



## ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Tone 7 / Eothinon 2

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

& Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

Great-martyr James the Persian

Venerable Palladius of Thessalonica;

Venerable Nathanael of Nitria in Egypt



## 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 on the patio after the Liturgy for Coffee Hour.

We'd love to meet you!

## We welcome children of all ages in our worship.

“Let the little children come unto Me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Luke 18:16

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 p.m. THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

### Monday, November 28

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins  
5:15 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry—Akathist  
by Zoom

### Tuesday, November 29

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

### Wednesday, November 30—ST. ANDREW

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins  
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry  
5:30 p.m. Advent Paraklesis

### Thursday, December 1

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom  
8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing  
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers  
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group  
6:45 p.m. High School Youth Group

### Friday, December 2

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

### Saturday, December 3

#### **NO GREAT VESPERS AT OUR CHURCH**

8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship of St. John  
4:00 p.m. Vigil for Feast of St. Barbara at  
St. Barbara Monastery in Santa Paula  
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers for the Feast of  
St. Barbara at St. Barbara Greek parish

### Sunday, December 4—FEAST of ST. BARBARA

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. for children ages 3-12 yrs.  
9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Education  
11:45 p.m. Agape Meal  
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

### EUCCHARIST BREAD

November 27 Fr. Nicholas  
December 4 Morrison  
December 11 Dn. G. Braun  
December 18 Tinyayeva

### ARTOS for Vespers

December 5 Kh. Cayce-Marie

### READERS

November 27 Gish  
December 4 Alexander  
December 5 Kern (Vespers for St. Nicholas)  
December 11 Lange  
December 17 Meyer (Vespers)  
December 18 Butler

### GREETERS

November 27 D. Lewis/D. Washburn  
December 4 H. Lange/L. Baker  
December 11 K. Fox/K.P. King  
December 18 P. Cocores/M. Loulias

### USHERS

November 27 C. Berari/D. Alexander  
December 4 P. King/J. King  
December 11 C. Speier/S. Speier  
December 18 K.L. King/D. Washburn

### AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

November 27 **All-parish POTLUCK**  
December 4 Team Shannon  
December 11 Team Palmer  
December 18 Team Loulias/Cocores

### THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

Dec. 1 D. Alexander/J. Jones  
Dec. 8 F. Young/K. Flores  
Dec. 15 L. Ballew/E. Lawrence  
Dec. 22 M. Loulias

### HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive. Non-Orthodox believers and others **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.*

**At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology  
followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion**

### 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, the choir and congregation sing the refrain:

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

**AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR AT THE  
LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING  
HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

**Troparion of the Resurrection**

**Tone 7**

**(Music on p. 51 of Liturgy book)**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross;  
Thou didst open paradise to the thief;  
Thou didst turn the sadness of the  
ointment bearing women into joy,  
and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim  
a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ,  
granting the world the great mercy.

**Troparion for St. James the Persian**

**Tone 4**

Long-suffering James, you astounded all  
by enduring horrible tortures with great patience.  
As the evil assembly performed the slaughter,  
you uttered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord.  
Through your sufferings you received your crown,  
and came to the throne of the heavenly King, Christ God.//  
Entreat Him to save our souls!

**Troparion to St. Athanasius**

**Tone 3**

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.

**Kontakion for the Preparation of Christ's Nativity****Tone 3**

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.

+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 7**

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Vs: Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

**EPISTLE READING****Ephesians 2:14-22**

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

## Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel

Tone 7

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

**Verse:** It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High. **Alleluia...**

**Verse:** To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth in the night. **Alleluia...**

### GOSPEL READING

#### Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.’” And the man said, “All these I have observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus said, “What is impossible with men is possible with 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!

### 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 the blessing of the food at Coffee Hour to eat and socialize.**

**UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & ADVENT SERVICES**  
**The Nativity Fast is from November 15th-December 25th.**  
**(with dispensation for Thanksgiving Day)**

**Wednesdays of Advent at 5:30 p.m.—Advent Paraklesis**

**Feast of St. Barbara**

Saturday, December 3

4:00 p.m. Vigil at St. Barbara Monastery

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers at St. Barbara Greek parish  
(1205 San Antonio Creek Rd.)

