



# ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

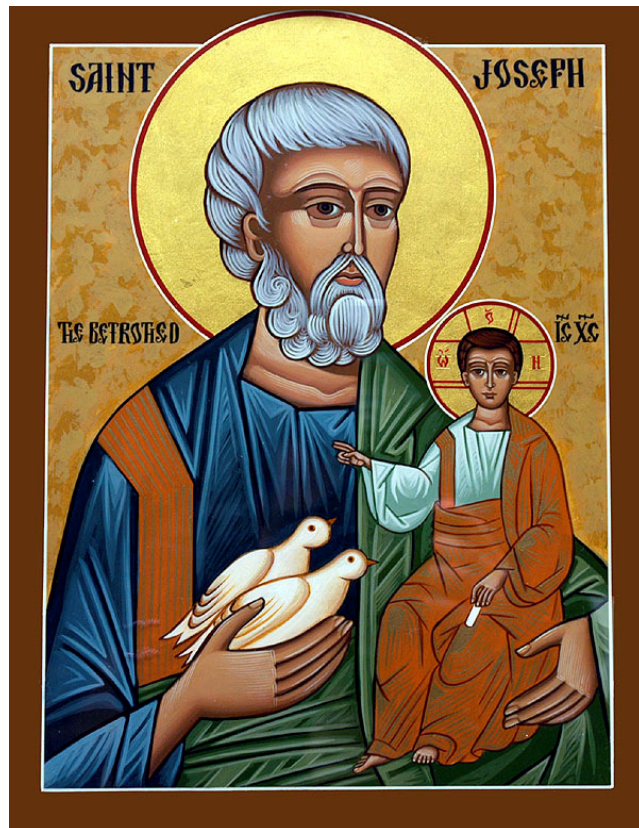
Sunday, December 30, 2012

Tone 5 / Eothinon 8

After-feast of & Sunday after the

Nativity of Christ

Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed, David the Prophet and King, and  
James the brother of the Lord



## 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 30**

- 9:00 a.m.** 12 th graders meet at Elk's  
with Fr. Nicholas
- 9:00 a.m. Matins
- 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 1:00 p.m. Blessing of the Graves and  
Carol singing at Goleta Cemetery

### **Monday, December 31**

- 6:45 a.m. Matins
- 4:15 p.m. St. Brigid Outreach dinner at  
St. Michael's in Isla Vista
- 6:00 p.m. Vespers Liturgy for St. Basil

### **Tuesday, January 1**

#### **FEAST OF CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD & ST. BASIL**

- 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

### **Wednesday, January 2**

- 6:45 a.m. Daily Matins for St. Seraphim
- 12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group

### **Thursday, January 3**

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

### **Friday, January 4**

- 6:45 a.m. Royal Hours of Epiphany

### **Saturday, January 5**

- 4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism
- 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers of Epiphany and  
Blessing of the Water

### **Sunday, January 6-EPIPHANY**

- 8:45 a.m. Rel. Education ages 3-18
- 9:00 a.m. Festal Matins
- 10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy
- 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Blessing of the Water  
at Goleta Beach followed by  
picnic

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

#### **Eucharist Bread**

- December 30 Kern
- January 6 D. Braun
- January 13 Thomas
- January 20 Hedges

#### **Coffee Hour**

- December 30 Christmas Cookie Potluck
- January 6 EPIPHANY-Picnic at  
Goleta Beach after Great  
Blessing of the Water
- January 13 J. Ferraez/S. Butler
- January 20 J. Wallerstedt/D. Washburn

#### **Greeters**

- December 30 P. King, P. Matthews
- January 6 C. & C. Giordani
- January 13 P. King/D. Lewis
- January 20 K. & L. Jacobs

#### **Ushers**

- December 30 Scott & Luke Speier, P. Brunner
- January 6 D. Meyer, Barre, Lewis
- January 13 Craig & Gabe Speier, P. King
- January 20 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...” - Complete text is  
in the front of the Liturgy Book.)**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Antiphon** (*Ps. 111*)

**Verse:** I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will make all Thy wonders known. In the company of the upright, in the congregation, great are the works of the Lord!

**Refrain:** **Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

**Verse:** They are sought out according to His will. Full of honor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

**Verse:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### **Second Antiphon** (*Ps. 112*)

**Verse:** Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

**Refrain:** **O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

**Verse:** Glory and wealth are in his house and his righteousness endures forever.  
**[Refrain]**

**Verse:** Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the Lord is merciful, compassionate and righteous. **[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** (*Ps. 110*)

**Chanter:** The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.”

**All:**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God,  
has shone to the world the light of wisdom!  
For by it, those who worshipped the stars,  
were taught by a star to adore Thee,  
the Sun of righteousness,  
and to know Thee, the Orient from on high.//  
O Lord, glory to Thee!

