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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, September 6, 2015

**Tone 5 / Eothinon 3; Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew
Commemoration of Archangel Michael's
Miracle in Colossae**

Archippos of Hierapolis; Martyrs Eudoxios, Zeno,
Romulus and Makarios at Melitene in Armenia



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, September 6

9:00 a.m. Matins/**NO RELIGIOUS ED**
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, September 7-LABOR DAY

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

Tuesday, September 8

6:00 p.m. Liturgy for Feast of the
Nativity of the Theotokos

Wednesday, September 9

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

Thursday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, September 12

6:00 p.m. Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, September 13

COMMEMORATION OF THE FEAST OF THE LIFE-GIVING CROSS

9:00 a.m. Matins/**NO RELIGIOUS ED**
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and
Blessing of Students & Teachers
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. Meeting of all parents of students
in grades 7-12
5:00 p.m. Fire on Father for High Schoolers

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

September 6 N. Tinyayeva
September 13 M. Kern
September 20 Dn. G. Braun
September 27 C. Sieck

Coffee Hour

September 6 Judy, Dan, Josh and Dayli Braun
September 13 POTLUCK for Feast of the Cross
September 20 Gail Shannon (for St. George,
in memory of Dn. Howard
George Shannon)
September 27 NEED A HOST

Greeters

September 6 K. Fox/P. King
September 13 L. Baker/P. King
September 20 Kristin King/D. Washburn
September 27 G. Shannon/D. Lewis

Ushers

September 6 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis
September 13 C. Speier, P. King
September 20 J. King, R. Barre
September 27 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King

Readers

September 6 R. Barre
September 8 V. Gish (Nativity of Theotokos)
September 12 M. Kern (Vespers)
September 13 P. Braun
September 19 T. Harris (Great Vespers)
September 20 R. Barre
September 27 D. Meyer

**At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology
followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion.**

**THE DIVINE LITURGY
OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

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 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”

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord,
when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and shall persecute you, and shall say all manner of
evil against you falsely for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL HYMNS FOR THE DAY

Troparion of the Resurrection

(Music on p. 47-48 of Liturgy book)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born of the Virgin for our salvation.

For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh
to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Tone 5 Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

Troparion for the Archangel Michael

Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts,
we who are unworthy beseech you:

by your prayers encompass us beneath
the wings of your immaterial glory,

and faithfully preserve us who fall down and out to you://

“Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commanders
of the Powers on high!”

Tone 4 Slavic Chant

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 Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Tone 4 Slavic Chant

By your nativity, most pure Virgin,
Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness,
Adam and Eve from the corruption of death.
And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin,
celebrate and sing to You:
“The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos,
the Nourisher of our Life.”

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.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle
(Page 60 of Liturgy book)

Tone 5 Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

Thou O Lord shall keep us and preserve us from this generation forever. (*Ps 11/12:7*)

Verse: Save me O Lord, for there is now no saint. (*Ps 11/12:1*)

THE EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

But I call God to witness against me -- it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel

Tone 5

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth;
I will make known Thy faithfulness to all generations. (Ps 88/89:1)

Verse: For Thou hast said: "Mercy shall be built up forever;
In the heavens shall Thy truth be established." (Ps 88/89:2)

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-14

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again, he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "Behold, I have made ready my dinner; my oxen and my fat calves *are* killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast." ' But they made light of it and went off, one to his own farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated *them* shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard *of it*, he was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding *hall* was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' "

For many are called, but few *are* chosen."

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 corruption you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify you.

Communion Hymns

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

Jesus Prayer: O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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.

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays

9/7	Gage Braun
9/8	Breanna Faria, Luke Hedges, Mary Ellen Braun
9/9	Stephanie Braun
9/11	Joseph Ballew
9/12	Tom Johnson

Patron Saint Commemorations

9/7	St. Cassiana the Hymnographer	Chantel Cappuccilli, Kassiana Van Wagoner	
9/8	St. Adriana	Adriana de Bruin	
9/8	Theotokos (Feast of her Nativity)		
	Mary Ellen Braun	Stephanie Braun	Fr. John Carrillo
	Breanna Faria	Ciara Giordani	Amanda Jacobs
9/8	St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos		
	Shirley Dillon	Ginger Gillquist	
	Michelle Madrigal	Sherie Shackelford	

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

SEPTEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH! For the next month, we will review the concepts of stewardship of our time, talents and treasures, and we will ask each parish family to consider how they may serve in the building up of the parish and God's Kingdom. Each family/household will also be asked to consider how they can support the General Fund and Building Fund in 2016. More information to follow soon!

