



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

300 Sumida Gardens Lane
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
Office hours: Tues-Fri.
12:00—5:00 p.m.

Senior Pastor:

Fr. Nicholas Speier
805-685-5495
frnicholas@stathanasius.org

Assistant Pastors:

Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges 805-968-1903
Fr. John Carrillo 805-968-2448
Fr. Jon Braun, Attached Priest (retired)
Fr. John Finley, Attached Priest

Deacons:

Dn. Gary Braun
Dn. Scott Jacobs
Dn. Richard Easbey
Dn. John Young

Music Director/Administrator:

Valerie Yova
Office phone: 805-685-5400
email: office@stathanasius.org

Parish Council:

Douglas Meyer, President
Dan Braun, Treasurer
Katie AbuGhazaleh, Secretary
Richard Barre
Catherine Braun
Dottie Genatone
Benjamin Hedges
Karen Jacobs
Dr. Jon King

LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, February 21, 2016

Tone 5 / Eothinon 5

Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

Venerable Timothy of Symbola; Eustathios, Archbishop of Antioch;
Zachariah, Patriarch of Jerusalem; George, Bishop of Amastris



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 21-PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

Saints Constantine & Helen

9:00 a.m.	Religious Education ages 6-18
9:00 a.m.	Matins
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour
12:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

FEBRUARY 21-27 is a FAST-FREE WEEK.

Monday, February 22

6:45 a.m.	Daily Matins
4:30 p.m.	Outreach Meal at St. Michaels' University Church in Isla Vista

Tuesday, February 23-NO DAILY VESPERS

3:30 p.m.	Catechesis Level I
7:00 p.m.	Women's Book Study

Wednesday, February 24

6:45 a.m.	Daily Matins
11:00 a.m.	Shower Truck Ministry
12:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group at Carrillo Residence

Thursday, February 25

5:30 p.m.	Daily Vespers
-----------	---------------

Friday, February 26

6:45 a.m.	Daily Matins
-----------	--------------

Saturday, February 27—St. Raphael

4:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m.	Great Vespers/Confessions
9:00 p.m.	Teen Broomball Party

Sunday, February 28-PRODIGAL SON

9:00 a.m.	Religious Education ages 6-18
9:00 a.m.	Matins
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour

Fr. Nicholas will be out of the country from Monday, February 22 through Wednesday, March 2. Please hold all phone calls, e-mails and text messages until he returns. In the event of an emergency, please contact Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges or Fr. John Carrillo.

Valerie will be out of town from Thursday, February 25 -Sunday, February 28. The church office will be closed this Thursday and Friday.

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

February 21	C. Sieck
February 28	Dillon
March 6	Meyer
March 13	Tinyayeva

Coffee Hour

February 21	Wallace
February 28	S. & T. Speier
March 6	MEAT FARE PICNIC AT THE CHURCH
March 13	Project Mexico Cheesefare Fundraiser

Greeters

February 21	G. Shannon/K. King
February 28	P. Morrison/D. Genatone
March 6	K. Fox/H. Lange
March 13	D. Washburn/D. Lewis

Ushers

February 21	D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis
February 28	C. Speier, J. King, D. Washburn
March 6	G. Shannon, S. Speier, P. Brunner
March 13	P. King, D. Meyer, R. Barre

Readers

February 21	H. Lange
February 28	D. Meyer
March 5	D. Alexander (Soul Liturgy)
March 6	D. Washburn
March 13	T. Harris
March 13	P. Braun (Forgiveness Vespers)

AT THE END OF THE MATINS SERVICE, WE SING THE GREAT DOXOLOGY.
 (“Glory to You, Who have shown us the light...”) followed by the Matins Dismissal
Troparion. Complete text is in front of Liturgy book.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE 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 in-
carnate 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 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 of the Publican & the Pharisee**Tone 3** Slavic-Greek Chant

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!
Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears!
Let us cry to our Savior:
“Have mercy on us,
O only merciful One!”

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*)

EPISTLE READING**2 Timothy (3:10-15)**

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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*)

GOSPEL READING

Luke (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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.

