



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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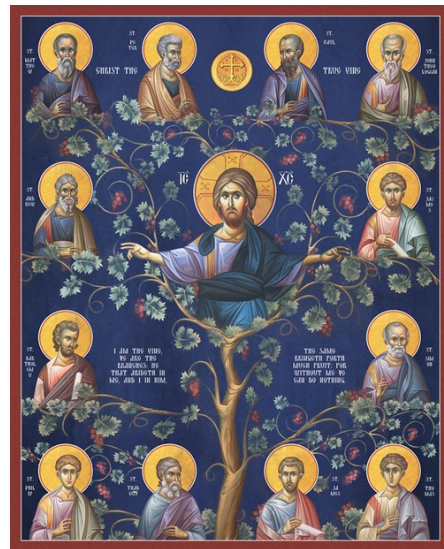
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, December 18, 2022 Tone 2 / Eothinon 5

**Sunday before the Nativity of Christ
(The Genealogy)
Martyrs Sebastian and Zoe of Rome,
and those with them**



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, December 18

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

Monday, December 19

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

Tuesday, December 20

St. John of Kronstadt, St. Ignatius
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, December 21

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

Thursday, December 22-NO LITURGY

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom
10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, December 23

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
9:00 a.m. Royal Hours of Nativity

Saturday, December 24-PARAMON (Nativity Eve)

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Paramon
10:00 p.m. Nativity Matins & Liturgy

Sunday, December 25

NO SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

December 18 Tinyayeva
December 24 Kern (Sat. morning)
December 24 Dillon (Sat. evening)
January 1 Jacobs
January 8 Fr. Nicholas

READERS

December 17 Meyer (Vespers)
December 18 Butler
December 24 Alexander (Sat. morning)
December 24 Gish (Sat. evening)
December 31 Kern (Vespers for St. Basil)
January 1 TBA
January 8 TBA

GREETERS

December 18 K.P. King
December 24 N/A
January 1 D. Washburn/D. Lewis
January 8 H. Lange/L. Baker

USHERS

December 18 K.L. King/D. Washburn
December 24 D. Meyer/M. Loulias
January 1 P. King/J. King
January 8 C. Berari/D. Alexander

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

December 18 Team Loulias/Cocores
December 24 NO MEAL THIS WEEKEND
January 1 Team Baker
January 8 King Family in memory of Fr. Jim

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Dec. 22 M. Loulias & TEAM
Dec. 29 F. Young/K. Flores/S. Saunders
Jan. 5 D. Alexander/J. Jones
Jan. 12 L. Ballew/E. Lawrence

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 2

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.

Troparion for the Sunday Before the Nativity

Tone 2

Great are the accomplishments of faith,
for the three Holy Youths rejoice in the fountain of flames
as though in the waters of rest;
and the Prophet Daniel appeared
a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep.//
So by their prayers, O Christ God, 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 8**

Chanter: 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
Hebrew 11:9-10, 32-40**

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel Tone 4
(Music on page 64 of Liturgy Booklet)

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us. (Ps 43/44:1)

v: For You have saved us from them that oppose us, and have put to shame them that hate us. (Ps 43/44:7)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ were fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His Name Jesus.

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!

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)* 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 DAY SERVICES

The Nativity Fast is from November 15th-December 25th.

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

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

NO SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th.

Feast of St. Basil/Circumcision of the Lord

Saturday, December 31

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers

Commemoration of the Holy Innocents

Infants who have died in childbirth or shortly after, or through abortion will be commemorated at Great Vespers.

The list of infants departed this life will also be commemorated on Thursday, December 29th at the 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 1

9:00 a.m. Matins/10:00 a.m. Liturgy

Feast of the Theophany of the Lord

Thursday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Royal Hours of Theophany

10:00 a.m. Vespers-Liturgy

11:30 a.m. Great Blessing of the Water

Friday, January 6

4:30 p.m. Matins of Theophany

5:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy of Theophany
and reception of converts

Sunday, January 8

1:00 p.m. Outdoor Blessing of Water (Harbor)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEN'S FIRESIDE GATHERING for this month will be TOMORROW, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Teen Room at church. See Howard Lange for details. (hman3000@verizon.net)

