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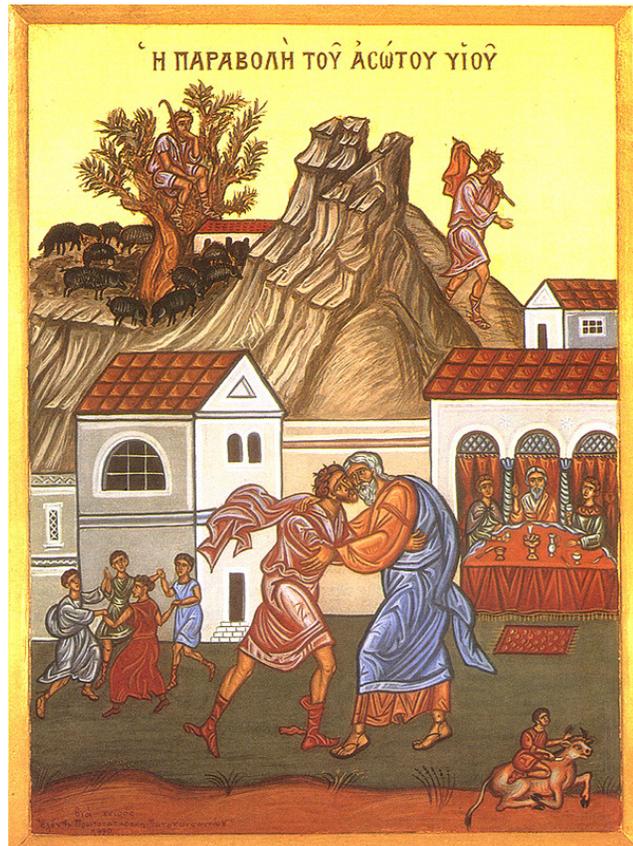
LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

March 3, 2013

Tone 6 / Eothinon 6

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Martyrs Eutropios, Kleonikos, and Basilikos of Amasea;
Hieromartyr Theodoretos of Antioch



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, March 3—PRODIGAL SON

8:45 a.m. Rel. Education ages 3-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, March 4

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
10:30 a.m. Religious Ed.-Level I Atrium
4:15 p.m. St. Brigid Outreach dinner at
St. Michael's in Isla Vista
7:00 p.m. Financial Peace University

Tuesday, March 5

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, March 6

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

Thursday, March 7

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

Friday, March 8

Rite-13 Teen Retreat at Monastery

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, March 9

Rite-13 Teen Retreat at Monastery

8:00 a.m. Soul Liturgy
4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, March 10—MEAT FARE SUNDAY **TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR!**

8:45 a.m. Rel. Education ages 3-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
12:00 p.m. Meat Fare Picnic
5:00 p.m. YAC "Fire on Father"

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

March 3 Meyer
March 10 Thomas
March 17 Hedges
March 24 Fr. Nicholas

Coffee Hour

March 3 Franzen Family
March 10 Meat Fare Picnic
March 17 Cheese Fare Potluck
March 24 Violet Gray

Greeters

March 3 C. & C. Giordani
March 10 D. Washburn/D. Lewis
March 17 K. & L. Jacobs
March 24 S. & C. Shackelford

Ushers

March 3 D. Meyer, R. Barre
March 10 C. & G. Speier, Rita Schneider
March 17 J. King, G. Braun Jr.
March 24 S. & L. Speier, P. Brunner

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 was 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:

Resurrectional Troparion

Tone 6

(Music is on page 49 of Liturgy Book.)

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy most pure body,
angelic pow'rs shone above Thy revered tomb,

and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men.

Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted there-by,

Thou did meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world.

O Thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion to St. Athanasius (Music 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 of the Prodigal Son

Tone 3

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father;
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You had given me.
Therefore I cry to You like the Prodigal:
“I have sinned before You, O compassionate Father;
Receive me a penitent, and make me as one
of Your hired servants!”

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 13 of Liturgy Book)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3 times)

+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 6

O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. (PS 27/28:9)

Verse: *To Thee will I cry, O Lord, O my God,
do not be silent unto me. (PS 27/28:1)*

EPISTLE READING—1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality! Every other sin, which a man commits, is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which belong to God.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel**Tone 6****Chanter:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**People:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

- Vs. 1 He Who dwelleth in the help of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the protection of the God of Heaven. (*Ps 90/91:1*) *Alleluia*
- Vs. 2 He will say to the Lord, Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God, in Him will I hope. (*Ps 90/91:2*) *Alleluia*

GOSPEL READING—Luke 15:11-32

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But the son was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

Meglynarion (Hymn to the Mother of God—p. 27 of Liturgy book)

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 of the Clergy (Liturgy Book page 32)

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)

Communion of the People (Liturgy Book page 33)

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

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.

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.*

DO YOU KNOW OF A PARISHIONER WHO IS ILL OR WHO HAS BEEN MISSING FROM CHURCH?