Communion of the Clergy (Liturgy Book page 32)

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

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

Birthdays

2/21 Tyson Shackelford

2/25 Athanasia (Asia) Ballew

2/26 Anya Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

THANK YOU SO MUCH *for your notes and cards last Sunday for my birthday! They were all very encouraging and “filled me up!”*
My love and prayers,

Fr. Nicholas

FR. NICHOLAS WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY from Monday, February 22 through Wednesday, March 2 visiting St. John the Baptist Monastery in Essex, England. Please hold all phone calls, e-mails and text messages until he returns. In the event of an emergency, please contact Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges or Fr. John Carrillo.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

ADULT CATECHISM: All are welcome! Join the class any Saturday at 4:30 p.m. if you are interested in learning about Orthodox spirituality or just want a refresher. This Saturday's class (Feb. 27) will be taught by Fr. Jon Braun.

GETTING GEARED UP FOR GREAT LENT

Join us for this year's LENTEN SEMINAR—Friday/Saturday, March 11-12

Friday, March 11 7-8:30 p.m.

Fr. Laurence Russell, Pastor of Holy Annunciation parish in Santa Maria
“Preparing our Hearts for Lent”

Saturday, March 12 9-11 a.m.

Mother Victoria, Abbess of St. Barbara Monastery
“The Prayer of St. Ephraim”

ANNUNCIATION TEA FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

This year's Tea will be March 26th at 9:30 am. We will enjoy a short program to honor the Theotokos and a light brunch will follow. There will be an Evite sent by Christie Robinson in early March.

HAVE RUMMAGE? WE'LL TAKE IT! Support our 2016 mission team to Project Mexico. Bring your donations of **GENTLY USED** clothing, equipment, furniture, household items, etc to the church on the following drop dates between 9-11 a.m.: Saturdays 2/27, 3/5 and 3/12. Questions? noelleballew@gmail.com or asiaballew@gmail.com

FURNITURE AVAILABLE—We need to clear out the classrooms to prepare for construction. If you have any interest in a brown sofa or large, dark wood entertainment center, contact Lara Jacobs at: cpejacobs@gmail.com.

As Great Lent 2016 approaches,
please keep the following dates for Lenten services in mind:

Saturday, March 5	8:30 a.m.	Soul Liturgy (commemorating the dead)
Sunday, March 6	After Liturgy	Meatfare Picnic at the church *This year we will be changing things up a bit. We will be having our lunch right at the Church instead of going to the park. All food & beverages will be provided. The cost is \$8 for adults \$4 for children 6 years and younger. Please be on the lookout for the EVITE from Christie Robinson.
Friday, March 11	7-9:00 p.m.	Lenten Seminar
Saturday, March 12	9-11:00 a.m.	Lenten Seminar
Sunday, March 13	6:00 p.m.	Forgiveness Vespers

FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Monday, March 14	6:00 p.m.	Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew
Tuesday, March 15	6:00 p.m.	Little Compline with Canon of St. Andrew
Wednesday, March 16	6:00 p.m.	Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday, March 17	6:00 p.m.	Little Compline with Canon of St. Andrew
Friday, March 18	6:00 p.m.	Akathist
Sunday, March 20	6:00 p.m.	Central Coast Inter-Orthodox Vespers for Sunday of Orthodoxy

We are hosting the Vespers this year. We will need some help with set-up, clean-up, and a few food items. Christie Robinson will be sending out an online sign-up.

“The St. Nicholas Oratorio”

by Steven Butler will premiere

on Sunday, March 6th at 3:00 p.m.

Westmont College’s Choral Masterworks Concert

First Presbyterian Church, 21 E Constance Ave, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Admission: \$10 /Adults Students admitted for free.

