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## LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Sunday, January 1, 2017

Tone 3 / Eothinon 6 Feasts of Circumcision of Christ & Basil the Great New-martyr Peter of the Peloponnesos



#### **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, January 1-NO RELIGIOUS EDUC.

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9:00 a.m.	Matins
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour

#### Monday, January 2

6:45 a.m.	Daily Matins in the chapel
4:30 p.m.	St. Brigid Outreach dinner at
	St. Michael's in Isla Vista

#### Tuesday, January 3

	NO Catechesis Level I
5:30 p.m.	Daily Vespers in the chapel

#### Wednesday, January 4

6:45 a.m.	Royal Hours of Epiphany
11 a.m1p.m.	Shower of Blessings Ministry
12:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group

#### Thursday, January 5

6:00 p.m.Vesperal Liturgy for Epiphany and<br/>Blessing of the Water

#### Friday, January 6-FEAST OF EPIPHANY

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins in the chapel

#### Saturday, January 7

11:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal in the chapel
4:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m.	Great Vespers/Confessions

#### Sunday, January 8

9:00 a.m.	Religious Education ages 6-18
9:00 a.m.	Matins
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour
12:30 p.m.	Bus leaves the church for Outdoor
	Blessing of the Water at the
	Santa Barbara Harbor
1:00 p.m.	Outdoor Blessing of the Water

## Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

#### **Eucharist Bread**

January 1	Kern
January 8	Washburn
January 15	Hedges
January 22	Sieck

#### **Coffee Hour**

January 1	NEED A HOST — St. Basil/New Year's
January 8	King Family
January 15	Wiley/Baker
January 22	D. Washburn

#### **Greeters**

January 1	P. Morrison/D. Genatone
January 8	H. Lange/C. Berari
January 15	D. Washburn/D. Lewis
January 22	K. & L. Jacobs

#### <u>Ushers</u>

January 1	R. Barre, D. Lewis, D. Washburn
January 8	C. Speier, J. King, C. Berari
January 15	G. Shannon, S. Speier, P. Brunner
January 22	P. King, D. Meyer, R. Barre

#### **Readers**

December 31	R. Barre (Great Vespers)
January 1	V. Gish
January 4	Daily Matins Readers: Royal Hours
January 5	P. Braun/T. Harris (Vesp. Liturgy)
January 8	H. Lange (Liturgy & Outdoor Blessing)
January 15	D. Meyer
January 17	G. Wiley (Vesperal Liturgy)
January 22	D. Washburn

# At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion.

#### THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

#### **GREAT LITANY**

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#### **FIRST ANTIPHON**

Vs. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise! **Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.
Vs. Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thine enemies cringe before Thee. [Refrain]
Vs. Glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. [Refrain]

#### SECOND ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. Sing unto the Lord: bless His name.

# Refrain: O Son Of God Who was circumcised in the flesh, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

- Vs. Out of Sion is the magnificence of His comeliness. [Refrain]
- Vs. Our God is in heaven and on earth; He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased. [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 for the Feast of the Circumcision**

Vs. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever.

#### **Refrain Troparion of the Feast:**

Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and Your divine Spirit O Jesus, You willed to be born on earth of the unwedded handmaid, your Mother. Therefore You were circumcised as an eight-day old Child. Glory to Your most gracious counsel; glory to Your dispensation; Glory to Your condescension, O only Lover of mankind.

- Vs. With my mouth will I tell of Thy truth. (Refrain)
- Vs. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity. (Refrain)

#### AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL HYMNS FOR THE DAY

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection**

(Music on p. 44 of Liturgy book) Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the first born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

#### **Troparion for the Feast of the Circumcision**

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**Tone 3** Byzantine melody harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

Tone 1 Slavic Chant

#### **Troparion for St. Basil the Great**

Your proclamation has gone out into all the earth which was divinely taught by hearing your voice. You expounded the nature of creatures and ennobled the manners of men. Venerable Father of royal priesthood, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved.

## Troparion to St. Athanasius

#### (Music on p. 54 of Liturgy book)

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 Circumcision

The Lord of all accepts to be circumcised, thus as He is good He excises the sins of mortal men. Today He grants the world salvation, while light-bearing Basil, high priest of our Creator, rejoices in heaven as a divine initiate of Christ.

#### TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 9 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)

My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

Verse: Hear this, all people! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world!

**Tone 3** Slavic/Greek Chant

Tone 1

Tone 1 Slavic Chant

Tone 3 Byzantine melody

harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

#### EPISTLE READING Colossians 2:8-12

Brethren, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in Him, Who is the head of all rule and authority. In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, Who raised Him from the dead.

#### Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel Tone 8 (Music on page 64 of Liturgy Booklet)

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

Vs. O shepherd of Israel, attend. (Ps. 79/80: 1)

Vs. The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom.

