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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, September 30, 2012

Tone 8 / Eothinon 6; 17th Sunday after Pentecost
& Second Sunday of Luke

Hieromartyr Gregory, Enlightener of Greater Armenia;
Martyrs Rhipsime and Gaiana and companions of Armenia;
Michael the wonderworker, first metropolitan of Kiev;
Venerable Gregory of the Pelshma River



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, September 30

8:45 a.m. Religious Ed. Ages 3-17
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & blessing of
Music Ministry Team
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Choir
4:00 p.m. St. Barbara Monastery Friends
Gathering; Fr. John Finley
will speak on "Restoring
Christian Funeral Customs"

Monday October 1

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
5:00 p.m. Outreach Meal

Tuesday, October 2

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
6:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship

Wednesday, October 3

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

Thursday, October 4

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

Friday, October 5

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, October 6

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

Sunday, October 7

8:45 a.m. Religious Ed. Ages 3-17
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

Sept. 30 Giordani
October 7 D. Washburn
October 14 Thomas
October 21 Hedges

Coffee Hour

Sept. 30 CHOIR for St. Romanos
October 7 Kern
October 14 Madrigal/Young
October 21 Giordani

Greeters

Sept. 30 P. Morrison/D. Genatone
October 7 E. Fryer, L. Shackelford
October 14 K. & P. King
October 21 K. & L. Jacobs

Ushers

Sept. 30 Craig & Gabe Speier, K. Jacobs
Oct. 7 J. King, G. Braun, P. King
October 14 S. & L. Speier, P. Brunner
October 21 D. Meyer, Barre, P. King

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.*

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

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.

AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL

HYMNS FOR THE DAY:

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 8

(Music on page 53 of Liturgy Book)

From the heights Thou didst descend,
O Compassionate One;
and Thou didst submit to the three day burial,
that Thou might deliver us from passion.
Thou art our Life and our Resurrection,
O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion for the Hieromartyr Gregory

Tone 4

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,
you became a successor to their throne.
Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine
contemplation, O inspired one of God;

by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith,
even to the shedding of your blood.//
Hieromartyr Gregory, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Troparion to St. Athanasius (Music is on p. 54 of Liturgy Book) 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 - Ordinary Sundays Tone 4

O undisputed intercessor of Christians,
O mediatrix, who is unrejected by the creator.
Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners.
Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith,
for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos,
who dost always intercede for those who honor thee.

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 13 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

(Music on page 63 of Liturgy Book)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

Verse: *God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

EPISTLE READING FOR THE DAY

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God..

Alleluia before the Gospel (Music on p. 65 of Liturgy Book)

Tone 8

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord, let us shout joyfully to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)

Verse: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with Psalms! (Ps 94/95:2)

GOSPLE READING FOR THE WEEK

Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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.

Hymn sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist:

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the Highest!

Hymn during Communion of the People

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia, alleluia, 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 Coffee Hour to socialize.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT—AUGUST 2012

TITHES—GEN. OPERATING

Monthly Goal: \$ 35,000

Received in August: \$ 26,696

Year-to-date goal: \$280,000

Received YTD: \$225,949

BUILDING FUND

Monthly Goal: \$12,000

Received August \$ 12,378

Year-to-date goal: \$ 96,000

Received YTD: \$ 112,262

(not including Golf Tournament)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

ST. BARBARA MONASTERY FRIENDS GATHERING

Fr. John Finley will speak today at the monastery Friends Gathering on “The Power of Bones: Restoring Christian Funeral Customs.” The talk begins at 4:00 p.m., followed by Vespers and a potluck supper.

ADULT CATECHISM HAS BEGUN!

Our Adult Catechism class meets on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. It’s never too late to join, and veteran Orthodox faithful are welcome to come for a “refresher” course! If you would like to participate in the class, please let Fr. Nicholas know, either in person or by e-mail: frnicholas@stathanasius.org.

