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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, November 18, 2012

Tone 7 / Eothinon 2; Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost & Ninth Sunday of Luke

Holy Martyr Plato of Ancyra,
Martyr Romanos of Antioch; Martyrs Zacchaeus the deacon
and Alphaeos the reader of Caesarea in Palestine



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 18

8:45 a.m. Religious Ed. Ages 3-17
(NO LEVEL I Atrium)
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 19

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

Tuesday, November 20

10:30 a.m. Catechesis Level I
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, November 21

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Liturgy for Feast of the
Presentation of the Theotokos,
and Thanksgiving Akathist

Thursday, November 22-THANKSGIVING **NO DAILY VESPERS**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 23

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6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, November 24-St. Catherine

4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, November 25-NO RELIGIOUS ED.

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Baptism of
Aiden Gish & Elijah Landrum
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

**Fr. Nicholas will be out of town from
November 27-29 for the Pan-Orthodox
Clergy Retreat.**

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

November 18 Dillon
November 25 Dn. G. Braun
December 2 Giordani
December 9 Gish

Coffee Hour

November 18 Craig & Jenny Speier
November 25 Thanksgiving leftovers Potluck
December 2 Lander
December 9 Berari

Greeters

November 18 E. Fryer/L. Shackelford
November 25 Cheryl & Ciara Giordani
December 2 P. King/D. Lewis
December 9 K. & L. Jacobs

Ushers

November 18 D. Meyer, Barre, Lewis
November 25 Craig & Gabe Speier, P. King
December 2 Jon King, G. Braun Jr., P. King
December 9 Scott & Luke Speier, P. Brunner

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...” - Complete text is
in the front of the Liturgy Book.)**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 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”

The choir sings each verse of the Beatitudes, after which the congregation responds:
“Remember us, O Lord, when you come in your Kingdom.”

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 7

(Music is on p. 51 of liturgy book.)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross;
Thou didst open paradise to the thief;
Thou didst turn the sadness of the
ointment bearing women into joy,
and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim
a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ,
granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion for Martyrs Plato and Romanus

Tone 4

Your holy martyrs Plato and Romanus, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God.
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.
Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Troparion to St. Athanasius (Music is 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 for the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple

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. 13 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 7

(Music on p. 62 of Liturgy Book)

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Vs: Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

EPISTLE READING FOR THE DAY

Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel

Tone 7

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High. **Alleluia...**

Verse: To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth in the night. **Alleluia...**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:16-21

The Lord spoke this parable, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear".

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

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.

Hymn sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist:

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the Highest!

Hymn during Communion of the People

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

The Holy Martyr Plato, brother of the holy Martyr Antiochus the Physician (July 16), was born at the city of Ancyra in Galatia. While still a youth he left home and went through the cities, preaching the Word of God to pagans, amazing his audience with the persuasiveness and beauty of his speech, and his profound knowledge of Greek learning.

Because of his preaching he was arrested and brought for trial to the temple of Zeus before the governor Agrippinus. At first, the judge attempted to persuade the saint to turn away from Christ by flattery. He assured the youth that he might be on a par of intellect with the greatest of the philosophers Plato, if only he worshipped also the pagan gods. To this St Plato answered, that the wisdom of the philosopher, although great, was but ephemeral and limited, whereas the true, eternal and unbounded wisdom comprised the Gospel teachings. Then the judge promised to give him his beautiful niece for his wife if he would deny Christ. He also threatened him with torture and death if he refused. St Plato replied that he chose a temporal death for the sake of eternal life. The patience of the governor was exhausted, and he gave orders to mercilessly beat the martyr, and then send him off to prison.

