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LITURGY OF
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
Sunday, December 21, 2014
Tone 3 / Eothinon 6; Fore-feast of &
Sunday before the Nativity of Christ (The Genealogy)
Virgin-martyr Juliana of Nicomedia;
Martyr Themistokles of Myra in Lycia;
Peter, Metropolitan of Moscow and all Russia



Prophet Daniel & the 3 Holy Youths in the Furnace

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 21

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- 9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
5:00 p.m. High School X-mas party/Fire on Father
7:00 p.m. Caroling in Old Town Goleta;
Meet at Goleta Community Center

Monday, December 22

- 6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
NO OUTREACH DINNER IN ISLA VISTA

Tuesday, December 23

- 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, December 24

- 8:00 a.m. Royal Hours of Nativity
8:00 p.m. Festal Matins & Liturgy for
the Feast of the Nativity of Christ
10:15 p.m. Reception (hosted by adult singles)

Thursday, December 25

- 10:00 a.m. Outreach Breakfast in Isla Vista
NO DAILY VESPERS

Friday, December 26

- 6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, December 27

NO CATECHISM

- 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Prayers for the souls
of infants who were stillborn, or died
through miscarriage or abortion

Sunday, December 28

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- 9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
1:00 p.m. Blessing of graves at Goleta Cemetary

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

- December 21 Hedges
December 28 Kern
January 4 Thomas
January 5 Gish (for Epiphany)
January 11 Dillon

Coffee Hour

- December 21 Teens
December 28 Christmas Potluck
January 4 J. Ferraez, S. Butler
January 11 POTLUCK at church,
DESSERT at the beach after
Great Blessing of the Water

Greeters

- December 21 P. Morrison/D. Genatone
December 28 D. Washburn/D. Lewis
January 4 K. & L. Jacobs
January 11 S. & C. Shackelford

Ushers

- December 21 J. King, G. Braun Jr., G. Shannon
December 28 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King
January 4 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis
January 11 C. Speier, R. Schneider, P. King

Readers

- December 21 D. Washburn
December 24 Kern morning/Lange evening
December 28 M. Kern

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 (FOR ADVENT)

S. Smolensky
adapted by J. Erickson

1. *

2.

Soprano Alto

A - men. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Tenor Bass

3.

4.

5.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

6.

Lord, have mer - cy. To — Thee, — O Lord.

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 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—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.”

LITTLE ENTRANCE

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

(Music on p. 44 of Liturgy book)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad,
for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm.
He hath trampled down death by death
and become the first born from the dead.
He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades,
granting the world the great mercy.

Tone 3 (Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)

Troparion for the Sunday of the Ancestors of Christ

Great are the accomplishments of faith,
for the three Holy Youths rejoice in the fountain of flames
as though in the waters of rest;
and the Prophet Daniel appeared
a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep.
So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

Tone 2 (Slavic Chant)

Troparion of the Pre-feast of the Nativity

Be prepared, O Bethlehem; Eden opens now to all;
O Ephratha, ready make; for within the stable cave
from the Virgin Mary pure, the tree of life has blossomed forth.
For her womb is shown to be paradise in spirit
in which is the plant divine, from which having truly fed;
We will live forevermore, and not die as Adam did.
Christ the Lord is born to raise the image that had fallen long before.

Fr. John D. Finley

Troparion to St. Athanasius

(Music on p. 54 of Liturgy book)

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.

Tone 3 (Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley)

Kontakion for the Preparation of Christ's Nativity **Tone 3** (Byzantine melody
The virgin cometh today to the cave
to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal.
Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message;
with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him
Who shall appear by His own will as a young child,
He who is from eternity God.
harmonized by F. Karam)

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN

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 (Prokeimenon) **Tone 8**

Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

Verse: For You are just in all that You have done for us

EPISTLE READING— Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city, which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel
(Music on page 64 of Liturgy Booklet)

Tone 4

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us. (Ps 43/44:1)

v: For You have saved us from them that oppose us, and have put to shame them that hate us. (Ps 43/44:7)

GOSPEL READING— Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

Meglynarion—Hymn to the Mother of God

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.

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*)
- Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)
- The Jesus Prayer: “O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

Recessional: “O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring come and cheer our spirit by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays

12/22 Alexander Nikolov, Zachary Nikolov
12/24 Rachel Friesen, Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges, Jared Speier

Patron Saint Commemorations

12/22	Great Martyr Anastasia	Anastasia Brunner
12/27	St. John the Apostle	Johnny Heiduk
12/27	St. Stephen the Protomartyr	Sbdn. Stephen Butler, Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges, Steve Thomas

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 are no Religious Education classes today or next Sunday. Classes resume on January 4th.

