



# ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, December 16, 2012

Tone 3 / Eothion 6

## Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Prophet Haggai; Theophania the empress;

Modestos, Archbishop of Jerusalem



## 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 16**

8:45 a.m. Religious Ed. Age 3-12  
9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/  
Emily Mason Chrismation  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
5:00 p.m. St. Nicholas Celebration

### **Monday, December 17**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
4:30 p.m. Outreach Meal served at  
St. Michael's in Isla Vista

### **Tuesday, December 18**

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

### **Wednesday, December 19**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group  
6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis

### **Thursday, December 20**

#### **St. John of Kronstadt/St. Ignatius**

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, December 21**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

### **Saturday, December 22-St. Anastasia**

#### **NO CATECHSIM**

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

### **Sunday, December 23**

#### **NO RELIGIOUS ED.**

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### ***Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule***

#### **Eucharist Bread**

December 16 Meyer  
December 23 Washburn  
December 24 Fr. Nicholas (Nativity service)  
December 30 Kern  
January 6 D. Braun

#### **Coffee Hour**

December 16 Lenhart/Ballew (in memory of  
Fr. Richard Ballew)  
December 23 Vander Laan  
December 30 Christmas Cookie Potluck  
January 6 EPIPHANY-Picnic at  
Goleta Beach after Great  
Blessing of the Water

#### **Greeters**

December 16 S. & C. Shackelford  
December 23 D. & D. Alexander  
December 24 Genatone/Morrison (Nativity)  
December 30 P. King, P. Matthews  
January 6 C. & C. Giordani

#### **Ushers**

December 16 D. Meyer, Barre, Lewis  
December 23 Craig & Gabe Speier, P. King  
December 24 Jon King, G. Braun Jr., P. King  
December 30 Scott & Luke Speier, P. Brunner  
January 6 D. Meyer, Barre, Lewis

## **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**

#### **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...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:**

#### **HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

##### **Troparion of the Resurrection**

**Tone 3**

**(Music on page 44 of Liturgy Book)**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad,  
for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm.  
He hath trampled down death by death  
and become the first born from the dead.  
He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades,  
granting the world the great mercy.

##### **Troparion for the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ**

**Tone 2**

Through faith You justified the Forefathers,  
betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles.  
These saints exult in glory,  
for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit:  
she who bore You without seed.//  
So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

##### **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 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.

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

**Tone 8**

Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is  
Your name forever.

**Verse:** For You are just in all that You have done for us.

**EPISTLE READING FOR THE DAY**

**Colossians 3:4-11**

Brethren, when Christ, who is our life, appears then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

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

**Tone 4**

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

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

v: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (Ps 99/100:6)

v: They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps 99/100:6)

**GOSPEL READING FOR THE DAY**

**Luke 14:16-24**

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind

and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

## 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.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion

## 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.*

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.

**Orthodox wall calendars for 2013 are now available in the narthex of the church. One per family, please.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

You can access a complete calendar of services and other parish activities on our website: **[www.stathanasius.org](http://www.stathanasius.org)**.

### **ADVENT PARAKLESIS**

We will pray the final Paraklesis service for Advent on Wednesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m.

### **ST. NICHOLAS NIGHT**

Tonight at 5 p.m. we will recount the life of St. Nicholas through story and song, in a program presented by our children and teens. St. Nicholas will pay a visit, and the program will be followed by a reception. We need help with refreshments and clean-up. Please see the sign-up list in the hall today! Thanks! — Jan Speier, Angel Speier

### **LAST DAY TO DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING IN OUR EXPANDED BOOKSTORE!**

You can purchase Christmas gifts today in our Bookstore display in the fellowship hall. Be sure to take a look during Coffee Hour! Icons, jewelry, books and more!

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

There will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday, December 23rd and Sunday, December 30th. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6th.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE S.A.O.C. SOFTBALL TEAM!**

Our softball team played 9 regular games this season and went 6 for 3 ending up in 2nd place. They made it to the playoffs and won that game and WON the championship game this past Tuesday! What a GREAT first year showing!