**Chanter:** The Lord will send Thee the scepter of power from Zion: “Rule in the midst of Thine enemies.”

**People:** Thy nativity, O Christ our God...

**Chanter:** With Thee is dominion on the day of thy birth, in the radiance of holiness.

**People:** Thy nativity, O Christ our God...

**At the Little Entrance with the Gospel we sing the following hymns for the day:**

**Troparion of the Resurrection**

**Tone 5**

**(Music on p. 47 of Liturgy Book)**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word,  
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born of the Virgin for our salvation.

For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh  
to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

**Troparion of the Nativity of Christ****Tone 4**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God,  
hath given rise to the Light of knowledge in the world,  
for they who did worship the stars  
did learn from them to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice,  
and to know that Thou didst come from the east of the Highest.  
Glory to Thee O Lord!

**Troparion for Sunday after Nativity of Christ****Tone 2**

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph,  
to David, the ancessor of God;  
you saw a Virgin great with child;  
you gave glory with the shepherds;  
you worshipped with the Magi;  
you received the news from the Angel.  
Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

**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 Nativity of Christ****Tone 8**

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One,  
and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One.  
Angels with shepherds glorify Him;  
The wise men journey with the star,  
since for our sakes the eternal God is born as a little child!

**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.

## **Prokeimenon—Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle**

**Tone 4**

God is wonderful in His Saints, the God of Israel.

**Verse:** In the churches bless ye God the Lord, from the  
Fountains of Israel.

### **Epistle Reading—Galatians 1:11-19**

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel, which was preached by me, is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles. I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

### **Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel (p. 65 of liturgy book)**

**Tone 5**

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

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

**Verse:** I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth;  
I will make known Thy faithfulness to all generations. (Ps 88/89:1)  
**Alleluia...**

**Verse:** For Thou hast said: "Mercy shall be built up forever;  
In the heavens shall Thy truth be established." (Ps 88/89:2) **Alleluia...**

### **Gospel Reading—Matthew 2:13-23**

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called My Son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region, who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in

Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more."

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead." And he rose and took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

## LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

**Meglynarion (Hymn to the Mother of God) - Instead of "It is truly meet," we sing:**

O my soul, magnify her who is more hon'orable and who is more glorious than the heav'nly host.

A mystery I behold which is strange and wondrous, the cave is heav'n, and the virgin is the throne of the Cherubim, in the confines of the manger is laid the infinite, Christ our god, whom we praise and magnify.

**Communion of the Clergy (Liturgy Book page 32)**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

The Lord has sent redemption to His people, Alleluia!

**Communion of the People (Liturgy Book page 33)**

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

**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.

### **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.*

## **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).

### **EPIPHANY CELEBRATION**

Friday, January 4	6:45 a.m.	Royal Hours of Epiphany
Saturday, January 5	6:00 p.m.	Festal Vespers followed by the Blessing of the Water
Sunday, January 6	9:00 a.m.	Festal Matins
	10:00 a.m.	Festal Liturgy
	12:30 p.m.	Great Blessing of the Water at Goleta Beach
	1:15 p.m.	Traditional "Subway Sandwich Picnic."

A donation of \$5/person is requested to cover the lunch.

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 Vespereal-Liturgy for St. Basil at 6:00 p.m. this Monday, December 31st.

### **UPCOMING FEAST DAY SERVICES**

Thursday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. Vespereal-Liturgy for Feast of Saints Athanasius & Cyril

Tuesday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m. Vespereal-Liturgy for Feast of the Three Hierarchs

### **PASTORAL VISIT BY ARCHBISHOP JOSEPH**

Archbishop Joseph will visit our parish on the weekend of February 9-10. Please make a special effort to attend Vespers and Matins that weekend and help us to welcome our beloved diocesan bishop.

### **ROOM FOR RENT WITH PRIVATE BATH- NEAR UCSB -\$790**

Seeking a serious female student for pleasant and clean room with own private bath in family home. Room looks out into sunny yard, fairly private entrance. Unfurnished or furnished. Close to bike path, beach, bus, shopping and short bike ride to UCSB. Utilities included. No smoking, pets, parties, overnight guests. Month to month. Call for an appointment. 805/967-8061.