HOLLISTER CORRIDOR CAROLING PARTY—December 21

On Sunday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m., we are invited to carol through Old Town Goleta with Christ the King Episcopal Church (the organizers) and members of three other churches in the Hollister Corridor. We will meet at the Goleta Valley Community Center and go from there. All are welcome!! Bring the kids!

MEMORIAL PRAYERS FOR INFANTS/UNBORN

On Saturday, December 27th at the end of Great Vespers we will say the Trisagion Prayers in memory of all infants, known and unknown, who have died in childbirth or shortly thereafter, and unborn children who have died as a result of abortion. All in attendance will have the opportunity to write down the names of children they know of who have died before the age of one, and to light a small candle for each one.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATIONS

Monday, January 5	6:45 a.m.	Royal Hours of Epiphany
Monday, January 5	6:00 p.m.	Vespertal Liturgy
Sunday, January 11	12:30 p.m.	Great Blessing of the Water at Goleta Beach along with St. Barbara Greek Parish; POTLUCK at the church after Liturgy, dessert served at the beach

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.

INCOME FOR NOVEMBER 2014

Monthly tithe Goal (includes mortgage payment on bldg.)	\$47,000
Received in November	\$38,420
Additional Building Fund Donations Received in November	\$23,544

St. Nicholas Night 2014

**-A celebration of the life of St. Nicholas of Myra,
and an evening of story telling, music, fellowship and fun-**

Many thanks to all those who made it possible:

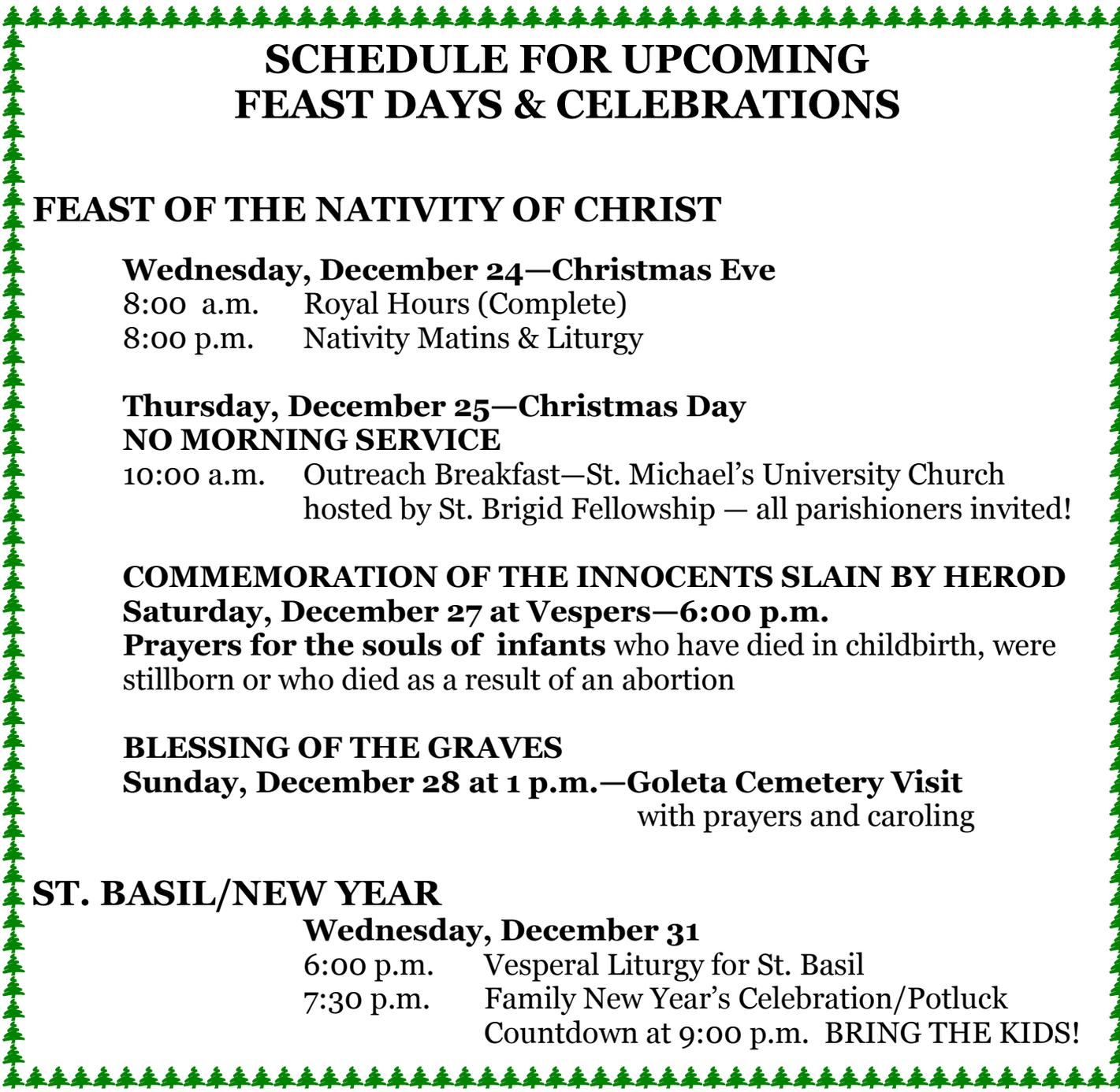
- Fr. Nicholas for his blessing and encouragement;
 - **The St. Athanasius Choir**
- Our narrators: Dana Alexander, Asia Ballew, Richard Barre, Dn. Gary & Timmie Braun, Dottie Genatone, Dn. Scott Jacobs, Fr. Nicholas Speier, Jordan Williams,
 - Our instrumentalists: Verne Gish and John Butler
 - Those who composed music especially for the program: Subdeacon Stephen Butler, Nazo Zakkak, Verne Gish, and John Butler
- Laura Jacobs, our Youth Coordinator, and our teens for assisting St. Nicholas with the treats and photography sessions!
 - Hani AbuGhazaleh and Ben Hedges for technical support;
 - Photographer Nataliya Tinyayeva
- Christie Robinson for organizing the reception, and all those who helped her;
 - Fr. Nicholas, Kevin Speier, Duane Franzen, Lisa Ballew, Carla Brunstead, Jennifer Ferraez, Asia Ballew, Noelle Ballew, and the Junior Highers for the tree, cave, and beautiful decorations!

