



# ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

**Sunday, November 24, 2013**

**Tone 5 / Eothinon 11; Twenty-second Sunday after  
Pentecost & Thirteenth Sunday of Luke**

**After-Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos**

Clement, Bishop of Rome; Hieromartyr Peter, Bishop of Alexandria;  
Hermogenes, Bishop of Agrigentum; Martyrs Philoumenos and  
Christopher; Martyr Alexander of Corinth,  
Great Martyr Catherine



## **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 and to join us at Coffee Hour ~  
we'd love to meet you!*

# Calendar for this Week

## Sunday, November 24

8:45 a.m. Rel. Ed. 3 yrs – High School  
9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
12:15 p.m. St. Brigid Team Meeting

## Monday, November 25

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

## Tuesday, November 26

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

## Wednesday, November 27

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group  
6:00 p.m. Akathist of Thanksgiving

## Thursday, November 28

### **THANKSGIVING**

No Daily Vespers

## Friday, November 29

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

## Saturday, November 30

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

## Sunday, December 1

8:45 a.m. Rel. Ed. 3 yrs – High School  
9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Potluck—Thanksgiving Leftovers

## *Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule*

### Eucharist Bread

November 24 Kern  
December 1 Dillon  
December 8 Gish  
December 15 Meyer

### Coffee Hour

November 24 Lander  
December 1 Thanksgiving Leftover  
Potluck  
December 8 R. Cash/D. McQuade  
December 15 Ballew/Lenhart in memory of  
Fr. Richard Ballew

### Greeters

November 24 D. & D. Alexander  
December 1 K. & L. Jacobs  
December 8 S. & C. Shackelford  
December 15 D. & D. Alexander

### Ushers

November 24 Jon King, G. Braun, P. King  
December 1 S. & L. Speier, P. Brunner  
December 8 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis  
December 15 C. & G. Speier, Rita Schneider

# 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—Verses for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:**

Vs. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of you, o city of God. [Refrain]

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

Vs. God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. [Refrain]

Vs. Glory...now & ever...Amen. [Refrain]

#### **Second Antiphon for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:**

Vs. The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary. [Refrain]

**Refrain: O Son Of God Who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!**

Vs. This is the gate of the Lord, by which the righteous shall enter. [Refrain]

Vs. Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteous [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 for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos with refrain:**

Vs. 1 Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.

**Refrain:**

**Today is the prelude of the good will of God,  
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.  
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,  
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.  
Let us rejoice  
and sing to her://  
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”**

Vs. 2 The King’s daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. [Refrain]

Vs. 3 Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee. [Refrain]

**- PROCESSION OF THE CLERGY -  
AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL  
HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

**Troparion of the Resurrection**

**Tone 5**

**(Music on p. 47-48 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 Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple**

**Tone 4**

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,  
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.  
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,  
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.  
Let us rejoice and sing to her://  
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

**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 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. 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 5**

#### **(Page 60 of Liturgy Book)**

Thou O Lord shall keep us and preserve us from this generation forever. (*Ps 11/12:7*)

**Verse:** Save me O Lord, for there is now no saint. (*Ps 11/12:1*)

## **EPISTLE READING FOR THE DAY**

### **Galatians 6:11-18**

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God.

Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

## Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel

Tone 4

(Music on Page 65 in Liturgy Book)

**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 FOR THE DAY

#### Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: `Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

### LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

**Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God (Liturgy Book, Page 27)**

**(Hymn to the Mother of God for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos)**

The Angels beheld the Entrance of the Pure One and were amazed.

How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since she is a living Ark of God

let no profane hand touch the Theotokos.

But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her,

praising her in joy with the Angel's song:

"Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

**Hymn sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist: (Liturgy Book, Page 32)**

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

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord! Alleluia! (Psalm 116:13)

**Hymn during Communion of the People (Liturgy Book, Page 33)**

Of Thy mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant. For I will not speak of they mysteries to Thine enemies. Neither like Judas will I give Thee a kiss. But like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom!

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.

## **CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK**

### **Birthdays**

11/25 Dee Kern  
11/25 Elizabeth Butler  
11/25 Elleney King  
11/26 Judy Braun  
11/27 Shirley Dillon  
12/1 Anya Madrigal  
12/1 Lydia Sieck

### **Patron Saint Commemorations**

#### **November 24 St. Catherine the Martyr**

Katie AbuGhazaleh, Catherine Braun, Diane Carrillo,  
Melissa Hedges, Gloria Morrison, Amanda Morrison,  
Ekaterina Nikolov, Amanda Simonsen, Jami Stetler  
Kate Vander Laan

#### **November 24 St. Clement of Rome**

Farley Clementine Easbey

#### **November 27 St. James the Persian**

James Dillon

#### **November 30 Apostle Andrew**

Johannes DeBruin, Ryan Franzen,

Lee Jacobs, Andrew Meyer, Andy Simonsen

# 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).

## UPCOMING ADVENT SERVICES:

- This Wednesday, 11/27 (the eve of Thanksgiving) at 6:00 p.m. we will pray the beautiful **Akathist of Thanksgiving**, "Glory to God for All Things." What a great way to begin the Thanksgiving weekend with your entire family!
- **Liturgy for Feast of St. Nicholas**—Friday, 12/6 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Advent Paraklesis**—Wednesday, 12/11, and Wednesday, 12/18 at 6:00 p.m.

**POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY AFTER LITURGY! Please bring a dish to share. Great way to get rid of those Thanksgiving leftovers!**

## ADVENT PRAYER CARD

Please consider who you would like the clergy to pray for throughout the Advent season and put your prayer card in the box in the narthex or in the tithe box.

## ADVENT CARE PACKAGES

As a parish, one of the ways we'd like to reach out to our community during this Advent season, is through the distribution of small food item bags to the homeless in our community. The Women's Fellowship is asking each family in the parish to donate a minimum of \$5.00 to our Advent project. We will gladly accept more if you are able and willing! With your donations, we will buy the "ingredients" for the bags, assemble them and have them available for all of you to distribute during this Advent season. You can make your check out to the SAOC, with the notation "Advent Project" and put it in the tithe box by Sunday, December 1st. If you have any questions, please email Karen Jacobs at [ki-jacobs@cox.net](mailto:ki-jacobs@cox.net). Thank you in advance for your participation and care!

## FOR THE WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Ladies, please reserve **Saturday morning, Dec. 7th** for a Women's Fellowship Advent gathering. We're going to put together the bags of food items for the homeless and fellowship as we work! It has been some time since we've had a project to do together. In the past, it has been great fun working together. The more ladies we have, the more we can accomplish. Please bring your daughters (ages 8 and up) as this is a wonderful time for them join us in service!

## FEAST OF ST. BARBARA— CELEBRATIONS

St. Barbara Greek Church	Tues. Dec. 3	Great Vespers	6:00 p.m.
	Wed. Dec. 4	Matins/Liturgy (with Metropolitan Gerasimos serving)	9:00/10:00 a.m.
St. Barbara Monastery	Tues. Dec. 3	Great Vespers/Vigil	4:00 p.m.
	Wed. Dec. 4	Hours/Liturgy (with Archbishop Benjamin serving)	10:00 a.m.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
TWO UPCOMING  
PARISH FAMILY CELEBRATIONS!**



*A Celebration of the  
Life of St. Nicholas*

- A narrative with music -  
Some of the music is composed by  
members of our parish.

Sunday, December 8, 2013  
6:00 p.m.

St. Nicholas will make an appearance  
and leave a treat for each child.  
Lenten refreshments will be served.

*Christmas Family  
Night*

Friday, December 27, 2013  
7:00 p.m.

Carol sing-a-long, including our traditional  
“Twelve Days of Christmas!”

Open-mic talent show— all ages welcome!

Bring an hors d’oeuvre or dessert to share.  
Beverages provided



# TEEN SCENE

## JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

Schedule of Activities and Service Projects  
September- November 2013



**SERVICE IN ACTION!**  
Photo: Rite-13 serving at Transition House  
11/17/13

### RITE-13 Grades 7-8

#### **December**

Sunday, 12/7

Tree decorating/Nativity cave making and cookie decorating after Great Vespers

Saturday, 12/14

Transition House shopping for kids gifts

### J2A Grades 9-10

#### **December**

Sunday, 12/22

Great American Melodrama for the Holiday Extravaganza, following Liturgy

### YAC Grades 11-12

#### **December**

Sunday, 12/29

Christmas Party/White Elephant Gift exchange

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **YES! Weekend** (Youth Equipped to Serve) - January 17-19, 2014 (Martin Luther King Weekend)
  - Camp St. Nicholas **Winter Teen Camp** - February 14-17, 2014 (Presidents' 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. Alexander Atty        | Gail S.                 | Richard               |
| Mother Victoria           | Olga G.                 | Eleni Z.              |
| Met. Paul & Abp. John     | Leona G.                | Sylvia G.             |
| who have been             | Presbytera Katherine H. | Jimmy                 |
| kidnapped by terrorists   | Mick K. & Family        | Molly M.              |
| in Turkey.                | Mary & Susan            | Infants Luke & Andrew |
| Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W.  | Duane F.                |                       |
| Greg & Margaret Y.        | Marna D.                |                       |
| Mary Ellen B.             | Frank G.                |                       |
| Kate, David, Salem & Baby | Patrick B.              |                       |
| Kh. Luann B.              | Baby Christian F.       |                       |

**For repose of the souls of:** Rae, Bobbie B., Bill

**ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS:**

Prayer requests in the bulletin are prayed out loud during the deacons’ litanies and should be submitted to the church office—[office@stathanasius.org](mailto:office@stathanasius.org).

Prayer requests put into the **wooden box in the narthex** will be said silently at the altar at most services. During the **Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy**, only Orthodox Christians are commemorated, and that list is comprised of the sick, those celebrating special occasions listed in the bulletin, and those who prepared the Eucharist bread.

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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.”

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(For the children to color during the homily or at home)