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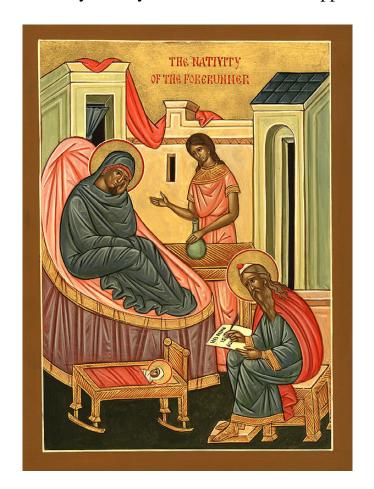
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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, June 24, 2012
Tone 2 / Eothinon 3
The Nativity of the
Forerunner and Baptist John

New-martyr Panayiotis of Caesarea in Cappadocia



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, June 24

9:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour—Mexico

Mission Team Update

4:00 p.m. St. Barbara Monastery

Friends Gathering — Fr. Yousuf Rassam on "The Church: A Sign of

The Kingdom."

Monday June 25 SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins 5:00 p.m. Outreach Meal

Tuesday, June 26

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday June 27

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group

Thursday June 28

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

6:00 p.m. Vesperal Liturgy for

Feast of SS. Peter & Paul

Friday June 29

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday June 30

8:am-4 pm Icon Guild Class 6:00 p.m. Vespers/Confession Sunday, July 1

9:00 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

June 24 Gish

July 1 G. Braun July 8 Rickard July 15 Meyer

Coffee Hour

June 24 PROJECT MEXICO

MISSION TEAM/ Gish/D. King Family

July 1 Nikolov Family July 8 NEED A HOST

July 15 Harris

Greeters

June 24 K. & P. King

July 1 C. & C. Giordani July 8 P. King, D. Lewis

July 15 K. & L. Jacobs

<u>Ushers</u>

June 24 Scott & Luke Speier, P. Brunner

July 1 D. Meyer, Barre, Lewis

July 8 Craig & Gabe Speier, K. Jacobs

July 15 Jon King, G. Braun Jr., P. King

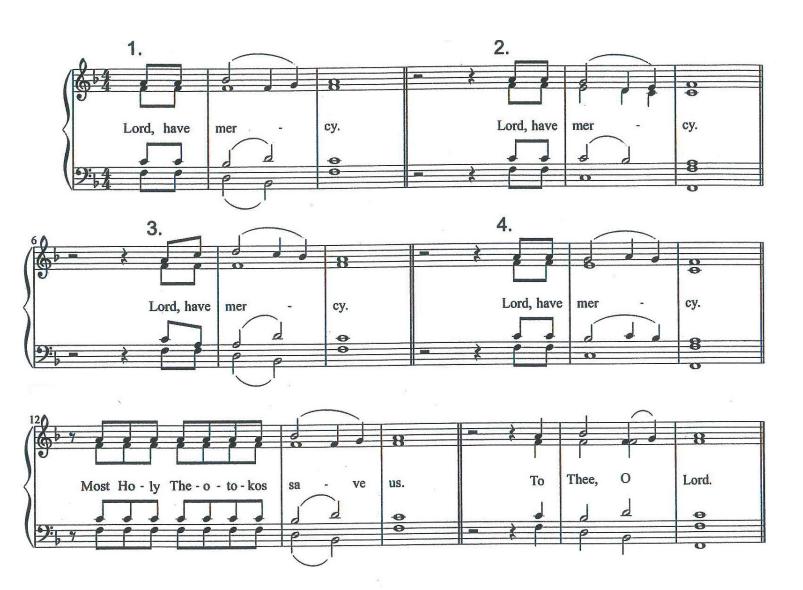
CHANGEABLE TEXTS FOR THE DAY

AT THE END OF THE MATINS SERVICE, WE SING THE GREAT DOXOLOGY. ("Glory to You, Who have shown us the light..."

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE GREAT LITANY

(a new melody)



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 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.

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 2

(Music on page 42 of Liturgy Booklet)

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 Nativity of John the Baptist

Tone 4

Prophet and Forerunner of the <u>coming</u> of Christ, although we cannot praise you <u>wor</u>thily, we honor you in love at your na<u>tivity</u>, for by it you ended your father's silence and your mother's <u>bar</u>renness,// proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the <u>Son</u> of God!

Troparion to St. Athanasius (Music on p. 54 of Liturgy Book)

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 - Ordinary Sundays Tone 4

O undisputed intercessor of Christians,

O mediatrix, who is unrejected by the creator.

Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners.

Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith,

for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost always intercede for those who honor thee.

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 9 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.

Deacon: With strength!

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

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle (Prokeimenon) Tone 2 (Page 57 of Liturgy Book)

The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

Vs. The Lord has chastened me severely but He has not given me over to death.

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 13:11-14:4

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

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

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)

THE GOSPEL READING—Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed.

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, it fell to him by lot to enter the Temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth; for he will be great before the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they wondered at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he made signs to them and remained dumb. And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men."

Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered, and she gave birth to a son. And her neighbors and kinsfolk heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they would have named him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said, "Not so; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your kindred is called by this name." And they made signs to

his father, inquiring what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." And they all marveled. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea; and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people. And you, child, will be called the Prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways. And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

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 Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*) The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (*Ps 111/112:6b-7a*) Alleluia, Alleluia!



The Apostles' Fast is a fast that was undertaken by the disciples of Jesus Christ following the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Having rejoiced for fifty days following Pascha, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the apostles began to prepare for their departure from Jerusalem to spread Christ's message. As part of their preparation, they began a fast with prayer to ask God to strengthen their resolve and to be with them in their missionary undertakings. The Apostles' Fast is not as strict as Great Lent or the Dormition Fast, but entails abstaining from red meat, poultry, meat products, eggs, and dairy products from the beginning of the Fast until June 29th (the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul). Therefore, the duration of the Fast varies in length each year, and begins one week after Pentecost.

CELEBRATTONS for THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

6/24/78 Dn. Gary & Melissa Braun

6/25/89 Scott & Terri Speier

6/26/93 Mick & Ginger Kronman

Birthdays:

6/24 Michael Easbey
6/26 Dn. Scott Jacobs
6/28 Taylor Williams

6/29 Dorian (Easbey) Carpenter, Seraphima Butler

6/30 Joanne Gish

Patronal Feast Days

June 27 - St. Joanna the Myrrh-Bearer

Kh. Jan Speier, Joanne Gish

June 29 – Holy Apostles Peter

Fr. Peter Gillquist, Hani AbuGhazaleh, Dean Brunner Ivan deBruin, Peter Speier, Hudson Zidek

June 29 - Holy Apostles Paul

Paul Bodnar, Joshua Dillon, Stan Friesen, Doug Giordani, Dn. Rico Paul Monge, Paul Franzen, Robert Kinman

June 30—St. Mathias

Zac Brunner

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT— MAY 2012

TITHES—GEN. OPERATING BUILDING FUND

Monthly Goal: \$35,000 Monthly Goal: \$12,000 Received in May: \$27,540 Received May: \$12,108

(incl. \$91 from children's cash box)

 Year-to-date goal:
 \$175,000
 Year-to-date goal:
 \$60,000

 Received YTD:
 \$141,435
 Received YTD:
 \$69,671

(YTD tithe income in May of last year was \$137,189)

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:

Dn. Howard S. Metropolitan PHILIP Leona G.

Presbytera Katherine H. Archbp. JOSEPH Jill B., Fr. Peter & Marilyn G. Mick K. Keith V.

Cole K. Kh. Terri Elizabeth B. Fr. Alexander Atty

Richard & Elizabeth Mother Victoria Fran R.

Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W. Brian S. Jeanette Nataliya T. & Family John Weldon H.

Sari W.

Josh & Dayli B.

Greg & Margaret Y. Mary & Susan

Olga G. Alex R.

John H.

For repose of the souls of: Keith L., Ellie D., Esther S.

ST. ATHANASIUS BOOK CENTER

The church bookstore is located in the fellowship hall. The two enclosed cabinets hold icons, books, jewelry and other items that are FOR SALE. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in the brown lock box. Make checks payable to "St. Atha-

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

You can access a complete calendar of services and other parish activities on our website: **www.stathanasius.org.**

SAY "Olé" TODAY! SUPPORT OUR MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO!

Our mission team is going full steam ahead to raise the funds needed for the 8 of them to participate in Project Mexico's "Orthodox Basic Training Week," July 6-12. They will do a presentation during Coffee Hour today to bring you up to date. Please consider making a donation of any size, either today at Coffee Hour, on line, by mail, or next Sunday in the tithe box. You can also view their exciting team video and donate on line at http://projectmexico.causevox.com/. Checks should be made payable to SAOC with "Mexico trip" in the memo line.

Our 2012 mission team members are:

Mary Gish, Trip Co-leader

Mitchell Denny, Trip Co-leader

Zak Landrum, Fundraising Coordinator & Videographer

Asia Ballew

Josh Dillon

Garrett Gish

Bob Gundersen

Brett Williams

FEAST OF SS. PETER AND PAUL

We will celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul this Thursday, June 28th with Vesperal Liturgy at 6:00 p.m. Join us as we honor the lives of these two great pillars of the Church. This year, the Apostles Fast lasts from June 11-29 (the day of the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul.)

The Orthodox Church of the Redeemer invites you to join us at the **60th** Annual Diocese of Los Angeles and the West Parish Life Conference in Santa Clara, California on July 4 - 8, 2012.

- **Keynote Speaker:** Bishop ANTHONY Michaels
- Wednesday, July 4th: Trip to San Francisco to visit the Holy Virgin Cathedral to venerate the relics of St. John of Shanghai (Maximovitch)
- Saturday, July 7th: Oratorical Contest and Bible Bowl

For the complete schedule, and more details, go to:

http://www.plc2012.org/

- FOR THE CHILDREN TO COLOR DURING THE HOMILY OR AT HOME -

