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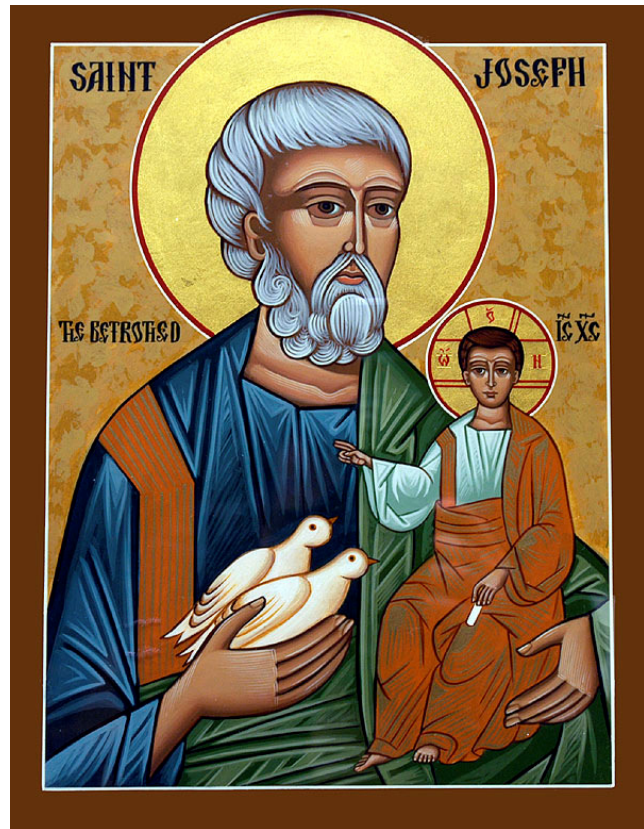
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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, December 28, 2014 Tone 4 / Eothinon 7

After-feast of & Sunday after the Nativity of Christ
Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed,
David the Prophet and King, and
James the brother of the Lord



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 and to join us at Coffee Hour ~
we'd love to meet you!*

Calendar for this Week

Sunday, December 28

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- 9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
1:00 p.m. Blessing of graves at Goleta Cemetary

Monday, December 29

- 6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
4:30 p.m. Outreach Dinner in Isla Vista

Tuesday, December 30

- 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, December 31

- 6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group??????
6:00 p.m. Vespers-Liturgy for Feasts of
St. Basil/Circumcision of the Lord
7:30 p.m. Family New Year's Gathering
R.S.V.P. required.
9:00 p.m. Countdown for the kids

Thursday, January 1

ST. BASIL and CIRCUMCISION of our Lord
NO DAILY VESPERS

Friday, January 2-St. Seraphim of Sarov

- 6:45 a.m. Daily Matins—St. Seraphim

Saturday, January 3

NO CATECHISM

- 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, January 4

- 9:00 a.m. Catechism for children and youth
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

- December 28 Kern
January 4 Thomas
January 5 Gish (for Epiphany)
January 11 Dillon
January 18 Meyer

Coffee Hour

- December 28 Christmas Potluck
January 4 J. Ferraez, S. Butler
January 11 POTLUCK at church,
DESSERT at the beach after
Great Blessing of the Water
January 18 J. Wallerstedt/D. Washburn
for St. Xenia

Greeters

- December 28 D. Washburn/D. Lewis
January 4 K. & L. Jacobs
January 11 S. & C. Shackelford
January 18 C. Robinson/K. Fox

Ushers

- December 28 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King
January 4 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis
January 11 C. Speier, R. Schneider, P. King
January 18 J. King, G. Braun Jr., G. Shannon

Readers

- December 28 M. Kern
December 31 P. Braun
January 4 V. Gish
January 5 Lange/Meyer
January 11 D. Washburn

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found basket is located in the little alcove next to the sitting area with the sofas and rocking chair.

AED

(Automated External Defibrillator)

The AED is located in the foyer, on the ledge of the window that looks into the church office.

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 (*Ps. 111*)

Verse: I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will make all Thy wonders known. In the company of the upright, in the congregation, great are the works of the Lord!

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

Verse: They are sought out according to His will. Full of honor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. **[Refrain]**

Verse: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **[Refrain]**

Second Antiphon (*Ps. 112*)

Verse: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Refrain: O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Verse: Glory and wealth are in his house and his righteousness endures forever. **[Refrain]**

Verse: Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the Lord is merciful, compassionate and righteous. **[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 (*Ps. 110*)

Chanter: The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.”

All:

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God,
has shone to the world the light of wisdom!
For by it, those who worshipped the stars,
were taught by a star to adore Thee,
the Sun of righteousness,
and to know Thee, the Orient from on high.//
O Lord, glory to Thee!

Chanter: The Lord will send Thee the scepter of power from Zion: “Rule in the midst of Thine enemies.”

People: **Thy nativity, O Christ our God...**

Chanter: With Thee is dominion on the day of thy birth, in the radiance of holiness.