Please notify Fr. Nicholas or the church office if you know of a parishioner who is ill, in the hospital or who for some reason has not been able to attend church so that we can reach out to them. You can leave a message at 805-685-5400.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

March 10—Meat Fare Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY!

GET OUT YOUR PICNIC BASKET! Our traditional Meat Fare picnic will be next door at the Elk's Lodge this year on the patio. All families are asked to bring their own meat to grill (the barbecue will be fired up), a salad or side dish to share and a beverage of your choice. Paper dishes, cups, napkins and plastic cutlery will be provided. Please bring your own plates and cutlery if you need something sturdier than plastic.

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Friday, March 15 — 7-9 p.m. at the church

Fr. Nicholas will do a teaching on Repentance & Forgiveness.

Repentance is the doorway to spiritual health and forgiveness and a breakthrough of the Kingdom of God into our fallen world. We will look at both in preparation for Great Lent.

Saturday, March 16 — “Christ in the Wilderness” Contemplative Program

REGISTRATION REQUIRED—Limited to first 24 registrants. Please register through the church office: 685-5400 or office@stathanasius.org.

The program will be from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at Sage Hill Campground, 5050 Paradise Rd., Santa Barbara 93105. Bring a sack lunch, water bottle, beach chair or something to sit on, walking stick (if needed) and wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Participants will have the option of walking the trail during private reflection time. **Free-will donation requested to cover costs for speaker's travel and program materials.**

Our day in the wilderness will be led by Fred Krueger from Santa Rosa, CA. Fred serves as Executive Director for the Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration, an organization endorsed by the Episcopal Assembly of Bishops.

“One never comes to the mystical side of Orthodoxy without the contemplation of nature.”

- +HB Patriarch Ignatius IV of Antioch

"The desert fathers and mothers went to wild places to flee the corruption of cities, to wage war with their passions, but especially to encounter the holy. To me the town is a prison, and solitude is paradise."

- St. Jerome

March 17—Cheese Fare Sunday

Cheesy Potluck after Liturgy, Vespers of Forgiveness at 6:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family to this beautiful once-a-year Rite of Forgiveness, celebrated on the night before we begin our Lenten journey together. If you have never attended this powerful service, consider making it a priority this year.

FRIDAY EVENING LENTEN SOUP DINNERS

It's that time again! We'll be gathering for soup and bread each Friday evening during Great Lent after the 6:00 p.m. Akathist service. Please see the sign-up board in the fellowship hall and consider volunteering to provide part of a meal on one of the Friday evenings. These gatherings always prove to be a relaxed and enjoyable time of fellowship.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 from 1-3 p.m.

ANNUNCIATION TEA for women and girls of all ages

Kh. Elizabeth Sommer will speak on "Discovering the Mother of God." Proceeds will benefit the Antiochian Village Tornado Relief Fund. Ladies, we need help in a variety of ways. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Cheryl Washburn-Lander at cherylynn.sb@gmail.com or Michelle Madrigal at gianniandbella@cox.net.

Making A Difference: 40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil

Get a friend, or go alone and join others in front of Planned Parenthood who are praying for Gods mercy, for the 50 million innocent unborn victims, and the mothers that are considering, or had an abortion. The toll of abortion cannot be measured. The tragedy of abortion and the resulting trauma and shattered lives is well documented. However, the love and forgiveness of God, and the prayers of Gods people are helping to heal those involved and close down abortion centers! One hour once, or one hour once per week until March 23rd is what you can do to make a difference! The prayer vigil is Monday, Wednesday-Saturday 8am-5pm, and Tuesday 8am-8pm. Sign-up on the website (40daysforlife.com/santabarbara) or contact Dee Kern (968-17190) or (dee.kern@cox.net)

LIFE NETWORK'S "THE GREAT TURNAROUND" EVENT ON THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH at 7:00 p.m. at the Arlington Theatre. If you are interested in attending, let Fr. Nicholas know. He has tickets.

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays

3/3	Mark Kern
3/4	Juliana Brunner
3/6	Leah Wallace
3/7	Mateo Finley
3/9	Dottie Genatone, Colton Kronman
3/10	Richard Barre, Chase King, Madeleine Meyer

Feast Days

3/4	St. Juliana	Juliana Brunner
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Psalm 136

“By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.
Upon the willows in her midst, we hung up our musical instruments;
For there our captors asked us for words from our songs,
and those who carried us off said to us,
“Sing us the songs of Zion...”

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“The theme of man’s exile from God, his estrangement from the true spiritual reality to which he belongs, is constantly repeated in the Lenten services. We are not at home. We are not where we belong. We are alienated and estranged. We are in exile. This message is at the very heart of the biblical world view. It is at the center of Christ’s teaching, and that of His prophets, apostles, martyrs and saints of all ages. It is symbolized in many different ways in scriptural stories, parables and events. The Lenten season makes use of them all. Spiritually, we are all “by the waters of Babylon.” Our true home is Jerusalem; not a place on the map, but a spiritual reality. It is the true Jerusalem, the city of God, the Jerusalem on high which, according to St. Paul, is “free, and she is our mother.” (Gal. 4:26) - *from The Lenten Spring* by Fr. Thomas Hopko

TEEN SCENE

RITE -13 plus (Grades 7-9)

Friday/Saturday, March 8-9—Annual Rite-13 Retreat at St. Barbara's Monastery.

