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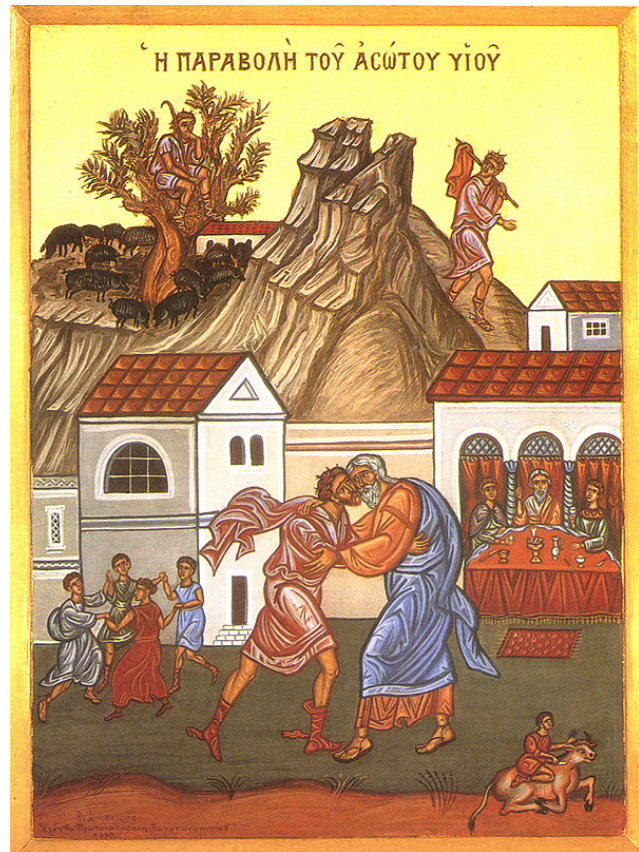
LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, February 16, 2014

Tone 1 / Eothinon 1

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Martyr Pamphilos, priest of Caesarea in Palestine and his companions;
Venerable Flavian the hermit;
Venerable-martyr Romanos from Solovak of Carpenision



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, February 16

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-Teens only

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

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Monday, February 17

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

Eucharist Bread

February 16 Dillon
February 23 Meyer/Giordani
March 2 Tinyayeva
March 9 Thomas

Tuesday, February 18

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Coffee Hour

February 16 C. & C. Robinson (in honor of
Fr. Nicholas' birthday)
February 23 Meatfare Picnic
March 2 Cheesefare Potluck
March 9 Roberts

Wednesday, February 19

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

Greeters

February 16 D. Washburn/D. Lewis
February 23 S. & C. Shackelford
March 2 D. & D. Alexander
March 9 P. Morrison/D. Genatone

Thursday, February 20

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

Ushers

February 16 Jon King, G. Braun Jr., P. King
February 23 S. & L. Speier, P. Brunner
March 2 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis
March 9 C. Speier, Rita Schneider, P. King

Friday, February 21

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, February 22

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

Sunday, February 23—MEATFARE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Teens only

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

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—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 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—The Beatitudes or “Sermon on the Mount”

After each of the verses sung by a quartet, the choir and congregation sing the refrain:

“Remember us, O Lord, when you come in your Kingdom.”

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

Troparion of the Resurrection (music on p. 40 of Liturgy Book)

Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews,
and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst arise on the third day,
O Savior, granting life to the world.
For which cause the heavenly pow'rs cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life;
Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy kingdom!
Glory to Thy providence, O Thou
Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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 of the Prodigal Son

Tone 3

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father;
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You had given me.
Therefore I cry to You like the Prodigal:
“I have sinned before You, O compassionate Father;
Receive me a penitent, and make me as one
of Your hired servants!”

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 9 of Liturgy Book)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal one, 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
(Music on p. 56 of Liturgy book)**

Tone 1

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee. (Ps 32/33:22)

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise is becoming to the upright.
(Ps 32/33:1)

EPISTLE READING—1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality! Every other sin, which a man commits, is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which belong to God.

**Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel
(Music on Page 64 in Liturgy Book)**

Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: It is God Who avenges me, and subdues people under me. (Ps 17/18:47)

Verse: He gives great deliverance to His King, and shows mercy to His anointed,
to David and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)

GOSPEL READING—Luke 15:11-32

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But the son was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

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

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.

Communion of the Clergy (Liturgy Book page 32)

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

Communion of the People (Liturgy Book page 33)

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

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.

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

2/19 Ben & Viktoria Hedges

Birthdays

2/16 Lee Jacobs

2/19 Jan Finley

2/20 Noelle Ballew

2/21 Tyson Shackelford

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

The complete schedule of services for Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha is on the parish website calendar.

MEATFARE SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 23rd!

Next Sunday we will say farewell to meat for the duration of the Great Fast. Join us for our annual Meatfare Picnic at Tucker's Grove (Kiwaniis Meadows—Area 5) at 1:00 p.m. All families are asked to bring their own meat to grill (the barbecue will be fired up), a salad or side dish to share and a beverage of choice. Paper dishes, cups, napkins and plastic cutlery will be provided. Please bring your own plates and cutlery if you need something sturdier. We will serve only beverages at Coffee Hour next week. (From Highway 101 take Turnpike Road north across Cathedral Oaks Road. The park entrance is straight ahead. Follow signs to area 5.)