People: **Thy nativity, O Christ our God...**

At the Little Entrance with the Gospel we sing the following hymns for the day:

Troparion of the Resurrection

(Music on p. 45 of Liturgy book)

Having learned the joyful message
of the Resurrection from the angel,
the women disciples of the Lord cast from them
their parental condemnation,
and proudly broke the news to the disciples
saying death has been spoiled.
Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 (Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)

Troparion of the Nativity of Christ**Tone 4**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God,
hath given rise to the Light of knowledge in the world,
for they who did worship the stars
did learn from them to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice,
and to know that Thou didst come from the east of the Highest.
Glory to Thee O Lord!

Troparion for Sunday after Nativity of Christ**Tone 2**

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph,
to David, the ancesor of God;
you saw a Virgin great with child;
you gave glory with the shepherds;
you worshipped with the Magi;
you received the news from the Angel.
Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

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 for the Nativity of Christ**Tone 8**

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One,
and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One.
Angels with shepherds glorify Him;
The wise men journey with the star,
since for our sakes the eternal God is born as a little child!

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (sung 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.

Prokeimenon—Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle

Tone 4

God is wonderful in His Saints, the God of Israel.

Verse: *In the churches bless ye God the Lord, from the
Fountains of Israel.*

Epistle Reading—Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel, which was preached by me, is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles. I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel **Tone 4**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Verse: Draw Thy bow and prosper and reign, in the cause of
truth, meekness and righteousness. (*Ps 44/45:5*)

Verse: Thou hast loved righteousness and hated wickedness. (*Ps 44/45:8*)

Gospel Reading—Matthew 2:13-23

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called My Son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent forth and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region, who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more."

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead." And he rose and took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

Meglynarion for the Feast of the Nativity—Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, magnify her who is more hon' rable and who is more glorious than the heav' nly host.

A mystery I behold which is strange and wondrous, the cave is heav' n, and the virgin is the throne of the Cherubim, in the confines of the manger is laid the infinite, Christ our god, whom we praise and magnify.

Communion of the Clergy (Liturgy Book page 32)

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

The Lord has sent redemption to His people, Alleluia!

Hymn during Communion of the People (Liturgy Book, Page 33)

Of Thy mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant. For I will not speak of thy mysteries to Thine enemies. Neither like Judas will I give Thee a kiss. But like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom!

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

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays

12/29 Karen Jacobs
1/1 Nikolay Nikolov
1/2 Joan Thomas

Patron Saint Commemorations

12/29 Sunday after the Nativity of Christ

St. Joseph the Betrothed Joe Ballew, Dn. Scott Jacobs

King David Gage Braun, Josh Braun, David Dillon,
David Giordani, Jon King, David Lewis,
David McCalmont, Jared Speier, David

Washburn

St. James, the Brother of Jesus Richard Barre, Jim Morrison, Zavien Van

Wagoner

1/2 St. Juliana of Lazarevo Alyssa Simonsen, Julianna Ballew

1/2 St. Seraphim of Sorov Sierra Seraphima Butler

1/3 St. Genevieve of Paris Jennifer Genevieve Ferraez, Violet Gray

LITURGICAL CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Liturgical wall calendars for 2015 are now available (first come-first served) in the narthex of the church. They list all major feast days, major saints and fasting days, and daily readings. They are a great reference tool for every Orthodox Christian.



SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & CELEBRATIONS

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

TODAY, December 28 at 1 p.m.—Goleta Cemetery Visit
with prayers and caroling

ST. BASIL/CIRCUMCISION of our LORD/NEW YEARS

Wednesday, December 31

6:00 p.m. Vespers Liturgy for Feasts of
St. Basil/Circumcision

7:30 p.m. Family New Year's Celebration/Potluck
Countdown at 9:00 p.m. **BRING THE KIDS!**

EPIPHANY CELEBRATIONS

Monday, January 5 6:45 a.m.

Royal Hours of Epiphany

Monday, January 5 6:00 p.m.

Vespers Liturgy and Blessing of Water

Sunday, January 11 12:30 p.m.

Outdoor Blessing of the Water at Goleta
Beach along with St. Barbara Greek Parish;
POTLUCK at the church after Liturgy,
dessert served at the beach

Consider inviting your friends and relatives to join us this year at the beach! Youth ages 8 years and older are invited to come dressed to dive into the ocean for the cross. Parents, please bring a towel and a change of clothing for them.