When they led St Plato off to prison, he turned to the people gathered about the temple, and he called on them not to forsake the Christian Faith. Seven days later they again led the Martyr Plato for trial before Agrippinus in the temple of Zeus, where they had the implements of torture already prepared: boiling cauldrons, red-hot iron and sharp hooks. The judge offered the martyr a choice: either to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, or to feel the effects of these implements of torture on his body. Again the saint steadfastly refused to worship idols, and after his tortures they threw him in prison for eighteen more days without bread or water. But seeing that this did not shake the martyr, they offered him his life and freedom if he would only say, "Great is the god Apollo." The martyr refused to deny Christ or to sacrifice to the idols. Therefore, Agrippinus ordered the holy Martyr Plato to be beheaded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

UPCOMING FEAST DAY CELEBRATION-Thanksgiving Eve

This Wednesday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m. we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple with Divine Liturgy, followed by a portion of the beautiful Akathist of Thanksgiving. Join our parish family in worship and celebration and begin Thanksgiving holiday weekend by giving thanks to God.

There will be **NO DAILY VESPERS** on Thanksgiving Day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

There will be **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** at all next Sunday, November 25th, Thanksgiving weekend.

On Sunday, December 2nd, Fr. Nicholas will meet with ALL teens and their parents at 9:00 a.m. in the teen classroom at the Elk's Lodge next door to the church.

BAPTISMS NEXT SUNDAY

We will baptize Elijah Landrum (son of Zak and Kellie) and Aiden Gish (son of Tim and Shawna) next Sunday during the Divine Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, IS POTLUCK!

Don't forget to bring some of your leftover Thanksgiving goodies next Sunday for Coffee Hour.

ADVENT PARAKLESIS

We will pray the beautiful Paraklesis service for Advent on the following Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.:

November 28

December 12

December 19

On Wednesday, December 5th, we will celebrate the Vesperal-Liturgy for St. Nicholas.

FROM KEVIN & NIKKI MCFARLAND

Please join us in the baptism of our son, Arethas Jameson McFarland on Saturday, December 1st at 10:30 a.m.. Godparents are Fr. Luke and Catherine Hartung.—Love, Kevin & Nikki

Fr. Nicholas will be out of town from November 27-29 for the Pan-Orthodox Clergy Retreat.

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays

- 11/19 Atalia Finley, Kristen Roberts
11/20 Diego Monge
11/22 Jeff Easbey, Jami Stetler
11/25 Elizabeth Butler, Dee Kern, Elleney King

Patronal Feast Day Celebrations

- 11/21 **Mary, the Theotokos** Lauren Shackelford
11/23 **St. Alexander Nevsky** Alexander Nikolov, Brett Williams
11/24 **St. Catherine the Martyr**
Katie AbuGhazaleh, Catherine Braun, Diane Carrillo, Melissa Hedges,
Amanda Morrison, Gloria Morrison, Ekaterina Nikolov, Jami Stetler,
Sierra Thomas, Kate Vander Laan

11/24 **St. Clement of Rome** Farley Clementine Easbey

MONDAY NIGHT "FINANCIAL PEACE" CLASS BEING OFFERED AT ST. ATHANASIUS BASED ON THE TEACHING DVDs of DAVE RAMSEY

Dave Ramsey's class will teach you everything you need to know about dumping debt, building wealth, cash flow planning, and more! More than one million families have attended the Financial Peace class with amazing results. On average, they pay off \$5,300 in debt and save \$2,700 in just 90 days.

There will be an informational preview class on Monday evening, December 10th, and then the actual class will run for nine weeks from Monday, January 7, thru Monday, March 4, 2013. The class is being coordinated by Dn. Gary and Melissa Braun.

More information will follow next week.

TEEN SCENE

RITE -13 plus (Grades 7-9)

Saturday, Nov. 17th 6 p.m.—Vespers & “Fire on Father”

Sunday, November 25—Thanksgiving Weekend—NO RELIGIOUS ED.

Sunday, December 2—All teens and parents meet with Fr. Nicholas at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 8 at 6 p.m.—Vespers, followed by tree decorating, food, cider, and fun!!!

January 18th-21st– WINTER CAMP at Camp St. Nicholas : "Following Christ to the Cross. Register at <http://www.campstnicholas.com>. Early bird price of \$130 if registered on or before December 1st. And \$140 after December 1st.

