



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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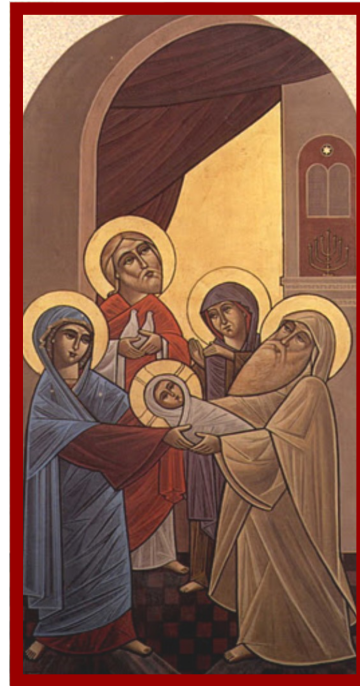
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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, February 4, 2018

**Tone 2 / Eothinon 2
Sunday of the Prodigal Son &
After-feast of Presentation (Meeting) of Christ**



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, February 4—Prodigal Son

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. Ages 3-18 years
 9:00 a.m. Matins
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
 12:00 p.m. Project Mexico Mission Team mtg.
 1:00 p.m. College/Young Adult
 Fire on Father

Monday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 6

2:30 p.m. Catechesis Level I
NO DAILY VESPERS

Wednesday, February 7

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

Thursday, February 8

11:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 9

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, February 10

8:30 a.m. Soul Liturgy
 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers, Confessions

Sunday, February 11-Meatfare Sunday

METROPOLITAN JOSEPH'S PASTORAL VISIT

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. Ages 3-18 years
 9:00 a.m. Matins
 10:00 a.m. Hierarchichal Divine Liturgy
 11:45 a.m. Meatfare BBQ and 70th birthday
 celebration for Fr. Nicholas

**Fr. Nicholas will be gone Feb. 5-8
 at the Diocesan Clergy Seminar.**

**Valerie is gone this weekend teaching at
 the Archdiocese Winter Sacred Music
 Institute in Houston.**

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

February 4 D. Washburn
 February 11 Meyer
 February 18 Dillon
 February 25 Hedges

Coffee Hour

February 4 D. & D. Alexander for their patronal
 feast days (SS. Simeon & Anna)
 February 11 MEATFARE BBQ & 70th Birthday
 Celebration for Fr. Nicholas
 February 18 CHEESEFARE POTLUCK
 February 25 NEED A HOST

Greeters

February 4 Lange/Baker
 February 11 Morrison/Genatone
 February 18 P. King/K.P. King
 February 25 K. & L. Jacobs

Ushers

February 4 D. Lewis, C. Speier, J. King
 February 11 D. Washburn, C. Berari, G. Shannon
 February 18 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King
 February 25 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis

Readers

February 4 D. Washburn
 February 10 D. Meyer (Soul Liturgy)
 February 11 M. Kern
 February 18 D. Alexander
 February 18 R. Barre (Forgiveness Vespers)
 February 21 H. Lange (Presanctified Liturgy)
 February 25 V. Gish

**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

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

Tone 2

(Music on p. 42 of Liturgy book)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death,
O Thou deathless and immortal One,
then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow'r,
and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth,
all the pow'rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee.
O Christ, Thou art the Giver of life, Glory to Thee.

Troparion for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Tone 1

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.

Troparion to St. Athanasius

Tone 3

(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 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. 13 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.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon) Tone 2
(Music on p. 57 of Liturgy book.)

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. *(Ps 117/118:4)*
v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.
(Ps 117/118:18)

EPISTLE READING
(For the Sunday of the Prodigal Son)
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel **Tone 2**
(Music on page 64 of Liturgy Booklet)

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble!
 May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)

Verse: O Lord, save the King in the day we call on Thee! (Ps 19/20:9)

GOSPEL READING
(For the Sunday of the Prodigal Son)
Luke 15:11-32

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you!
We faithful saw the figure in the shadow of the Law and the Scriptures: Every male child that opened the womb was holy to God! Therefore, we magnify the first-begotten Son of the unoriginated Father, the first-born Son of the unwedded Mother!

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
(*Ps 115/116:13*)

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.*

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

2/4 Hannah Sieck
 2/7 Stan Friesen
 2/9 Zavien Van Wagoner

Patron Saint Commemorations

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

YEAR-END FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT—2017

	<u>Gen. Operating</u>	<u>Building Fund (mortgage)</u>
Monthly Goal	\$ 36,000	\$ 14,120
Monthly Actual December 2017	\$103,973	\$ 33,977
GOLF TOURNAMENT 2017		\$ 82,237 towards new construction
TOTAL TITHE INCOME GENERAL OPERATING 2017		
Budget	\$ 447,000	
Actual	\$ 489,026	
TOTAL TITHE INCOME BUILDING FUND 2017		
Budget	\$169,440	
Actual	\$147,454	
Total income General Operating	\$546,558	
Total expenses General Operating	<u>\$514,640</u>	(including gravel parking lot & icon restoration)
Surplus	\$ 31,918	

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.

Fr. Nicholas will be gone Feb. 5-8 at the Diocesan Clergy Seminar.