**NO GREAT VESPERS AT OUR PARISH**

Sunday, December 4

10:00 a.m. Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at Monastery/Lunch

4:00 p.m. Presentation/Vespers/Potluck at Monastery

**REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES AT OUR PARISH**

**Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra**

Monday, December 5

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers & Artoklasia  
Short Program & Reception

**Feast of the Nativity of Christ**

Friday, December 23

9:00 a.m. Royal Hours of Nativity

Saturday, December 24

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Paramon

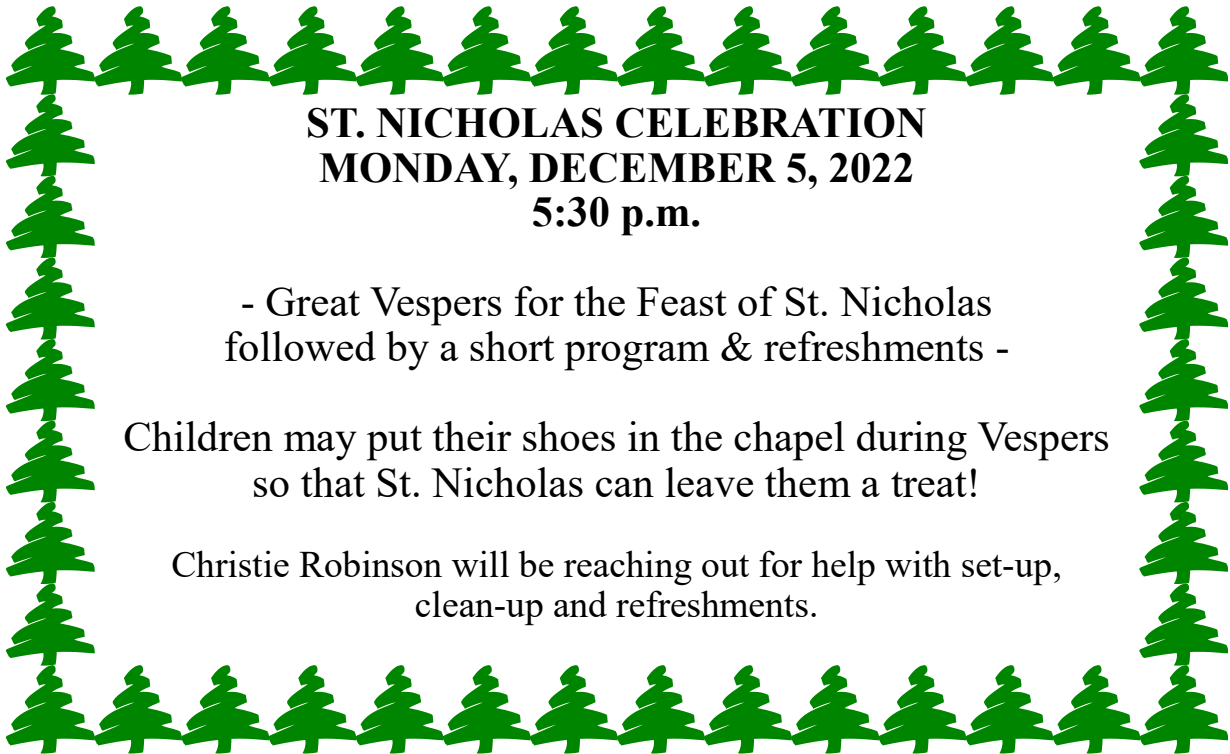
10:00 p.m. Nativity Matins & Divine Liturgy

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY YEARS** to Subdn. Michael and Margaret Easbey on the birth of their son, **Silas Daniel Easbey**, born on Monday, November 14th. Congratulations to Silas' siblings, Jimmy and Farley, to Grandma June, and all of the extended Easbey family.

**PLEASE NOTE: On Saturday, December 3rd there will be NO GREAT VESPERS at our parish.** That evening at 5:00 p.m. we will join St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in celebrating Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Barbara. (1205 San Antonio Creek Rd.)

**THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WILL HOST AN ADVENT/HOLIDAY GATHERING on Saturday, December 10th from 9:00-11:30 a.m.** All women of the parish are invited. Watch your email for more information.



**ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022  
5:30 p.m.**

- Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Nicholas  
followed by a short program & refreshments -

Children may put their shoes in the chapel during Vespers  
so that St. Nicholas can leave them a treat!

Christie Robinson will be reaching out for help with set-up,  
clean-up and refreshments.



**From the AKATHIST OF THANKSGIVING**

**IKOS 1**



I was born a weak, defenseless child, but Thine angel spread his wings over my cradle to defend me. From birth until now Thy love hath illumined my path, and hath wondrously guided me towards the light of eternity; from birth until now the generous gifts of Thy providence hath been marvelously showered upon me. I give Thee thanks, with all who have come to know Thee, who call upon Thy Name:

- + Glory to Thee for calling me into being; glory to Thee, for showing me the beauty of the universe.
- + Glory to Thee, spreading out before me heaven and earth, like the pages in a book of eternal wisdom.
- + Glory to Thee for Thine eternity in this fleeting world; glory to Thee for Thy mercies, seen and unseen.
- + Glory to Thee through every sigh of my sorrow; glory to Thee for every step of my life's journey,  
for every moment of glory.
- + Glory to Thee, O God, from age to age!

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!**

**Welcome to our newest catechumens,  
Emma Bobro and Naomi Siragusa!**

**Please pray for all of our catechumens, that their minds and hearts will be illuminated as they continue their journey towards baptism and/or chrismation.**

Chandler Baker  
Emma Bobro  
Tatianna Calhoun  
Brett and Laura Eberhard, Taylor & Madison  
Kaleigh Flores  
Sean Ryan  
Gage Salinas  
Naomi Siragusa  
Mary Wolfington, Alicia & Gabriel

***CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK***

**Birthdays**

11/27 Shirley Dillon  
12/1 Anya Madrigal, Lydia Sieck  
12/3 David McCalmont

**Patron Saint Commemorations**

11/27	<b>St. James of Persia</b>	James Dillon
11/30	<b>St. Andrew the Apostle</b>	Ryan Franzen, Andrew Macdonald
12/4	<b>St. Barbara the Martyr</b>	Cheryl Washburn-Lander
12/4	<b>St. Juliana</b>	Juliana Brunner, Juliana Shackelford

## 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](mailto:office@stathanasius.org).**

**Please pray for the health of:**

His Beatitude, Patriarch John X  
Mother Victoria  
Met. Paul & Abp. John  
Fr. Markos  
Fr. Jon B.  
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.  
Audrey C.  
Greg & Margaret Y.  
Hoppe Family in Albania  
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya  
Duane F.  
Richard and Susan B.  
Monsignor J. Yanek  
Bob N.  
Kh. Melissa H.  
Cole K. (military)  
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)  
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)  
Chase K. (military)  
Nick & Kristine J. (military)  
Connor V. (military)  
Julianna B. (military)  
P. Speier (military)

Subdn. Matthew W. (seminary)  
Steve T.  
Phyllis M.  
Abp. Benjamin  
Kris F.  
Temmo K.  
Sarah B.  
Jerry J.  
Chuck S.  
Dn. John & Fay Y.  
Zachary B.  
Samantha & Chris N. & Family  
Lander and Washburn Families  
Bob  
Cheryl F.  
Michael V.  
Jane M.  
Hannah S.  
Chrissy M.  
David W.  
Nina

Kevin  
Stephan & Rosa K.  
David  
Evonne C.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church  
The Church & people in Lebanon  
All those suffering and  
in danger in Ukraine,  
Africa, and the Middle East

Please pray for the raising up and support  
of long-term missionaries from our parish.

**For repose of the souls of:** Fr. Maximos

## ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall - two enclosed cabinets containing items that are FOR SALE. One cabinet holds icons, crosses, incense, prayer ropes, etc. The bookshelf has books for sale, arranged alphabetically by book title. Children's books are on the bottom shelf. 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 brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Nicholas' office. Make checks payable to S.A.O.C. **Bookstore.** (The pamphlets in the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.)

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

***St. Nicholas***  
***The Wonderworker & Archbishop of Myra & Lycia***

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need.

This website has LOTS of interesting background information about St. Nicholas, stories, maps, timelines, and pictures. It's a great reference tool for kids and adults alike:



<https://www.stnicholascenter.org/who-is-st-nicholas>