LENTEN SEMINAR—A great way to begin your Lenten journey!

Friday, February 28 7-9:00 p.m.

“The Mystery of the Shroud: Its connection to the burial wrappings of Christ”

Fr. John Finley, presenter

Saturday, March 1 9-11:00 a.m.

“The Christian Journey: Overcoming Distractions” (How to focus on our inner life; finding the answer to the question: “Who am I?” and going deeper into our spiritual heart.) Fr. Nicholas Speier, presenter

March 2—Cheese Fare Sunday

Cheesy Potluck after Liturgy: Please bring a cheesy, dairy-rich dish to share!

GREAT LENT BEGINS ON THE EVENING OF Sunday, March 2nd, after the Vespers of Forgiveness, which are at 6:00 p.m. Please make plans for your entire family to join us for this beautiful service, as we have the opportunity to enter into our Lenten journey by giving and receiving forgiveness from each other.

OUR PARISH WILL HOST THE CENTRAL COAST PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS this year to celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy on **March 9th at 6:00 p.m.** Please be with us for this triumphant service as we welcome our local Orthodox brethren into our new “home!”

FRIDAY EVENING LENTEN SOUP DINNERS

It's that time again! We'll be gathering for soup and bread each Friday evening during Great Lent after the 6:00 p.m. Akathist service. Please see the sign-up board in the fellowship hall and consider volunteering to provide part of a meal on one of the Friday evenings. These gatherings always prove to be a relaxed and enjoyable time of fellowship.

ALL-PARISH MEETING—Sunday, March 16th

We will have an all-parish meeting after Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 16th to get an update on our finances and budget for 2014, including the Building Fund, to have a brief orientation to our new “home,” and to discuss our new goals for the Building Project. Please reserve this date on your family calendar. More information will follow.

SETTLING INTO OUR NEW HOME

As we get settled into our new building, we will be adjusting to the new space, trying out different ways of doing things, and learning some guidelines for how to be good stewards of our beautiful building. The request for this week is:

To enter or leave the nave of the church please use the doors going out into the foyer so that we can keep the noise down and maintain a sense of having a narthex in which we transition from the outside world to our worship space. Please do not use the two sets of double doors in the back of the large hall (going out to the patio) to enter or leave the nave. Those doors will be blocked to remind all of us to go around.

NEED COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

We still need coffee hour hosts for the following dates:

March 30 April 6 May 18 & 25 June 1, 22, 29 August 10, 17, 24

Please contact the church office if you are able to host or co-host on one of these dates.

The Prodigal Son

After the Polyeleion at Matins this Sunday we first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon" which serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel:

Psalm 136

“By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.

Upon the willows in her midst, we hung up our musical instruments;

For there our captors asked us for words from our songs,

and those who carried us off said to us,

“Sing us the songs of Zion...”

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“The theme of man’s exile from God, his estrangement from the true spiritual reality to which he belongs, is constantly repeated in the Lenten services. We are not at home. We are not where we belong. We are alienated and estranged. We are in exile. This message is at the very heart of the biblical world view. It is at the center of Christ’s teaching, and that of His prophets, apostles, martyrs and saints of all ages. It is symbolized in many different ways in scriptural stories, parables and events. The Lenten season makes use of them all. Spiritually, we are all “by the waters of Babylon.” Our true home is Jerusalem; not a place on the map, but a spiritual reality. It is the true Jerusalem, the city of God, the Jerusalem on high which, according to St. Paul, is “free, and she is our mother.” (Gal. 4:26)

- from *The Lenten Spring* by Fr. Thomas Hopko

TEEN SCENE

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

Schedule of Activities and Service Projects—FEBRUARY, 2014

Rite 13 (Grades 7-8)

Sunday, February 23 Service Project: Serve dinner at Rescue Mission

J2-A (Grades 9-10)

Sunday, February 23 Fire on Father, 5:00 p.m. at Fr. Nicholas and Jan's

YAC (Grades 11-12)

Sunday, February 23 Fire on Father, 5:00 p.m. at Fr. Nicholas and Jan's

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Project Mexico Mission Trip—August 13-19, 2014

SAVE THE DATE!

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE & RECEPTION

to welcome our friends, neighbors, family,
and local dignitaries into our new “home!”

Saturday, May 3, 2014

2:00-5:00 p.m.

Live musical presentations each hour, refreshments,
church tours, Great Vespers

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:

Fr. Alexander Atty
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
 who have been
 kidnapped by terrorists
 in Turkey.
Peggy K. and Family
Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W.
Fr. Luke H. and Family
Greg & Margaret Y.
Mary Ellen B.

Kh. Luann B.
Gail S.
Olga G.
Leona G.
Mick K. & Family
Mary & Susan
Duane F.
Marna D.
Frank G.
Baby Christian F.
Richard

Eleni Z.
Sylvia G.
Jimmy
Molly M.
Joy
Victoria T.
Nataliya T.
Galina
Frances C.

For repose of the souls of: Patrick B., Andrew S., Fr. Jim, Robert H., Lou

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.”

-For the children to color during
the homily or at home -

THE PRODIGAL SON:

