations of
Chuck Sasala and Richard Ferraez
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, August 3

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
5:00 p.m. Outreach Meal at St. Michaels'
University Church in Isla Vista

Tuesday, August 4

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
6:00 p.m. Teen Leaders Meeting

Wednesday, August 5

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Vespers-Liturgy for Feast
of Transfiguration

Thursday, August 6-TRANSFIGURATION

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Friday, August 7

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, August 8

6:00 p.m. Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, August 9

9:00 a.m. Matins/**NO RELIGIOUS ED**
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

August 2 Fr. Nicholas
August 9 J. Meyer
August 16 Dn. G. Braun
August 23 Hedges

Coffee Hour

August 2 C. Shannon
August 9 AbuGhazaleh/Simonsen
August 16 Gabrie (in memory of Olguita)
August 23 Vander Laan

Greeters

August 2 L. Baker/P. King
August 9 G. Shannon/Kristin King
August 16 P. Morrison/D. Genatone
August 23 D. Washburn/D. Lewis

Ushers

August 2 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King
August 9 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis
August 16 C. Speier, P. King
August 23 J. King, G. Shannon

Readers

August 2 R. Barre
August 5 P. Braun (Transfiguration)
August 9 V. Gish
August 15 T. Harris (Dormition)
August 16 D. Meyer
August 23 H. Lange

**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—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”

After each of the verses is sung by antiphonal choirs, the choir and congregation sing the refrain:

“Remember us, O Lord, when you come in your Kingdom.”

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

(Music on p. 53 of Liturgy book)

From the heights Thou didst descend,
O Compassionate One;
and Thou didst submit to the three day burial,
that Thou might deliver us from passion.
Thou art our Life and our Resurrection,
O Lord, glory to Thee.

Tone 8 Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

Troparion for the Translation of the Relic of Martyr Stephen **Tone 4** (Slavic Chant)

Your relics have risen from the depths of the earth,
like a treasury for the immortal life of all creation.
The Church, rejoicing in the grace that she receives from them,
duteously honors you, Protomartyr Stephen.//
Preserve us from error and heresy by your intercession!

Troparion to St. Athanasius

(Music on page 54 of Liturgy Book)

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 for the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord **Tone 7** Carpathian Chant

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
and Your disciples saw Your glory as far as they were able,
so that when they saw You crucified,
they might know that You suffered voluntarily,
and might proclaim to the world
that You are truly the radiance of the Father.

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
(Page 62 of Liturgy Book)**

Tone 8 Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

Verse: *God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

**THE EPISTLE READING
1 Corinthians 3:9-17**

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder, I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw -- each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work, which any man has built on the foundation, survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

**Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel
(Music on page 64 of Liturgy Booklet)**

Tone 8

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior.

Verse: Come before His countenance with thanksgiving, and with psalms let us shout in jubilation unto Him.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat was in the middle of the sea, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against it. And in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, saying, "Lord, if it is You, bid me come to You on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the mighty wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind became calm. And those in the boat came and worshiped Jesus, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God

It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos, ever blessed and most pure and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. Without corruption you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify you.

Communion Hymns

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus Prayer: O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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.

The Transfer of the Relics of the Holy Protomartyr Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople took place about the year 428. After the holy Protomartyr Archdeacon Stephen was stoned by the Jews, they left his holy body unburied to be devoured by the beasts and birds. After a day and a night the renowned Jewish teacher of the Law, Gamaliel sent people to take up the body of the Protomartyr. Gamaliel buried him on his own property, in his own tomb, not far from Jerusalem.

When the Lord's secret disciple Nicodemus died, Gamaliel also buried him near the grave of St Stephen. Afterwards Gamaliel himself, who had been baptized with his son Abibas, was buried near the grave of the Protomartyr Stephen and St Nicodemus.

In the year 415 the relics of the saint were uncovered in a miraculous manner and solemnly transferred to Jerusalem by Bishop John and the bishops Eutonius of Sebaste and Eleutherius of Jericho. From that time healings took place from the relics.

Afterwards, during the reign of holy Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), the relics of the holy Protomartyr Stephen were transferred from Jerusalem to Constantinople and placed in the church of the holy deacon Laurence (August 10). When a church dedicated to the Protomartyr Stephen was built, the relics were transferred there on August 2. St Stephen's right hand is preserved in the Serapionov chamber of the Trinity-Sergius Lavra.