## *CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK*

### Birthdays

01/01 Nikolai Nikolov  
01/02 Joan Thomas  
01/06 Robert Kinman

### Feast Day Celebrations

#### **Sunday after the Nativity (Joseph, David, James)**

##### **St. Joseph the Betrothed**

Joe Ballew, Dn. Scott Jacobs

##### **King David**

Gage Braun, Josh Braun, David Dillon,  
David Giordani, Jon King, David McCalmont,  
David McConnell, Jared Speier,  
David Washburn, David Lewis

##### **St. James, the Brother of Jesus**

Jim Morrison, Fr. Jim King, Richard Barre,  
Zavien Van Wagoner

**1/2 St. Juliana**

Alyssa Simonsen, Julianna Ballew

**1/2 St. Seraphim of Sorov**

Seraphima Butler

**1/3 St. Genevieve**

Genevieve Ferraez, Violet Gray

**1/4 Apostle Philip**

Phil Brewer

**1/4 St. Jason**

Jason Wallace

**1/6 Theophany**

Tiffany Van Wagoner

### **THEOPHANY—January 6th**

#### **A time for blessing & sanctifying our homes!**

For four days, the church prepares for Christ's baptism by John in the Jordan. As Christ came to bless and sanctify the waters of the Jordan river and, through them, all of creation, so in this feast will we be blessed by the water that we take from the church to our homes. In the few days that we have to get ready, we must prepare ourselves and our homes to welcome Christ. Now is the time to clean our rooms, prepare our altars, bring out the icon of the Baptism of Christ, (if possible) and to prepare the water that will be used to bless the house.

*Don't forget to call one of the priests of our parish to schedule an appointment for your House Blessing!*

# TEEN SCENE

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

**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 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.

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**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.**

**Please pray for the health of:**

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| Metropolitan PHILIP      | Olga G.                 | Brian S.          |
| Archbp. JOSEPH           | Leona G.                | Jim M.            |
| Fr. Alexander Atty       | Presbytera Katherine H. | Frank A.          |
| Mother Victoria          | Mick K. & Family        | Pat M.            |
| 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.           |
|                          |                         | Mike & Shelley D. |

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

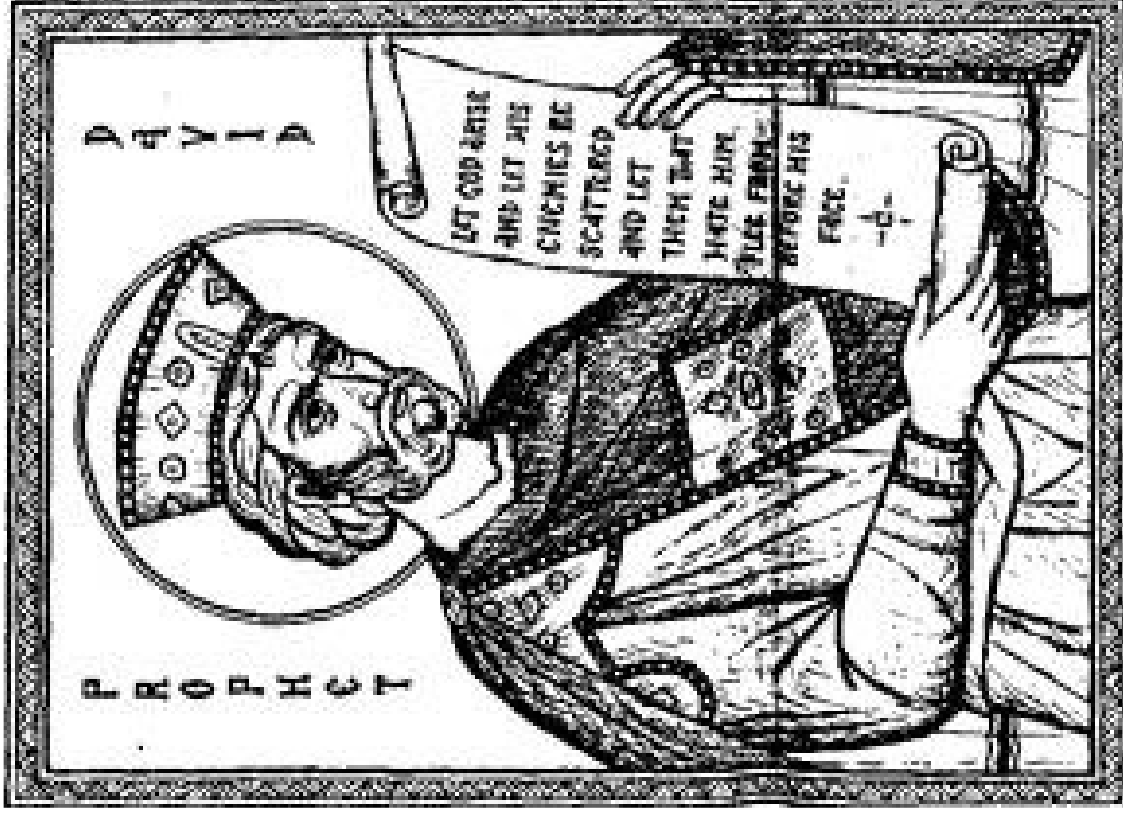
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**ST. ATHANASIUS BOOK CENTER**

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.**

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**"I was smallest among my brethren,  
and the youngest in the house  
of my father.**

*(from a Psalm of David)*