



## ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

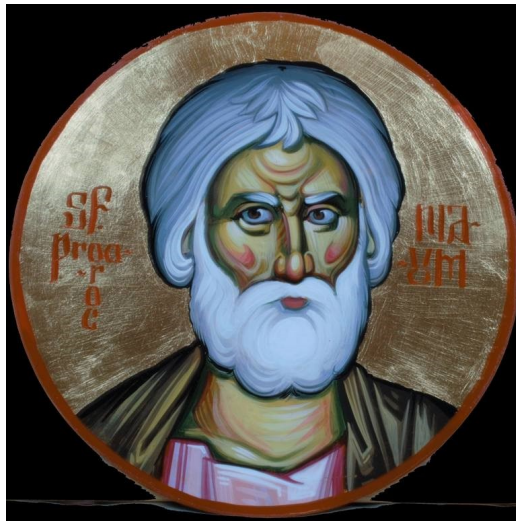
**Tone 6 / Eothinon 1; Twenty-third Sunday after**

**Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Luke**

The Holy Prophet Nahum;

Venerable Philaret the Almsgiver of Amnia;

Martyr Ananias the Persian



## **WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

We are glad you are with us this morning  
to join our worship of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit!  
Please join us on the patio after the Liturgy for  
the Agape Meal. We'd love to meet you!

**We welcome children of all ages in our worship.**

"Let the little children come unto Me for of such is  
the Kingdom of Heaven." Luke 18:16

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

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

**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 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—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.

### **AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

#### **Resurrectional Troparion**

**Tone 6**

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 to St. Athanasius**

**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.

#### **Kontakion for the Preparation of Christ's Nativity**

**Tone 3**

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.

### **TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN**

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.

Deacon: With strength!

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

### **Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon)**

**Tone 6**

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)*

### **EPISTLE READING**

#### **Ephesians 2:4-10**

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

### **Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel**

**Tone 6**

**Chanter:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Vs. 1 He Who dwelleth in the help of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the protection of the God of Heaven. (*Ps 90/91:1*) **Alleluia**

Vs. 2 He will say to the Lord, Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God, in Him will I hope. (*Ps 90/91:2*) **Alleluia**

## **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.

### **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, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Holy Communion & The Thanksgiving Prayers**

In the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have humbly prepared to receive through prayer and a recent Sacramental Confession.

**Non-Orthodox people and those not communing today may approach during Communion for a priestly blessing by saying, "*Father, bless.*" After this you may take a piece of antidoron (blessed bread) offered in the bowls.**

If you are interested in joining the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, speak with our Pastor about how to become an Orthodox Christian.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we offer **Thanksgiving Prayers** for having received the body and blood of Christ. These beautiful prayers help us to reflect on the mystery in which we have partaken and prepare us for our transition from the Kingdom back into "the world." If you have partaken, stay to listen to these prayers after you have venerated the cross. Immediately after, the priest will bless the Agape Meal. **We ask that all your socializing take place outside of the church.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY YEARS to Jennifer Ferraez and Edward Chartrand**, who were married at St. John the Wonderworker Serbian Orthodox Church in Eugene, Oregon last Sunday, November 24th. Jennifer was a member of our parish for many years, was chrismated Orthodox here while attending Westmont College, and was very active in Santa Barbara in outreach to those living without shelter, alongside her mentor, Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges. Jennifer eventually earned her Master's Degree in Social Work and has been in private practice as a therapist since 2021. Jennifer and Edward will live in Cottage Grove, Oregon, and intend to develop a transition house for those committed to recovery from addiction and homelessness. Please keep them in your prayers.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO Gabe and Megan Speier on the baptism of their newborn son, Casey**, which took place yesterday, November 30th. Many years to Casey, his parents, and his godparents, Jared and Emily Speier.

**THIS COMING MONDAY MORNING, December 2nd at 7:30 a.m.** we will celebrate a Divine Liturgy for the feast day of St. Porphyrios of Athos.

**ALL HOUSEHOLDS ARE ASKED TO FILL OUT A STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM FOR THE 2025 fiscal year by Sunday, December 8th before the beginning of the Liturgy** The forms are available by the tithe box and also out in the hallway with the bulletins. You can access an online form here: <https://www.stathanasius.org/stewardship/time-talent-treasure-commitment/>

**PARENTS:** There will be rehearsal today for the Nativity Play after the Agape Meal.

**THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF ALL GREETERS** on Sunday, December 15th at 12:15 p.m.

**JOIN US FOR OUR  
ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION!  
Thursday, December 5, 2024**

Festal Vespers at 6:00 p.m.  
followed by Children's Nativity Play, Visit by St. Nicholas, Refreshments  
(Children should leave their shoes in the chapel before Vespers!)

