



# ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

**Sunday, November 23, 2014**

**Tone 7 / Eothinon 2; Twenty-Fourth Sunday after  
Pentecost & Ninth Sunday of Luke**

**After-feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos**

Amphilokios, Bishop of Iconium; Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum; Ischyryon, Bishop in Egypt and Hermit of Sketis;  
Venerable Sisinius the Confessor of Kyzikos



## **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

ADVENT BEGINS THIS WEEK.

## Sunday, November 23

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed. (ages 3-18)  
9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. "Give Thanks Goleta" Service

## Monday, November 24

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
5:00 p.m. Outreach Meal at St. Michael's  
University Church in Isla Vista

## Tuesday, November 25

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

## Wednesday, November 26

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins  
12:00 p.m. Women's Prayer Group  
5:30 p.m. Akathist of Thanksgiving

## Thursday, November 27

THANKSGIVING—NO SERVICES

## Friday, November 28

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

## Saturday, November 29

NO CATECHISM

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

## Sunday, November 30

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

# *Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule*

## Eucharist Bread

November 23 Thomas  
November 30 Kern  
December 7 Meyer  
December 14 Tinyayeva

## Coffee Hour

November 23 S. & M. Williams  
November 30 Thanksgiving POTLUCK  
December 7 A. & K. Speier  
December 14 Teens

## Greeters

November 23 D. Washburn/D. Lewis  
November 30 K. & L. Jacobs  
December 7 S. & C. Shackelford  
December 14 Christie Robinson, Kent Fox

## Ushers

November 23 J. King, G. Braun Jr., G. Shannon  
November 30 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King  
December 7 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis  
December 14 C. Speier, R. Schneider, P. King

## Readers

November 23 M. Kern  
November 30 M. Kern  
December 7 V. Gish  
December 14 D. Meyer

### **LOST AND FOUND**

The Lost and Found basket is located in the little alcove next to the sitting area with the sofas and rocking chair.

### **AED**

**(Automated External Defibrillator)**

The AED is located in the foyer, on the ledge of the window that looks into the church office.

# 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 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 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]

**LITTLE ENTRANCE**

**AS THE CLERGY ENTER THE ALTAR, WE SING THE FOLLOWING  
HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

**Troparion of the Resurrection**

**(Music on p. 50 of Liturgy book)**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross;  
Thou didst open paradise to the thief;  
Thou didst turn the sadness of the  
ointment bearing women into joy,  
and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim  
a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ,  
granting the world the great mercy.

**Tone 7** (Byzantine melody  
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)

**Troparion of Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple**

**Tone 4** (Slavic Chant)

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** (Byzantine melody  
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)

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**

**Tone 4** (Slavic Chant)

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 (Music composed for our parish by Nazo Zakkak)**

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (sung 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.

**Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle**  
(Page 61 of Liturgy Book)

**Tone 7** (Byzantine melody  
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Vs: Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

## EPISTLE READING—Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

### Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel

Tone 7

(Music on page 64 of Liturgy Booklet)

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Verse:** It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Thy  
Name, O Most High. **Alleluia...**

**Verse:** To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth  
in the night. **Alleluia...**

## GOSPEL READING—Luke 12:16-21

The Lord spoke this parable, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear".

## LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

### Meglynarion—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!"

## Hymns sung as the clergy receive the Eucharist for the feast of the Cross

- Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
- I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord! Alleluia! (Psalm 116:13)
- The Jesus Prayer: “O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

## CHURCH ETIQUETTE CORNER

### Remain to Give Thanks

As we would remain after a meal to give thanks to our host, it is customary to remain after Communion to give thanks to our Lord for blessing us with the “medicine of immortality” and to receive the final blessing of Christ from the priest. There may be exceptions with children and those setting up coffee hour, but let us make every effort to conclude our worship with thanksgiving.

## 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

### Patron Saint Commemorations

11/23 St. Alexander Nevsky Alexander Nikolov, Brett Williams  
11/24 St. Catherine the Martyr  
Katie Abughazaleh, Catherine Braun, Kh. Diane Carrillo, Melissa Hedges,  
Gloria Morrison, Amanda (Morrison) Nelepa, Ekaterina Nikolov,  
Amanda Simonsen, Jami Stetler, Kate Vander Laan

11/24 St. Clement of Rome Farley Easbey  
11/27 St. James of Persia James Dillon  
11/20 St. Andrew the Apostle Johannes De Bruin, 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).

### **ALL-PARISH MEETING ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th at 12:00 p.m.**

Please join the Parish Council for a brief update on the building project and a summary of the results from our all-parish workshop regarding the priorities going forward.

## **UPCOMING FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS & SPECIAL SERVICES**

### **GIVE THANKS GOLETA! TONIGHT from 6-7:00 p.m.**

The local, civic, business and church leaders of Goleta, as well as the residents, are invited to a celebration of thanks this evening for all of the blessings of living, working and playing in Goleta, the "Good Land." Fr. Nicholas will give the benediction. The service will take place at the Goleta Valley Community Center, 5679 Hollister Ave.

### **THANKSGIVING**

Wednesday, November 26, 2014      **5:30 p.m.**      Akathist of Thanksgiving  
Please note time change from 6 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### **FEAST OF ST. BARBARA**

Wednesday, December 3, 2014      6:00 p.m.      Vespers at St. Barbara Greek Parish  
4:00 p.m.      Vigil at St. Barbara Monastery/light supper

Thursday, December 4, 2014      9:00 a.m.      Matins at St. Barbara Greek Parish  
10:00 a.m.      Divine Liturgy at St. Barbara Greek Parish  
9:40 a.m.      Hours at St. Barbara Monastery  
10:00 a.m.      Divine Liturgy at St. Barbara Monastery  
followed by lunch

### **ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION—Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 p.m.**

We will celebrate the life of St. Nicholas of Myra on Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 p.m. by telling the story of his saintly life in narration, pictures and music. It will be a fun evening for the whole family. A lenten reception and visit from St. Nicholas will follow the program.

