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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, December 14, 2014 Tone 2 / Eothinon 5

Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ
Martyrs Thyrsos, Leukios and Kallinikos of Apollonia;
Martyrs Philemon, Apollonios,
Hypatios and Arrianos of Alexandria



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

Sunday, December 14

9:00 a.m. Religious Education
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
4:00 p.m. Rehearsal for St. Nicholas program
5:30 p.m. St. Nicholas Celebration

Monday, December 15

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

Tuesday, December 16

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, December 17

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis

Thursday, December 18

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 19

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, December 20

St. John of Kronstadt/St. Ignatius of Antioch
9-11:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Gathering
4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, December 21

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. High School X-mas party/Fire on Father
7:00 p.m. Caroling in Old Town Goleta;
Meet at Goleta Community Center

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

December 14 Tinyayeva
December 21 Hedges
December 28 Kern
January 4 Thomas
January 5 Gish (for Epiphany)

Coffee Hour

December 14 Cocores/Loulias
December 21 Teens
December 28 Christmas Potluck
January 4 J. Ferraez, S. Butler

Greeters

December 14 C. Robinson, K. Fox
December 21 P. Morrison/D. Genatone
December 28 D. Washburn/D. Lewis
January 4 K. & L. Jacobs

Ushers

December 14 C. Speier, R. Schneider, P. King
December 21 J. King, G. Braun Jr., G. Shannon
December 28 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King
January 4 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis

Readers

December 14 D. Meyer
December 20 T. Harris (Vespers)
December 21 D. Washburn
December 24 Kern morning/Lange evening
December 28 M. Kern

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found basket is located in the little alcove next to the sitting area with the sofas and rocking chair.

AED

(Automated External Defibrillator)

The AED is located in the foyer, on the ledge of the window that looks into the church office.

CHANGEABLE TEXTS FOR THE DAY

AT THE END OF THE MATINS SERVICE, WE SING THE GREAT DOXOLOGY.
("Glory to You, Who have shown us the light..." - Complete text is
in the front of the Liturgy Book.)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

GREAT LITANY (FOR ADVENT)

S. Smolensky
adapted by J. Erickson

1. *

2.

Soprano
Alto

A - men. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Tenor
Bass

3.

4.

5.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

6.

Lord, have mer - cy. To — Thee, — O Lord.

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 sung by a quartet, the choir and congregation sing the refrain:

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

LITTLE ENTRANCE

AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR, 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 the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Through faith You justified the Forefathers,
betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles.
These saints exult in glory,
for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit:
she who bore You without seed.
So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

Tone 2 (Slavic Chant)

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 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 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

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.

A *Slowly* **Trisagion** *M. Arahamian*

p Ho - - - ly God; Ho - - - ly Migh - ty;

Ho - - - ly Immor - tal have mer - cy 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

EPISTLE READING— Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ, who is our life, appears then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

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

Tone 4

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (Ps 99/100:6)

v: They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps 99/100:6)

GOSPEL READING— Luke 14:16-24

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

CHERUBIC HYMN—MUSIC ON NEXT PAGE

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

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.

Hymns sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist for the feast of the Cross

- Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
- Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)
- The Jesus Prayer: "O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Recessional: "Be Prepared, O Bethlehem"

Be prepared, O Bethlehem, Eden opens now to all;
O Ephratha ready make: for within the stable cave,
From the Virgin Mary pure, the tree of life has blossomed forth.
For her womb is shown to be paradise in spirit;
in which is the plant divine from which having truly fed,
we will live forevermore, and not die as Adam did.
Christ the Lord is born to raise the image that had fallen long before.

THE CHERUBIC HYMN

from the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

J.D.F.

a slow procession

Let us who mystic-ly *cresc.* rep-re-sent the cher *dim.* - u-bim, who

f sing the thrice ho-ly hymn to Thee, *mf* the Life-cre-at-ing

Trin - i- ty, *p* now lay a - side all earth - ly cares.

faster, majestic

A - men. That we may re - ceive the King of all, Who

comes to us in - vis - i - bly at - tend - ed by an - gel - ic
cresc.

hosts. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, *ff rit.* al - le - lu - ia.

3-fold alleluia may be repeated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

JOIN US TONIGHT FOR OUR ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION!

Tonight at 5:30 p.m. we will celebrate the life of St. Nicholas of Myra by telling the story of his life in narration, slides and music, followed by a Christmas carol sing-a-long. Children ages 12 and under will be invited to leave their shoes in the hallway during the program so that St. Nicholas can leave them a treat. St. Nick will make an appearance and be available in the Reception/Conference room for any child who would like to have a photo taken with him. Our teens will be assisting St. Nick and facilitating the photo session. A reception will follow the program.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

All women of the parish are invited to a holiday gathering on Saturday, December 20th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We will prepare toiletry gift bags to be given out at this year's St. Brigid Christmas Day Breakfast in Isla Vista for the homeless. After working on our service project, we will have some time of fellowship, refreshments and a carol sing-a-long.

