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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, January 07, 2018
Synaxis of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner & Baptist John
New-martyr Athanasios of Attalia;
Venerable Brannock of Braunton



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 7

9:00 a.m. Religious Educ. Ages 3-18 years
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Trisagion Prayers for Fr. Jim King
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:30 p.m. Bus leaves for harbor
1:00 p.m. Out of Doors Blessing of Water at
Santa Barbara Harbor

Monday, January 8

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

Tuesday, January 9

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

Wednesday, January 10

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Thursday, January 11

11:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
6-7:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
6:30-8:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 12

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, January 13

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers, Confessions
7:00 p.m. Young Adult/College
Fire on Father

Sunday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Religious Educ. Ages 3-18 years
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

January 7 Braun
January 14 Sieck
January 21 Fr. Nicholas
January 28 Tinyayeva

Coffee Hour

January 7 P. King in memory of Fr. Jim King
January 14 NEED A HOST
January 21 Hoppe
January 28 NEED A HOST

Greeters

January 7 P. Morrison/D. Genatone
January 14 K. & L. Jacobs
January 21 Fox/Deacon
January 28 D. Washburn/D. Lewis

Ushers

January 7 R. Barre, D. Lewis, C. Speier
January 14 J. King, D. Washburn, C. Berari
January 21 G. Shannon, S. Speier, P. Brunner
January 28 P. King, D. Meyer, R. Barre

Readers

January 7 D. Alexander
January 14 D. Washburn
January 17 R. Barre (Liturgy for St. Athanasius)
January 21 V. Gish
January 28 T. Harris

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

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

THE GREAT LITANY

First Antiphon—Psalm Verses for the Feast of Theophany 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 of Theophany 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 for the feast of Theophany 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]

**FOLLOWING THE PROCESSION WITH THE GOSPEL, THE CLERGY ENTER THE
ALTAR AS WE SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 6

(Music on p. 49 of Liturgy book)

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body,
angelic pow'rs shone above Thy revered tomb,
and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men.
Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted there-by,
Thou did meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world.
O Thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of Theophany

Tone 1

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!

Troparion for the Synaxis of St. John the Baptist

Tone 2

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise,
but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner.
You were shown indeed to be the most honorable of the Prophets,
for in the waters you baptize the One Whom you preached.
After suffering with joy on behalf of the truth,
you proclaimed even to those in hell the God Who appeared in the flesh,
Who takes away the sin of the world//
and grants us great mercy!

**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.

Kontakian of Theophany

Tone 4

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.”

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN (*Sung in place of “Holy God”*)

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Deacon: With Strength!

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

**Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon)
(Page 61 of Liturgy Book)**

Tone 6

Chanter: O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. (*PS 27/28:9*)

Verse: *To Thee will I cry, O Lord, O my God,
do not be silent unto me. (PS 27/28:1)*

THE EPISTLE READING

Act 19:1-8

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the Kingdom of God.

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)

John. (1:29-34)

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of Whom I said, 'After me comes a man Who ranks before me, for He was before me.' I myself did not know Him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him; but He Who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on Whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

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)

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all. Alleluia. (Titus 2:11)
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil
tidings. (*Ps 111/112:6b-7a*)

INSTEAD OF “We have seen the true light,” we sing the Troparion for Epiphany.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

1/08 Tyler & Taylor Speier
1/09 Mark & Dee Kern

Birthdays

1/9 Carla Harris
1/10 Kalix Braun

Patron Saint Commemorations

1/7 St. John the Baptist (Synaxis)
Greyson AbuGhazaleh, Ron Berari, Kalix Braun, Fr. John Finley,
Patrick Gilbert, John Heiduk, Gianni Madrigal,
John Ronan Meyer, Johnny Wallace

1/12 **St. Tatiana the Martyr** Tatiana Speier

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

You can access a complete calendar of services and other parish activities on our website: www.stathanasius.org.
On the homepage, click on **VIEW CALENDAR** at the bottom left.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY YEARS to Edgar and Noelle (Ballew) Aviles on the birth of their son, Gabriel Mateo, on Friday, December 29th. Many years to the entire Ballew family, including the thrilled grandparents, Richard and Lisa Ballew, and the Great-Grandparents Deacon John and Fay Young!

HOUSE BLESSINGS

JANUARY AND THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY begin the season, once again, when we bless our homes for the coming year. Don't forget to schedule your house blessing with one of our priests.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Jan. 7	1:00 p.m.	Out of Doors Blessing of the Water at the Harbor
Wednesday, Jan. 17	6:00 p.m.	Vesperal-Liturgy for Feast of St. Athanasius
Thursday, Feb. 1	6:00 p.m.	Vesperal-Liturgy for Feast of Presentation of Lord
Sunday, February 11		MEATFARE SUNDAY MET. JOSEPH WILL BE WITH US.
Sunday, February 18		FORGIVENESS SUNDAY Rite of Forgiveness—6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19—GREAT LENT BEGINS

OUTDOOR BLESSING OF THE WATERS for the Feast of Epiphany TODAY

This year we will join St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church again for the Outdoor Blessing of the Waters on Sunday, January 7th. 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. Those riding the bus are asked to make a free-will offering to cover the expense to the church.

