



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
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Fr. Jon Braun (retired)
Fr. John Finley (Archdiocese Dept. of Missions)

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Dn. Scott Jacobs
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Subdeacons: Stephen Butler & Michael Easbey

Parish Council 2022-2023:

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM December 25, 2022

NATIVITY of our LORD & SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST



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 25-FEAST OF NATIVITY

NO SERVICES

Monday, December 26—Synaxis of Theotokos

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

Tuesday, December 27-Martyr Stephen

NO DAILY VESPERS

Wednesday, December 28

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry

Thursday, December 29-Holy Innocents

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

NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, December 30

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
5:15 p.m. Teen/Young Adult Activity

Saturday, December 31

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions
Remembrance of the Holy Innocents:
Memorial prayers for infants who have
died in childbirth or by abortion

Sunday, January 1-ST. BASIL, CIRCUMCISION

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 p.m. Agape Meal
1:00 p.m. Blessing of Graves at Goleta Cemetery

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

December 24 Kern (Sat. morning)
December 24 Dillon (Sat. evening)
January 1 Jacobs
January 8 Fr. Nicholas
January 15 Meyer

READERS

December 24 Alexander (Sat. morning)
December 24 Gish (Sat. evening)
December 31 Kern (Vespers for St. Basil)
January 1 Kern
January 5 TBA (Vespers-Liturgy 10 a.m.)
January 6 Butler (Liturgy 6:30 p.m.)
January 8 Meyer
January 15 Alexander

GREETERS

December 24 N/A
January 1 D. Washburn/D. Lewis
January 8 H. Lange/L. Baker
January 15 P. Cocores/M. Loulias

USHERS

December 24 D. Meyer/M. Loulias
January 1 P. King/J. King
January 8 C. Berari/D. Alexander
January 15 C. Speier/S. Speier

AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

December 24 NO MEAL THIS WEEKEND
January 1 Team Baker
January 8 King Family in memory of Fr. Jim
January 15 Team Washburn-Lander

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

Dec. 29 F. Young/S. Saunders
Jan. 5 D. Alexander/J. Jones
Jan. 12 L. Ballew
Jan. 19 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.*

UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES

NO SERVICES 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
at Santa Barbara Harbor with St. Barbara
Greek Orthodox Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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>

WINTER RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Our diocese's Young Adult Ministry is sponsoring a Winter Retreat in Big Bear January 13-16, 2023. The registration fee includes lodging and meals. Passes for the ski lift and ski rentals are separate. Deadline for registration is December 31, 2022.

<http://www.dlawyoungadults.com/events/winter-retreat-2023/>

Instagram @dlawyoungadults

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 to our newest catechumen, Kevin Duke!
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



SB COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

VIGIL FOR FREEDOM

In solidarity with local survivors of human trafficking

JANUARY 18, 2023

5:30PM-6:30PM

DE LA GUERRA PLAZA, SANTA BARBARA

Join the SB County Human Trafficking Task Force, Kingdom Causes, Inc., SB ACT, the Interfaith Collaborative Against Human Trafficking, North County Rape Crisis Center, STESA, local faith communities and more as we stand for freedom in our community. Join us for speakers regarding the local human trafficking landscape and a candlelight vigil.

Please RSVP below.

tinyurl.com/vigilforfreedomsouth2023



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

July-November 2022

Monthly tithing goal = \$54,167

	<u>Actual Tithing 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	
Tithing total July-November	\$241,822	Temple Fund July-Nov.	\$ 43,714
Tithing Goal July-November	\$270,835	Golf Tournament	\$136,176
Total tithing Jan.-Nov.	\$560,315		
Tithing Goal Jan.-Nov.	\$595,837		

Shortfall for the 11 months = \$35,522

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

12/27 Fr. Symeon & Kh.Cayce-Marie Halsell
12/31 Penny and Michael Loulias

Birthdays

12/25 Andriy Moskalyk
12/26 Jerry Jones
12/29 Karen Jacobs, Ruslan Moskalyk

Patronal Feast Days

Sunday after the Nativity of Christ

St. Joseph the Betrothed Dn. Scott Jacobs

King David

David Dillon, Jon King, David Lewis, David McCalmont, Jared Speier, David Washburn

St. James, the Brother of Jesus

James Arnold, Richard Barre, Jim Morrison

12/27 **Protomartyr Stephen**

Subdn. Stephen Butler, Steve Thomas

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.



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Nativity 2022

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!



Blessed is He Who gave Thee to us without our asking,
so that by Thee we might thank Thy Father for His gift.

—St. Ephraim the Syrian, Hymn 4 on the Nativity

On this holy feast of the Nativity of Christ, God gives us everything through Christ: true knowledge of Him, inspiration to seek Him, empowerment to serve Him, and the means by which to thank and praise Him. May His Gift spiritually enrich all our lives, always and in every way.

Wishing you and your loved ones a most joyous feast, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

✠Metropolitan ANTONIOS

+ Antonios

Metropolitan of Zahle, Baalbek, and Dependencies

Patriarchal Vicar of New York and All North America

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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