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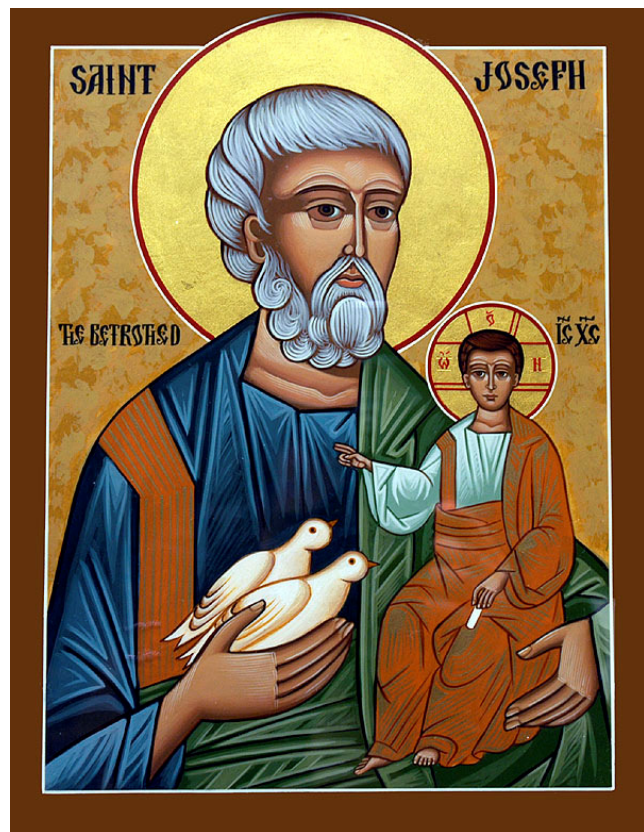
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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Sunday, December 29, 2013 Tone 2 / Eothinon 5

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

Calendar for this Week

Sunday, December 29

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Christmas Cookie Potluck
1:00 p.m. Blessing of the Graves at Goleta Cemetery

Monday, December 30

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

Tuesday, December 31

6:00 p.m. Vesperal-Liturgy for Feast of St. Basil

Wednesday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

No Matins, No Women's Prayer Group

Thursday, January 2

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers for St. Seraphim

Friday, January 3

6:45 a.m. Royal Hours of Epiphany

Saturday, January 4

7:30 a.m. Clergy Meeting
4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, January 5

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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 at Goleta Cemetery

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

December 29 Kern
January 5 Hedges
January 12 Tinyayeva
January 19 Thomas

Coffee Hour

December 29 Potluck: Christmas treats
January 5 Gray/Matthews/Ferraez to commemorate St. Genevieve of Paris (Only Coffee & Tea after Liturgy)
January 12 Picnic at Goleta Beach after Great Blessing of the Water
January 19 D. Washburn/J. Wallerstedt and Social Committee (reception in commemoration of Archbishop Joseph's Pastoral Visit, St. Xenia, and St. Athanasius)

Greeters

December 29 D. Washburn/D. Lewis
January 5 K. & L. Jacobs
January 12 S. & C. Shackelford
January 19 D. & D. Alexander, P. King

Ushers

December 29 S. & L. Speier, P. Brunner
January 5 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis
January 12 C. Speier, Rita Schneider, P. King
January 19 S. & L. 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 (*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. **[Refrain]**

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

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 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 (*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 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 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 ancestor 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 (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 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. 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.

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 2

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 119/120:1)*

Verse: *Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 119/120:9)*

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 forth 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 for the Feast of the Nativity—Hymn to the Mother of God (Liturgy Book, Page 27)

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!

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

12/29 Karen Jacobs
1/1 Nikolay Nikolov
1/2 Joan Thomas

Patron Saint Commemorations

12/29 Sunday after the Nativity of Christ

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

St. James, the Brother of Jesus Richard Barre, Fr. Jim King, Jim Morrison
Zavien Van Wagoner

1/2 St. Juliana of Lazarevo Alyssa Simonsen, Julianna Ballew

1/2 St. Seraphim of Sorov Sierra Seraphima Butler

1/3 St. Genevieve of Paris Jennifer Genevieve Ferraez, Violet Gray

1/4 St. Philip the Apostle Phil Brewer

1/4 St. Jason the Apostle of the 70 Jason Wallace

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

There will be no Sunday Religious Education classes until we are settled into our new building. The teachers will keep parents informed of the date on which classes will resume.

LITURGY FOR ST. BASIL/NEW YEAR

Join us this Tuesday evening, December 31st at 6:00 p.m. as we welcome the New Year with the Vespereal-Liturgy for the Feast of St. Basil.

HOLIDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-6—Thurs. January 2nd

We will offer a one-day vacation school on Thursday, January 2nd from 9 a.m.– 2 p.m. We will have a lesson on the Nativity and Epiphany, and take a field trip — probably to the Botanical Gardens. For more information or to sign up, contact Libby Kinman at libn8r@hotmail.com or 680-2520.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATIONS

Friday, January 3	6:45 a.m.	Royal Hours
Monday, January 6	6:00 p.m.	Vespereal Liturgy
Sunday, January 12	12:30 p.m.	Great Blessing of the Water at Goleta Beach along with St. Barbara Greek Parish followed by our traditional 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.

MOVE TO THE NEW BUILDING

We will begin moving over to our new building the week of January 13. Our final Liturgy on Calle Real will be January 12th. Very soon, we will let you know what kind volunteer help we need with packing, moving, and unpacking. The following dates have been set by the Outreach, Social and Building Committees for events related to welcoming guests into our new home:

Sat., Jan. 18, 2014	First Great Vespers in new building, 6 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 19	Archbishop Joseph's Pastoral Visit (Fr. Nicholas will be inviting some of the Central Coast Orthodox clergy & parishioners to join us.)
Sat., Feb. 15	Pastor's Open House
Sat., May 3	Community Open House (This is the time to invite your neighbors, colleagues, non-Orthodox family and friends. Will include tours, mini-concert, refreshments, and Great Vespers. More details TBA.)

TEEN SCENE

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

Schedule of Activities and Service Projects
September- November 2013

YAC Grades 11-12

Date TBA 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)
 - Project Mexico Mission Trip—August 13-19, 2014

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

TODAY at 1 p.m.—Goleta Cemetery Visit with prayers and caroling

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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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| Fr. Alexander Atty | Kh. Luann B. | Eleni Z. |
| Mother Victoria | Gail S. | Sylvia G. |
| Met. Paul & Abp. John | Olga G. | Jimmy |
| who have been | Leona G. | Molly M. |
| kidnapped by terrorists | Mick K. & Family | Infants Luke & Andrew |
| in Turkey. | Mary & Susan | Joy |
| Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W. | Duane F. | Victoria T. |
| Fr. Luke H. and Family | Marna D. | Nataliya T. |
| Greg & Margaret Y. | Frank G. | Galina |
| Mary Ellen B. | Baby Christian F. | |
| Kate, David, Salem & Baby Miriam | Richard | |

For repose of the souls of: Bill, Presbyter Katherine H., Patrick B., Andrew S.

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.

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. Others are prayed for during the Proskomedie (Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion).

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.”