YAC (Young Adults in Church- Grades 10-12)

Sunday, November 25—Thanksgiving Weekend—NO RELIGIOUS ED.

Sunday, December 2—All teens and parents meet with Fr. Nicholas at 9:00 a.m.

Monday December 3rd 4:15pm- 7 pm- Provide dessert and serve for St. Brigid’s Outreach meal, Out to dinner as a group afterwards. [NOTE EARLIER TIME FOR WINTER.]

Saturday December 29th 6 pm- 9 pm – Vespers/Dinner/Christmas Party

Monday January 14th from 4:15pm- 7 pm- Provide dessert and serve for St. Brigid’s Outreach meal, out to dinner as a group afterwards. [NOTE EARLIER TIME FOR WINTER.]

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Saturday Jan 26th from 4 pm-10 pm- Vespers @ St. Herman’s Orthodox Church in Oxnard/Dinner/Sky High

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:

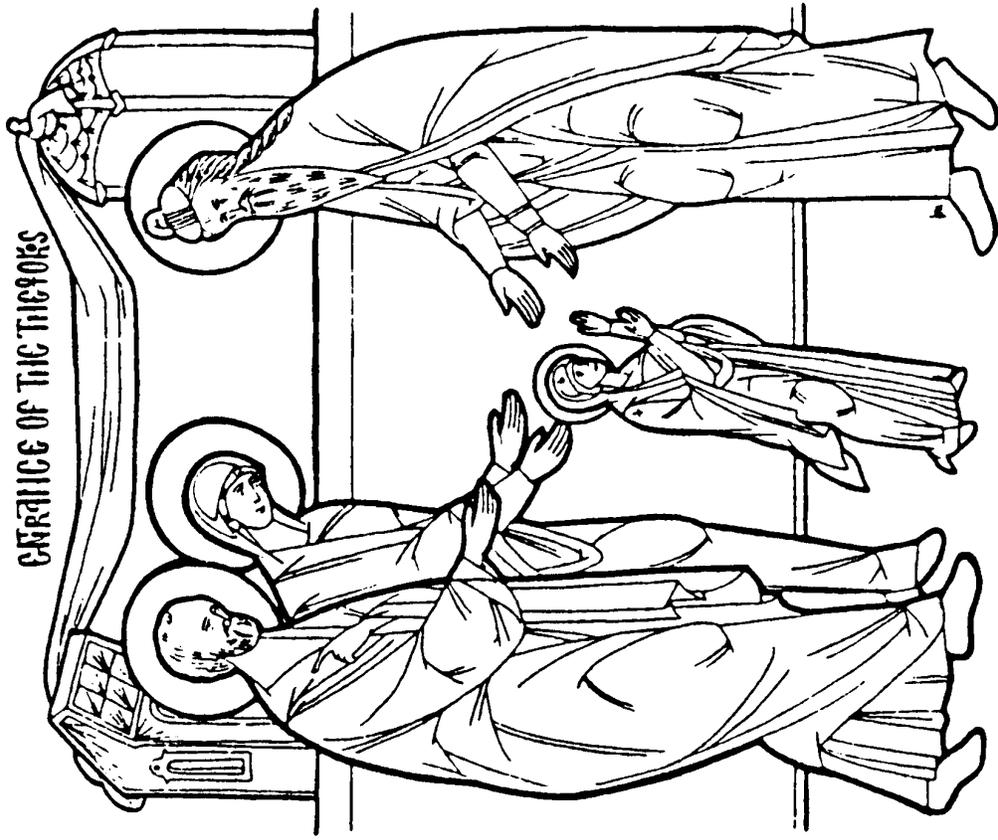
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| Mother Victoria | Mick K. & Family | Frank A. |
| Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W. | Richard & Elizabeth | Pat M. |
| John Weldon H. | Sari W. | Marta C. |
| Greg & Margaret Y. | Mary & Susan | |

For repose of the souls of: Theophano, Roman, John H., Charles James B., Patriarch Maxim of Bulgaria

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. Athanasius Book Center.”

All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.



-For the children to color during
the homily or at home -