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

Sunday, March 10—5:00 p.m.—Fire on Father at Fr. Nicholas & Jan’s house.

Saturday, March 16—Service Project —Work Day at St. Barbara Monastery.

Saturday, March 30—Bowling after Vespers

Sunday, April 21—5:00 p.m.—Fire on Father at Fr. Nicholas & Jan’s house.

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. You may resubmit requests after 40 days. **Send prayer requests for the bulletin to: office@stathanasius.org.**

Please pray for the health of:

Fr. Alexander Atty

Mother Victoria

Fr. Jim K.

Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W.

Greg & Margaret Y.

Olga G.

Leona G.

Presbytera Katherine H.

Mick K. & Family

Sari W.

Mary & Susan

Duane F.

Christ K.

Dave L.

Kent F.

Carla H.

Tom & Darbi J.

For repose of the souls of: Bethann R., Betty A.

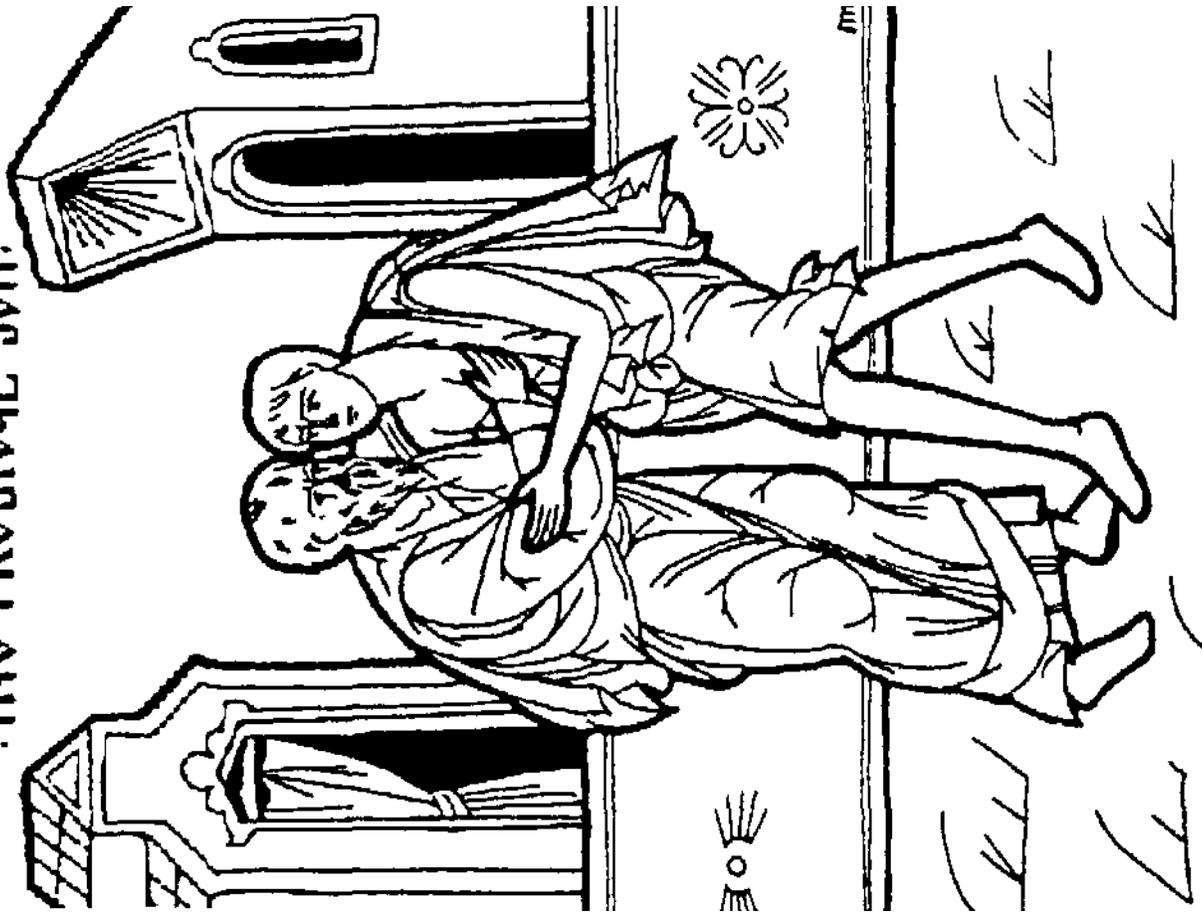
ST. ATHANASIUS BOOK CENTER

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.

THE PRODIGAL SON:



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