MONTHLY MEN’S GATHERING

On Tuesday, October 2nd (rescheduled from last week) the men of the parish are invited to a gathering at the church, beginning with Vespers at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Bible Study on the book of Romans led by Fr. Jon Braun, discussion, a testimony, and ending with dinner out. Our goal is to grow together in Christ. We hope to make this a regular monthly gathering. Please consider joining us!

PROVIDENCE HALL FALL FORUM—OCTOBER 4TH 7-9 p.m.

You are invited to hear author and speaker Eric Metaxas at the third annual Providence Hall Fall Forum on October 4th at the Fess Parker Doubletree Resort. Metaxas was the keynote speaker at the 2012 National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. and is gaining an audience across the country. He is the author of two bestselling biographies (Dietrich Bonhoeffer and William Wilberforce) and more than 30 award-winning children’s books and several VeggieTales videos. Tickets are \$100 and include live jazz music and dessert. Purchase tickets at providencehallsb.org/Metaxas. All proceeds benefit Providence Hall, providing Christian education for grades 7-12. For more information, call 364-2102.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR TEENS

Our two teen classes are meeting next door at the Elk’s Lodge in a second-floor meeting room. You can drop them off at the front entrance of the lodge, and they will walk over to the church with their class in time for liturgy.

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Anniversaries

10/7 Benny & Michelle Madrigal

Birthdays

9/30 Scott Williams

10/02 Kris Rickard

10/03 Kassiana VanWagoner

10/06 Holden Dillon, Austin Harris, Travis Jacobson

Patronal Feast Day Celebrations

10/2 **St. Justina** Justina King

10/6 **St. Thomas the Apostle** Thomas Ballew, Tom Johnson, Craig Speier

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

December 9

December 16

February 24

March 31

May 26

June 30

July 7

July 28

August 11

Please call or email the office if you can host or co-host on one of these dates.

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2012 Fall Gathering

October 12th-14th, 2012

His Eminence, Archbishop JOSEPH, presiding

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To: Our Father in Christ, His Eminence, Archbishop JOSEPH, Our Brother Clergy, and all the Faithful of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Diocese of Los Angeles and the West:
From: V. Rev. Fr. Joseph Corrigan, on behalf of Saint John the Theologian Orthodox Church
Date: July 6, 2012
RE: ***PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW: The Fall Gathering, October 12-14, 2012 in San Juan Capistrano***

This year's Fall Gathering is situated in beautiful South Orange County in what is certainly one of the most popular coastal areas of Southern California. Boasting the oldest street and settlement in Orange County, and home of the Jewel of the California Missions, San Juan Capistrano provides the perfect venue of this important annual gathering of our Diocese. Within minutes from our Church, the Holiday Inn Express of neighboring San Clemente is providing lovely, comfortable, and functional accommodations for both the delegates and for our Organizational Meetings. Please register early for this important event. ***In order to receive the \$99.00 room rate (phenomenal for the time of year in this area) you must secure your room reservations NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 28, 2012.*** Identify yourself using Saint John Church. Registration forms and information and the schedule for the Fall Gathering Weekend will soon be available on our website: www.antiochianladiocese.org and click on "October 12-14, 2012: Diocesan Fall Gathering." This information will also be sent to all the parishes of our Diocese through email.

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:

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| Metropolitan PHILIP | Olga G. | Mary & Susan |
| Archbp. JOSEPH | John H. | Kh. Terri Elizabeth B. |
| Fr. Alexander Atty | Leona G. | Fran R. |
| Mother Victoria | Presbytera Katherine H. | Brian S. |
| Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W. | Mick K. & Family | Jim M. |
| John Weldon H. | Richard & Elizabeth | Frank A. |
| Greg & Margaret Y. | Sari W. | |

For repose of the souls of: Badia, Dn. Howard George, The Nun Juliana

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. Make checks payable to “St. Athanasius Book Center.”

All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.



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