#### GOSPEL READING Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

And it came to pass that the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him. Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing Him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why hast Thou treated us so? Behold, Thy father and I have been looking for Thee anxiously." And Jesus said to them, "How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

#### LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God sung during the Liturgy of St. Basil

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins,

from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages:

He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to 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*)
- Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1

#### 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.

### St. Simeon Antiochian Orthodox Mission in Santa Clarita, CA, is

hosting a Gala Weekend with His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH presiding, February 4-5, 2017. On Saturday evening, February 4th, Great Vespers will be celebrated at the Hyatt Regency Valencia at 5:00 p.m., followed by a Reception and Gala Banquet to benefit their building fund and the diocesan missions fund. Special tribute will be paid to all of the existing churches of our deanery. On Sunday, February 5th, Metropolitan JOSEPH will celebrate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the mission with Orthros starting at 8:30 a.m. For more information, or to make reservations and donations, go to:

#### www.scvorthodox.com

28200 Bouquet Canyon Road, Suite A Santa Clarita, CA 91350 (Located in the Canyon Center Shopping Center a quarter mile north of Plum Canyon

## CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

#### Wedding Anniversaries

1/08 Tyler & Taylor Speier

#### **Birthdays**

- 1/1 Nikolay Nikolov
- 1/2 Joan Thomas
- 1/6 Robert Kinman

#### **Patron Saint Commemorations**

- 1/2 St. Juliana of Lazarevo
- 1/2St. Seraphim of Sorov
- 1/3 St. Genevieve of Paris
- 1/4 St. Jason the Apostle of the Seventy
- 1/6 Feast of Theophany
- 1/7 St. John the Baptist (Synaxis)

Julianna Ballew, Alyssa Simonsen Sierra Seraphima Butler Jennifer Ferraez, Violet Gray Jason Wallace Tiffany Van Wagoner

Greyson AbuGhazaleh, Ron Berari, Kalix Braun, Fr. John Finley, John Charles Finley, Patrick Gilbert, John Heiduk, Gianni Madrigal, John Ronan Meyer, Johnny Wallace

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

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

**THE ST. STEPHEN'S STUDY GROUP** is meeting every other Sunday after church! Please call or email Michael Easbey with any questions - 805-705-6121 or measbey@gmail.com.

**STICKS IS A MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP TIME FOR MEN** that meets the third Monday of each month, from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Troy Harris's house. Watch the parish website calendar and bulletin for reminders and RSVP to <u>saoc@kr1ses.net</u>. **Sticks**: Some guys enjoy aiming their cue at the 8-ball, some prefer puffing their cigars, and others just like to toast their toes at the burning logs in the fire pit. Whichever of these long, thin things suits you, come gather with us. **THE NEXT GATHERING IS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16th.** 

## A REMINDER ABOUT YOUR MONTHLY DONATION CHECKS:

Please stipulate each month on your check or online payments exactly how you would like the funds allocated. If nothing is noted, the full amount of the donation will go to tithe income.

## Nativity 2016









St. Brigid Christmas Outreach Breakfast



## SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & CELEBRATIONS

FEAST OF EPIPHANY

Wednesday, January 4 at 6:45 a.m.

Royal Hours of Epiphany

Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Vesperal-Liturgy and Blessing of the Water

Sunday, January 8, 2017 after Coffee Hour
Outdoor Blessing of the Water at Santa Barbara Harbor
with St. Barbara Greek parish. Bus transportation will be available again at
\$5 per person. Please sign up if you are planning to attend.

#### FEAST OF ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Vesperal-Liturgy

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE PARISH 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION February 17-19, 2017 (Presidents Weekend)

#### Friday, Feb. 17

7-8:30 p.m.

Pre-Lenten Seminar: Session I Paul (Howard) Finley on the Beatitudes Reception

#### 8:30 p.m. **Saturday, February 18**

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. 1:15-2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Pre-Lenten Seminar Session II Lunch Pre-Lenten Seminar Session III Great Vespers "Coming Home" video Introductory remarks by Fr. Jon Braun Reception

Luncheon outside (Meatfare BBQ)

Matins/Divine Liturgy Group photos taken inside

#### Sunday, February 19 - Meatfare Sunday

9:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

1:30 p.m.Brief musical program inside2:00 p.m.Dessert/coffee

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## What a beautiful, full and festive weekend we had for the Feast of the Nativity!

We began **Christmas Eve** with the chanting and singing of the **Royal Hours**, which are FILLED with prophecies and other scripture and hymns which speak of our Lord's coming.

In the evening we celebrated the Matins and Liturgy for the feast in candle light, with the choir singing both services with great joy and beauty.

A reception followed the services for those who were able to stay for a bit of Christmas cheer and fellowship.