WE WILL RESUME OUR TUESDAY BOOK STUDY on January 24, 2023. The January book study series will be on *The Hidden Man of the Heart* by Archimandrite Zacharias of Essex. We will begin each Tuesday session with the Prayers of the Ninth Hour, followed by a simple pot-luck supper and then the study. The schedule is below:

Session 1 - Jan 24	<i>The Heart and Awakening It</i>
Session 2 - Feb 7	<i>Building Up the Heart</i>
Session 3 - Feb 14	<i>Understanding and Living Repentance</i>
Session 4 - Feb 21	<i>Entering the Heart and the Life of the Spirit</i>

GABE SPEIER headlined an article in Santa Barbara Noozhawk this week. You can read the full article here: https://www.noozhawk.com/mark-patton-will-local-baseball-stars-be-setting-up-at-a-new-home-plate/?utm_medium=email

Commemoration of the Holy Innocents Saturday, December 31st at Great Vespers

The souls of infants who have died in childbirth or shortly after, or through abortion, will be commemorated at Great Vespers on Saturday, December 31.

If you have submitted names to be remembered in past years, they will be commemorated again. If you have a name(s) to be added to the list, you can add them to the list when you enter Vespers that evening, or email to the office at: office@stathanasius.org and we will make sure the name(s) are added.

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Welcome and MANY YEARS
to Zaron DeSilva, who was baptized
into the Orthodox Faith yesterday,
December 17th.
Zaron is the fiancé of Julianna Ballew.
They will be married on
December 27th of this year.



After a brief honeymoon, Julianna will return to Missouri to complete her Combat Engineer Marine Training. In March of 2023, Julianna and Zaron hope to be stationed together at Camp Pendleton (CA) on active duty.

**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
Kevin Duke
Brett and Laura Eberhard, Taylor & Madison
Kaleigh Flores
Sean Ryan
Gage Salinas
Naomi Siragusa
Mary Wolfington, Alicia & Gabriel

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

July-November 2022

Monthly tithe goal = \$54,167

	<u>Actual Tithe Income</u>		<u>Temple Fund Income</u>
July	\$ 50,188		\$ 9,449
August	\$ 47,128		\$ 5,440
September	\$ 44,095		\$ 11,713
October	\$ 51,160		\$ 4,885
November	\$ 49,251		\$ 12,177
Tithe total July-November	\$241,822	Temple Fund July-Nov.	\$ 43,714
Tithe Goal July.-November	\$270,835	Golf Tournament	\$136,176
Total tithes Jan.-Nov.	\$560,315		
Tithe Goal Jan.-Nov.	\$595,837		

Shortfall for the 11 months = \$35,522

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

12/18 Dorothy Alexander
 12/20 Hudson Zidek
 12/22 Zoe Macdonald, Alexander Nikolov, Zachary Nikolov
 12/24 Jared Speier

Patronal Feast Days

12/18 **St. Zoe of Rome** Zoe Macdonald
 12/20 **St. John of Kronstadt** Jill Wallerstedt
 12/22 **Great Martyr Anastasia** Anastasia Brunner

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:

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.
Phyllis M.
Christina S.
Judy A.
Mark K.

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.

A decorative border made of musical notes and stems surrounds the text. The notes are black and the stems are white with black outlines, creating a rhythmic pattern around the central content.

ERIK LAWRENCE, PIANIST
in concert at Friendship Manor TODAY!

Our own Erik Lawrence, pianist extraordinaire, will perform a 75-minute concert **TODAY**, December 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm. at Jamieson Hall/Friendship Manor (6647 El Colegio Rd. in Goleta/Isla Vista). All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Erik has completed his Doctorate of Music degree at UCSB and will be leaving Santa Barbara in January, so this is our last opportunity to hear him in performance. His program will include the "Goldberg Variations" by Johann Sebastian Bach, and he will render his unique interpretation of several German Christmas hymns.

Park at the open lot at the corner of El Colegio Road & Camino Pascadero. Enter the Manor through the entrance next to the swimming pool, and take the stairs to the second floor. Go through the library to Jamieson Hall.

There is not a stipulated entrance fee to attend, but if you feel moved to be a part of a Christmas Honorarium for Erik, see David McCalmont at the Agape Meal today for details.