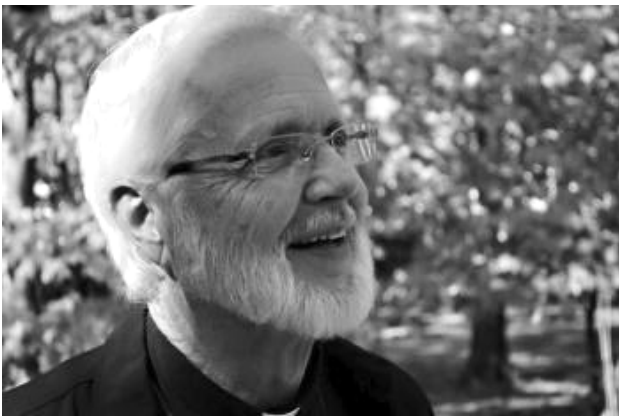
CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays

- 8/3 David Vander Laan
8/4 Doug Giordani, Lauren Shackelford
8/7 Howard Lange
8/8 Joshua Kern, Steve Thomas

Patronal Feast Days

- 8/3 **St. Lydia, Seller of the Purple Cloth** Lydia Sieck



Memory Eternal: Fr. Gordon Walker - One of the priests who led the EOC into Orthodoxy -

Our heartfelt condolences to Fr. Gordon's family, most especially to his wife, Kh. Mary Sue, and to Dn. Gary & Melissa (Walker) Braun and their children, to whom Fr. Gordon was a beloved Granddaddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

ST. BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH—GREEK FESTIVAL at OAK PARK TODAY! Sunday, August 2nd—11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

FR. NICHOLAS AND JAN WILL BE ON VACATION FROM AUGUST 7-14.

FROM OUR MISSION TEAM TO MEXICO

We are off to St. Innocent Orphanage to build a home for a family with Project Mexico. We leave August 13th. Thank you so much for the monetary donations that make this trip possible. Remember us in your prayers. If you would still like to contribute something, we will be collecting the following items at church on Sunday August 2nd and 9th to share with the orphans. Please **note specific requests and sizes** as our space is limited and Project Mexico cannot store items. Clothing should be either new or very gently used.

1. Soccer balls - the orphanage has none right now!
2. Men's shoes size 6-11 1/2
3. Men's jeans or pants only size 30x30 and size 32 x30
4. Men's shirts and dress shirts, only size small and medium (neck 15/12)

UPCOMING FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Vesperal Liturgy Wednesday, August 5th at 6:00 p.m.

FEAST OF THE DORMITION (ASSUMPTION) OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Divine Liturgy Saturday, August 15th at 8:00 a.m.

PRAYER IN TIME OF DROUGHT

(Kallistos, Patriarch of Constantinople— circa A.D. 1350)

O Master, Lord our God, who having heard the prayer of Elijah the Tishbite, for the sake of his zeal held back rain from the earth, and again for the sake of his prayer, granted fruit-bearing rain: As You are the Master of All, we entreat You: out of Your deep compassion grant abundant rain to Your inheritance; and, overlooking our sins, send down Your rain on this place. Make glad the face of the earth, for the sake of Your needy people, children, and animals and all others, for they trust in You, that You give them nourishment in due season. For You are our God, a God merciful and quick to save, and unto You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages, Amen.

Get ready! Only 11 Weeks to September 18^h, 2015!

**FOR OUR ANNUAL
HOWARD SHANNON GOLF TOURNAMENT
DINNER & SILENT AUCTION**

Let's raise funds to finish our building!

Here's what you can do:

- *Form your own 4-some for golf and register now*
- *Register yourself to golf*
- *Purchase tickets for dinner and the silent auction*
- *Invite friends to join you or host them for golf or dinner*
- *Supply a silent auction item - check first with Sherie Shackelford or Terri Speier*
- *Donate in memory of Dn. Howard Shannon*

Go to: <https://www.stathanasius.org/2015-golf-tournament/>





SAVE THE DATE!

ST. ATHANASIUS FAMILY DAY

to celebrate the beginning of the New Liturgical Year

on the church patio

Saturday, August 29, 2015

Beginning at 2:00 p.m. and culminating with Vespers at 5:30 p.m.

The children will be singing part of Vespers!

Music led by "Uncle" Verne Gish

Games led by Fr. Nicholas

Chili, salad, bread, brownies, ice-cream, beverages

Admission—\$5

\$2/children 7 and younger

**Please respond to the Evite to make a reservation, or
contact Christie Speier Robinson**

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. Peggy K. and Family
Kh. Mary Sue W.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family
Kh. Mary Ellen B.
Gail S.
Dean & Penny
Mary

Susan B.
Baby Christian F.
Duane F.
Stan and Donna F.
Molly M.
Mikael M.
Angel, Helen and Family
Jim M.
Joy
Kh. Marilyn G.
Ryan Family
Terri-Lynn H.