**SAVE THE DATE!  
Friday, January 3, 2024  
"Tenth Day of Christmas" Family Night  
Open-mic/Talent Show, Caroling & Holiday Goodies**

**AUTUMN SCHEDULE  
of  
WEEKDAY LITURGICAL SERVICES**

Monday/Wednesday/Friday (Fridays with a priest serving)	Daily Matins	7:00 a.m.
Tuesday/Thursday	Daily Vespers	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 5	<b>Vespers for St. Nicholas</b> Followed by Nativity Play & Reception	6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays Dec. 11 & 18	Advent Paraklesis	6:00 p.m.
Fridays 12/6/, 12/13, 12/20	Divine Liturgy	8:30 a.m.

**WE WILL ALSO CELEBRATE DIVINE LITURGIES  
ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:**

Mon., Dec 2	For St. Porphyrios of Athos	7:30 a.m.
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**FEAST OF ST. BARBARA at St. Barbara Monastery**

Tuesday, December 3	Vigil followed by Potluck Supper	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 4	3rd and 6th Hours	9:30 a.m.
	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
	(His Eminence Abp. Benjamin presiding)	
	FOLLOWED BY FESTAL LUNCHEON	

**FEAST OF ST. BARBARA at St. Barbara Greek Parish**

Tuesday, December 3	Vespers, Artoklasia & Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 4	Matins	8:00 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy followed by Brunch	9:00 a.m.



## A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

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

## From the AKATHIST OF THANKSGIVING

### IKOS 1



I was born a weak, defenseless child, but Thine angel spread his wings over my cradle to defend me. From birth until now Thy love hath illumined my path, and hath wondrously guided me towards the light of eternity; from birth until now the generous gifts of Thy providence hath been marvelously showered upon me. I give Thee thanks, with all who have come to know Thee, who call upon Thy Name:

- + Glory to Thee for calling me into being; glory to Thee, for showing me the beauty of the universe.
- + Glory to Thee, spreading out before me heaven and earth, like the pages in a book of eternal wisdom.
- + Glory to Thee for Thine eternity in this fleeting world; glory to Thee for Thy mercies, seen and unseen.
- + Glory to Thee through every sigh of my sorrow; glory to Thee for every step of my life's journey, for every moment of glory.
- + Glory to Thee, O God, from age to age!



## ***CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK***

### **Birthdays**

12/1 Anya Madrigal, Lydia Sieck  
 12/3 David McCalmont, Christina Salcedo  
 12/5 Elizabeth Ballew  
 12/5 Lucas Rascon

### **Patron Saint Commemorations**

12/2	<b>St. Porphyrios</b>	Jordan Denny
12/4	<b>St. Barbara the Martyr</b>	Cheryl Washburn-Lander, Alicia Wolfington, Marleyinna Worthington
12/4	<b>St. Juliana</b>	Juliana Brunner, Juliana Shackelford
12/6	<b>St. Nicholas the Wonderworker</b>	Nicholas Berari, Nicholas Butler, Nikolay Nikolov, Fr. Nicholas Speier, Nikolai Rice

## **AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR ETHNIC DIVERSITY...**

In the coming weeks you will notice that during the times in the liturgy when the priest says, "Peace be to all," he will be saying it in some of the languages of the countries of origin of our parishioners, including in Greek, Arabic, Slavonic, Romanian and Spanish. The choir will respond, "And to Thy spirit," in the appropriate language.

# Treasure self-assessment

*Can I move one step to the right?*

Household income	.5%	1%	2%	3%	5%	10% (tithe)
\$20,000	\$100	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$1000	\$2000
\$30,000	\$150	\$300	\$600	\$900	\$1500	\$3000
\$40,000	\$200	\$400	\$800	\$1,200	\$2000	\$4000
\$50,000	\$250	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2500	\$5000
\$60,000	\$300	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$6000
\$70,000	\$350	\$700	\$1,400	\$2,100	\$3,500	\$7000
\$80,000	\$400	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$4,000	\$8000
\$90,000	\$450	\$900	\$1,800	\$2,700	\$4,500	\$9000
\$100,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$110,000	\$550	\$1,100	\$2,200	\$3,300	\$5,500	\$11,000
\$120,000	\$600	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$3,600	\$6,000	\$12,000
\$150,000	\$750	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$200,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$20,000

## **STEWARDSHIP MONTH**

**Have you filled out your commitment card for 2025?**

**NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th,**

all of the Stewardship Commitment cards received thus far for 2025 will be put on the altar table during the Liturgy as an “offering,” and we will pray that our commitments for the coming year will be blessed. Please keep in mind that this just represents your intention, and it is understood that circumstances can change during the course of the year.