HOLLISTER CORRIDOR CAROLING PARTY—December 21

On Sunday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m., we are invited to carol through Old Town Goleta with Christ the King Episcopal Church (the organizers) and members of three other churches in the Hollister Corridor. We will meet at the Goleta Valley Community Center and go from there. All are welcome!! Bring the kids!

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays

12/14 Gail Shannon
12/17 Jon King
12/18 Dorothy Alexander
12/20 Hudson Zidek

Patron Saint Commemorations

12/14 Sunday of the Forefathers

King David

Gage Braun, Josh Braun, David Dillon, David Giordani, Jon King
David Lewis, David McCalmont, Jared Speier, David Washburn

Daniel the Prophet

Dan Braun, Daniel Giordani, Garrett Gish, Dan Washburn

Jesse Jesse Speier

Adam Adam King

Rachel Rachel Friesen

Rebekah Rebekah Dillon

Ruth Fay Young

Judith Judy Braun

Aaron Howard Lange, Aaron Simonsen, Aaron Sokol

12/17 St. Miriam Miriam Vander Laan

12/20 St. John of Kronstadt John De Bruin, Jill Wallerstedt



SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & CELEBRATIONS

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION—TONIGHT

Sunday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m.

We will celebrate the life of St. Nicholas of Myra on Sunday, December 14th at 5:30 p.m. by telling the story of his saintly life in narration, pictures and music. It will be a fun evening for the whole family. A lenten reception and visit from St. Nicholas will follow the program. Children ages 3-12 will participate at the end of the program.

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

8:00 a.m. Royal Hours (Complete)

8:00 p.m. Nativity Matins & Liturgy

Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day

NO MORNING SERVICE

10:00 a.m. Outreach Breakfast—St. Michael's University Church
hosted by St. Brigid Fellowship — all parishioners invited!

COMMEMORATION OF THE INNOCENTS SLAIN BY HEROD

Saturday, December 27 at Vespers—6:00 p.m.

Prayers for the souls of infants who have died in childbirth, were stillborn or who died as a result of an abortion

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Sunday, December 28 at 1 p.m.—Goleta Cemetery Visit
with prayers and caroling

ST. BASIL/NEW YEAR

Wednesday, December 31

6:00 p.m. Vesperal Liturgy for St. Basil

7:30 p.m. Family New Year's Celebration/Potluck

Countdown at 9:00 p.m. **BRING THE KIDS!**



Join us for
**Christmas Caroling in
Old Town Goleta**
with members of
**Christ the King Episcopal Church
Goleta Vineyard Christian Fellowship
St. Athanasius Orthodox Church
Jubilee Christian Church**

**Sunday, December 21
7 – 9 PM**

meet at:

Goleta Valley Community Center
5679 Hollister Ave (Room #7)

Bring

Goodies to share
Flashlight
Joy!

Provided

Printed texts of Christmas carols to sing
Directions on where to walk

We will break into several mixed groups and sing carols in the residential streets north of the Community Center (Kinman, Gato, Cardinal, Mallard, etc.); then return to the Community Center.
Total walking distance will be about ½ mile.

INCOME FOR NOVEMBER 2014

Monthly tithe Goal (includes mortgage payment on bldg.)	\$47,000
Received in November	\$38,420
Additional Building Fund Donations Received in November	\$23,544

2014 St. Nicholas Drive for the Needy

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

- **white athletic socks**
- **warm hats and mittens**
- **new or gently used/clean sweatshirts**
- **new or gently used/clean sleeping bags or blankets**

Drop your donated items in the large, decorated box in the foyer of the church.

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



Outreach Breakfast on Christmas Morning

Once again, our St. Brigid Ministry Team will be coordinating the lovely Christmas breakfast for the homeless and needy on Dec. 25th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's University Church in Isla Vista. We need lots of help with set-up, clean-up, food preparation, and entertainment, so please sign up to lend a hand in whatever way that you are able. The list is posted on the large bulletin board in the foyer.

We are seeking 2 people to donate a whole ham and deliver to the breakfast sliced and in trays by 9:45 a.m. Please contact Cheryl Washburn-Lander at 961-4955 if you are willing.

If it is impossible to bring food directly to the breakfast on Christmas morning, food items may be brought to the church on Christmas Eve. Hot food items may be dropped off at our church on Christmas morning between 9:00-9:30 a.m. and someone will transport it to the breakfast in Isla Vista. Please drop off food items in the storage room off the patio (future kitchen).

Bring the entire family that day and enjoy an extra special Christmas morning blessing by opening your hearts to those in need!

TEEN SCENE

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

Schedule of Activities and Service Projects

For more information, contact Lara Jacobs —Teen Program Coordinator
at: cpejacobs@gmail.com

High School —Grades 9-12

Sunday, December 14	St. Nicholas Night	Meet at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 21	X-mas Party & Fire on Father	5:00 p.m. in Teen Room
	Teens should bring a white elephant gift of \$10 or less.	

