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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, November 25, 2012

Tone 8 / Eothinon 3

Leave-Taking (Apodosis) of the
Entrance of the Theotokos,
Great-martyr Katherine the all-wise of Alexandria
& Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

Great-Martyr Mercurios of Caesarea in Cappadocia;
Great-Martyr Mercurios of Smolensk



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, November 25-NO RELIGIOUS ED.

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Baptism of
Aiden Gish & Elijah Landrum
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, November 26

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
5:00 p.m. Outreach Meal served at
St. Michael's in Isla Vista

**Fr. Nicholas will be out of town from
November 27-29 for the Pan-Orthodox
Clergy Retreat.**

Tuesday, November 27

10:30 a.m. Catechesis Level I
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, November 28

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis
7:15 p.m. Catechists Meeting

Thursday, November 29

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

Friday, November 30

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, December 1

10:30 a.m. Baptism of Arethas McFarland
4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, December 2

8:45 a.m. Religious Ed. Age 3-12
9:00 a.m. Fr. Nicholas will meet with all
teens and their parents at the Elk's
Lodge in teen classroom upstairs.
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

November 25 Dn. G. Braun
December 2 Giordani
December 9 Gish
December 16 Meyer

Coffee Hour

November 25 Thanksgiving leftovers Potluck
December 2 Lander
December 9 Berari
December 16 Lenhart/Ballew (in memory of
Fr. Richard Ballew)

Greeters

November 25 Cheryl & Ciara Giordani
December 2 P. King/D. Lewis
December 9 K. & L. Jacobs
December 16 S. & C. Shackelford

Ushers

November 25 Craig & Gabe Speier, P. King
December 2 Jon King, G. Braun Jr., P. King
December 9 Scott & Luke Speier, P. Brunner
December 16 D. Meyer, Barre, Lewis

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—Verses for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of you, o city of God. [Refrain]

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Vs. God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. [Refrain]

Vs. Glory...now & ever...Amen. [Refrain]

Second Antiphon for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:

Vs. The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary. [Refrain]

Refrain: O Son Of God Who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Vs. This is the gate of the Lord, by which the righteous shall enter. [Refrain]

Vs. Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteous [Refrain]

Glory...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!

After the Little Litany, there is no THIRD ANTIPHON.

**AS THE CLERGY PROCESS TO THE BAPTISMAL FONT, 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 of Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple

Tone 4

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice
and sing to her://
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

Troparion to St. Katherine the Great Martyr

Tone 4

By your virtues as by rays of the sun you enlightened
the unbelieving philosophers,
and like the most bright moon you drove away the darkness
of disbelief from those walking in the night;
you convinced the queen, and also chastised the tyrant,
God-summoned bride, blessed Catherine.
You hastened with desire to the heavenly bridal chamber
of the fairest Bride-groom Christ,
and you were crowned by Him with a royal crown;
standing before Him with the angels, pray for us
who keep your most sacred memory.

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 for the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the Angels of God praise her:
“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

BAPTISM

of Elijah Landrum & Aiden Gish

As the baptism concludes, the clergy circle the baptismal font with the child and sponsors as we sing the **ANTI-TRISAGION, which replaces the Trisagion. (p. 13 of Liturgy Book)**

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3 times)
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen. As many as have been baptized...

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)*

BAPTISMAL EPISTLE READING

EPISTLE READING FOR THE DAY

Galatians 3:23-4:5

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in

Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

**Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses 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)

BAPTISMAL GOSPEL READING

GOSPEL READING FOR THE 13th SUNDAY OF LUKE

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?" But Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

Meglynarion (Hymn to the Mother of God for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos)

The Angels beheld the Entrance of the Pure One and were amazed.
How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?
Since she is a living Ark of God
let no profane hand touch the Theotokos.
But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her,
praising her in joy with the Angel's song:
"Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

Hymn sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist:

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

For the feast:

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (*Ps 115/116:13*)

Hymn during Communion of the People

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.*

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.

Orthodox wall calendars for 2013 are now available in the narthex of the church. One per family, please.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Fr. Nicholas will be out of town from November 27-29 for the Pan-Orthodox Clergy Retreat.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

On Sunday, December 2nd, Fr. Nicholas will meet with ALL teens and their parents at 9:00 a.m. in the teen classroom at the Elk's Lodge next door to the church.

ADVENT PARAKLESIS

We will pray the beautiful Paraklesis service for Advent on the following Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.:

November 28

December 12

December 19

FEAST OF ST. BARBARA

Join the **Monastery of St. Barbara** in Santa Paula for their patronal feast day celebration.

