



## ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Tone 1 / Eothinon 4

Leave-Taking (Apodosis) of the  
Entrance of the Theotokos,  
Great-martyr Katherine the all-wise of Alexandria  
& Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

Martyr Mercurios of Caesarea in Cappadocia;  
Martyr Mercurios of Smolensk



### 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, November 25– Great Martyr Katherine**

#### **NO RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES**

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

### **Monday, November 26**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
5:00 p.m. Outreach dinner at St. Michael's  
Church in Isla Vista

### **Tuesday, November 27**

4:00 p.m. Catechesis Level One  
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

### **Wednesday, November 28**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group  
6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis

### **Thursday, November 29**

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

### **Friday, November 30**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
5:00 p.m. Akathist at Westmont College  
in the little chapel

### **Saturday, December 1**

9:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship  
Advent Gathering  
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confession

### **Sunday, December 2**

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. Ages 6-18  
9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **HAVE A LITURGY BOOK AT HOME?**

Please check and see if you have taken any of the spiral bound service books home by mistake, and return them to the church next time you are here. Thanks!

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

### **Eucharist Bread**

November 25 Dn. G. Braun  
December 2 Kern  
December 9 Jacobs  
December 16 Fr. Nicholas

### **Coffee Hour**

November 25 POTLUCK—Thanksgiving  
December 2 NEED A HOST  
December 9 Ballew (in memory of Fr. Richard  
Ballew—10 year anniversary)  
December 16 NEED A HOST

(To sign up to host Coffee Hour, go to:  
[www.stathanasius.org/coffee-hour/](http://www.stathanasius.org/coffee-hour/))

### **Greeters**

November 25 P. King/ L. Baker  
December 2 D. Lewis/Deacon  
December 9 K. Fox/D. Washburn  
December 16 L. Hoppe/K.P. King

### **Ushers**

November 25 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King  
December 2 D. Meyer, D. Lewis, C. Speier  
December 9 J. King, D. Washburn, C. Berari  
December 16 G. Shannon, S. Speier, P. Brunner

### **Readers**

November 25 D. Washburn  
December 2 Melissa Braun  
December 6 Rdr. M. Kern (St. Nicholas Liturgy)  
December 9 Rdr. J. Butler  
December 16 Rdr. 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—Verses for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:**

Vs. 1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of you, o city of God. [Refrain]

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

Vs. 2 God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. [Refrain]

Vs. 3 Glory...now & ever...Amen. [Refrain]

**Second Antiphon for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:**

Vs. 1 The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary. [Refrain]

**Refrain: O Son Of God Who rose from the dead, save us who sing  
to Thee, Alleluia!**

Vs. 2 This is the gate of the Lord, by which the righteous shall enter. [Refrain]

Vs. 3 Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteous. [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 Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:**

Vs. 1 Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.

**Refrain:**

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,  
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.  
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,  
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.  
Let us rejoice  
and sing to her://  
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

Vs. 2 The King’s daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. [Refrain]

Vs. 3 Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee. [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 1**

**(Music on p. 40 of Liturgy book)**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews,  
and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,  
Thou didst arise on the third day,  
O Savior, granting life to the world.  
For which cause the heavenly pow’rs  
cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life;  
Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Thy kingdom!  
Glory to Thy providence, O Thou  
Who alone art the lover of mankind.

**Troparion of Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple**

**Tone 4 Slavic Chant**

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,  
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.  
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,  
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.  
Let us rejoice and sing to her://  
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

**Troparion for the Great Martyr Katherine****Tone 4**

By your virtues as by rays of the sun  
you enlightened the unbelieving philosophers,  
and like the most bright moon you drove away  
the darkness of disbelief from those walking in the night;  
you convinced the queen, and also chastised the tyrant,  
God-summoned bride, blessed Catherine.  
You hastened with desire to the heavenly bridal chamber  
of the fairest Bride-groom Christ,  
and you were crowned by Him with a royal crown;  
standing before Him with the angels,  
pray for us who keep your most sacred memory.

**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 for the Presentation of the Theotokos****Tone 4 Slavic Chant**

The most pure Temple of the Savior;  
the precious Chamber and Virgin;  
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,  
is presented today to the house of the Lord.  
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,  
therefore, the Angels of God praise her,  
“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

**TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 9 of Liturgy Book)**

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3 times)  
+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.

**Prokeimenon before the Epistle****Tone 4**

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (Ps. 68:35)

*VERSE: In the churches bless ye God the Lord, from the fountains of Israel.*

**EPISTLE READING (for St. Katherine)**  
**Galatians 3:23-4:5**

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

**Alleluia before the Gospel**

**Tone 1**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

**Verse:** It is God Who avenges me, and subdues people under me. *(Ps 17/18:47)*

**Verse:** He gives great deliverance to His King, and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his seed forever. *(Ps 17/18:50)*

**GOSPEL READING**  
**Luke 18:18-27**

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

**HOMILY**

**Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God (Liturgy Book, Page 27)  
(For the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos)**

The Angels beheld the Entrance of the Pure One and were amazed.  
How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?  
Since she is a living Ark of God  
let no profane hand touch the Theotokos.  
But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her,  
praising her in joy with the Angel's song:  
"Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

**Communion Hymns (sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist)**

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the Highest! Alleluia! (Ps. 148)  
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord! Alleluia! (Psalm 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.*

**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.

**A PRAYER FOR ADVENT**

*Lord, Jesus Christ, at your holy birth you deemed a lowly cave to be a fit dwelling place, so in your mercy make our souls and bodies temples worthy to contain you, the uncontainable God.*

*And as we make our Advent journey, open our ears to heed the prophets' warning to "Prepare the way of the Lord!"*

*For we glorify you along with the angels and shepherds,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*

## 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).  
On the homepage, click on **VIEW CALENDAR** at the bottom left.