Hannah Rose H.
Holly C.
Valeria
Tami, Denny, Maddie B.
Kevin O.
Steve T.
All those suffering and
in danger in the Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East

For repose of the souls of: Fr. Gordon W., Jane W., Ryan B. Benjamin, Sohei,
All who have died in the conflicts in the Ukraine, Africa & the Middle East

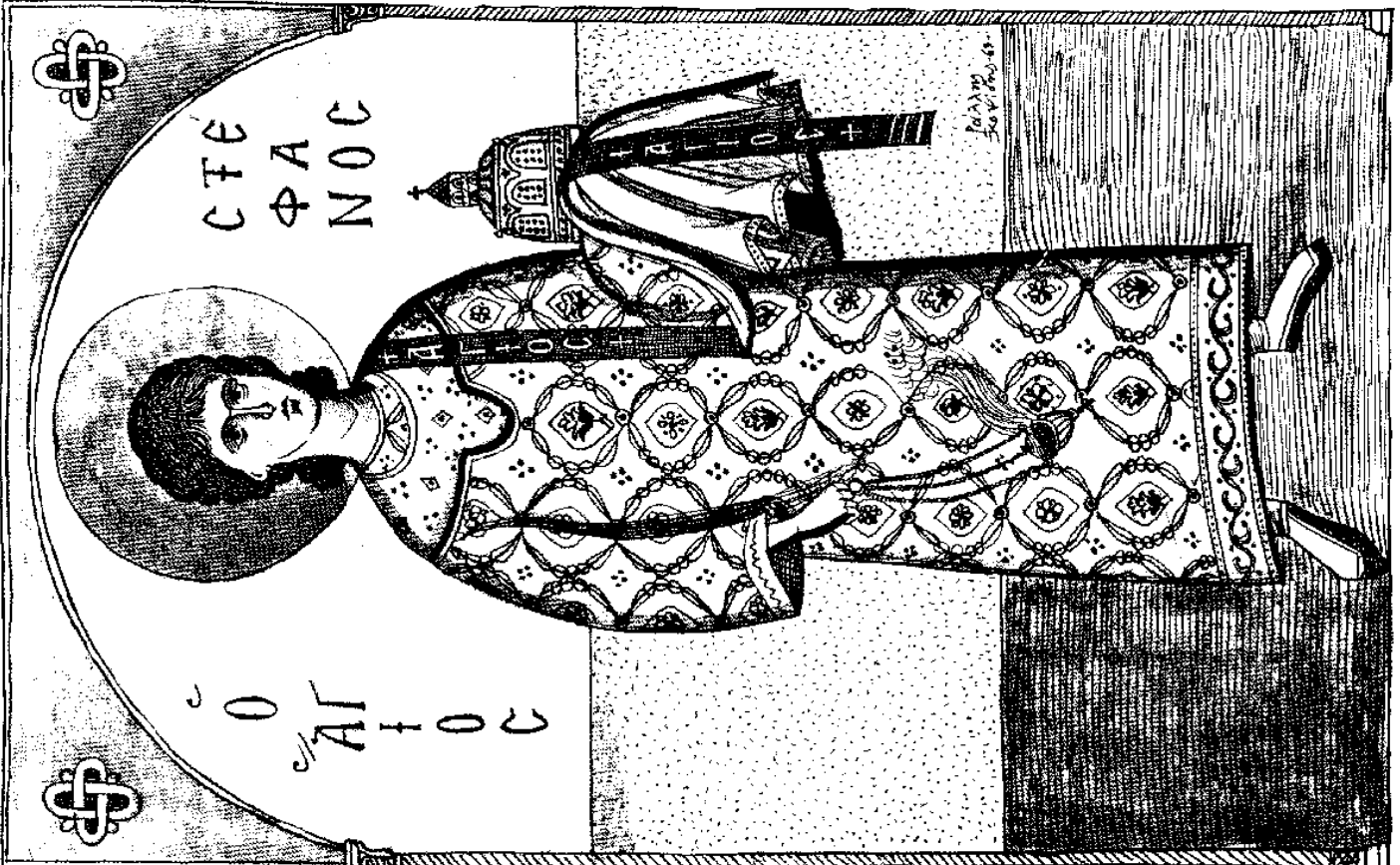
ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS:

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, 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."



**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
COMMUNITY

**Unto the inheritance of the
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**