



## ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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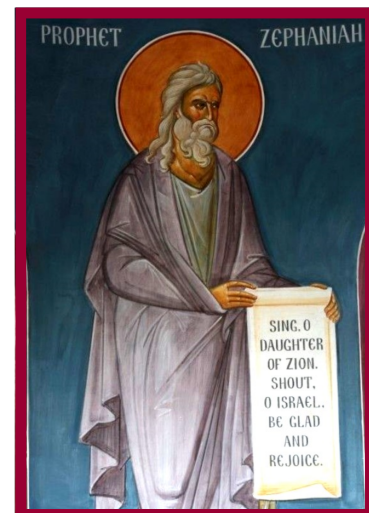
## LITURGY OF

## ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, December 3, 2017

**Tone 1 / Eothinon 4; Twenty-sixth Sunday after  
Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Luke**

The Holy Prophet Zephaniah; Martyrs Agapios, Seleukos and Mamas;  
Venerable Theodoulos, Eparch of Constantinople;  
Hieromartyr Gabriel, Bishop of Ganos and Prusa;  
New-martyr Angelis of Chios;  
Venerable Cosmas of St. Anne Skete on 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.  
Please join us at Coffee Hour~ we'd love to meet you!

## ***Calendar for this Week***

### **Sunday, December 3**

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. Children's rehearsal  
12:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 p.m. Vigil for Feast of St. Barbara at  
St. Barbara Monastery  
4:00 p.m. Youth Rally at St. Barbara Parish  
6:00 p.m. Vespers at St. Barbara Parish

### **Monday, December 4**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
9:00 a.m. Matins at St. Barbara Parish  
10:00 a.m. Liturgy at St. Barbara Parish  
10:00 a.m. Liturgy at St. Barbara Monastery  
4:30 p.m. St. Brigid Outreach Dinner  
at St. Michael's in Isla Vista

### **Tuesday, December 5**

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

### **Wednesday, December 6—St. Nicholas**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry  
6:00 p.m. Liturgy for St. Nicholas

### **Thursday, December 7**

11:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing  
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers  
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group  
7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, December 8**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

### **Saturday, December 9**

#### **Conception of the Theotokos**

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

### **Sunday, December 10**

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
6:30 p.m. St. Nicholas Family Night

## ***Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule***

### **Eucharist Bread**

December 3 D. Washburn  
December 10 Meyer  
December 17 Dillon  
December 24 Hedges (Morning)  
December 24 Kern (Evening festal liturgy)

### **Coffee Hour**

December 3 Macdonald  
December 10 Ballew (in memory of Fr. Richard)  
December 17 NEED A HOST  
December 24 PARISH SPONSORED—morning

### **Greeters**

December 3 P. King/L. Baker  
December 10 Fox/Deacon  
December 17 K. & L. Jacobs  
December 24 P. King/D. Lewis  
December 24 D. Washburn/H. Lange (evening)

### **Ushers**

December 3 D. Washburn, C. Berari, G. Shannon  
December 10 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King  
December 17 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis  
December 24 C. Speier, J. King, D. Washburn  
December 24 C. Berari, G. Shannon, S. Speier  
(evening)

### **Readers**

December 3 T. Harris  
December 6 H. Lange (St. Nicholas Liturgy)  
December 10 D. Meyer  
December 17 D. Washburn  
December 24 R. Barre (morning)  
December 24 V. Gish (evening)

**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”**

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.

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

**Troparion of the Resurrection**

**(Music on p. 40 of Liturgy book)**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews,  
and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,  
Thou didst arise on the third day,  
O Savior, granting life to the world.  
For which cause the heavenly pow'rs  
cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life;  
Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Thy kingdom!  
Glory to Thy providence, O Thou  
Who alone art the lover of mankind.

**Tone 1 Byzantine melody**

harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

**Troparion to St. Athanasius**

**(Music on p. 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

**Tone 3 Byzantine melody**

harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

equal in nature with the Father.  
O holy Father, intercede with Christ God  
that He may grant us abundant mercy.