TEEN SCENE

**Junior High teens meet from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
and High School teens meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
on Thursdays in the Teen Room at the church, unless noted otherwise.**

January 2018

1/4	Thursday Night Youth Group
1/7	Outdoor Blessing of the Water (Dive for the Cross)
1/11	Thursday Night Youth Group (Fire on Father)
1/18	Thursday Night Youth Group
1/25	Thursday Night Youth Group (at CLOUD 10)

Camp St. Nicholas WINTER CAMP for teens grades 7-12 is Feb. 16-19.
Registration opened on Nov. 27th. Early bird tuition is \$185. For more information
and to register, go to: <https://www.campstnicholas.com/site/home/>

From the Hoppe Family,
missionaries in Albania, whose ministry
we support
with a
donation of \$250 per month
from the General Operating Budget.

**Please continue to keep their family in
your prayers.**

**Your faithful tithes continue to support
the nurturing of Orthodox ministries
around the world.**

"... and they shall call His name
'Immanuel'
which means, God with us."
Mat 1: 23

Merry
CHRISTMAS

Dear Fr. Nicholas and community
Thank you for partnering with us
to make this Good News known
in Albania. May Christ be born
in us this year in a new and
powerful way!

With love in the newborn Child,
Nathan & Gabriela



Thank you!

Thank you to “those who serve and those who sing,” and all who made contributions of decorations, food, labor, and joy to our festal week of the Nativity of Christ!

We began **on Friday, December 22nd** 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.

On Sunday, **December 24th in the morning** we celebrated the Liturgy, enjoyed the **children’s program** originally scheduled for St. Nicholas Family Night, (which was cancelled because of the wildfires), had a visit from St. Nick himself and shared a beautiful time in fellowship at the reception.

On Sunday night, Christmas Eve, at 10:00 p.m. we celebrated the beautiful Matins and Liturgy for Feast of the Nativity in candlelight, enhanced by an unexpected blackout of all the lights at midnight!

On **Christmas morning** we served our annual **St. Brigid Outreach breakfast** in Isla Vista. There was food and merriment a-plenty. We had what was probably our largest turnout of guests and also an excellent representation from our parish. Thank you to all who contributed with gifts of food, labor, hospitality and singing! Many thanks to Richard and Susan Barre for coordinating the breakfast and providing such superb leadership!

On **Saturday, December 30th**, during Vespers we lit candles for and **prayed for the souls of infants who have died** before, during or shortly after birth, or as a result of abortion, in commemoration of the Slaying of the 14,000 Infants by Herod the King. (celebrated by the Church on December 29th)

And on **Sunday, December 31st**, we celebrated the **Feasts of the Circumcision of Christ and St. Basil the Great** followed by the **Blessing of the Graves** at Goleta Cemetery, where we blessed each tombstone of our deceased parishioners, family members and friends of the parish. We began with the Trisagion Memorial Prayers, and sang the Troparion of the Nativity as we walked to each gravesite. The clergy blessed each grave with holy water, a bouquet was left on each tombstone and we sang “Memory Eternal.”

Special thanks to Lisa Ballew and the **Festal Decorating** team for making our building look so beautiful and to Terri Speier and the **Bookstore** team for such a wonderful holiday bookstore!

**MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS OUR PARISH AND EACH
OF OUR FAMILIES WITH PEACE & HEALTH IN 2018!**



For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given...



This has been quite an eventful year! Let me start by saying, if you'd have asked us last Christmas to guess what 2017 would bring, we'd have said anything but this!

Here's a month by month breakdown of our life changing year:

January: Metropolitan Joseph helped us decide to apply to seminary.

February: Another baby on the way!!!

March: Peter turned 1.

April: Started getting the house ready to put on the market.

May: House is sold- still don't know if we are officially going to seminary.

June: We're now homeless, vehicle-less, and jobless, finally know we are New York bound!

July: After 6 weeks of nomadic life, we arrive at St Vladimir's Seminary.

August: Move into our new apartment, James turns 7, and Chris begins classes & parish assignment in Little Falls, NJ.

September: Alexander is 5, beautiful changing weather and colors: our 1st real fall!

October: Semester is in full swing: classes, twice daily services, weekends full.

November: We meet Isaiah Ignatius Dillon!!! November 10; 6lbs 14 oz, 19 in.

December: First snow and first semester of seminary finished!

