

ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, January 25, 2015
Tone 8 / Eothinon 11
Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of
Constantinople & Fifteenth Sunday of Luke
(Zacchaeus)

Venerable Demetrios the Sacristan; New-martyr Auxentios of Constantinople



Icon of Zacchaeus in the sycamore tree

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, January 25

9:00 a.m. Religious Education, ages 3-18

9:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, January 26

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

4-6 p.m. High School Family Event—

St. Brigid Service Project

4:30 p.m. Outreach Dinner in Isla Vista

Tuesday, January 27

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, January 28

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group

6:00 p.m. Outreach Team Meeting

Thursday, January 29

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Friday, January 30

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, January 31

4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

5:00 p.m. Gala for Met. Joseph in Los Angeles

Sunday, February 1

9:00 a.m. Religious Education, ages 3-18

9:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

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.

The AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

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

Valerie will be away until this Friday, Jan. 30. The church office will reopen on Mon. Feb. 2.

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

January 25 Tinyayeva
February 1 D. Washburn
February 8 Fr. Nicholas
February 15 Dn. G. Braun

Coffee Hour

January 25 Shackelford/Genatone in memory of Al Genatone

February 1 Alexander (for SS. Simeon & Anna) February 8 B. Hedges Family (for St. Theodora,

In honor of Sydney Theodora)

February 15 Meatfare Picnic at the park

Greeters

January 25 P. King/L. Baker

February 1 P. Morrison/D. Genatone February 8 D. Washburn/D. Lewis

February 15 K. & L. Jacobs

<u>Ushers</u>

January 25
February 1
February 8
February 8
February 15
Speier, P. Brunner, P. King
D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis
C. Speier, R. Schneider, P. King
J. King, G. Braun Jr., G. Shannon

Readers

January 24 P. Braun (Vespers)

January 25 H. Lange February 1 D. Meyer

February 2 P. Braun (Feast of Presentation)

February 8 D. Washburn

February 14 V. Gish (Soul Liturgy)

February 15 D. Washburn

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"

Music by P. Mironositsky

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.

LITTLE ENTRANCE

AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR, WE SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS FOR THE DAY:

Troparion of the Resurrection (Music on p. 53-54 of Liturgy book)

Tone 8 (Byzantine melody harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One; and Thou didst submit to the three day

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 St. Gregory the Theologian

The <u>sweet</u>-sounding shepherd's pipe of your the<u>ol</u>ogy overpowered the trumpeting of the <u>or</u>ators; for <u>el</u>oquence was also be<u>stowed</u> on you. as on one who searched the depths of the <u>Spirit</u>. Pray to Christ God, Father <u>Greg</u>ory, that our souls may be saved!

Tone 1 (Slavic Chant)

Troparion to St. Athanasius (Music on p. 54 of Liturgy book)

Tone 3 (Byzantine melody harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)

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 Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple Tone 1

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb!

And blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God.

Now You have come and saved us through love.

Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

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.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Page 62 of Liturgy Book)

Tone 8 (Byzantine melody harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)

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— Hebrews 7:26-8:2

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the Law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the Law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the Right Hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel

(Music on page 64 of Liturgy Booklet)

Tone 8 (Byzantine Chant harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)

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

Verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God

our Savior.

Verse: Come before His countenance with thanksgiving, and with psalms let us

shout in jubilation unto Him.

GOSPEL READING— Luke 19:1-10 "Zacchaeus

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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.

Hymns sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist for the feast of the Cross

- Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)
- The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! (*Ps 111/112:6*)
- The Jesus Prayer: "O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

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.

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.

CELEBRATTIONS for THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

1/25 John & Nadine de Bruin

Birthdays

1/25	Terri Speier
1/27	Jeff Petersilia
1/29	Galen Wiley
1/30	Mia Jacobs
1/31	Gloria Morrison

Feast Day Celebrations

1/30 Three Holy Hierarchs Ben Hedges

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Valerie will be away from January 20-30. The church office will reopen on Monday, Feb. 2nd. If you need to get into the church please contact Fr. Nicholas or one of the ministry heads.

IT'S HOUSE BLESSING TIME AGAIN!

Don't forget to contact one of the priests of our parish to bless your home as we begin the New Year and celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. Start the year off on the right foot by asking God's blessing and protection on your dwelling and all who live there.

WE NEED SOMEONE TO COORDINATE THE LENTEN SOUP DINNERS

On three Fridays during Great Lent, we will have our traditional Soup Dinners following the 6:00 p.m. Akathist service. Sign-up lists will be posted in February for each of the weeks for volunteers who can bring soup, bread, juice and fruit. We need a couple of people who are willing to take responsibility for the set-up and clean-up for all four of the weeks. That might mean recruiting a small group of volunteers, or forming a team of two or three people who will make this their "ministry" during Lent. If you are willing, please contact Christie Robinson at christie.d.robinson@gmail.com.

