

ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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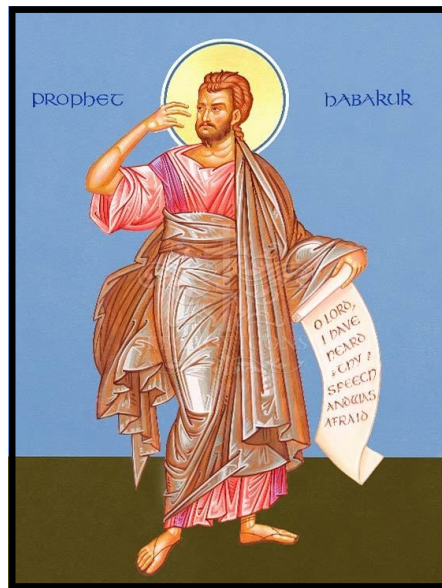
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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, December 2, 2018

**Tone 2 / Eothinon 5; Twenty-Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Luke**

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk; Martyr Habib the New;
Martyr Myrope of Chios; Venerable John, Heraclemon, Theophilus
and Andrew of Egypt; Martyr Stephen Urosh, the Serbian King;
Venerable Ioannikios of Devitch



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, 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

Monday, December 3

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
4:00 p.m. Vigil at St. Barbara Monastery
followed by buffet supper
5:00 p.m. Outreach dinner at St. Michael's
Church in Isla Vista

Tuesday, December 4—Feast of St. Barbara

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Barbara
Monastery preceded by Hours,
and followed by buffet lunch
4:00 p.m. Catechesis Level One
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, December 5

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group
NO ADVENT PARAKLESIS

Thursday, December 6—Feast of St. Nicholas

11:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
6:00 p.m. Liturgy for St. Nicholas

Friday, December 7

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

Saturday, December 8

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confession

Sunday, December 9

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
6:30 p.m. St. Nicholas Family Night

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

December 2 Kern
December 9 Jacobs
December 16 Fr. Nicholas
December 23 Hedges
December 24 Meyer

Coffee Hour

December 2 NO HOST
December 9 Ballew (in memory of Fr. Richard
Ballew—10 year anniversary)
December 16 NEED A HOST
December 23 NEED A HOST

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

Greeters

December 2 D. Lewis/Deacon
December 9 K. Fox/D. Washburn
December 16 L. Hoppe/K.P. King
December 23 P. Morrison/D. Genatone
December 24 P. King/D. Washburn

Ushers

December 2 D. Meyer, D. Lewis, C. Speier
December 9 J. King, D. Washburn, C. Berari
December 16 G. Shannon, S. Speier, P. Brunner
December 23 P. King, D. Meyer, D. Lewis
December 24 D. Washburn/S. Speier/C. Speier

Readers

December 2 Melissa Braun
December 6 Rdr. M. Kern (St. Nicholas Liturgy)
December 9 Rdr. J. Butler
December 16 Rdr. V. Gish
December 23 Rdr. H. Lange
December 24 D. Alexander (Nativity Liturgy)

**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—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High;
To proclaim Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. [Refrain]

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

Vs. Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. [Refrain]

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

SECOND ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength and
hath girded Himself.

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

Vs. For He hath established the world which shall not be shaken. [Refrain]

Vs. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore. [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 be-
come 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—The Beatitudes or “Sermon on the Mount”

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord,
when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are you when men shall revile you and shall persecute you, and shall say all
manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.
Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

(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.

Tone 2 Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

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

Kontakion for the Preparation of Christ's Nativity

The virgin cometh today to the cave
to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal.
Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message;
with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him
Who shall appear by His own will as a young child,
He who is from eternity God.

Tone 3 Byzantine melody
harmonized by F. Karam

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.

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

Ephesians 6:10-17

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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

Luke 18:35-43

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

HOMILY

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 Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the Highest! Alleluia! (Ps. 148)

**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. 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 6:30 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

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.

ALL CHILDREN WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR ST. NICHOLAS PROGRAM, please join us for practice today and next Sunday during Coffee Hour!

WE HAVE NO COFFEE HOUR HOSTS for December 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.

A LINK TO A SUMMARY OF THE GROUP DISCUSSIONS and a summary of the parish online survey was emailed to active parish members. If you would like a hard copy of either report, please see Fr. Nicholas or Kristi King. (Parish Council President).

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING ST. BARBARA MONASTERY this week by attending their feast day celebration. Vigil is Monday evening at 4:00 p.m. followed by a buffet supper, and Liturgy is Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. followed by a buffet lunch.

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER this Thursday evening, December 6th, at 6:00 p.m. with Divine Liturgy.



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.

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!

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

12/3 David McCalmont

12/5 Elizabeth Ballew

Patron Saint Commemorations

12/4 St. Barbara the Martyr Cheryl Washburn-Lander, Christina Salcedo

12/4 St. Juliana Juliana Friesen, Juliana Shackelford

12/6 St. Nicholas the Wonderworker Nicholas Berari, Nicole Berari, Nicholas Butler,
Nikolay Nikolov, Fr. Nicholas Speier,
Nikolai Rice

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.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WINDOW

In the first part of 2019 we will be having a book study and a guest speaker. Stay tuned for more details!

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.**

12/6 - Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas - followed by dinner & Games!
Jr. High & High School - Church at 6 pm
Dinner at 7:15 pm
Pick up by 8:30 pm

12/13- Regular Thursday Night Youth Group

12/20- Regular Thursday Night Youth Group

12/27 - CHRISTMAS PARTY!
More details to come.

2018 St. Nicholas Drive for the Needy

ST. BRIGID FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS and those in need to be distributed at our outreach breakfast on Christmas morning. Please keep this in mind as you are doing holiday shopping and consider purchasing an item for the collection. We are asking for:

- **white or dark athletic cotton socks (preferably dark)**
- **warm hats, scarves and mittens**
- **new or gently used/clean sweatshirts, hoodies, warm sweaters and jackets (Both men's & women's)**
- PLEASE NO PANTS OR SHIRTS -

Drop your donated items in the large, decorated box in the hallway.

Please do NOT gift-wrap the donated items, and please limit your gifts to the specific items requested. Thanks!!

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. Romanos (O.C.M.C. priest, Congo)
Mother Christophora
Fr. Jon B.
Dn. Richard E.
Kh. Diane C.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family
Gail S.
Penny B. and Family
Duane F.
Joan and Steve T.
Friesen family
Richard and Susan B.
Fr. Jon and Kh. Elizabeth S.

Ethan & Cole K.
Tony E.
Fr. Dimitrie V.
Monsignor John Y.
Gaylen C.
Zac B.
Terri Lynn & Hannah Rose
Lauren
Cheryl G.
Jerry J.
Elka
Elizabeth J.
Jimmy
Phoebe L.
Gabriel M.

Devin
Kh. Carla Z.
Sharmaine & Emma
Sue & Tim B.
Glenn H.
Evonne C.
Miguel, Rachel, Naomi, Miki & Roman
Alissa and children
All those suffering and
in danger in Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East
The victims of the recent shootings
and fires
Please pray for the raising up and sup-
port of long-term missionaries from our
parish.

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.

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.