If you have not filled out a Stewardship Commitment card yet, please fill one out today and put it in the tithe box, or hand it to Fr. Symeon.

You can also fill out the form online here:

**<https://www.stathanasius.org/stewardship/time-talent-treasure-commitment/>**

### **How does Stewardship help The Church?**

Money is a necessary tool for ministry. Every act of giving, no matter the size, makes a difference. Generosity is contagious. The Church's mission of salvation and evangelism depends directly on our generosity.

Our Parish's many ministries, including **The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Teen Program, Teen & Adult Religious Education, Music Ministry, St. Brigid Fellowship (Outreach to the Unsheltered), monthly donations to Orthodox Missions work, and support of many local charities** — are all funded by our stewardship.

Stewardship is vital to our Church and, among many things, helps to:

- Provide religious services and sacraments
- Provide religious counseling
- Provide visitations to the hospitalized and shut-ins
- Minister to the community outside of our Church walls
- Offer help and support to those in need
- Support those who serve us
- Support our Archdiocese
- Keep our Church grounds and buildings in good condition

"Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly, nor under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (**II Corinthians 9:7**)"

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE & GROW

### ADVENT BOOK STUDY

All men and women of the parish are invited to participate in a book study during the Nativity Fast. The book chosen for the study is **Victory in the Unseen Warfare by Fr. Jack Sparks**.

On Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers, we will gather for a “Fire on Father” style session. Fr. Symeon will lead a discussion and answer any questions we have about the contents of the book.

The book will be available for purchase in our parish bookstore by around November 24<sup>th</sup>. If you order the book online, be aware that there are three books in the series about Unseen Warfare. We will be reading **VICTORY** in the Unseen Warfare.

**THE WOMEN OF THE PARISH** will also meet on Saturday, December 14th after Great Vespers (approximately 6:30 p.m.) to discuss the first half of the book. We are considering coordinating a simple soup dinner to accompany our discussion. If you plan to participate, please R.S.V.P. to Kristin King at [kristinpkng@gmail.com](mailto:kristinpkng@gmail.com).

*Father Jack Sparks has masterfully adapted the material from this highly treasured monastic work specifically for today's lay Christian living in the midst of a modern world. The result is a profound but highly practical resource for those who seek to strive with all their might against the enemies of our souls—the world, the flesh, and the devil. — Ancient Faith Publishing*

### TREES OF LIFE

**—A Project of the Interfaith Collaborative to assist the Santa Barbara District Attorney's office in combatting human trafficking—**

This Nativity season, SAOC is again working with Interfaith Collaborative and their annual Trees of Life campaign. We are excited to announce that we have “adopted” a family of four: a 6 year old boy, a 16 year old boy, a 5 month old baby boy and their mom. We are hoping to bring Christmas joy to their family by helping with gift donations that this wonderful family needs. In the narthex there is a Christmas tree with festive tags with items each member of the family needs. If you are able to donate please take a tag, purchase the item and bring it to the church or Lara Jacobs by Sunday, December 15. If you would prefer to contribute financially instead of shopping you can donate on the church website with ‘Tree of Life’ in the memo and we will do the shopping for you.

**If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lara Jacobs:  
[cpejacobs@gmail.com](mailto:cpejacobs@gmail.com).**

## DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON

### ST. INNOCENT ORPHANAGE SANTA'S HELPERS

**A huge THANK YOU to all who helped us to provide Angel Brian's Christmas Wish List items!**

Please keep the St. Innocent Orphanage boys and staff in your prayers during this holiday season, that our Lord will fill their hearts with joy and peace, and that He will guard and guide them in the New Year.



### SHOWERS OF BLESSING CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On **Thursday, December 19th**, during the weekly showers offered on our property from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., we will offer a Christmas celebration for the guests, with a more elaborate offering of refreshments than we normally provide.

We will be collecting **NEW OR GENTLY USED (freshly washed) hoodies and jackets** to offer to the guests that day. Large and XL sizes are preferred.

Please leave donated hoodies and jackets in the collection box outside the church office by December 15th.

Please, do not leave other types of clothing. The Showers has a very robust clothing ministry and they have lots of clothing in stock right now.

Thank you!!