**Thanks be to God for such an incredibly talented parish,
and to St. Nicholas for guiding us in this process!**

- Valerie Yova, Music Director







SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & CELEBRATIONS

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

8:00 a.m. Royal Hours (Complete)

8:00 p.m. Nativity Matins & Liturgy

Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day

NO MORNING SERVICE

10:00 a.m. Outreach Breakfast—St. Michael's University Church
hosted by St. Brigid Fellowship — all parishioners invited!

COMMEMORATION OF THE INNOCENTS SLAIN BY HEROD

Saturday, December 27 at Vespers—6:00 p.m.

Prayers for the souls of infants who have died in childbirth, were stillborn or who died as a result of an abortion

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Sunday, December 28 at 1 p.m.—Goleta Cemetery Visit
with prayers and caroling

ST. BASIL/NEW YEAR

Wednesday, December 31

6:00 p.m. Vespersal Liturgy for St. Basil

7:30 p.m. Family New Year's Celebration/Potluck

Countdown at 9:00 p.m. **BRING THE KIDS!**

LITURGICAL CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Liturgical wall calendars for 2015 are now available (first come-first served) in the narthex of the church. They list all major feast days, major saints and fasting days, and daily readings. They are a great reference tool for every Orthodox Christian.

2014 St. Nicholas Drive for the Needy

ST. BRIGID FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS to be distributed at our outreach breakfast on Christmas morning. Please keep the homeless in mind as you are doing holiday shopping and consider purchasing an item for the collection. We are asking for:

- **white athletic socks**
- **warm hats and mittens**
- **new or gently used/clean sweatshirts**
- **new or gently used/clean sleeping bags or blankets**

Drop your donated items in the large, decorated box in the foyer of the church.

Please do NOT gift-wrap the donated items.

Please limit your gifts to the specific items requested. Thanks!!

Outreach Breakfast on Christmas Morning

Once again, our St. Brigid Ministry Team will be coordinating the lovely Christmas breakfast for the homeless and needy on Dec. 25th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's University Church in Isla Vista. **We need lots of help** with set-up, clean-up, food preparation, and entertainment, so please sign up to lend a hand in whatever way that you are able. **The list is posted on the large bulletin board in the foyer.**

We are seeking 2 people to donate a whole ham and deliver to the breakfast sliced and in trays by 9:45 a.m. Please contact Cheryl Washburn-Lander at 961-4955 if you are willing.

If it is impossible to bring food directly to the breakfast on Christmas morning, food items may be brought to the church on Christmas Eve. Hot food items may be dropped off at our church on Christmas morning between 9:00-9:30 a.m. and someone will transport it to the breakfast in Isla Vista. Please drop off food items in the storage room off the patio (future kitchen).

Bring the entire family that day and enjoy an extra special Christmas morning blessing by opening your hearts to those in need!