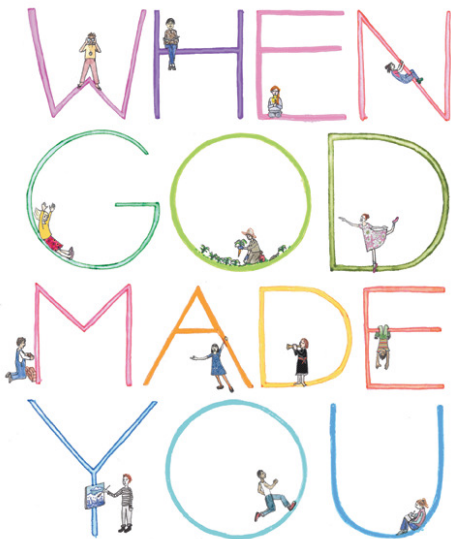
MORE INFORMATION ON TICKETS TBA!

INCOME FOR DECEMBER 2015

	Gen. Operating	Building Fund
Monthly Goal	\$33,000	\$14,120
Monthly Actual	\$60,981	\$26,148

INCOME FOR JANUARY 2016

	Gen. Operating	Building Fund
Monthly Goal	\$36,000	\$14,120
Monthly Actual	\$35,872	\$17,357



JANE G. MEYER

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MEGAN ELIZABETH GILBERT

BOOK SIGNING BY JANE:

**Sunday, March 20th after Liturgy
and at Inter-Orthodox Vespers**

Jane G. Meyer’s new book, “When God Made

You” invites readers of all ages to look at each person in the world and consider what God was thinking when He made them. Every spread of this gleefully-worded book introduces a child from a different part of the world, and suggests what God had in mind when He created that child. Each “person recipe” in the book, just as in real life, is completely unique and brimming with the love and enthusiasm of our Creator.

“When God Made You” celebrates each person’s extraordinary qualities, looks, talents, and interests, recognizing each facet as a gift that has been poured into that person’s life by God Himself. The book also demonstrates to the reader that God does not just give those qualities to us to enjoy, but because He wants them to be used and shared. Every child in the book, upon being created, is issued a command: to plant, to sing, to paint, to lead... The book brings to life the reality that from the moment we are created, God has in His mind the work that He has set for us to do.

- From Orthodox Christian Parenting website

TEEN SCENE

Activities—Winter/Spring 2016

Junior High School

Saturday, February 27	Broomball 9-10 p.m. at Ice in Paradise (\$10/student)
March	Movie Night (Date TBA)
Friday, April 1	Retreat at St. Barbara Monastery
Friday, May 13	Pool Party and Barbecue
June	End of year trip (Date TBA)

High School

Saturday, February 27	Broomball with GPC	9:00-10:00 pm	Ice in Paradise (\$10 per student)
Sunday, February 28	Progressive Dinner	5:00-7:00 pm	Downtown
Sunday, March 6	Fire on Father	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Fr. Nicholas and Jan's
Sunday, April 3	Taco Bell, S'mores, Game Night Extravaganza	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Jon and Kristin King's
Sunday, April 10	Fire on Father	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Fr. Nicholas and Jan's
Good Friday April 29	All Night Vigil:	8:30 pm-10:00 a.m.	at the church
Saturday, May 21	St. Barbara's Monastery Day Trip	Time TBA	
Sunday, May 22	Fire on Father	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Fr. Nicholas and Jan's
Sunday, June 12	Graduation Party & Fire on Father	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Fr. Nicholas and Jan's

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. Diane Carrillo
Kh. Mary Sue W.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family
Kh. Mary Ellen B.
Gail S.
Dean & Penny B.
Kevin & Angel S.
Mary

Susan B.
Baby Christian F.
Duane F.
Temmo K
Paige
Galina, Nikolai & Nataliya
Olga Marie G.
Mike, Trevor & Adam
Emily F.
Joan, Jerry, Brenda
Kevin O.
Steve K.