**Kontakion for the Preparation of Christ's Nativity**

The virgin cometh today to the cave  
to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal.  
Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message;  
with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him  
Who shall appear by His own will as a young child,  
He who is from eternity God.

**Tone 3** Byzantine melody  
harmonized by F. Karam

**TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 9 of Liturgy book)**

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 (Prokeimenon)**

**Tone 1**

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee. (Ps 32/33:22)

**Verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise is becoming to the upright.  
(Ps 32/33:1)

**EPISTLE READING**

**Ephesians 5:8-19**

Brethren, walk as children of light—for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true—and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

### Alleluia before the Gospel

Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Verse:** It is God Who avenges me, and subdues people under me. (*Ps 17/18:47*)

**Verse:** He gives great deliverance to His King, and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his seed forever. (*Ps 17/18:50*)

### GOSPEL READING

**Luke 18:35-43**

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

### 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 defilement you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify you.

### Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the Highest! Alleluia! (Ps. 148)

### 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.

**NEW!**

# Anaphora

Moderato (♩ = c. 108)

nazo zakkak

Soprano  
Alto

A Mer - cy of Peace, a Sac - ri - fice of Praise.

Tenor  
Bass

S  
A

And with thy spir - it.

T  
B

S  
A

We lift them up un - to the Lord.

T  
B

S  
A

It is meet and right to wor - ship the

T  
B

S  
A

Fa - ther and the Son and the Ho - ly

T  
B

S  
A  
T  
B

Spir - it, the Trin - i - ty

Detailed description: This system shows the first two staves of a musical score. The Soprano (S) and Alto (A) parts are written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics 'Spir - it, the Trin - i - ty' are written below the notes. The Tenor (T) and Bass (B) parts are written in a bass clef. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with some rests.

S  
A  
T  
B

one in es - sence and un - di - vid - ed.

Detailed description: This system shows the second two staves of the musical score. The Soprano (S) and Alto (A) parts continue the melody from the first system. The lyrics 'one in es - sence and un - di - vid - ed.' are written below the notes. The Tenor (T) and Bass (B) parts provide harmonic support with chords and single notes.

S  
A  
T  
B

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

Detailed description: This system shows the third two staves of the musical score. The Soprano (S) and Alto (A) parts feature a melodic line with a long note on 'ly' in the final measure. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly' are written below the notes. The Tenor (T) and Bass (B) parts continue with their harmonic accompaniment.

S  
A  
T  
B

Lord of Sab - a - oth. Heav - en and earth are

Detailed description: This system shows the fourth two staves of the musical score. The Soprano (S) and Alto (A) parts have a more active melodic line. The lyrics 'Lord of Sab - a - oth. Heav - en and earth are' are written below the notes. The Tenor (T) and Bass (B) parts continue with their harmonic accompaniment.

S  
A  
T  
B

full of Thy glo - - - ry.

Detailed description: This system shows the final two staves of the musical score. The Soprano (S) and Alto (A) parts conclude with a melodic phrase. The lyrics 'full of Thy glo - - - ry.' are written below the notes. The Tenor (T) and Bass (B) parts provide a final harmonic accompaniment.



S  
A

Ho - san - na in the high - est,

T  
B

S  
A

bless - ed is He that comes in the Name\_ of the\_ Lord.

T  
B

S  
A

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

T  
B

S  
A

A - men. A - men.

T  
B

**Adagio** (♩ = c. 76)

S  
A

*p* We praise Thee, we

T  
B

S  
A

bless Thee, we give

T  
B

S  
A

thanks un - to Thee O our God,

T  
B

S  
A

and we pray un - to Thee, O our God.