As you can see we've had a whirlwind of a year! Through all the changes and challenges, we cannot express enough our profound thankfulness. We are loving our time here in NY.

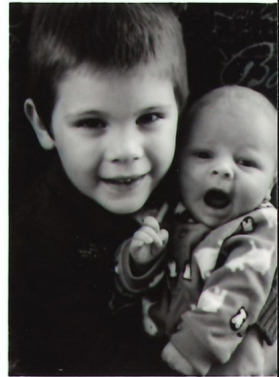
We cannot wait to see what 2018 will bring!

Thank you all for your love and support, we couldn't be here without it!

We pray you all have a blessed Nativity and a wonderful new year!

Love,

Chris, Claire, James, Alexander, Peter & Isaiah



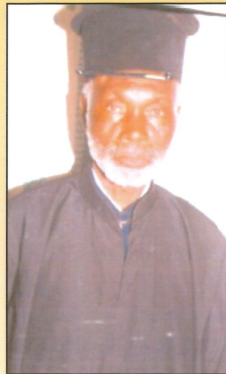
This year we continue to support the S.A.M.P. program (Support a Mission Priest) with a donation of \$50 per month to O.C.M.C. from the General Operating Budget.

Your regular support of our parish helps to support the growth of Orthodoxy around the world. In 2018, we will be supporting Fr. Romanos from Congo. For more information, see the description below.



Congo

Fr. Romanos Ndumb Mbay



Fr. Romanos Ndumb Mbay was born in 1937 in Sandoa, Congo. He engaged in dialogue with two Orthodox priests after being given several books on Orthodoxy. Fr. Romanos was moved by his meetings with the two priests, became Orthodox, and in 1980 was ordained to the priesthood. Fr. Romanos serves the parish of St. Nektarios in Kamanyola.

The missionary work of the Katanga Metropolis of the Congo started with the present Metropolitan of New Zealand, His Eminence Amphilochios, and continued in 1976 with the energetic Fr. Kosmas, a monk at the Monastery of St. Gregory on Mount Athos. The latter worked very hard for 12 years to establish and activate the whole work of a mission center. Tragically, Fr. Kosmas died in 1988 in a car accident. He was succeeded by another monk from St. Gregory's, Fr. Meletios, who by the grace of God has continued the work of the mission center. In 1989 he was sent by the monastery to Kolwezi, Congo, where he undertook the leadership of the already-functioning mission center, succeeding Fr. Kosmas.

On November 1, 2006, Patriarchal and Synodal Decree established the new Diocese of Kolwezi and elected Fr. Meletios to serve as the first bishop of this new diocese; in 2009, the diocese's name was changed to the Diocese of Katanga, and in 2014 the diocese was elevated to a Metropolis. The Katanga Metropolis encompasses the vast province of Katanga, an area larger than the state of California, in the southeastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the second-largest country in Africa. The towns of Kolwezi, Lubumbasi, and Likasi are the basic centers for the development of the evangelism work in the area of Katanga. The entire activity of the mission was developed and extended mainly in Kolwezi, where the settlements of the Greek community existed. The metropolis now includes more than 130 communities, 2 monasteries, and over 75 clergy.

The Church sponsors many programs in the Katanga Metropolis. There are two large farms in Katanga where students are trained in planting and cattle breeding. In Manika, Kolwezi, there is a medical facility named for the Holy Unmercenaries (Sts. Anargyroi) that serves the needs of the locals. The Church also supports many schools throughout the Diocese at all grade levels. In 2013, the Church created its own local radio station, which broadcasts regularly.

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.

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.
Fr. Patrick and Vanessa K.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family
Gail S.
Dean & Penny B.
Angelina, Jase & Alina S.
Rich and Susan B.
Duane F.
Galina, Nikolai & Nataliya

Joan T.
Bette Friesen & Family
Ethan K.
Tony C.
Paul F. and Family
Justin B.
Fr. Anthony Y. and Family
Bill & Robin H. and Family
Tony E.
Clifford Y.
Alma G.
Guadalupe
Phyllis M.
John D.
Evonne C.
Phoebe L.

Fr. Wayne W. & Family
Dan & Athena W.
Drew, Stephanie & Parker W.
Devin
Alicia V.
Fr. Dimitrie V.
Paula H.
Monsignor John Y.

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

For repose of the souls of: Tony M., Kh. Lynn W., Steve, Jeannette
All who have died in the conflicts in 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 Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion).

ST. ATHANASIUS BOOK CENTER

* The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall - two enclosed cabinets containing items that are FOR SALE. One cabinet holds icons, crosses, incense, prayer ropes, etc. The bookshelf has books for sale, arranged alphabetically by book title. Children's books are on the bottom shelf. 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 brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Nicholas' office. Make checks payable to St. Athanasius Book Center.. (The pamphlets in the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.)

All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.