Terri-Lynn & Hannah Rose H.
Scott
Rachel D. and family
All those suffering and
in danger in the Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East

For repose of the souls of: Christine, Michel C., 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

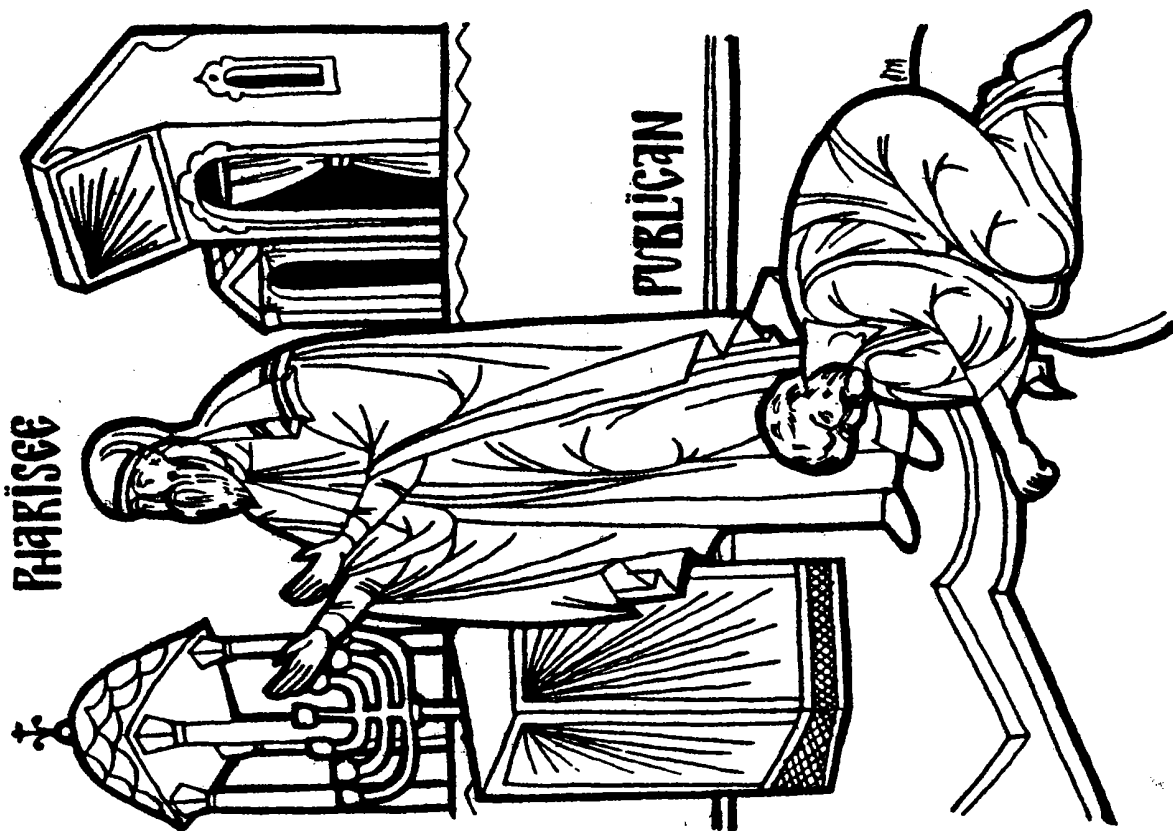
* The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall. The two enclosed cabinets hold icons, books, and other items that are FOR SALE. See Terri Speier if you are looking for jewelry such as a cross or chain. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in the brown lockbox mounted on wall next to Fr. Nicholas' office. Make checks payable to "St. Athanasius Book Center."

All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.

PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

(Please consider incorporating this prayer into your daily devotions during the “40 Days for Life Vigil” - February 10-March 20, 2016)

O Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, Who was pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls by the power of Your All-Holy Spirit. O Master, we ask You to enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception, and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Your image and likeness; enable us to guard, cherish and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves. For You are the Bestower of Life, bringing each person from non-being into being, sealing each person with divine and infinite love. Be merciful, O Lord, to those who, through ignorance or willfulness, affront Your divine goodness and providence through the evil act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the light of Your Truth and glorify You, the Giver of Life, together with your Father and Your All-Holy and Life-Giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.



FOR THE CHILDREN TO COLOR

DURING THE HOMILY OR AT HOME -