



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Tone 8 / Eothinon 11;

Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

After-feast of Presentation (Meeting) of Christ

Martyr Agatha of Sicily; Polyeuktos, Patriarch of Constantinople;
New-martyr Anthony of Athens; Venerable Theodosios of Scopelos;
Repose of Theodosios, Archbishop of Chernigov



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 Morning Ministries Schedule

Sunday, February 5-Publican & Pharisee

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/Farewell Reception for
Jennifer Ferraez

Monday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 9

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. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 10-FAST-FREE DAY

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, February 11

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

Sunday, February 12-Prodigal Son

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

Eucharist Bread

February 5 M. Kern
February 12 Tinyayeva
February 19 Washburn
February 26 Meyer

Coffee Hour

February 5 Alexanders-for St. Simeon and St. Anna,
Farewell Reception for Jennifer Ferraez
February 12 V. & B. Hedges in honor of Sydney's
name day: St. Theodora
February 19 MEATFARE BARBECUE
February 26 CHEESEFARE POTLUCK

Greeters

February 5 G. Shannon/K. King
February 12 D. Genatone/P. Morrison
February 19 K. Fox/H. Lange
February 26 C. Berari/P. King

Ushers

February 5 D. Washburn, C. Berari, S. Speier
February 12 P. Brunner, P. King, D. Meyer
February 19 R. Barre, D. Lewis, C. Speier
February 26 J. King, D. Washburn, C. Berari

Readers

February 5 M. Kern
February 12 T. Harris
February 18 R. Barre (Soul Liturgy)
February 19 H. Lange
February 26 D. Meyer

**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**

GREAT LITANY

FIRST ANTIPHON—For the Feast of the Presentation

*(verse) My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king.
My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.*

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

*(verse) Grace hath been poured forth on Thy lips.
Wherefore God hath blessed Thee forever.*

(verse) Glory... & Both now...

SECOND ANTIPHON—For the Feast of the Presentation

*(verse) Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Mighty One, in Thy
comeliness and Thy beauty.*

**Refrain: O Son of God who was carried in the arms of Simeon the Righteous, save
us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!**

(verse) Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.

*(verse) Thine arrows are sharp, O Mighty One, sharp in the heart of the
enemies of the king. A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of
Thy kingdom.*

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 Presentation

*(verse) Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear;
and forget thine own people and thy father's house.*

Refrain:

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!

**From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,
enlightening those who sat in darkness.**

**Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,
you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls,
Who grants us the Resurrection!**

(verse) The rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. [Refrain]

(verse) I shall commemorate thy name in every generation. [Refrain]

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

(Music on p. 53 of Liturgy book)

From the heights Thou didst descend,
O Compassionate One;
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.

Tone 8 Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

Troparion for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, who art full of grace;
for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God,
a light to those who dwell in darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Simeon,
carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls,
who grants us Resurrection.

Tone 1 (Byzantine 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 (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)
(Music on page 63 of Liturgy Book)

Tone 8

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

Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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

Tone 8

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 18:10-14

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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.

Communion Hymns

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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 **are invited to 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.

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays

2/7 Stan Friesen

2/9 Zavien Van Wagoner

Patron Saint Commemorations

2/10 St. Anna of Novgorod Anya Johnson, Anya Madrigal

2/11 St. Theodora the Empress Sydney Hedges

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

HOUSE BLESSING APPOINTMENTS

The Grace of God is imparted to us in the holy water (“The Grace of Redemption). It is time, once again, to make an appointment for your home to be blessed. Please call one of the priests listed on the front of the bulletin to set up a time, preferably when all members of the household can be present.

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.

DID YOU KNOW...you can now purchase the book “**BECOMING ORTHODOX**” in audio with Fr. Peter Gillquist reading it? It is available both on Amazon and Ancient Faith. <http://store.ancientfaith.com/becoming-orthodox-downloadable-audio-book/>

TEEN SCENE

January—February, 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, February 9 Regular Youth Group Sessions

Thursday, February 16 Regular Youth Group Sessions

Thursday, February 23 Combined Youth Group—All Teens 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Meet at Rusty's Pizza on Turnpike at 6:30pm for Dinner. Walk over to Cloud 10 for Dodgeball and Trampoline Fun!



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

8:30 a.m.

Soul Liturgy
Pre-Lenten Seminar Session II (Paul Finley)
Lunch
Pre-Lenten Seminar Session III (Paul Finley)
Great Vespers
“Coming Home” video
Introductory remarks by Fr. John Finley
Reception

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.

7:45 p.m.

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)

\$10 per person, \$5 for children 5-12 years old.

You may pre-pay online through the parish website.

1:30 p.m.

Brief musical program inside

2:00 p.m.

Dessert/coffee

As Great Lent 2017 approaches,

please keep the following dates for Lenten services in mind:

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| Friday Feb. 17-Sat. Feb. 18 | See previous page | Pre-Lenten Seminar |
| Saturday, February 18 | 8:30 a.m. | Soul Liturgy (for the departed) |
| Sunday, February 19 | After Liturgy | Meatfare Barbecue at the church and 30th Anniversary program The cost is \$10 per person, \$5 for children 5-12 years old. You may pre-pay online through the parish website. |
| Sunday, February 26 | 6:00 p.m. | Forgiveness Vespers |

FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT

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| Monday, February 27 | 6:00 p.m. | Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew |
| Tuesday, February 28 | 6:00 p.m. | Little Compline with Canon |
| Wednesday, March 1 | 6:00 p.m. | Presanctified Liturgy |
| Thursday, March 2 | 6:00 p.m. | Little Compline with Canon |
| Friday, March 3 | 6:00 p.m. | Akathist |
| Saturday, March 4 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Workshop: Food, Faith & Fasting presented by Rita Madden, Nutritionist, at St. Barbara Greek Church http://www.orthodoxspeakers.com/speakers/rita-madden.html |
| Sunday, March 5 | 6:00 p.m. | Central Coast Inter-Orthodox Vespers for Sunday of Orthodoxy We are hosting the Vespers this year. We will need some help with set-up, clean-up, and a few food items. |

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.

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.
Carmen G.
All those suffering and
in danger in the Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East

For repose of the souls of: Greg M., Ted C. 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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* 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. Pay-
* ment 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."
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All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.
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SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!

*The St. Athanasius Orthodox Church Choir sings some of its favorite hymns
Valerie Yova, Music Director*



A parish under the authority of His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.  **ST. ATHANASIUS**
ORTHODOX CHURCH

**It's almost ready!
Our choir's new CD will be
available for purchase the
weekend of our
30 Anniversary,
February 17-19, 2017.
\$17 per CD**

A "SENDING FORTH"

Today we ask God to guide and protect our dear Jennifer Ferraez, as she begins a new chapter of her life's journey. She will be moving to Oregon this coming week to be closer to her aging parents, and to begin actualizing her dream of creating an intentional Orthodox community to minister to those healing from trauma. (homelessness, addiction, war, abuse, etc...) She has purchased a piece of land in the small town of Cottage Grove, Oregon, near Eugene, and has been offered a position with the State of Oregon doing crisis mental health work.



Jennifer's spirit and considerable contribution of time and talent will leave a lasting impact on our parish and the entire Santa Barbara community. She has been a faithful member of the choir most of her 20 years in St. Athanasius parish, helped to develop our St. Brigid Fellowship, and served as a catechists in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. We will miss you, Jennifer, but this will always be your "home" and we expect you to visit often. May you go with God's blessings and the prayers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr, the patron of your new ministry!