Diocese of Los Angeles and the West Enthronement Gala Celebration of

**HIS EMINENCE, METROPOLITAN JOSEPH
ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND
METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA**

Saturday, January 31, 2015

Sheraton Universal Hotel – Universal City, California
Benefitting St. Nicholas Camp and Youth Education Programs

3:30 PM Clergy and Clergy Wives Reception

5:00 PM Vesper Service

6:00 PM Cocktail Reception

7:30 PM Dinner and Program

*Youth and Young Adult Brunch with Metropolitan JOSEPH
Saturday 11:00 AM*

*Hierarchical Divine Liturgy beginning with Orthros
Sunday 9:15 AM*

*Both of these events will take place at St. Nicholas Cathedral
2300 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90057*

Tickets: \$185.00 per person
\$100 for a Young Adult Ticket (Ages 18-30 yrs.)
which includes the Young Adult Brunch Saturday morning.

To order tickets online visit: www.antiochianladiocese.org

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:

Metropolitan JOSEPH
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
of Syria
Fr. Thomas H.
Dn. Richard E.
Dn. Scott J.
Peggy K. and Family
Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W.
The Hartung Family

Greg & Margaret Y.
Mary Ellen B.
Gail S.
Dean & Penny
Mary & Susan
Baby Christian F.
Duane F.
Larry L.
Sandy S.
Drew W.

Katie Zoe
Yvette B.
Marliese Z.
All those suffering and
in danger in the Ukraine,
Nigeria, and the
Middle East
Cheri W.
Hoppe Family
Kh. Marilyn G.

For repose of the souls of:

Fr. Michael R.
All who have died in the conflicts in the Ukraine,
Syria and Palestine

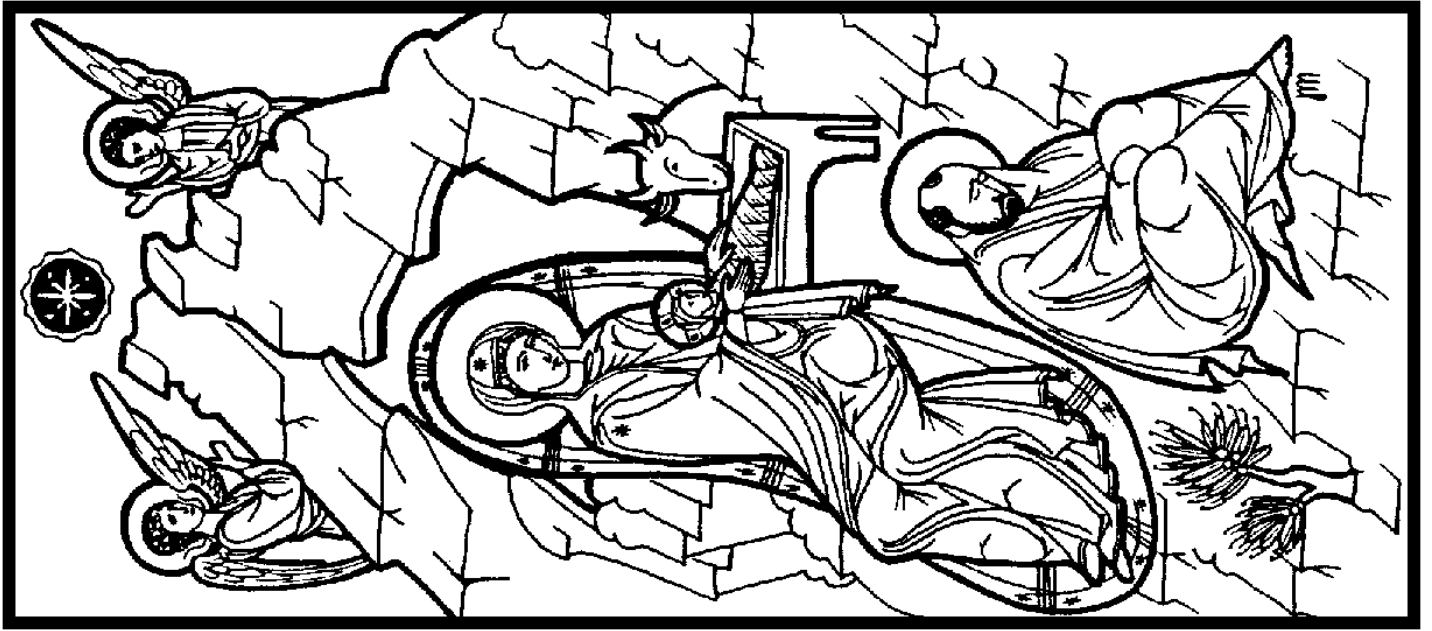
ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Prayer requests in the bulletin are prayed out loud during the deacons’ litanies and should be submitted to the church office—office@stathanasius.org.

Prayer requests put into the **wooden box in the narthex** will be said silently at the altar at most services. During the **Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy**, only Orthodox Christians are commemorated, and that list is comprised of the sick, those celebrating special occasions listed in the bulletin, and those who prepared the Eucharist bread. Others are prayed for during the Proskomedia (Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion).

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 ON THE BOOKSTORE SHELF. Make checks payable to “St. Athanasius Book Center.”



FOR THE CHILDREN TO COLOR
DURING THE HOMILY OR AT HOME -