



# ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, January 8, 2017

Tone 4 / Eothinon 7

## Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

Righteous Mother Domnica of Constantinople and her companions;  
Venerable George the Chozebite



## 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 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 Waters at the  
Santa Barbara Harbor  
1:00 p.m. Outdoor Blessing of the Water

## **Monday, January 9**

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

## **Tuesday, January 10**

2:30 –4:15 p.m. Catechesis Level I  
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

## **Wednesday, January 11**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
11 a.m.-1p.m. Shower of Blessings Ministry  
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, January 12**

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers  
6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group  
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group  
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

## **Friday, January 13**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

## **Saturday, January 14**

7:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting  
4:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study on Ephesians  
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

## **Sunday, January 15**

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

## ***Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule***

### **Eucharist Bread**

January 8 Washburn  
January 15 Hedges  
January 22 Sieck  
January 29 Dillon

### **Coffee Hour**

January 8 King Family  
January 15 Wiley/Baker  
January 22 D. Washburn  
January 29 Shackelford/Genatone in memory of  
Al Genatone

### **Greeters**

January 8 H. Lange/C. Berari  
January 15 D. Washburn/D. Lewis  
January 22 K. & L. Jacobs  
January 29 P. King/L. Baker

### **Ushers**

January 8 C. Speier, J. King, C. Berari  
January 15 G. Shannon, S. Speier, P. Brunner  
January 22 P. King, D. Meyer, R. Barre  
January 29 D. Lewis, C. Speier, J. King

### **Readers**

January 8 H. Lange (Liturgy & Outdoor Blessing)  
January 15 D. Meyer  
January 17 G. Wiley (Vesperal Liturgy)  
January 22 D. Washburn  
January 29 D. Alexander

**AT THE END OF THE MATINS SERVICE, WE SING THE  
GREAT DOXOLOGY.**

**(“Glory to You, Who have shown us the light...” ) followed by the Matins Dismissal  
Troparion. Complete text is in front of Liturgy book.**

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

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**THE GREAT LITANY**

**First Antiphon—Psalm Verses for the Feast with Refrain**

**Verse:** When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

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

**Verse:** The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back. What ails you, o sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? [refrain]

**Verse:** Glory....now and ever... [refrain]

**Second Antiphon– Psalm Verses for the Feast with Refrain**

**Verse:** I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.  
Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

**Refrain:** **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee,  
Alleluia!**

**Verse:** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. I suffered distress and anguish, then I called on the name of the Lord. [refrain]

**Verse:** Gracious and righteous is the Lord, and our God is merciful. [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—Psalm Verses with Troparion as refrain**

Verse: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, For His mercy endures forever!

**Refrain: When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,  
worship of the Trinity was made manifest!  
For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,  
calling You his beloved Son.  
And the Spirit, in the likeness of a dove  
confirmed the truth of His Word.  
Christ our God, Who has appeared  
and enlightened the world,  
glory to You!**

Verse: Let the house of Israel say: for He is good,  
For His mercy endures forever! [refrain]

Verse: Let the house of Aaron say: for He is good,  
For His mercy endures forever! [refrain]

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

**Troparion of the Resurrection  
(Music on page 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 Epiphany**

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,  
worship of the Trinity was made manifest!  
For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,  
calling You his beloved Son.  
And the Spirit, in the likeness of a dove  
confirmed the truth of His Word.  
Christ our God, Who has appeared  
and enlightened the world, glory to You!

**Tone 1** (Byzantine Chant)**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.

**Tone 3** Byzantine melody  
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley**Kontakian of Epiphany**

Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord,  
and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us.  
Knowing You, we sing Your praises:  
“You have come and revealed Yourself, //  
O unapproachable Light.”

**Tone 4** (Slavic Chant)**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

**Tone 1** Byzantine melody  
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee. (Ps 32/33:22)

**Verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise is becoming to the upright.  
(Ps 32/33:1)

## EPISTLE READING

### Ephesians 4:7-13

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

## Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel

**Tone 5**

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

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

**Verse:** I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth;  
I will make known Thy faithfulness to all generations. (Ps 88/89:1)

**Verse:** For Thou hast said: "Mercy shall be built up forever;  
In the heavens shall Thy truth be established." (Ps 88/89:2)

## GOSPEL READING

### Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

## LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

### Meglynarion for the Feast of Epiphany (Hymn to the Mother of God)

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos,  
more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos;  
even Angels are overcome with awe praising you.

But since you are good, accept our faith;  
for you know our love inspired by God!