On **Christmas morning** we served our annual **St. Brigid Outreach breakfast** in Isla Vista. There was food and Christmas spirit a-plenty. This year members of Light and Life Church of Isla Vista and St. Michael's University Church participated with us. Thank you to all who participated, whether it was providing food, helping with set-up, singing carols, serving in the food line, greeting guests, organizing the gift table, helping to distribute the gifts, or helping with clean-up. Many thanks to Richard and Susan Barre for coordinating the breakfast and providing such superb leadership!

And on **Tuesday, December 27th**, we had our traditional **Blessing of the Graves** at Goleta Cemetery, where we blessed each tombstone of our deceased parishioners, family members and friends of the parish and sang Christmas carols.

On **Thursday, December 29th**, during Daily Vespers we lit candles for and prayed for the souls of infants who have died before, during or shortly after birth, in commemoration of the Slaying of the 14,000 Infants by Herod the King. (December 29th) The poignant prayers and hymns were extremely moving for those in attendance.

So many people stepped up to help throughout the weekend. Thank you to "those who serve and those who sing," and all who made contributions of decorations, food, labor, and joy!

Special thanks to Lisa Ballew, who always makes our church and our entire building look so beautiful for the feasts, and ESPECIALLY beautiful for the December feast days! Thanks, also, to her crew of helpers: Ben Ballew, Julianna Ballew, Carla Brunstead, Anya Madrigal, Andy Moskalyk, Nataliya Tinyayeva, and Cheryl Washburn-Lander. His Eminence The Most Reverend Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

#### ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA



Beloved in Christ,

As shepherds gather to glorify the newborn King in Bethlehem, angels proclaim the good news and offer glory to the Maker of all. The earthly and the heavenly realms celebrate the feast of beholding God upon the earth and humankind amidst the heavens. We greet you on the eve of this great and wondrous mystery as you greet one another with the joyful greeting.

#### CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Christ's Nativity offers us renewal and hope; a time of reflection on all that is good, pure, right and innocent. Let us worship the One through whose birth we are sanctified as it brings peace and forgiveness, joy and reconciliation to your homes and families and throughout the world. Our hearts rejoice as we join the choir of angels in heaven singing:

"Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shown 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!"

Yours in Christ,

Netropolitan Joseph

+JOSEPH Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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## OUTDOOR GREAT BLESSING OF THE WATERS for the Feast of Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2017

This year we will join St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church again for the Outdoor Blessing of the Waters on Sunday, January 8th. We will be meeting them at the Santa Barbara Harbor, near West Beach and the Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

Once again, we will be taking a bus down to the harbor at 12:30 p.m. that day, because parking is often difficult to find. There will be a small per-person cost for taking the bus. Those who joined us last year will remember that, in spite of the light drizzle, it was a really lovely time with our Orthodox brothers and sisters from St. Barbara's.

**If you would like to attend, please sign up** on the bulletin board or send an email to: office@stathanasius.org. Be sure to stipulate how many family members will attend and how many would like to ride the bus. If necessary, we will rent two buses to accommodate everyone. St. Barbara's will be providing refreshments again and they need to know how many from our parish will attend.



<b>TEEN SCENE</b> January 2017	
	ise, the Junior Highers meet from 6:00-7:30 p.m. d the High Schoolers meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Vesperal-Liturgy for Epiphany at 6:00 pm.
Thursday, January 12	NO YOUTH GROUP Regular Youth Group Sessions
Thursday, January 19	Regular Youth Group Sessions
Thursday, January 26	Regular Youth Group Sessions

## 2017 LITURGICAL CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Liturgical wall calendars for 2017 are now available (first come-first served) in the entryway 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.

## John Butler & Madeleine Meyer performing this week...

This Thursday evening, January 5th, at SOHO in Santa Barbara (1221 State Street—upstairs) Madeleine Meyer will be performing at 8 p.m. and John Butler will be on at 9:00 p.m. All ages are invited. Tickets are \$8 at the door. Come on out and support them and start your New Year with some music!

#### **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 Fr. Jon Braun Dn. Richard E. Kh. Diane C. Kh. Mary Sue W. Fr. Patrick and Vanessa K. Greg & Margaret Y. Hoppe Family Gail S. Dean & Penny B. Kevin & Angel S.

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Baby Emma Mary Susan B. Baby Christian F. Duane F. Galina, Nikolai & Nataliya Olga Marie G. Emily F. Joan T. Terri-Lynn & Hannah Rose H. Jared E.

James Alma G. Dawn L. Zamora Family Michael L., Penny C. and Family Greg Z. All those suffering and in danger in the Ukraine, Africa, and the Middle East

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*For repose of the souls of:* Fr. Paul D. All who have died in the conflicts in the Ukraine, Africa & the Middle East

#### **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).

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## **ST. ATHANASIUS BOOK CENTER**

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## All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.

