



# ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## **LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**Sunday, November 27, 2016**

**Tone 6 / Eothion 1**

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
& Thirteenth Sunday of Luke  
Great-martyr James the Persian**

Venerable Palladios of Thessalonica; Venerable Nathanael of  
Nitria in Egypt; James the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov



## ***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.  
Please join us at Coffee Hour~ we'd love to meet you!*

# ***Calendar for this Week***

## **Sunday, November 27**

- 9:00 a.m. Religious Education ages 6-18 yrs.  
9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. THANKSGIVING POTLUCK -  
Please bring a dish to share!

## **Monday, November 28**

- 6:45 a.m. Daily Matins in the new chapel  
4:30 p.m. St. Brigid Outreach dinner at  
St. Michael's in Isla Vista

## **Tuesday, November 29**

- 3:15 p.m. Catechesis Level I  
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers in the new chapel

## **Wednesday, November 30**

- 6:45 a.m. Daily Matins in the new chapel  
11 a.m.-1p.m. Shower of Blessings Ministry  
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group  
6:00 p.m. Advent Paraklesis Service

## **Thursday, December 1**

- 5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers in the new chapel  
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group  
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## **Friday, December 2**

- 6:45 a.m. Daily Matins in the new chapel  
4:00 p.m. Vigil at St. Barbara Monastery  
followed by supper

## **Saturday, December 3**

### **Eve of Feast of St. Barbara**

- 9:20 a.m. Hours at St. Barbara Monastery  
10:00 a.m. Liturgy at St. Barbara Monastery  
4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism  
**NO VESPERS AT OUR CHURCH.**  
6:00 p.m. Vespers at St. Barbara Greek Parish

## **Sunday, December 4- FEAST OF ST. BARBARA**

- 9:00 a.m. Religious Education ages 6-18 yrs.  
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 27 Kern  
December 4 Sieck  
December 11 Dillon  
December 18 Braun

### **Coffee Hour**

- November 27 Thanksgiving Potluck  
December 4 Berari  
December 11 NEED A HOST  
December 18 NEED A HOST

### **Greeters**

- November 27 D. Washburn/D. Lewis  
December 4 K. & L. Jacobs  
December 11 P. King/L. Baker  
December 18 G. Shannon/K. King

### **Ushers**

- November 27 D. Washburn, C. Berari, G. Shannon  
December 4 S. Speier, D. Meyer, P. King  
December 11 R. Barre, D. Lewis, P. Brunner  
December 18 C. Speier, J. King, D. Washburn

### **Readers**

- November 27 M. Kern  
December 4 T. Harris  
December 11 D. Washburn  
December 17 G. Wiley (Vespers)  
December 18 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 be-  
come 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. 49 of Liturgy book)**

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body,  
angelic pow'rs shone above Thy revered tomb,  
and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men.  
Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted there-by,  
Thou did meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world.  
O Thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Tone 6** Byzantine melody  
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

#### **Troparion for Great Martyr James the Persian**

Long-suffering James, you astounded all by  
enduring horrible tortures with great patience.  
As the evil assembly performed the slaughter,  
you uttered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord.  
Through your sufferings you received your crown,  
and came to the throne of the heavenly King, Christ God.  
Entreat Him to save our souls!

**Tone 4** Slavic Chant

**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**

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.

**Tone 3** Byzantine melody  
harmonized by F. Karam

**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 (Prokeimenon)**  
**(Page 61 of Liturgy Book)**

O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. (PS 27/28:9))

**Tone 6**

**Verse:** *To Thee will I cry, O Lord, O my God,  
do not be silent unto me. (PS 27/28:1)*

## EPISTLE READING

### Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Alleluia Refrain and Psalm verses before the Gospel**  
(Music on p. 65 of Liturgy Booklet)

**Tone 6**

**Chanter:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Vs. 1 He Who dwelleth in the help of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the protection of the God of Heaven. (*Ps 90/91:1*) **Alleluia**

Vs. 2 He will say to the Lord, Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God, in Him will I hope. (*Ps 90/91:2*) **Alleluia**

## GOSPEL READING

### Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.’” And the man said, “All these I have observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”

## 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 Hymns

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### 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.

### INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

	<u>Gen. Operating</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Monthly Goal	\$36,000	\$ 14,120
Monthly Actual	\$42,659	\$ 7,521 (plus Golf Tournament)

### GOLF TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS: \$70,021

### INCOME FOR OCTOBER 2016

	<u>Gen. Operating</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Monthly Goal	\$36,000	\$ 14,120
Monthly Actual	\$36,997	\$15,675

## **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).

**JUST A REMINDER THAT THE NATIVITY FAST BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 15th.**

**THERE WILL BE NO GREAT VESPERS AT OUR CHURCH THIS COMING SATURDAY EVENING.** We will be joining St. Barbara Greek Church for Vespers that night at 6 p.m. for their patronal feast celebration. Their bishop will be present.

