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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, November 20, 2016

Tone 5 / Eothinon 11 Transfer of the Entrance of the Theotokos



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, November 20—Transference of the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos

9:00 a.m. Religious Education ages 6-18 yrs.
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, November 21

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins in the new chapel
4:30 p.m. St. Brigid Outreach dinner at St. Michael's in Isla Vista

Tuesday, November 22

3:15 p.m. Catechesis Level I
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers in the new chapel

Wednesday, November 23

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins in the new chapel
11 a.m.-1p.m. Shower of Blessings Ministry
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Akathist of Thanksgiving followed by refreshments

Thursday, November 24 –THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 25

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins in the new chapel

Saturday, November 26

4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m. Religious Education ages 6-18 yrs.
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. THANKSGIVING POTLUCK -
Please bring a dish to share!

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

November 20 Fr. Nicholas
November 27 Kern
December 4 Sieck
December 11 Dillon

Coffee Hour

November 20 D. & S. Dillon
November 27 Thanksgiving Potluck
December 4 Berari
December 11 NEED A HOST

Greeters

November 20 C. Berari, H. Lange
November 27 D. Washburn/D. Lewis
December 4 K. & L. Jacobs
December 11 P. King/L. Baker

Ushers

November 20 D. Lewis, C. Speier, J. King
November 27 D. Washburn, C. Berari, G. Shannon
December 4 S. Speier, D. Meyer, P. King
December 11 R. Barre, D. Lewis, P. Brunner

Readers

November 19 R. Barre (Vespers)
November 20 V. Gish
November 27 M. Kern
December 4 T. Harris
December 11 D. Washburn

**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—Verses for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. 1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of you, o city of God. [Refrain]

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

Vs. 2 God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. [Refrain]

Vs. 3 Glory...now & ever...Amen. [Refrain]

Second Antiphon for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. 1 The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary. [Refrain]

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

Vs. 2 This is the gate of the Lord, by which the righteous shall enter. [Refrain]

Vs. 3 Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteous. [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 for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. 1 Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.

Refrain:

**Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice
and sing to her://
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”**

Vs. 2 The King’s daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. [Refrain]

Vs. 3 Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee. [Refrain]

**AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL
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 Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her://
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

Tone 4 Slavic Chant

Kontakion for the Presentation of the Theotokos

Tone 4 Slavic Chant

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the Angels of God praise her:
“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

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 3

Chanter: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

People: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Vs. For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for, behold, hence forth all generations shall call me blessed.

People: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Chanter: My soul doth magnify the Lord,...

People: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 9:1-7

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having

thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel Tone 8

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline Thine ear. (Ps. 44:9)

Verse: The rich among the people shall entreat they countenance. (Ps. 44:11)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God (Liturgy Book, Page 27)

(For the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos)

The Angels beheld the Entrance of the Pure One and were amazed.

How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since she is a living Ark of God

let no profane hand touch the Theotokos.

But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her,

praising her in joy with the Angel's song:

"Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

Hymn sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist: (Liturgy Book, Page 32)

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord! Alleluia! (Psalm 116:13)

Verse: My vows unto the Lord will I pay in the presence of all His people.

Verse: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Verse: Lord, I am Thy servant; I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaid. Thou hast broken my bonds asunder.

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.

The Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple

According to Holy Tradition, the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple took place in the following manner. The parents of the Virgin Mary, Sts Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God.

When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted her to the Temple (Ps. 44/45:14-15). There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. (Because they recited a Psalm on each step, Psalms 119/120-133/134 are called “Psalms of Ascent.”) The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, she quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood. Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence.

After entrusting their child to the Heavenly Father, Joachim and Anna returned home. The All-Holy Virgin remained in the quarters for virgins near the Temple. According to the testimony of Holy Scripture (Exodus 38; 1 Kings 1: 28; Luke 2: 37), and also the historian Josephus Flavius, there were many living quarters around the Temple, in which those who were dedicated to the service of God dwelt.

The earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos from her infancy until she was taken up to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. “If anyone were to ask me,” said St Jerome, “how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer that that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian.”

But there are accounts in Church Tradition, that during the All-Pure Virgin’s stay at the Temple, she grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly, and grew in love for God. From ancient times, the Church has celebrated

the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. Indications that the Feast was observed in the first centuries of Christianity are found in the traditions of Palestinian Christians, which say that the holy Empress Helen (May 21) built a church in honor of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE NATIVITY FAST BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 15th.

WE WILL PRAY THE BEAUTIFUL AKATHIST OF THANKSGIVING this Wednesday evening, Nov. 23rd at 6:00 p.m. What a great way to begin the holiday weekend. Bring the whole family!