## 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:**

His Beatitude, Patriarch John X  
Metropolitan SABA  
Mother Victoria  
Met. Paul & Abp. John  
Abp. Benjamin  
Fr. Mathias in Tanzania (OCMC)  
Fr. Jon B.  
Fr. John & Kh. Diane C.  
Fr. Nicholas & Jan  
Fr. Turbo & St. Mary parish  
Fr. Paul and St. Moses parish  
Hieromonk Siloan  
Greg & Margaret Y.  
Hoppe Family in Albania (OCMC)  
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya  
Duane F.  
Richard and Susan B.  
Bob N.  
Kh. Melissa H.  
Jeremiah & Sarah H. (military)  
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)  
Chase K. (military)  
Nick & Kristine J. (military)  
Connor V. (military)  
Julianna & Zaron D. (military)

P. Speier (military)  
Subdn. Matthew & Christina  
Steve T.  
Temmo K.  
Dn. John & Fay Y.  
Samantha & Chris N. & Family  
Wade  
Kh. Peggy K.  
Amanda, Chris & Baby James  
Kh. Janet Henderson  
Audrey D.  
Eric J.  
Jason T.  
Michael J.  
Bruce  
Monica  
Jake  
Christina S.  
Phyllis M.  
Marta C.  
Sonia T.  
Jon R.  
Penny B.

For the local agencies and their leaders who are working to fight human trafficking.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church

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

Please pray for the raising up and support of long-term missionaries from our parish.

## OUR CATECHUMENS:

Karti Adimulam  
Kevin Duke  
Greg & Miki Hammel  
Isaak Lau  
Brennan Pawley  
Ethan Salcedo  
Logan Strait

**For repose of the souls of:** Fr. John

## ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of our building. The tables and two enclosed cabinets contain 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. **You can contact Terri at: [bookstore@stathanasius.org](mailto:bookstore@stathanasius.org).**

Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in the brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Symeon's office. Make checks payable to **S.A.O.C. Bookstore**.

The pamphlets in the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.)

**All proceeds go to the parish Temple Fund.**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, December 1—NO RELIGIOUS ED. TODAY

9:00 a.m. Matins  
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 11:45 a.m. Agape Meal  
 12:15 p.m. Christmas Play Rehearsal  
 12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Monday, December 2

#### NO DAILY MATINS

7:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy (for St. Porphyrios)  
 3:00 p.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom

### Tuesday, December 3

4:00 p.m. Vigil at St. Barbara Monastery followed  
 by dinner  
 6:00 p.m. Vespers at St. Barbara Greek Parish  
 followed by dinner

### Wednesday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Matins/Liturgy at St. Barbara Greek Parish  
 followed by Brunch  
 9:30 a.m. Hours at St. Barbara Monastery  
 10:00 a.m. Hierarchichal Divine Liturgy at  
 St. Barbara Monastery followed  
 by luncheon  
 11:50 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry in the chapel

#### NO EVENING SERVICE

### Thursday, December 5

7:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayer Ministry by Zoom  
 10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing  
 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers for St. Nicholas  
 followed by Nativity Play and Reception

#### NO YOUTH GROUP or DAILY VESPERS

### Friday, December 6— ST. NICHOLAS

7:00 a.m. Daily Matins  
 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

### Saturday, December 7

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

### Sunday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Matins & Catechesis for ages 3yrs—6th gr.  
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
 11:30 a.m. Teen Education  
 11:45 a.m. Agape Meal

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

### EUCCHARIST BREAD

December 1 Dillon  
 December 8 Morrison  
 December 15 Fr. Nicholas  
 December 22 Dn. G. Braun

### READERS

December 1 Lange  
 December 5 Alexander (Vespers of St. Nicholas)  
 December 8 Butler  
 December 15 Kern  
 December 22 Kern

### GREETERS

December 1 H. Lange  
 December 8 Hoppe  
 December 15 K.P. King  
 December 22 M. Loulias

### USHERS

December 1 P. King/J. King  
 December 8 D. Alexander/K.L. King  
 December 15 D. Meyer/M. Loulias  
 December 22 S. Speier/C. Speier

### AGAPE MEAL HOSTS

December 1 Team Wayne  
 December 8 Team Lander  
 December 15 Team Hedges  
 December 22 Team Gish

**Young Adult Ministry**

Looking to get involved with our parish's Young Adult Ministry? Sign up using the QR code to stay updated on upcoming events and share your ideas for activities you'd like to see! Or use the following link: <https://bit.ly/YoungAdultSignup>