T  
B

**ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**We will celebrate the life of St. Nicholas of Myra with story telling, music, and a fun evening for the whole family. A lenten reception and visit from St. Nicholas will follow the program. Children ages 3-12 will be invited to leave their shoes in the hallway during the program so that St. Nicholas can fill them with treats, and all of the children will participate in welcoming St. Nicholas at the end of the program.**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
WITH THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING SERVICES & ACTIVITIES**

Wednesdays during Advent 6:00 p.m.  
Nov. 29 Dec. 13 & 20

**Advent Paraklesis**

**FEAST OF ST. BARBARA**

Sunday, December 3

Monastery—4:00 p.m. Vigil

St. Barbara Parish in Santa Barbara  
6:00 p.m. Vespers followed by reception

Monday, December 4

Monastery—10:00 a.m. Liturgy

St. Barbara Parish—9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Liturgy

Wednesday, December 6 6:00 p.m.

**Liturgy for St. Nicholas**

Sunday, December 10 6:30 p.m.

**St. Nicholas Family Night**

**Friday, December 22 9:00-10:30 a.m.**

**Royal Hours of Nativity (Complete)**

**Sunday, December 24 10:00 a.m.  
10:00 p.m.**

**Divine Liturgy (NO MATINS)  
Feast of the Nativity of Christ  
Matins & Liturgy**

Saturday, December 30

At Vespers— Commemoration of the  
Innocents slain by Herod, and prayers for  
souls of infants who have died in childbirth,  
were stillborn or who died as a result of an abortion

Sunday, December 31  
9:00 a.m. Matins/10:00 a.m. Liturgy  
1:00 p.m.

**Transference of the FEAST OF ST. BASIL/  
CIRCUMCISION & NEW YEAR  
BLESSING OF THE GRAVES**

Saturday, Jan. 6 8:30 a.m.

Liturgy for Feast of Epiphany  
and Great Blessing of the Water

Sunday, Jan. 7 After Liturgy

Outdoor Blessing of the Water at Harbor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

You can access a complete calendar of services and other parish activities on our website: [www.stathanasius.org](http://www.stathanasius.org).

On the homepage, click on **VIEW CALENDAR** at the bottom left.

**MEMORY ETERNAL! Kh. Lynn Wilson**, wife of Fr. Wayne, fell asleep in the Lord on Nov. 30. Trisagion Prayers are Wed. 12/6 at 7 p.m. followed by a reception, and Funeral is Thurs. 12/7 at 10:00 a.m. followed by burial. Services are at St. Luke Antiochian Orthodox Church in Garden Grove.

**WE ARE OFFERING AN EXPANDED BOOKSTORE** for the next several weeks so that you can purchase Christmas gifts from our wonderful selection of books, jewelry and ornaments. Please try to do your purchasing on your way out to Coffee Hour so that our bookstore volunteers can also get out to Coffee Hour. Thanks!

### **SHOWERS OF BLESSING—IN NEED OF CLOTHING**

Men's: jeans and t-shirts (\*\*MOST NEEDED)

Women's clothing

Thermal long underwear for both men and women

Blankets and sleeping bags

**IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE, PLEASE PUT THEM IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH A LABEL THAT SAYS "SHOWERS OF BLESSING."**

**If you have donated clothing in the past few weeks, we have pulled out the heavy sweaters and jackets to be saved and given at our annual Christmas Breakfast in Isla Vista.**

### **PROJECT MEXICO 2018 MISSION TRIP**

The dates for our 2018 mission trip to Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage are July 27-August 2. If you did not sign up but are interested in being on the wait list for our team, please let Mitch Denny know ASAP. [mitchdennyjr@gmail.com](mailto:mitchdennyjr@gmail.com)

## **2017 St. Nicholas Drive for the Needy**

**ST. BRIGID FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS and those in need** to be distributed at our outreach breakfast on Christmas morning. Please keep this in mind as you are doing holiday shopping and consider purchasing an item for the collection. We are asking for:

- **white or dark athletic socks**
- **warm hats, scarves and mittens**
- **new or gently used/clean sweatshirts and jackets**  
**(Both men's & women's)**

Drop your donated items in the large, decorated box in the hallway.

