



# ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

**Sunday, January 5, 2014**  
**Feast of the Theophany of Christ**  
**(Transferred from January 6)**

Martyrs Theopemptos the Bishop of Nicomedia and Theonas the  
Former Magician; Venerable Syncletica of Alexandria;  
Venerable-martyr Romanos of Athos



## 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, January 5-Transfer of the Feast of Epiphany (Theophany) of our Lord **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
5:00 p.m. YAC Christmas/Epiphany Party

## Monday, January 6

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

## **NO EPIPHANY SERVICE**

## Tuesday, January 7

### **Synaxis of St. John the Baptist**

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers (for St. John)  
7:00 p.m. Teen Leaders Meeting

## Wednesday, January 8

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

## Thursday, January 9

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

## Friday, January 10

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

## Saturday, January 11

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

## Sunday, January 12

### **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
12:15 p.m. Blessing of Water at Goleta  
Beach followed by picnic

## *Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule*

### Eucharist Bread

January 5 Hedges  
January 12 Tinyayeva  
January 19 Thomas  
January 26 Giordani

### Coffee Hour

January 5 V. Gray/P. Matthews to  
commemorate St. Genevieve of Paris  
January 12 (Only Coffee & Tea after Liturgy)  
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)  
January 26 Shackelford/Genatone

### Greeters

January 5 K. & L. Jacobs  
January 12 S. & C. Shackelford  
January 19 D. & D. Alexander, P. King  
January 26 P. Morrison, D. Genatone

### Ushers

January 5 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis  
January 12 C. Speier, Rita Schneider, P. King  
January 19 J. King, G. Braun Jr., P. King  
January 26 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**

### **First Antiphon—Psalm Verses for the Feast with Refrain**

**Verse:** When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

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

**Verse:** The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back. What ails you, o sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? [refrain]

**Verse:** Glory....now and ever... [refrain]

### **Second Antiphon— Psalm Verses for the Feast with Refrain**

**Verse:** I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.  
Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

**Refrain:** **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee,  
Alleluia!**

**Verse:** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. I suffered distress and anguish, then I called on the name of the Lord. [refrain]

**Verse:** Gracious and righteous is the Lord, and our God is merciful. [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—Psalm Verses with Troparion as refrain**

Verse: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, For his mercy endures forever!

**Refrain:** When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,  
worship of the trinity was made manifest!  
For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,  
calling You his beloved Son.  
And the spirit, in the likeness of a dove  
confirmed the truth of His Word.  
Christ our God, Who has appeared  
and enlightened the world,  
glory to You!

Verse: Let the house of Israel say: for He is good,  
For His mercy endures forever! [refrain]

Verse: Let the house of Aaron say: for He is good,  
For His mercy endures forever! [refrain]

### **LITTLE ENTRANCE**

**Deacon:** Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has  
revealed Himself to us!

**People:** O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

### **Troparion of Epiphany (Music on next page.)**

**Tone 1**

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,  
worship of the trinity was made manifest!  
For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,  
calling You his beloved Son.  
And the spirit, in the likeness of a dove  
confirmed the truth of His Word.  
Christ our God, Who has appeared  
and enlightened the world, glory to You!

### **Kontakian of Epiphany**

**Tone 4**

Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord,  
and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us.  
Knowing You, we sing Your praises:  
“You have come and revealed Yourself, //  
O unapproachable Light.”

## **ANTI-TRISAGION (replaces the Trisagion. (p. 13 of Liturgy Book)**

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3 times)

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

Deacon: With strength!

People: As many as have been baptized...

### **Prokeimenon before the Epistle**

**Tone 4**

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

Vs. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

### **Epistle Reading— Titus 2:11-15, 3:4-7**

Titus, my son, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for Himself a people of His own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

### **Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel (p. 65 of liturgy book) Tone 5**

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

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

Vs. Bring unto the Lord, O Sons of God, bring young rams unto the Lord!  
(Alleluia...)

Vs. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters! The glory of God thundered, the  
Lord is upon many waters! (Alleluia...)

### **Gospel Reading— Matthew 3:13-17**

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

### **LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL**

#### **Meglynarion (Hymn to the Mother of God—p. 27 of Liturgy book)**

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos,  
more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos;  
even Angels are overcome with awe praising you.  
But since you are good, accept our faith;  
for you know our love inspired by God!  
You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you.

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

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all. Alleluia. (Titus 2:11)

#### **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 thy 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.

**After Communion, instead of singing “We have seen the true light,” we sing the troparion of the Feast: “When You, O Lord were baptized in the Jordan...”**

#### ***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***

### **Anniversaries**

1/08 Tyler & Taylor Speier

1/09 Mark & Dee Kern

### **Birthdays**

1/6 Robert Kinman

1/9 Carla Harris

1/10 Kalix Braun

### **Patron Saint Commemorations**

1/6 **Feast of Theophany**

Tiffany Van Wagoner

1/7 **St. John the Baptist (Synaxis)**

Greyson AbuGhazaleh, Ronald John Berari,  
Kalix Braun, Fr. John Finley, John Charles Finley,  
John Kyle Heiduk, Gianni Madrigal,  
John Ronan Meyer, Johnny Wallace

1/12 **St. Tatiana the Martyr**

Tatiana Speier

## **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 we are blessed by the water that we take from the church to our homes. 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!*

# 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).

## 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.

## EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

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 of 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:

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| 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.)<br>Matins 9:00 a.m., Liturgy 10:00 a.m.<br>Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. to greet the archbishop when he enters. |
| Sat., Feb. 15       | Pastor's Open House   |
| Sat., May 3         | Community Open House ( <b>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.</b> )  |



# **ADVENT & NATIVITY 2013**

Thanks to the many volunteers whose hard work and dedication made it all possible!

**Advent Seminar—Nov 15-16,**

**St. Nicholas Night-Dec. 8**



**St. Brigid Christmas Outreach Breakfast  
Dec. 25**

**Christmas Family Night-Dec. 27**

**Memorial for Infants & Unborn-Dec. 28**

# TEEN SCENE

## JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

Schedule of Activities and Service Projects  
September- November 2013

### YAC Grades 11-12

Sunday, January 5     Christmas & Epiphany Potluck/White Elephant Gift exchange  
at Fr. Nicholas and Jan's house.

### 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

## 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:**

|                                  |                   |                       |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 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. | Frances C.            |
| Kate, David, Salem & Baby Miriam | Richard           |                       |

**For repose of the souls of:** 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](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. 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."