ST. STEPHEN'S STUDY GROUP is meeting every other Sunday after church! The next meeting is on 11/27 at 12:15. We are currently reading through and discussing "The Orthodox Church" by Metropolitan Kallistos Ware. Please call or email Michael Easbey with any questions - 805-705-6121 or measbey@gmail.com.

ADVENT PARAKLESIS SERVICES will be prayed on the Wednesdays of Advent at 6:00 p.m.:

- November 23 (We will pray the Akathist of Thanksgiving instead of Paraklesis on this evening, followed by a brief reception. Bring your friends & family!)
- November 30 Paraklesis
- December 7 Paraklesis
- December 14 Paraklesis followed by Soup Dinner. We will invite the Hollister Corridor churches to join us.
- December 21 Paraklesis

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays

11/21 Dexton Daniel Braun
11/22 Jami Stetler
11/25 Dee Kern, Elizabeth Butler, Elleney King
11/26 Judy Braun

Patron Saint Commemorations

11/21 **The Theotokos (Feast of Presentation)** Lauren Shackelford

11/23 **St. Alexander Nevsky** Alexander Nikolov, Brett Williams

11/24 **St. Catherine the Martyr**
 Katie Abughazaleh, Catherine Braun, Kh. Diane Carrillo, Melissa Hedges,
 Gloria Morrison, Amanda (Morrison) Nelepa, Ekaterina Nikolov,
 Amanda Simonsen, Jami Stetler, Kate Vander Laan

11/24 **St. Clement of Rome** Farley Easbey



GOLETA THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED: THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HELP!

This year our parish, along with Christ the King Episcopal Church and Jubilee Church will be participating again in the Goleta Vineyard's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the poor and needy. It will be held at the Goleta Valley Community Center just down the street at 5679 Hollister Ave.

Consider volunteering as a family project on Thanksgiving Day!

8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Prep Cooking

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Beverage/Dessert Table, Greeters/Servers

2:30-5:00 p.m. Clean-up

If you are able to bake and deliver a turkey, please sign up on the large bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions, contact David Washburn at:

david.washburn64@gmail.com or 615-428-3427 .



Glory to God
FOR ALL THINGS
St. Athanasius'
Thanksgiving Akathist 2016

Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 6pm

Light refreshments to follow service

Please invite your friends & family!

SPECIAL THANKS to all who helped to make our
4th Liturgical Arts Festival
a big success!

Outreach Team:

Fr. Nicholas Speier, Spiritual Advisor
Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges, Community and Campus Liaison
David Washburn, Outreach Team Leader
Michael Easbey
Jennifer Ferraez
Peggy King
Howard Lange
Chuck Sasala
Valerie Yova, Festival Coordinator

THE CHOIR for beautiful services and an inspiring, uplifting concert!!

Hospitality: Fr. Nicholas & Jan Speier, Dn. Scott Jacobs

Icon Exhibit: Dorothy Alexander, Coordinator
Guides: Dana Alexander, Michael Easbey, Jennifer Ferraez

Refreshments: Christie Speier Robinson, Coordinator
Carla Brunstead, Carla Harris, Jan Speier, Suzi Wiley

Graphic Design/Webmaster: Hani AbuGhazaleh,

Greeters/Tour Guides/Ticket sellers: Peggy King, Coordinator
Laurie Baker, Richard Barre, Catherine Braun, Dottie Genatone, Joanne Gish, Kristi King, Kristin King, Lauren King, Phyllis Morrison, David Washburn

Children's Activity
Tessa Emerson—Art Teacher
Assistants: Jane Meyer, Julianna Ballew, Ginny Braun, Hannah Sieck

Sound Crew/Videography:
Michael Easbey, Benjamin Hedges

Bookstore: Corina Berari, Jane Meyer, Terri Speier—Coordinator

Flowers: Lisa Ballew



ST. ATHANASIUS

Liturgical Arts



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TEEN SCENE

NOVEMBER, 2016

Unless specified otherwise, on Thursday evenings the Jr. Highers meet from 6pm - 7:30pm and High Schoolers meet from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

Mon. November 21 Thanksgiving Community Service Project, 3pm - 4:30pm at The Isla Vista Youth Projects (6842 Phelps Road).

Thurs. November 24 Thanksgiving—NO YOUTH GROUP

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 6:00 p.m. **Akathist of Thanksgiving** followed by a reception—PLEASE INVITE FAMILY, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES!