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UPS

Sign-ups will be done online this year for 2015-16 Coffee Hour hosts. Please consult your family calendar, and then check out the online sign-up list. We will be emailing the link to you, or you can type it into your computer's browser. You can also e-mail a preferred date to christie.d.robinson@gmail.com. If you would like to be paired up with someone, let Christie know. Here is the link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a49a5ab2ba6fc1-coffee>

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE SO FAR:

9/6/15	Judy/Dayli Braun	1/03/16		4/24/16	POTLUCK
9/13/15	POTLUCK	1/10/16	SALAD POTLUCK	5/1/16	PASCHA
9/20/15	G. Shannon		Dessert at the beach	5/8/16	McCalmont
9/27/15		1/17/16		5/15/16	Jacobs
10/4/15	P. King	1/24/16	J. Wallerstedt	5/22/16	
10/11/15	POTLUCK	1/31/16		5/29/16	
10/18/15	Kern/Ballew	2/7/16	Alexander	6/5/16	
10/25/15	Harris	2/14/16	Vander Laan	6/12/16	J. & K. King
11/1/15	P Brunner	2/21/16		6/19/16	POTLUCK
11/08/15	Lander	2/28/16		6/26/16	
11/15/15		3/6/16	MEATFARE PICNIC	7/3/16	Gish
11/22/15		3/13/16	POTLUCK	7/10/16	
11/29/15	POTLUCK	3/20/16		7/17/16	
12/06/15		3/27/16		7/24/16	
12/13/15		4/3/16		8/7/16	
12/20/15		4/10/16		8/14/16	
12/27/15	POTLUCK	4/17/16		8/21/16	
				8/28/16	

LITURGICAL NEW YEAR

The new Liturgical Year began on September 1st. The schedule of services is now posted to the online Google calendar on the church website, along with most other church classes, events and activities. Please get in the habit of consulting this calendar.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FALL START-UP SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Sept. 13

Meeting with all parents of Junior High & High School students after Liturgy

Sunday, Sept. 20

Jr. High and High School classes begin (9:00 a.m. on Sundays)

Saturday, October 3

Adult Catechism begins—Saturdays 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 4

Atrium opens - classes for grades K-6 (9:00 a.m. on Sundays)

WE ARE HOSTING THE DIOCESE FALL GATHERING

This year, we have been granted the honor by His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH, to host the Fall Gathering. It is the Western Region Delegates meeting and it will be October 9-11, 2015. This will be our first opportunity to host this special event. We are expecting 80-120 people to be visiting our Parish. We are going to need lots of help from everyone. There are so many ways in which you can help! If you are available to help, please speak to Christie Speier Robinson or contact her at christie.d.robinson@gmail.com or [805-455-4312](tel:805-455-4312).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! UPCOMING 2014 FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

Birth of the Theotokos Tuesday, September 8 Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m.

Elevation of the Holy Cross Transferred to Sun. September 13 (from Sept. 14)
Saturday, Sept. 12 Vespers 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 13 Matins 9:00 a.m.
Festal Liturgy 10:00 a.m.



*Countdown: 2 Weeks to
September 18, 2015*

ANNUAL GOLF & DINNER/DANCE GALA

IN MEMORY OF DN. HOWARD SHANNON

Help Us Reach Our Goal of \$75,000!

SAOC Parish Family:

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We count on our own parishioners to help us meet our goal at this once-a-year full-on effort to raise funds for our Building Project.

If you have not made your dinner or golf reservations yet, please jump on board with us and support this effort.

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS SEPTEMBER 9TH.

TO REGISTER AND PURCHASE DINNER TICKETS LOGON TO:

<https://www.stathanasius.org/2015-golf-tournament/>

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
Dn. Richard E.
Kh. Mary Sue W.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family
Kh. Mary Ellen B.
Gail S.
Dean & Penny
Mary

Susan B.
Baby Christian F.
Duane F.
Stan and Donna F.
Angel, Helen and Family
Joy
Ryan Family
Terri-Lynn H.
Hannah Rose H.
Holly C.
Valeria

Tami, Denny, Maddie B.
Kevin O.
Steve T.
Temmo K.
Paige
All those suffering and
in danger in the Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East

For repose of the souls of: Roseann B., David W., Ryan B., Jane W.