**Please do NOT gift-wrap the donated items, and please limit your gifts to the specific items requested. Thanks!!**

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## PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

- We are in need of a volunteer with some knowledge of landscaping who would be willing to be the liaison between the parish and the landscape maintenance company. We have lots of beautiful plants and trees on the property, and we pay for weekly maintenance. We need someone to help us keep on top of issues that need attention. If you are able to give some time to this effort, please contact Kristi King at [klking5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:klking5@sbcglobal.net) or 805-245-7345.
- The Parish Council approved the purchase of a few more large umbrellas to provide extra shade on the patio until we are able to complete a shade structure.
- The Parish Council approved a request from the catechists for permission to create a “Passion Walk” on the property, with icon stations. The icons will be enclosed in durable, weather resistant cases.

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## CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

### Birthdays

12/3 David McCalmont  
12/5 Elizabeth Ballew  
12/9 Jesse Speier

### Patron Saint Commemorations

12/4 St. Barbara the Martyr	Cheryl Washburn-Lander, Christina Salcedo
12/4 St. Juliana	Juliana Friesen, Juliana Shackelford
12/4 St. John of Damascus	Edward Severy
12/6 St. Nicholas the Wonderworker	Nicholas Berari, Nicole Berari, Nicholas Butler, Nikolay Nikolov, Fr. Nicholas Speier, Nikolai Rice
12/9 St. Hannah, Mother of Prophet Samuel	Hannah Sieck

## TEEN SCENE

**Junior High teens meet from 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
and High School teens meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
on Thursdays in the Teen Room at the church, unless noted otherwise.**

### December 2017

12/7	Thursday Night Youth Group
12/14	Thursday Night Youth Group (Fire on Father)
12/21	Christmas Party/ White Elephant Gift Exchange Jr. High and High School combined 6-8 p.m.
12/28	Thursday Night Youth Group - Movie Night/Hangout Jr. High and High School combined 6-8 p.m.

### January 2018

1/4	Thursday Night Youth Group
1/7	Outdoor Blessing of the Water (Dive for the Cross)
1/11	Thursday Night Youth Group
1/18	Thursday Night Youth Group (Fire on Father)
1/25	Thursday Night Youth Group

**Camp St. Nicholas WINTER CAMP** for teens grades 7-12 is Feb. 16-19.  
Registration opened on Nov. 27th. Early bird tuition is \$185. For more information  
and to register, go to: <https://www.campstnicholas.com/site/home/>

### FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT—INCOME

	<u>Gen. Operating</u>	<u>Building Fund (mortgage)</u>
Monthly Goal	\$36,000	\$ 14,120
Monthly Actual October 2017	\$37,147	\$ 10,066
<b>GOLF TOURNAMENT 2017</b>		\$ 82,237 towards new construction
<b>GENERAL OPERATING JANUARY-OCTOBER, 2017</b>		
Budget	\$ 372,500	
Actual	\$ 347,295	
Shortfall	\$ 25,205	

**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.  
Fr. Patrick and Vanessa K.  
Greg & Margaret Y.  
Hoppe Family  
Gail S.  
Dean & Penny B.  
Angelina, Jase & Alina S.  
Rich and Susan B.  
Duane F.  
Galina, Nikolai & Nataliya

Joan T.  
Bette Friesen & Family  
Ethan K.  
Tony C.  
Paul F. and Family  
Justin B.  
Fr. Anthony Y. and Family  
Bill & Robin H. and Family  
Tony E.  
Clifford Y.  
Alma G.  
Guadalupe  
Phyllis M.  
John D.

Michael A. & Edward S., who are  
studying in Russia  
Fr. Wayne W. & Family  
Dan & Athena W.  
Drew, Stephanie & Parker W.  
Devin  
Alicia V.

All those suffering and  
in danger in the Ukraine,  
Africa, and the Middle East

**For repose of the souls of:** Kh. Lynn W., Steve, Jeannette  
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 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. 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."

**All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.**

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## A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

*Lord, Jesus Christ, at your holy birth you deemed a lowly cave to be a fit dwelling place, so in your mercy make our souls and bodies temples worthy to contain you, the uncontainable God.*

*And as we make our Advent journey, open our ears to heed the prophets' warning to "Prepare the way of the Lord!"*

*For we glorify you along with the angels and shepherds,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*