Team members are: Chris & Christie Robinson, Kevin Speier, Libby Kinman, Rebekah Dillon, Kristen Roberts, Jami & Stoney Stetler, Mary Gish, Lauren Shackelford, Carlos Moya, and Steven Martin, plus some other family members and friends.

### **EPIPHANY CELEBRATION—SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH!**

Epiphany falls on Sunday, January 6th this year. We will celebrate **Festal Vespers on Saturday evening, January 5th followed by the Blessing of the Water**, and then Festal Matins and Liturgy on **Sunday morning, Jan. 6th** followed by the **Great Blessing of the Water at Goleta Beach at 12:30 p.m.** and our traditional “Subway Sandwich Picnic.” A donation of \$5/person is requested to cover the lunch. Consider inviting your friends and relatives to join us this year at the beach! Youth ages 8 years and older are invited to come dressed to dive into the ocean for the cross. Parents, please bring a towel and a change of clothing for them.

**BEGIN YOUR NEW YEAR’S EVE CELEBRATION** with thanksgiving, praise, and the Holy Eucharist! We will celebrate the Vespers-Liturgy for St. Basil at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31st.

## ***CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK***

### **Birthdays**

12/17 Jon King  
12/18 Dorothy Alexander  
12/20 Hudson Zidek  
12/22 Alexander & Zachary Nikolov

### **Feast Day Celebrations**

#### **Dec. 16—Sunday of the Forefathers & Mothers of Christ**

**Deborah** Debbie McQuade  
**Rachel** Rachel Friesen  
**Adam** Adam King  
**Sarah** Sara Monge  
**Rebekah** Rebekah Dillon  
**Ruth** Fay Young  
**Judith** Judy Braun

#### **17 – Holy Prophet Daniel**

Dan Braun, Garrett Gish, Daniel Giordani, Dan Washburn

#### **18 – St. Sebastian**

Sebastian Shannon

#### **20—St. John of Kronstadt**

John DeBruin

#### **22—St. Anastasia**

Anastasia Brunner

## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST**

### **Monday, December 24**

8:00 a.m. Royal Hours (Complete)  
8:00 p.m. Nativity Matins & Liturgy

### **Tuesday, December 25**

#### **NO MORNING SERVICE THIS YEAR**

10:00 a.m. Outreach Breakfast—St. Michael's University Church  
Hosted by St. Brigid Fellowship — all parishioners invited!

### **Sunday, December 30 at 1 p.m.—Goleta Cemetery Visit with prayers and caroling**



**MONDAY NIGHT "FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY" (FPU)  
BASED ON THE TEACHING DVDs of DAVE RAMSEY**

**January 7-March 4, 2013 — Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.,**

St. Athanasius Orthodox Church, 5580 Calle Real in Goleta

Coordinated & led by Dn. Gary & Melissa Braun

The nine week class costs \$95 per couple/family/single. That includes materials and nine 90-minute class sessions.

Pre-registration is required. Even if you have told Dn. Gary or Melissa verbally that you would like to take the class, please also register online by using the following link:

<http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/42754/class/220736>

As soon as you register online, Melissa will contact you about payment and receipt of materials. Please tell your friends. This class is open to non-parish members and non-Orthodox families.

Please contact Melissa Braun(meljbraun@gmail.com) if you have any questions or if you do not have access to the internet to register. (683-8844)

## **2012 St. Nicholas Drive for the Needy**

From now until Monday, December 17th at 12:00 noon, we will be collecting backpacks (new and VERY gently used), warm caps, and gloves/mittens. These items will be part of the gifts that we distribute at the Outreach Breakfast on Christmas morning. Consider making it a fun family project to shop for these items, and bring them with you to the St. Nicholas Night program, or anytime before December 17th. What a great way to teach our children to follow the example of St. Nicholas by being generous to those who have less than we do!

**Drop your donated items in the large, green box in the fellowship hall.**

**Please do NOT gift-wrap the donated items.**

**Please limit your gifts to the specific items requested. Thanks!!**

## **Outreach Breakfast on Christmas Morning**

Our St. Brigid Ministry Team will be coordinating the lovely Christmas breakfast for the homeless and needy on Dec. 25th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's University Church in Isla Vista. We need lots of help with set-up, clean-up, food preparation, and entertainment, so please sign up to help in whatever way that you are able. The list is posted in the fellowship hall. Bring the entire family that day and enjoy an extra special Christmas morning blessing by opening your hearts to those in need!