Monday, Dec. 3rd: Vigil—5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4th: Liturgy-10:00 a.m.

Or consider joining **St. Barbara parish** here in Santa Barbara:

Mon. Dec. 3rd: Vespers -6:00 p.m. Tues. Dec. 4th: Matins 8:00 a.m., Liturgy: 9:00 a.m.

ST. NICHOLAS NIGHT

On Sunday, December 16th at 5 p.m. we will recount the life of St. Nicholas through story and song and have a visit from St. Nicholas. This is a night for the whole family! More information will follow next week.

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays

11/25 Elizabeth Butler, Dee Kern, Elleney King

11/26 Judy Braun

11/27 Shirley Dillon

12/01 Anya Madrigal, Lydia Sieck

Patronal Feast Day Celebrations

11/24 St. Catherine the Martyr

Katie AbuGhazaleh, Catherine Braun, Diane Carrillo, Melissa Hedges,
Amanda Morrison, Gloria Morrison, Ekaterina Nikolov, Jami Stetler,
Sierra Thomas, Kate Vander Laan

11/27 St. James the Persian—James Dillon

11/30—St. Andrew the Apostle

Johannes de Bruin, Ryan Franzen, Lee Jacobs, Andrew Meyer, Andy Simonsen

MONDAY NIGHT “FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY” (FPU)

BASED ON THE TEACHING DVDs of DAVE RAMSEY

January 7-March 4, 2013 — Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.,

St. Athanasius Orthodox Church, 5580 Calle Real in Goleta

Coordinated & led by Dn. Gary & Melissa Braun

Informational preview class — Monday, December 10th at 7 p.m.

The nine week class costs \$89 per couple/family/single. That includes the preview session and nine 90 minute class sessions plus:

- Membership for you and your spouse (if you are married)
- Access to the online resources and tools
- A copy of Dave Ramsey's Complete Guide to Money book
- FPU Class workbook
- FPU Envelope System
- FPU Progress Chart, etc.

Pre-registration is required. Even if you have told Dn. Gary or Melissa verbally that you would like to take the class, please also register online by using the following link:

<http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/42754/class/220736>

If we get at least 10 registrations by November 29, there will be no shipping charges for the materials. For those who register after that time, we'll have to charge for the shipping as well. Payment can be made when you receive your membership materials, either at the December 10th preview class or the the first class in January. Please tell your friends. This class is open to non-parish members and non-Orthodox families.

Please contact Melissa Braun(meljbraun@gmail.com) if you have any questions or if you do not have access to the internet to register. (683-8844)

TEEN SCENE

RITE -13 plus (Grades 7-9)

Sunday, December 2—All teens and parents meet with Fr. Nicholas at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 8 at 6 p.m.—Vespers, followed by tree decorating, food, cider, and fun!!!

January 18th-21st– WINTER CAMP at Camp St. Nicholas : "Following Christ to the Cross. Register at <http://www.campstnicholas.com>. Early bird price of \$130 if registered on or before December 1st. And \$140 after December 1st.

YAC (Young Adults in Church- Grades 10-12)

Sunday, December 2—All teens and parents meet with Fr. Nicholas at 9:00 a.m.

Monday December 3rd 4:15pm- 7 pm- Provide dessert and serve for St. Brigid's Outreach meal, Out to dinner as a group afterwards. **[NOTE EARLIER TIME FOR WINTER.]**

Saturday December 29th 6 pm- 9 pm – Vespers/Dinner/Christmas Party

Monday January 14th from 4:15pm- 7 pm- Provide dessert and serve for St. Brigid's Outreach meal, out to dinner as a group afterwards. **[NOTE EARLIER TIME FOR WINTER.]**

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Saturday Jan 26th from 4 pm-10 pm- Vespers @ St. Herman's Orthodox Church in Ox-nard/Dinner/Sky High

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. | Fran R. |
| Archbp. JOSEPH | Leona G. | Brian S. |
| Fr. Alexander Atty | Presbyteria Katherine H. | Jim M. |
| Mother Victoria | Mick K. & Family | Frank A. |
| Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W. | Richard & Elizabeth | Pat M. |
| John Weldon H. | Sari W. | Marta C. |
| Greg & Margaret Y. | Mary & Susan | |

For repose of the souls of: Theophano, Roman, John H., Charles James B., Patriarch Maxim of Bulgaria

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.



-For the children to color during
the homily or at home -