Junior High School—Grades 7-8

Sunday, December 14	St. Nicholas Night	Meet at 4:00 p.m.
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EXPANDED BOOKSTORE AND BOOK SIGNING

Today and next Sunday, Dec. 21, the bookstore will offer lots of wonderful items for Christmas, including several children's books by our very own Jane Meyer! Jane will be available **TODAY ONLY** to sign her books for the special children in your life. Proceeds from the bookstore benefit the church Building Fund!

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
of Syria
Fr. Thomas H.
Dn. Richard E.
Dn. Scott J.
Peggy K. and Family
Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W.
The Hartung Family

Greg & Margaret Y.
Mary Ellen B.
Gail S.
Dean & Penny
Mary & Susan
Baby Christian F.
Duane F.
Larry L.
Sandy S.
Drew W.

Katie Zoe
Yvette B.
Marliese Z.
All those suffering and
in danger in the Ukraine,
Nigeria, and the
Middle East
Cheri W.
Hoppe Family
Kh. Marilyn G.

For repose of the souls of:

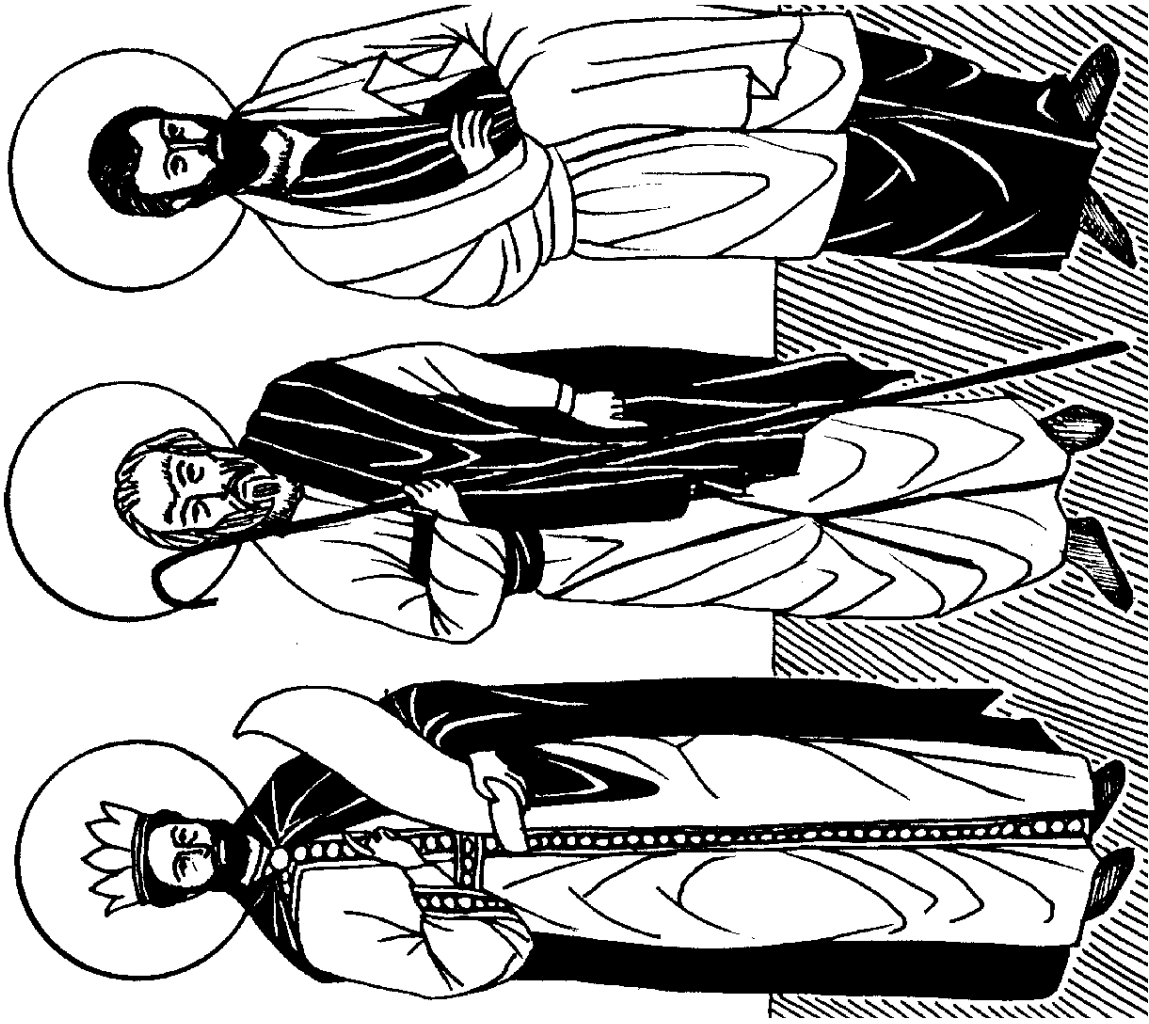
Fr. Michael R., Fr. John H., Fr. Gabe. A., Susan M.
All who have died in the conflicts in the Ukraine,
Syria and Palestine

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.” *



FOR THE CHILDREN TO COLOR

DURING THE HOMILY OR AT HOME -