**THE ST. STEPHEN'S STUDY GROUP** is meeting every other Sunday after church! We are currently reading through and discussing "The Orthodox Church" by Metropolitan Kallistos Ware. Please call or email Michael Easbey with any questions - 805-705-6121 or [measbey@gmail.com](mailto:measbey@gmail.com).

### ***CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK***

#### **Birthdays**

11/27 Shirley Dillon  
12/1 Anya Madrigal, Lydia Sieck  
12/3 David McCalmont

#### **Patron Saint Commemorations**

11/27 St. James of Persia James Dillon  
11/30 St. Andrew the Apostle Johannes De Bruin, Ryan Franzen, Lee Jacobs,

### **ADVENT PARAKLESIS SERVICES will be prayed on the Wednesdays of Advent at 6:00 p.m.:**

November 30 Paraklesis  
December 7 Paraklesis  
December 14 Paraklesis followed by Soup Dinner.  
We will invite the Hollister Corridor churches to join us.  
December 21 Paraklesis



## SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING FEAST DAYS & CELEBRATIONS

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

Friday, Dec. 2 4:00 p.m. Vigil at St. Barbara Monastery  
followed by light supper

Saturday Dec. 3 9:20 a.m. Hours at St. Barbara Monastery  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Barbara Monastery  
6:00 p.m. Vespers at St. Barbara Greek Church  
**NO GREAT VESPERS AT OUR PARISH.**

### **DIVINE LITURGY FOR FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS**

Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m.

### **ST. NICHOLAS FAMILY NIGHT**

Sunday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m.

### **FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST**

#### **Saturday, December 24**

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

8:00 p.m. Nativity Matins & Liturgy followed by cookies & hot cider

#### **Sunday, 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**

#### **DAY AND TIME TBA**

**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—FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN**

#### **DAY AND TIME TBA**

### **FEAST OF ST. BASIL/NEW YEAR**

#### **Sunday, January 1**

9:00 a.m. Matins, 10:00 a.m. Liturgy

# TEEN SCENE

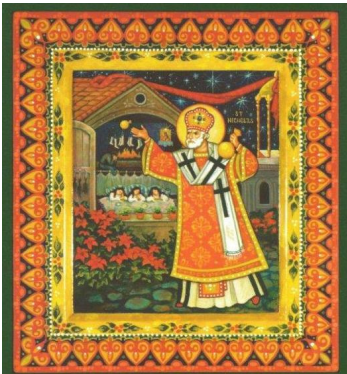
## NOVEMBER, 2016

Unless specified otherwise, on Thursday evenings the Jr. Highers meet from 6pm - 7:30pm and High Schoolers meet from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

- 12/1 Thursday Night Youth Group - *The Nativity Story*  
*The Wallace Family is bringing dinner - thank you!*
- 12/8 Thursday Night Youth Group - *Sponsoring a Family in Need*  
Tyler will provide dinner. **Bring a gift for the Diaz Family.**
- 12/15 Christmas Party at Peter and Tatiana Speier's Home  
6:30pm - 8:30pm (**All teens come at the same time**) *Wear Christmas Pajamas (or an ugly Christmas Sweater) + Bring a White Elephant Gift! Dinner and Dessert will be provided.*
- 12/22 Christmas Movie Night in the Youth Room  
6:30pm - 8:30pm (**All Teens come at the Same Time**)  
*Please eat dinner before you come - hot cocoa and dessert will be served*

Wednesday, 12/28 - Youth Groupers Meet for Lunch at Camino Real from 12pm to 1pm.  
Bring Cash for lunch, and come to hang out! If any good movies are playing, we may add a movie to this.

**NO YOUTH GROUP THURSDAY, 12/29.**



## ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

6:00 p.m.

We will celebrate the life of St. Nicholas of Myra with story telling, music, and a fun evening for the whole family. A lenten reception and visit from St. Nicholas will follow the program. Children ages 3-12 will be invited to leave their shoes in the hallway during the program so that St. Nicholas can fill them with treats, and all of the children will participate in welcoming St. Nicholas at the end of the program.

## PRAAYER 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  
Fr. Jon Braun  
Dn. Richard E.  
Kh. Diane C.  
Kh. Mary Sue W.  
Fr. Patrick and Vanessa K.  
Greg & Margaret Y.  
Hoppe Family  
Gail S.  
Dean & Penny B.  
Kevin & Angel S.

Baby Emma  
Mary  
Susan B.  
Baby Christian F.  
Duane F.  
Galina, Nikolai & Nataliya  
Olga Marie G.  
Emily F.  
Joan T.  
Terri-Lynn & Hannah Rose H.  
Jared E.

James  
Alma G.  
Carla H.  
Carla B.  
Dawn L.  
Zamora Family  
Michael L., Penny C. and Family  
Greg Z.  
All those suffering and  
in danger in the Ukraine,  
Africa, and the Middle East

**For repose of the souls of:** Silvia Y., Tony S., Gabriel Z.,  
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](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 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. Pay- \*  
\* ment 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.** \*  
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**FOR THE CHILDREN TO COLOR**  
**DURING THE HOMILY OR AT HOME -**