NEED ONE NIGHT'S HOUSING FOR MEMBERS OF YALE RUSSIAN MALE CHORUS, Friday, March 13th

We are hosting the Yale Russian Male Chorus in a concert on Friday, March 13th at 7:30 p.m. We need to provide housing that evening for 15 young men. They are willing to sleep on the floor, on air mattresses, several to a room, or whatever we are able to provide. Please contact Valerie in the church office if you are able to host one or several of the chorus members. office@stathanasius.org

UPCOMING FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the TempleMonday, February 2, 2015 6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Church Etiquette Corner

In review, we are encouraged to stand while the Holy Gifts (The Body and Blood of Christ) are present in the nave out of respect and honor for the presence of Christ among us. (until the clergy return with the chalice to the altar after Communion)

We should all make an effort to be present at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, but if we DO come late, we are asked to enter quietly and without disrupting the service or those in attendance. Please minimize: movement in general, and entering and leaving during the reading of the Epistle or Gospel, or during the Homily. If you enter while these things are already taking place, please stand in the back and take a seat after the reading or sermon are finished.

After partaking of Holy Communion, it is important to remain to the end of the Liturgy to thank our Lord and receive the final blessing from the priest.

SUPPORT FOR MISSIONS

Our parish supports missions around the world on an ongoing basis with monthly contributions to:

• OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) "Support a Mission Priest" program. So far, we have supported the following priests and we continue to pray for them each week:

Fr. John Njiru Njagi at St. Matthew Church in Makengi, Kenya (2012) Fr. Athanasios Akunda at St. Raphael and St. Nicholas parishes in South Africa (2013) Fr. Lawrence Kabui Gitau at SS. Mark & Makarios Church in Kangemi, Kenya (2014) Fr. Timothee Kwakwa at St. John the Baptist parish in Kawayongo, Congo (2015)

• OCMC missionaries Nathan & Gabriela Hoppe and their family, who are doing mission work in Albania. They visited us this past August and gave a presentation.

Nathan and Gabriela are working to inspire, train, equip and lead Albanians to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples in Albania. They feel a tremendous urgency to follow Christ's command to make disciples of all nations in this land where less than a generation ago, complete atheism was enforced by the totalitarian communist government.

Project Mexico/St. Innocent Orphanage

A pan-Orthodox non-profit organization that builds homes for impoverished families in the Tijuana area, and that provides a safe home for orphaned Mexican boys who would otherwise be on the street and without any family.

See the bulletin board in the hallway for photos and more information about how St. Athanasius parish supports missions work throughout the world!

TEEN SCENE

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

Schedule of Activities and Service Projects

For more information, contact Lara Jacobs —Teen Program Coordinator at: cpejacobs@gmail.com

High School — Grades 9-12

Sunday, January 25	5:00-7:00 pm	Fire on Father	Fr. Nicholas and Jan's
Monday, January 26	4:00-6:00 pm	Family Event: St. Brigid Din-	St. Michael's Church in IV
Sunday, February 1	4:30-6:00 pm	Girls Small Group Teen Room	
	6:00 p.m7:30 pm	Boys Small Group	Teen Room
Sunday, Feb 8	5:00-7::00 pm	Fire on Father	Fr. Nicholas and Jan's Home
February 13-16	Weekend	Winter Retreat	Camp St. Nicholas

Junior High School—Grades 7-8

Friday, Feb 13-Mon Feb 16	Weekend	Winter Camp	Camp St. Nicholas
Fri,, Feb. 20-Sat., Feb. 21	Weekend	Monastery Retreat	

INCOME FOR DECEMBER 2014

Monthly tithe Goal (includes mortgage payment on bldg.) \$47,000 Received in December \$39,825

Additional Building Fund Donations Received in December \$24,419

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	Greg & Margaret Y.	Drew W.
Mother Victoria	Hoppe Family	Yvette B.
Met. Paul & Abp. John	Mary Ellen B.	Marliese Z.
of Syria	Gail S.	All those suffering and
Fr. Thomas H.	Dean & Penny	in danger in the Ukraine,
Dn. Richard E.	Mary & Susan	Nigeria, and the Middle East
Dn. Scott J.	Baby Christian F.	Cheri W.
Peggy K. and Family	Duane F.	Kh. Marilyn G.
Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W.	Larry L.	Stan and Donna F.
The Hartung Family	Sandy S.	Molly M.

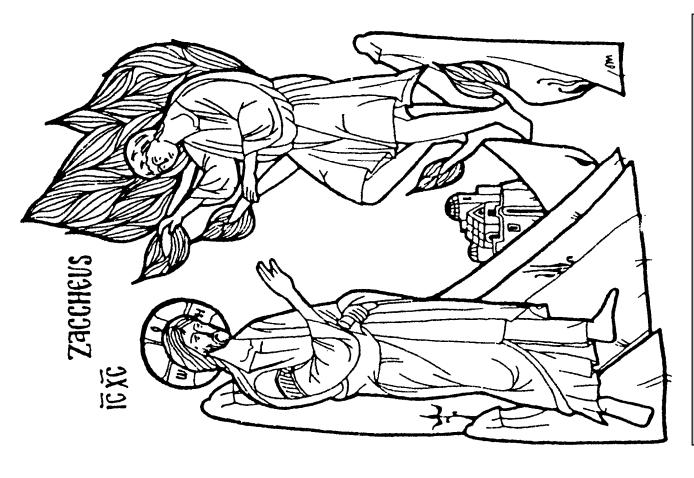
For repose of the souls of:

Anthony B. (Santa Barbara policeman), 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).



FOR THE CHILDREN TO COLOR DURING THE HOMILY OR AT HOME