



## ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## **LITURGY OF**

## **ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**Sunday, December 10, 2017**

**Tone 2 / Eothinon 5; Twenty-seventh Sunday  
after Pentecost & Tenth Sunday of Luke**

Martyrs Menas, Euphratos & Hermogenes of Alexandria;

Venerable Thomas Dephourkinos of Bithynia;

Blessed Angelina Brancovich and her

son Blessed John, King of Serbia;

Joasaph, Bishop of Belgorod



St. Angelina Brancovich of Serbia  
(late 1400s)

## **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 10**

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:00 p.m. St. Nicholas Night Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. St. Nicholas Family Night

### **Monday, December 11**

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

### **Tuesday, December 12**

2:30 p.m. Catechesis Level I  
5:30 p.m. Akathist/Canon for St. Herman

### **Wednesday, December 13-St. Herman**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry  
6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis

### **Thursday, December 14**

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 15**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

### **Saturday, December 16**

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

### **Sunday, December 17**

#### **Sunday of Ancestors of Christ**

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
1:00 p.m. College/Young Adult  
Fire on Father

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

### **Eucharist Bread**

December 10 Meyer  
December 17 Dillon  
December 24 Hedges (Morning)  
December 24 Kern (Evening festal liturgy)  
December 31 Jacobs

### **Coffee Hour**

December 10 Ballew (in memory of Fr. Richard)  
December 17 NEED A HOST  
December 24 PARISH SPONSORED—morning  
December 31 NEED A HOST

### **Greeters**

December 10 Fox/Deacon  
December 17 K. & L. Jacobs  
December 24 P. King/D. Lewis  
December 24 D. Washburn/H. Lange (evening)  
December 31 Baker/Deacon

### **Ushers**

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)  
December 31 P. Brunner, P. King, D. Meyer

### **Readers**

December 10 D. Meyer  
December 17 D. Washburn  
December 24 R. Barre (morning)  
December 24 V. Gish (evening)  
December 31 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”**

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. 42 of Liturgy book)**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death,  
O Thou deathless and immortal One,  
then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow’r,  
and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth,  
all the pow’rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee.  
O Christ, Thou art the Giver of life, Glory to Thee.

**Tone 2** Byzantine melody  
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

**Troparion for Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes & Eucraphus**

Having slain the fiery ragins and fierce movements  
of the passions through their ascetic labors,  
the Martyrs of Christ, Menas, Hermogenes, and Eucraphus,  
Received grace to dispel the afflictions of the infirm and to work  
Wonders both while alive and after death.  
It is a truly great wonder that naked bones pour forth healing.  
Glory to our only God and Creator.

**Tone 8** Slavic Chant

**Troparion to St. Athanasius**

**(Music on p. 54 of Liturgy book)**

Holy Bishop Athanasius,  
you became a stronghold of Orthodoxy,

**Tone 3** Byzantine melody  
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

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 the Preparation of Christ's Nativity**

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

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.

**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 2**  
**(Music on p. 57 of Liturgy book.)**

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. *(Ps 117/118:4)*  
*v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.*  
*(Ps 117/118:18)*

**EPISTLE READING**

**Ephesians 6:10-17**

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel    Tone 2**  
**(Music on page 64 of Liturgy Booklet)**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Verse:**            May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble!  
                          May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)

**Verse:**            O Lord, save the King in the day we call on Thee! (Ps 19/20:9)

**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 13:10-17**

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

**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.

**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

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Fa - ther and the Son and the Ho - ly

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Spir - it, the Trin - i - ty

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

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B

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

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A  
T  
B

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

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A  
T  
B

full of Thy glo - - - ry.



S  
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Ho - san - na in the high - est,

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B

S  
A

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

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B

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Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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

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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  
TONIGHT!!  
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. Dec. 13 & 20	<b>Advent Paraklesis</b>
Sunday, December 10 6:30 p.m.	<b>St. Nicholas Family Night</b>
<b>Friday, December 22 9:00-10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Royal Hours of Nativity (Complete)</b>
<b>Sunday, December 24 10:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy (NO MATINS) Feast of the Nativity of Christ Matins &amp; Liturgy</b>
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.	<b>Transference of the FEAST OF ST. BASIL/ CIRCUMCISION &amp; NEW YEAR BLESSING OF THE GRAVES</b>
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

***CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK***

**Wedding Anniversaries**

12/11 Dn. Richard & June Easbey  
12/12 Dn. Scott & Karen Jacobs, Fr. Jon-Stephen & Melissa Hedges

**Birthdays**

12/14 Gail Shannon

**Patronal Feast Days**

12/10	<b>St. Angelina of Serbia</b>	Angelina Speier
12/13	<b>St. Lucia</b>	Lucy Speier, Lucia Speier

## **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.

**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)

### **CONCERT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16—7 p.m. at Carrillo Ballroom, 100 E Carrillo St.**

The Floriani Men's Choir of Thomas Aquinas College is presenting an “a cappella” Christmas concert on Dec. 16, featuring sacred music for the Christmas season. Free will offering accepted at the door.

## **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)**
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Drop your donated items in the large, **RED** box in the hallway.

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

## **A MESSAGE FROM TONY EASBEY**

*(Tony was severely burned by a downed power line when we had severe winds in Santa Barbara back in September. He has had multiple skin grafts since then. Thank you to all who have donated towards his medical costs and prayed for his healing!)*



Thank you and God bless everyone who has been there for me and my family in spirit and in prayer. God has truly blessed me with such a big family, God didn't just give me a second chance, but also the love and prayer that saved my life. God heard your hearts and listened, and granted me more time on this earth. I know in my heart that if it wasn't for everyone, I would not have had the strength to keep myself alive. I may have fought an epic battle for my life but everyone was my army. It was hard living each day in so much pain but it was the love of the church that kept me rising out of the hospital bed and continuing to battle for my life. I pray to God that he protects and gives back to everyone who has believed in me in my battle. Ever since I was a child the church has saved my life. I still remember the story that my mom told me about when I was two years old and had R.S.V. and she asked everyone to pray for me. Fr. Nicholas came to the hospital and asked for a bottle. The nurses said I wouldn't eat, but he simply replied "Get me a bottle." And by God's will, I started to drink. Everyone has saved my life so many times by asking God to watch out for me. I want to thank Fr. Nicholas for coming to my house and blessing me with the most holy of oils to keep my life in the light. I have found that God has a plan and my journey hasn't ended yet. I hope that I can repay everyone by living and sharing God's grace. I love you so much and will be back to the church someday. - Tony



## **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.



## 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

12/14 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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