**WE HAVE NO COFFEE HOUR HOSTS** for December 2, 16, 23. If you have not signed up yet for the 2018-19 Liturgical Year, please consider stepping up to host on one of these Sundays. You can sign up online at: <http://www.stathanasius.org/coffee-hour> or contact Suzi Wiley at: [suziwiley@cox.net](mailto:suziwiley@cox.net).

### SANTA'S HELPERS

If you signed up to be a Santa's Helper, please be sure to have your gifts for Angel Brian in Cheryl Washburn-Lander's hands by this Friday, November 30th. Questions? Contact Cheryl at [cherylynn.sb@gmail.com](mailto:cherylynn.sb@gmail.com).

### ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

6:30 p.m.

We will celebrate the life of St. Nicholas of Myra with story telling, music, a carol sing-a-long, and a fun evening for the whole family. A lenten reception and visit from St. Nicholas will follow the program. Children ages 3-12 will be invited to leave their shoes in the chapel during the program so that St. Nicholas can fill them with treats, and all of the children will participate in welcoming St. Nicholas at the end of the program.

### PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

**PATIO:** Our patio plan was submitted to the County. The County requested some changes in the design. We have complied with their requests and resubmitted the plan and are waiting to hear back. Brian Sieck will proceed with the project when we receive the permit to start.

**KITCHEN:** Dn. Scott received design ideas back from Chris Kamages. He will continue to work on the design. This project will be a bit more complex as it involves the Health Department signing off on the permit as well as the County.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Proceeds were \$89,598.61. Thank you to the Golf Tournament Committee Dr. Scott Speier, Jami Stetler, Angel Speier, Chris Robinson, Terri Speier and Jody Wallace! All proceeds from the tournament will go to our patio project.



## ***CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK***

### **Birthdays**

11/25 Dee Kern, Elizabeth Butler, Elleney King  
11/26 Judy Braun  
11/27 Shirley Dillon  
12/1 Anya Madrigal, Lydia Sieck

### **Patron Saint Commemorations**

11/24-25 **St. Catherine the Martyr**  
Katie Abughazaleh, Catherine Braun, Diane Carrillo, Melissa Hedges,  
Gloria Morrison, Delaney Newhouse, Ekaterina Nikolov,  
Amanda Simonsen, Jami Stetler, Kate Vander Laan

11/27 **St. James of Persia** James Dillon

11/30 **St. Andrew the Apostle** Johannes De Bruin, Ryan Franzen,  
Andrew Macdonald, Andy Simonsen

**The expanded BOOKSTORE will be set up from now until  
Sunday, December 23rd. Be sure to check out all of the  
new books and lovely Christmas items!**



### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WINDOW**

**ALL LADIES- school age and up,  
please mark your calendars for our  
Women's Fellowship Advent gathering.  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

We'll be packaging up our good works project and having brunch together.

An Evite will be sent out soon with more details.

Please join us for fellowship, great fun (Christie R. is on our committee - self explanatory for the fun part, right?), a few carols, good food and the opportunity to give of our time and resources to others.

## 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.**

11/29

Regular Thursday Youth Group—FIRE ON FATHER

### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

THE ADVENT FAST IS FROM NOVEMBER 15-DECEMBER 24 (after the Festal Liturgy)

Wednesdays during Advent 6:00 p.m.  
Nov. 28, Dec. 12, Dec. 19

**Advent Paraklesis**

Monday, Dec. 3/Tuesday, Dec. 4

**Feast of St. Barbara**  
Monastery—4:00 p.m. Vigil on 12/3  
10:00 a.m. Liturgy on 12/4  
**St. Barbara Greek parish**  
Services TBA

Thursday, December 6 6:00 p.m.

**Liturgy for St. Nicholas**

Sunday, December 9 6:00 p.m.

**ST. NICHOLAS FAMILY NIGHT**

Monday, December 24 9:00 a.m.  
8:00 p.m.

**Royal Hours of Nativity**  
**Nativity of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ**  
**Matins and Liturgy**

Tuesday, December 25 10:00 am.

**Outreach Breakfast in Isla Vista**

Monday, December 31 6:00 p.m.

**Vesperal Liturgy for St. Basil/Circumcision**

## 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](mailto:office@stathanasius.org).

Please pray for the health of:

Metropolitan JOSEPH	Ethan & Cole K.	Devin
Mother Victoria	Tony E.	Kh. Carla Z.
Met. Paul & Abp. John	Fr. Dimitrie V.	Sharmaine & Emma
Fr. Romanos (O.C.M.C. priest, Congo)	Monsignor John Y.	Sue & Tim B.
Mother Christophora	Gaylen C.	Glenn H.
Fr. Jon B.	Zac B.	Evonne C.
Dn. Richard E.	Terri Lynn & Hannah Rose	Miguel, Rachel, Naomi, Miki & Roman
Kh. Diane C.	Lauren	Alissa and children
Greg & Margaret Y.	Cheryl G.	All those suffering and
Hoppe Family	Jerry J.	in danger in Ukraine,
Gail S.	Elka	Africa, and the Middle East
Penny B. and Family	Elizabeth J.	The victims of the recent shootings
Duane F.	Jimmy	and fires
Joan and Steve T.	Phoebe L.	Please pray for the raising up and sup-
Friesen family	Gabriel M.	port of long-term missionaries from our
Richard and Susan B.		parish.
Fr. Jon and Kh. Elizabeth S.		

**For repose of the souls of:** All who have died in the conflicts in Ukraine Africa & the Middle East, in the recent fires, and in the shootings in Pittsburgh and Thousand Oaks..

### 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 Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion).

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\* **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.** \*  
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