Join us for
**Christmas Caroling in
Old Town Goleta**
with members of
**Christ the King Episcopal Church
Goleta Vineyard Christian Fellowship
St. Athanasius Orthodox Church
JuJubilee Christian Church**

**Sunday, December 21
7 – 9 PM**

meet at:
Goleta Valley Community Center
5679 Hollister Ave (Room #7)

Bring
Goodies to share
Flashlight
Joy!

Provided
Printed texts of Christmas carols to sing
Directions on where to walk

We will break into several mixed groups and sing carols in the residential streets north of the Community Center (Kinman, Gato, Cardinal, Mallard, etc.); then return to the Community Center.
Total walking distance will be about ½ mile.

EXPANDED BOOKSTORE

Today is the **LAST DAY** that the bookstore will offer lots of wonderful items for Christmas, including several children's books by our very own Jane Meyer!
Proceeds from the bookstore benefit the church Building Fund!

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:

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. Michael R., Fr. John H., Fr. Gabe. A., Susan M.
All who have died in the conflicts in the Ukraine,
Syria and Palestine

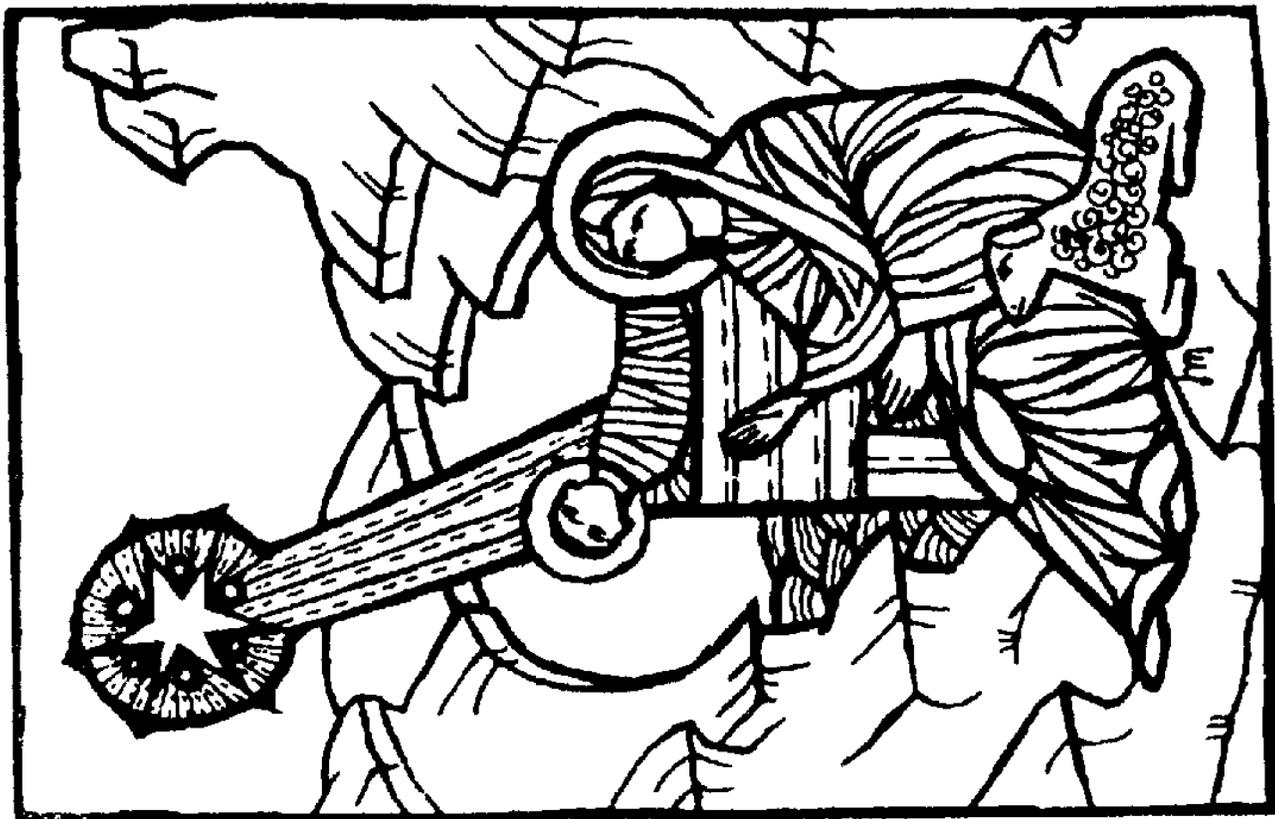
ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Prayer requests in the bulletin are prayed out loud during the deacons' litanies and should be submitted to the church office—office@stathanasius.org.

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).

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."



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