Thursday, Nov. 24 **Thanksgiving outreach dinner** hosted by Hollister Corridor churches; See sign-up list on bulletin board. They need help with set-up, clean-up and baking of turkeys.

December 2-4

Friday, Dec. 2 **Feast of St. Barbara**
4:00 p.m. Vigil at St. Barbara Monastery followed by light supper

Saturday Dec. 3
9:20 a.m. Hours at St. Barbara Monastery
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Barbara Monastery
6:00 p.m. Vespers at St. Barbara Greek Church

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 6:00 p.m. **St. Nicholas Family Night**

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
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.
Kevin & Angel S.

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

Carla H.
Carla B.
Dawn L.
Zamora Family
Michael L., Penny C. and Family
Greg Z.
All those suffering and
in danger in the Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East

For repose of the souls of: Silvia Y., Tony S., Gabriel Z.,
All who have died in the conflicts in the Ukraine, Africa & the
Middle East

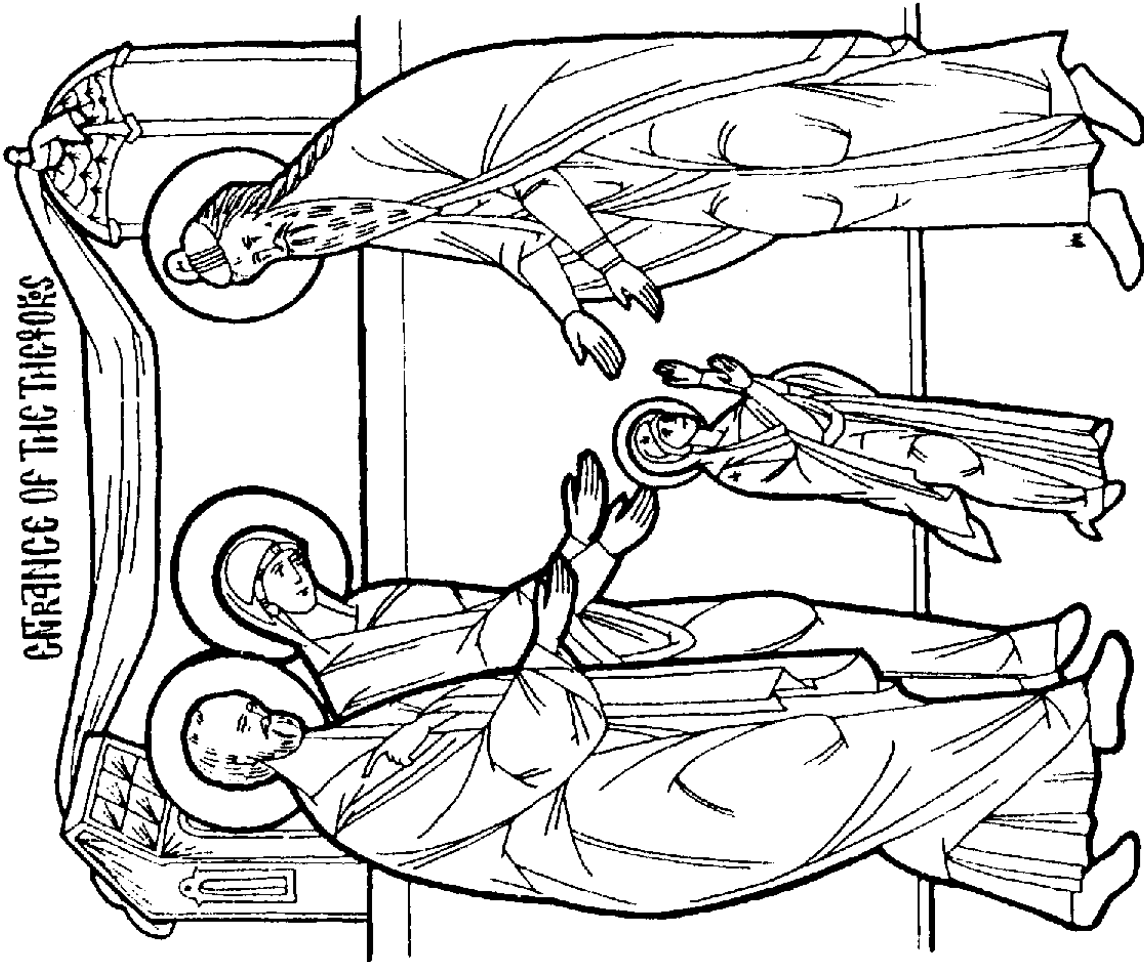
ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS:

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." *
* **All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.** *
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CONFERENCE OF THE THEOPHORS



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