# **TEEN SCENE**

## **RITE -13 plus (Grades 7-9)**

**Sunday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m.**—St. Nicholas Night Program

**Saturday, January 12th**—We will be conducting a fun and productive work day at St. Barbara's Monastery under the direction of Mother Victoria. Details TBA.

**January 18th-21st– WINTER CAMP at Camp St. Nicholas :** "Following Christ to the Cross." Register at <http://www.campstnicholas.com>. \$140 registration fee.

**Saturday, January 26th, 7-9 pm** --Bonfire at Hendry's Beach after Vespers.

**Saturday, February 16th:** Service Project: Challenger Division baseball team's annual Valentine dance for local physically and developmentally disabled youth.

**Saturday, February 23rd**—Family hike, picnic and games.

**Friday/Saturday, March 8-9**—Annual Rite-13 Retreat at St. Barbara's Monastery.

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

**Sunday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m.**—St. Nicholas Night Program

**Saturday December 29<sup>th</sup> 6 pm- 9 pm** – Vespers/Dinner/Christmas Party at Fr. Nicholas & Jan's house.

**Sunday, December 30th—9 am**– Fr. Nicholas will meet with the **SENIORS ONLY** at Elk's Lodge.

**Sunday, January 13th—5-7 pm**—"Fire on Father"

**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.

**January 18th-21st– WINTER CAMP at Camp St. Nicholas :** "Following Christ to the Cross." Register at <http://www.campstnicholas.com>. \$140 registration fee.

**Saturday February 2nd—4 pm-10 pm**- Vespers @ St. Herman's Orthodox Church in Oxnard/ Dinner/Sky High

**Friday, Feb. 22-Sun. Feb. 24**—YAC Retreat Weekend

## 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:**

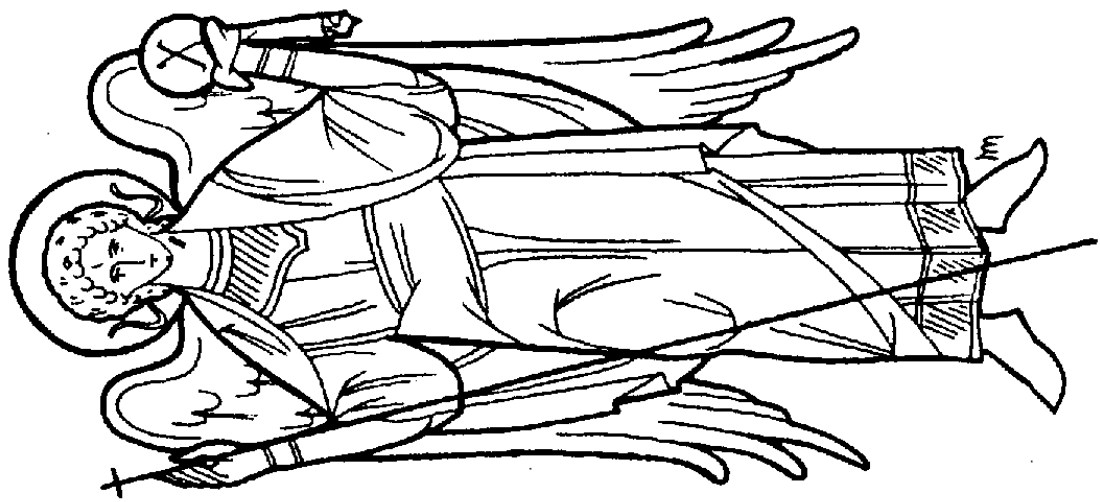
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| Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W. | Richard & Elizabeth     | Marta C. |
| John Weldon H.           | Sari W.                 | Joy      |
| Greg & Margaret Y.       | Mary & Susan            | Bob B.   |
|                          | Fran R.                 | Mike R.  |

**For repose of the souls of:** Patriarch Ignatius IV of Antioch, Patriarch Maxim of Bulgaria, Theophano, Roman, John H., Charles James B., Fran H.

### 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 -