Valerie is gone this weekend teaching at the Antiochian Archdiocese Winter Sacred Music Institute in Houston.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will host a Lenten Potluck and Recipe Exchange on Thursday, February 15th at 5:45 p.m. at the residence of Kristin King. Watch for the E-vite!

As Great Lent 2018 approaches,
please keep the following dates for Lenten services in mind:

Saturday, February 10	8:30 a.m.	Soul Liturgy (for the departed)
Sunday, February 18	6:00 p.m.	Forgiveness Vespers
FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT		
Monday, February 19	6:00 p.m.	Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew
Tuesday, February 20	6:00 p.m.	Little Compline with Canon of St. Andrew
Wednesday, February 21	6:00 p.m.	Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday, February 22	6:00 p.m.	Little Compline with Canon of St. Andrew
Friday, February 23	6:00 p.m.	Akathist
Sunday, February 25	6:00 p.m.	Central Coast Inter-Orthodox Vespers for Sunday of Orthodoxy at Annunciation Church in Santa Maria

Friday, March 2 & Saturday, March 3—LENTEN SEMINAR

PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th!

Metropolitan JOSEPH will be with us for the Divine Liturgy.

Afterwards, we will have our traditional

MEATFARE BARBECUE

The cost for the festivities is \$10 and \$5 for children ages 5-12.

And we will also celebrate

FR. NICHOLAS' 70th BIRTHDAY!

**Excerpts from the book “Let Us Attend:
A Journey through the Orthodox Divine Liturgy”**

By Fr. Lawrence Farley

THE ANTIPHONS

After praying the great litany, the assembly takes three more steps towards its Kingdom destination by singing the three ANTIPHONS. These antiphons have a fascinating history. Unlike today, when each parish in a city functions separately as a self-contained unit, in the days of St. John Chrysostom in the fourth century, in cities like Constantinople all the Orthodox churches in the city formed a single integrated whole. The main church in the city served the Liturgy on Sundays, and all the people of the city went to that Liturgy. The people of the city all belonged to the main church, but also went together to the other churches when called to do so, such as on feast days. On the feast day of St. John the Forerunner, for example, the people would form a procession to go from the main church to the church of St. John to serve the Liturgy there, and they would sing hymns as they went. These hymns were the antiphons. In the days of St. John Chrysostom, the cantor would chant a verse or two of the psalm, and the people would sing the refrain; the cantor would chant the next few verses of the psalm, and the people would sing the refrain again, and so on. The people came to like these hymns so much that they eventually became a fixed part of the Liturgy, even when there was no procession on the way to church.

The antiphons sung in church in the eighth century included Psalm 92 (with the refrain “Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!”) Psalm 93 (with the refrain, “Alleluia!”) and Psalm 95 (with the hymn “Only-begotten Son,” written by the Emperor Justinian in the sixth century, as its refrain).

Everything that is alive grows and develops, and this includes living liturgical tradition. Thus the way the Church sang the antiphons continued to develop, too. In the twelfth century some monks in Constantinople began the (then) innovative custom of substituting Psalms 103 and 146 and the Beatitudes for the normal antiphons at the Sunday Liturgy. Today some churches (such as those in the Russian tradition) follow this custom, while other churches (those in the Greek tradition) follow the original custom of singing Psalms 92, 93, and 95 as antiphons. Whichever hymns are used, all liturgies today begin with the singing of three antiphons.

The exuberant praise of God that forms our early liturgical steps into the Kingdom is no accident, for our spiritual life consists of praise. Christ recreated us for this very purpose, to “proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). Praising God is not simply *one* thing we do; it is *everything*.

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.**

February 2018

2/8 Thursday Night Youth Group
2/15 Thursday Night Youth Group (FIRE ON FATHER)
2/22 NO Regular Youth Group
First week of GREAT LENT. Come to the
Canon of St. Andrew at 6 p.m. Mexican dinner out
afterwards, depending upon how many show up.

BIBLE BOWL

The Parish Life Conference is in Portland July 4-8.
If you are interested in being on our Bible Bowl team,
please let Tyler know A.S.A.P. so that he can start working
on transportation, study sessions, and other details.

**The Parish Photo Directory is now available for you to view online or to
download to your computer at:**

<https://www.stathanasius.org/parishioner-documents/>

You do not need a password to access the online directory, however you cannot get to it from the homepage of the website. It is "buried" within the site so you need to type the address above into your browser. We did this in order to keep it a bit more private but easily accessible to members. If you would like to order a hard copy of the directory, please email the office at office@stathanasius.org, or sign up on the list at the church on the large bulletin board.

Because so many folks prefer to store things digitally these days, we felt it would be a wiser use of the parish's resources to only print copies for those who want them. We plan to update the online version of the directory at least every six months, so feel free to submit changes at any time.

Thanks so much for your patience, and for sending along your photos!

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.
Antonio
Glenn R.
Steve (Zach Brasel’s father)
Kent F.
Victims of Santa Barbara fires and mudslides
All those suffering and in danger in Ukraine, Africa, and the Middle East

For repose of the souls of: Valentin, Tony M.

All who have died in the conflicts in Ukraine Africa & the Middle East

Those who lost their lives in the Santa Barbara fires and mudslides

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.