### **INCOME FOR OCTOBER 2014**

Monthly tithe Goal (includes mortgage payment on bldg.)	\$47,000
Received in October	\$31,508
Additional Building Fund Donations Received in October	\$13,583





## GOLETA THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED - THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HELP!

This year our parish, along with Christ the King Episcopal Church, will be participating in The Goleta Vineyard's 25th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the poor and needy. It will be held at the Goleta Valley Community Center just down the street at 5679 Hollister Ave. This has become a wonderful expression of God's love in action towards the Goleta community. You don't have to be present to participate, although the interaction with other Christians and those being served is a wonderful blessing to experience. Even an hour of your time is a wonderful way to show Christ's love for the people of this community. Consider volunteering as a family project on Thanksgiving Day!

If you are unable to physically participate, you can make a donation toward the purchase of food.

### **Opportunities the day before Thanksgiving (Wed. Nov. 26) include:**

- Cooking a turkey (Drop off between 5-7:30 p.m. Wed., or preferably Thursday morning.)
- Prep/Cooking from 5-9 p.m.
- Set-up of facilities (tables and chairs) and decorating—5 p.m.

### **Opportunities on Thanksgiving Day (Thurs. Nov. 27) include:**

- Bring a cooked turkey by 10:00 a.m.
- Prep/cooking 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Beverage/Dessert Table (prep and refilling) 11 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Greeters/Meal Servers 11:30-2:00 p.m.
- Clean-up 2:30-5:00 p.m.

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. Please contact me if you have any questions at: [david.washburn64@gmail.com](mailto:david.washburn64@gmail.com) or [615-428-3427](tel:615-428-3427) .

— David Washburn, Outreach Team Leader



Women's Prayer Group, from left to right: Diane Carrillo, Phyllis Morrison & Dorothy Alexander

### **OUR PRAYER WARRIORS**

Every Wednesday since 1990, the women of our Women's Prayer Group have been meeting at the church at 12:00 noon to pray for all of our parish ministries, church members in special need, as well as friends/family members of our parishioners. Confidentiality is a high priority. They also alternate weeks praying with two Akathists:

**Nurturer of Children**

**Inexhaustible Cup**

These prayer warriors feel particularly called to follow St. Paul's instructions to "Pray for one another." All women of the church are welcome to join in weekly prayers on Wednesdays at noon.

# TEEN SCENE

## JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

### Schedule of Activities and Service Projects

For more information, contact Lara Jacobs —Teen Program Coordinator  
at: [cpejacobs@gmail.com](mailto:cpejacobs@gmail.com)

#### High School —Grades 9-12

Sunday, December 14	St. Nicholas Night	Details TBA
Sunday, December 21	X-mas Party & Fire on Father	5:00 p.m. in Teen Room

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#### Junior High School—Grades 7-8

Fri./Sat., December 5/6	Monastery Retreat (Postponed—will be rescheduled)	
Saturday, December 13	Christmas Tree Decorating	Time TBA
Sunday, December 14	St. Nicholas Night	Details TBA

*Diocese of Los Angeles and the West Enthronement Gala Celebration of*

## **HIS EMINENCE, METROPOLITAN JOSEPH**

ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND  
METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA

Saturday, January 31, 2015

Sheraton Universal Hotel – Universal City, California  
Benefitting St. Nicholas Camp and Youth Education Programs

3:30 PM Clergy and Clergy Wives Reception

5:00 PM Vesper Service

6:00 PM Cocktail Reception

7:30 PM Dinner and Program

*Youth and Young Adult Brunch with Metropolitan JOSEPH on Saturday 11:00 AM  
and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy beginning with Orthros on Sunday 9:15 AM*

*Both of these events will take place at St. Nicholas Cathedral  
2300 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90057*

Tickets are \$185.00 per person and \$100 for a Young Adult Ticket 18-30  
which includes the Young Adult Brunch Saturday morning.

To order tickets online visit: [www.antiochianladiocese.org](http://www.antiochianladiocese.org)

**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:**

Metropolitan JOSEPH  
Mother Victoria  
Met. Paul & Abp. John  
of Syria  
Fr. Thomas H.  
Dn. Richard E.  
Dn. Scott J.  
Peggy K. and Family  
Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W.  
The Hartung Family

Greg & Margaret Y.  
Mary Ellen B.  
Gail S.  
Dean & Penny  
Mary & Susan  
Baby Christian F.  
Duane F.  
Larry L.  
Sandy S.  
Drew W.

Katie Zoe  
Yvette B.  
Marliese Z.  
All those suffering and  
in danger in the Ukraine,  
Nigeria, and the  
Middle East  
Cheri W.  
Hoppe Family  
Kh. Marilyn G.

**For repose of the souls of:**

Fr. Gabe. A., Susan M., Fr. Paul Schneirla, Rosella K.  
All who have died in the conflicts in the Ukraine,  
Syria and Palestine

**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 Proskomedia (Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion).

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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 ON THE BOOKSTORE SHELF. Make checks payable to “St. Athanasius Book Center.”

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FOR THE CHILDREN TO COLOR  
DURING THE HOMILY OR AT HOME -