You are the defender of Christians, and 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*)

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all. Alleluia. (*Titus 2:11*)

### 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.

## TEEN SCENE

January 2017

**Unless noted otherwise, the Junior Highers meet from 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
on Thursdays, and the High Schoolers meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Thursday, January 12 Regular Youth Group Sessions

Thursday, January 19 Regular Youth Group Sessions

Thursday, January 26 Regular Youth Group Sessions

# CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

## Wedding Anniversaries

1/08 Tyler & Taylor Speier  
1/09 Mark & Dee Kern  
1/14 Kate and David Vander Laan

## Birthdays

1/9 Carla Harris  
1/10 Kalix Braun  
1/14 Viktoria Hedges, Sabina Shackelford

## Patron Saint Commemorations

1/12	<b>St. Tatiana the Martyr</b>	Tatiana Speier
1/14	<b>St. Nina</b>	Gail Shannon
1/14	<b>St. Mungo/Kentigern</b>	Kent Fox

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

You can access a complete calendar of services and other parish activities on our website: [www.stathanasius.org](http://www.stathanasius.org).

**IT'S TIME FOR HOUSE BLESSINGS!** Please contact one of the priests of our parish to set up a time to have your dwelling blessed for 2017!

**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](mailto: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 [saoc@kr1ses.net](mailto:saoc@kr1ses.net). **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.

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

We will begin studying Paul's letter to the Ephesians this coming Saturday, January 14th, at 4:30 p.m. Come join us for a good study and discussion!



# SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & CELEBRATIONS

## FEAST OF EPIPHANY

**Sunday, January 8, 2017 after Coffee Hour**

**Outdoor Blessing of the Waters** at Santa Barbara Harbor

with St. Barbara Greek parish. Bus leaves at 12:30 p.m. We still have space.

\$5/per person. Those who registered ahead will board first. Then it is first come/  
first served.

## FEAST OF ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT

**Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** Vespers-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

8:30 p.m.

Reception

### Saturday, February 18

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Pre-Lenten Seminar Session II

12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.

Lunch

1:15-2:30 p.m.

Pre-Lenten Seminar Session III

6:00 p.m.

Great Vespers

7:00 p.m.

“Coming Home” video

Introductory remarks by Fr. Jon Braun

7:45 p.m.

Reception

### Sunday, February 19 - Meatfare Sunday

9:00 a.m.

Matins/Divine Liturgy

11:45 a.m.

Group photos taken inside

12:15 p.m.

Luncheon outside (Meatfare BBQ)

1:30 p.m.

Brief musical program inside

2:00 p.m.

Dessert/coffee

**As a parish, we donate \$50/month to the OCMC  
“Support a Mission Priest” program. This year, we  
will be supporting Fr. Joseph Misoi in Kenya.**



*Kenya - Diocese of Kisumu*

**Fr. Joseph Misoi**



Fr. Joseph with parishioners

Fr. Joseph Misoi was born in 1965 in the Mugen location of Western Kenya in Nandiland. Immediately, after finishing school, he applied to the Makario's III Patriarchal Seminary in Nairobi with the desire to serve the Orthodox Church in his home area. Graduating in 1991 at 25 years old, he served as a catechist for some years. In 1999 he was ordained to the diaconate and then to the priesthood. Fr. Joseph currently serves as a traveling missionary priest.

Orthodoxy came to the people of East Africa, not through the efforts of a single missionary, but through charismatic African men searching for truth and “ortho doxia” in the early 1920's. Correspondence began with the Patriarch of Alexandria, and in 1946, they were received into canonical Orthodoxy through Patriarch Christophoros. In 1958, the Patriarch appointed Nicholas (Valeropoulos) the first Metropolitan of Irinoupolis and All East Africa, and in 1972, three African priests were ordained to the rank of auxiliary bishop.

**The Support a Mission Priest (SAMP) Program of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) offers monthly financial assistance to indigenous priests in the world's poorest areas. These funds make it possible for priests to minister and serve their growing communities.**

In 1972 construction began on the Makarios III Patriarchal Seminary in Nairobi, Kenya. Archbishop Anastasios (Yannoulatos), who in 1982 was assigned as Acting Archbishop, completed the seminary and undertook the training of indigenous priests, translations, and the building of churches, clinics, and schools.



In November 2015, the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Patriarchate of Alexandria expanded the Church in Kenya into three dioceses: the Metropolis of Nairobi, under His Eminence Archbishop Makarios (above, left); the Diocese of Nyeri and Mount Kenya, under His Grace Bishop Neofitos (above, right); and the Diocese of Kisumu and West Kenya, under His Grace Bishop Athanasios (above, center).

## PRAAYER 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](mailto: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.

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

**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](mailto: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 foyer of the fellowship hall. The two enclosed cabinets hold icons, books, and other items that are FOR SALE. See Terri Speier if you are looking for jewelry such as a cross or chain. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in the brown lockbox mounted on wall next to Fr. Nicholas' office. 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 -