



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, January 6, 2019

THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS 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, January 6-EPIPHANY

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. Classes ages 6-18
9:00 a.m. Matins of Epiphany
10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
1:00 p.m. Outdoor Blessing of the Water at the Pier near the Yacht Club

Monday, January 7-

Synaxis of St. John the Baptist

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

Tuesday, January 8

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

Wednesday, January 9

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

Thursday, January 10

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, January 11

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
4:45 p.m. Akathist Prayers at Westmont College in the chapel

Saturday, January 12

NO CATECHISM

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers /Confessions

Sunday, January 13

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. Classes ages 6-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

January 6 Dillon
January 13 Cocores
January 20 N. Tinyayeva
January 27 Sieck

Coffee Hour

January 6 P. King in memory of Fr. Jim King
January 13 NEED A HOST
January 20 D. Washburn/K. Fox for St. Xenia
January 27 K. Vogt

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

Greeters

January 6 K. & L. Jacobs
January 13 L. Baker/Deacon
January 20 K. Fox/P. King
January 27 L. Hoppe/K.P. King

Ushers

January 6 G. Shannon, S. Speier, P. Brunner
January 13 P. King, D. Meyer, D. Lewis
January 20 C. Speier, J. King, C. Berari
January 27 G. Shannon, S. Speier, P. Brunner

Readers

January 6 Rdr. J. Butler
January 13 D. Alexander
January 17 Rdr. H. Lange (V.L. for St. Athanasius)
January 20 D. Meyer
January 27 D. Washburn

**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 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 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 was 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 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]

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

Troparion of Epiphany

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!

Tone 1 (Byzantine Chant)

Kontakian of Epiphany

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.”

Tone 4 (Slavic Chant)

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. ...have put on Christ, Alleluia.

Deacon: With Strength!

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

Prokeimenon (Psalm verses with refrain before the Epistle) Tone 4

Chanter: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!
God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

Verse: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
for His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 97/98)

EPISTLE READING

Titus 2:11-15, 3:4-7

Titus, my son, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for Himself a people of His own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Alleluia Refrain with Psalm verses before the Gospel

Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse 1. Bring unto the Lord, O Sons of God, bring young rams unto the Lord!
(Refrain)

Verse 2. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters! The glory of God thundered, the Lord is upon many waters! *(Refrain)*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

Meglynarion for the Feast of Epiphany

(Hymn to the Mother of God—p. 27 of Liturgy book)

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 HYMN

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all. (Verses from Ps. 118/119)

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.

TROPARION OF THEOPHANY (Epiphany)

Contemporary Byzantine Chant

TONE 1

ISON → 0) When You O Lord were bap- tized in the Jor- dan, .
wor- ship of the Tri- ni- ty was made ma- ni- fest, For th
voice of the Fa- ther bore wit- ness to You call- ing
You His Be- lo- ved Son, and the Spi- rit in the like-
ness
of a dove con- firmed the truth of His Word. 0
Christ our God, who has ap- peared and en- light
ened the world, glo- ry to You (Last time only)

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.

Today at 1:00 p.m. we will join St. Barbara (Greek) parish down at the Yacht Club for the Outdoor Blessing of the Water. The bus will leave at 12:30 p.m. from the church parking lot. Seats are first come/first served. Donations will be taken as you board the bus to cover part of the rental fee and the tip for the driver.

It is the time of year when we bless our dwellings again and pray for God's protection in the coming year. Don't forget to call one of our priests to set up a time to have your home blessed!

The Parish Council wants to hear from you!

Thank you for participating in the World Café in October and the online survey last month! Our final feedback opportunity will be in the form of **focus groups**. We want to make sure every member is heard. During these focus groups, we will address some specific challenges that came up in the survey and discuss ideas for creative solutions.

Please consider joining us for the group that is most appropriate for you:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Facilitator(s)</u>	<u>Time and Place</u>	
Families with children 10 & under	Karen Jacobs	January 27	4:00-6:30pm Scott & Terri Speier Home Free Baby/Kid-sitting
Adults 39 & under	Craig Speier	Jan 20	11:45 during coffee hour Teen Room
Married ages 40-75	Zak Landrum Drew MacDonald	Feb 2	4:00-5:30 before Vespers Teen Room
Singles Adults 40+	Michael Easbey	Jan 19	After Vespers Teen Room
Adults 75+	Dorothy Alexander Laurie Baker	Jan 26	9:00 – 10:30am Camino Real, On the Alley

We need more volunteers to be in the rotation for ushering and greeting on Sunday mornings. Please see Peggy King for more information if you are willing to help out. Currently, ushers and greeters serve about once a month. We would like to add at least 4 new volunteers to each of the teams.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

1/6 Robert Kinman
1/9 Carla Harris

Patron Saint Commemorations

1/1 **St. Gregory of Nazianzus, the Elder** Glenn Hoppe (missed it last week)

1/6 **Theophany** Tiffany Van Wagoner
1/7 **St. John the Baptist (Synaxis)**
Ron Berari, Fr. John Finley, John Heiduk, Gianni Madrigal,
John Ronan Meyer, Johnny Wallace

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

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 17 6:00 p.m.

Vesperal-Liturgy for Feast of **St. Athanasius** the Great, followed by celebration potluck

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.**

- 1/3 Regular Youth Group
- 1/10 Regular Youth Group
- 1/17 6:00 p.m. Vesperal-Liturgy for St. Athanasius, followed by a Potluck supper for all. We will hang out together in the Teen Room until 8:30 p.m.
- 1/24 Regular Youth Group
- 1/31 Regular Youth Group

**-Youth Group Christmas Party-
Thank you, Berari Family, for hosting!**



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WINDOW



Women's Book Study on Wednesdays from
7-8:30 p.m. January 23—February 27.
"The Sweetness of Grace" by Constantina Palmer

We will be hosting guest speaker, Michelle Moujaes on
Saturday, February 9th. Stay tuned for more details!

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
Bishop Neofitos (Diocese of Kenya)
Mother Christophora
Fr. Jon B.
Dn. Richard E.
Kh. Diane C.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family
Gail S.
Duane F.
Joan and Steve T.
Richard and Susan B.
Fr. Jon and Kh. Elizabeth S.

Regina M.
Ethan & Cole K.
Tony E.
Monsignor John Y.
Gaylen C.
Zac B.
Terri Lynn & Hannah Rose
Lauren
Cheryl G.
Elka
Elizabeth J.
Jimmy
Phoebe L.
Kh. Carla Z.
Sharmaine & Emma

Evonne C.
Elizabeth H.
Tyler A.
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 support of long-term missionaries from our parish.

For repose of the souls of:

Richard F.
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: Richard F.

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.** *

Showers of Blessing Christmas Celebration 2018

Last Thursday at the weekly Showers of Blessing, we had a Christmas party with lots of special treats, including a gift for each guest (Bomba socks stuffed with goodies), and a surprise visit by St. Nicholas. Thank you, Showers Team, for your weekly service in this ministry!

The Showers of Blessing ministry continues to grow, both in guests and in volunteers. Thanks be to God!