All who have died in the conflicts in the Ukraine, Africa & the Middle East

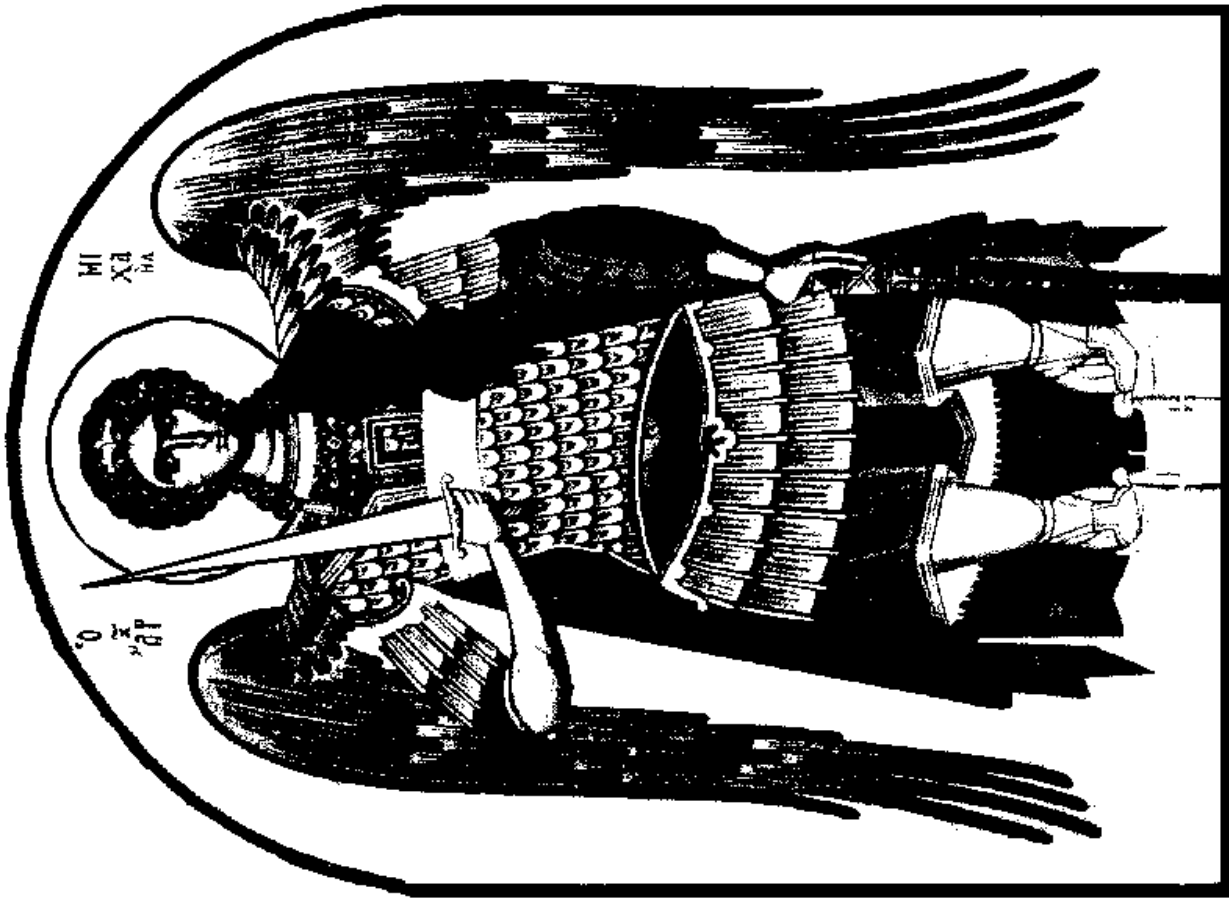
ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS:

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.”



**THE MISSION AND VISION
OF
ST. ATHANASIUS
ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Ephesians 3:14-21)**

- That we would be rooted and grounded in
FAITH, LOVE AND HUMILITY
so we might experience and manifest the
FULLNESS OF THE CHURCH
- in the WORSHIP of the Holy Trinity
 - in the CARE AND GROWTH of the people
 - in SERVING new members, catechumens,
inquirers and visitors
 - In SHARING THE ANCIENT FAITH with
our community, the wayward and seekers
 - In LOVING AND CARING FOR OUR COM-
MUNITY

**Unto the inheritance of the
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**