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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, September 24, 2017

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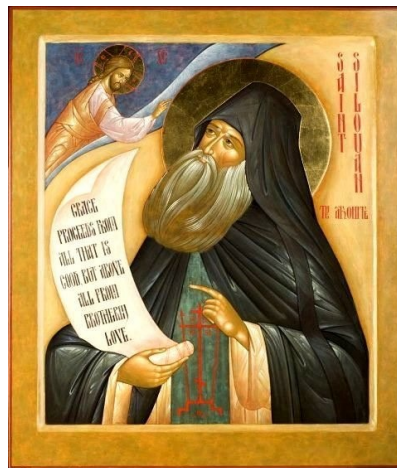
**Proto-martyr Thekla, Equal-to-the-Apostles
& First Sunday of Luke**

Venerable Silouan of Athos

Commemoration of the Wonder-working icon
of the Theotokos of the Myrtle Tree; New-martyr Ahmed;

Venerable Nicander of Pskov;

The Synaxis of All Saints of Alaska



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, September 24

Blessing of Ministry Leaders

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
4:00 p.m. St. Barbara Monastery Friends

Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, September 27

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry
5:45 p.m. Evangelism Team Meeting

Thursday, September 28

11:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing Ministry
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
6-7:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
6:30-8:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 29

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, September 30

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers, Confessions

Sunday, October 1

Blessing of Musicians

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

September 24 Washburn
October 1 Meyer
October 8 Dillon
October 15 Sieck

Coffee Hour

September 24 S. & T. Speier
October 1 NEED A HOST
October 8 NEED A HOST
October 15 NEED A HOST

Greeters

September 24 K. & L. Jacobs
October 1 L. Baker, P. King
October 8 D. Genatone, P. Morrison
October 15 H. Lange, G. Shannon

Ushers

September 24 S. Speier, P. Brunner, P. King
October 1 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis
October 8 C. Speier, J. King, D. Washburn
October 15 C. Berari, G. Shannon, S. Speier

Readers

September 24 R. Barre
October 1 D. Alexander
October 8 D. Washburn
October 15 V. Gish

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

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

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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”

After each of the verses, the choir and congregation sing the refrain:

“Remember us, O Lord, when you come in your Kingdom.”

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

(Music on p. 51 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 for St. Thekla the Protomartyr

O glorious Thekla, companion of Paul the divine,
you were inflamed with the love of your Creator,
by the teaching of the divine preacher.
You despised the passing earthly pleasures,
and offered thyself to God as an acceptable and pleasing sacrifice,
disregarding all suffering.
Intercede with Christ thy Groom to grant us His Great Mercy.

Tone 3 Byzantine

Troparion for St. Silouan the Athonite

By prayer thou didst receive Christ as thy Master
on the path of humility;
And in thy heart the Holy Spirit witnessed unto thy salvation.
For this cause all people called to live in hope are now rejoicing,
and celebrating thy memory.
O holy father Silouan, pray to Christ to save our souls.

Tone 4 Byzantine

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.

Tone 3 Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

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 - Ordinary Sundays

Tone 4 Byzantine melody

O undisputed intercessor of Christians,
O mediatrix, who is unrejected by the creator.
Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners.
Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith,
for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos,
who dost always intercede for those who honor thee.

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

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

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, my sufferings, 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.

Preparatory Psalm Verses with Alleluia Refrain Before the Gospel

Tone 7

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 5:1-11

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

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 Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the Highest! Alleluia! (Ps. 148)

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.

Pray to End Abortion.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This Fall we will be having our 10th local 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood in Santa Barbara. These prayer vigils are very peaceful and have been very effective. We are especially honored this year to have Bishop Robert Barron join us for our Vigil Kickoff on Wednesday, September 27 at 10 AM. This will be right in front of the building at 518 Garden Street. We are asking you to join us for this kickoff and to sign up to pray for one hour this Fall at Planned Parenthood. The vigil will run until November 5.

Our St. Athanasius parish will, once again, participate in the 40 Days for Life Vigil by praying the Trisagion (Memorial) Prayers in front of Planned Parenthood on Saturday, October 28th at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us in this peaceful vigil. We will carpool at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

You can access a complete calendar of services and other parish activities on our website: www.stathanasius.org.
On the homepage, click on **VIEW CALENDAR** at the bottom left.

ALL MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS will receive a special blessing after Liturgy today.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES are offered to Regina and Gary Moon on the passing of Regina's mother, Rosa Lee Reynolds, on September 11th. She lived in Max Meadows, Virginia. May her memory be eternal.

ADULT CATECHISM HAS BEGUN

We meet on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. Please sign up with Fr. Nicholas if you are interested. All are welcome! It's a great refresher course for all Orthodox Christians, as well as an introduction for inquirers and catechumens.

MONASTERY FRIENDS GATHERING

TODAY the St. Barbara Friends Gathering will begin at 4:00 p.m. with a presentation by Serena Xenia Enke on "An Orthodox Perspective on Depression." Serena is a licensed psychotherapist and member of St. Andrew Antiochian parish in Riverside, where she is a chanter. The talk will be followed by Vespers and a potluck supper.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will have its first gathering of the new Liturgical Year this coming Friday, September 29th from 6-8 p.m. All are asked to bring an appetizer or beverage. Please respond to the E-vite, or contact Kristin King at kristinpking@gmail.com.

COFFEE HOUR UPDATE

We have no hosts yet for the following Sundays in 2017:

October 1, 8, 15, November 19 December 3, 10, 17

To sign up, go to: <http://www.stathanasius.org/coffee-hour/>

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PARISHES IN AREAS WHERE THERE WERE FLOODS AND HURRICANES

Metropolitan Joseph is calling for all parishes and missions in our Archdiocese to appeal to their faithful for donations to help alleviate some of the pain and suffering of people in our parishes who have experienced damage from the recent hurricanes. If you would like to contribute to this cause, please make checks out to SAOC with "Hurricane Appeal" in the memo line. We will send one check to the Archdiocese on behalf of our parish.

If there are funds remaining after the Archdiocese distributes funds to parishes in need, they will be forwarded to IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) to help with their work in those areas.



CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Once again, Annunciation Orthodox Church in Santa Maria is selling fresh Noble Fir pine wreaths as a fundraiser for \$22 each.

The wreaths include a red velvet bow and 2 pine cones.
Wreaths ordered by November 2nd will be delivered to our church the first week of December.

If you would like to order a wreath, please make checks out to Annunciation Church and put in tithe box, or bring to the church office. Include the words "Christmas Wreath" in the memo line.

**Wreaths will only be ordered if we have your cash or check by the deadline.
Deadline for payment is November 2, 2017.**

PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

NEW GRAVEL PARKING LOT

Feel free to park in the front gravel parking lot on Sundays. If the cones are still blocking the entrance on Sunday morning, it is fine to move them to the side. The cones are up the rest of the week to discourage speeding and "joy riding" on the property.

BUILDING USE

Although we do not rent our facilities or allow outside groups and organizations to use them at this time, if you have ideas for specific speakers or presentations that you would like our parish to HOST, speak with Fr. Nicholas about it. He will determine if the topic or cause is appropriate for one of our ministry groups to host. The same holds for any group meetings or study groups you would like to start/host in the parish.

PATIO PROGRESS

Next week we will have an update in the bulletin from the Building Committee regarding the patio expansion and shade structure,.

MEETING MINUTES

The Parish Council monthly meeting minutes are posted on the parish website in the password protected area **for parishioners only**. If you do not have a password, log onto the website, go to the box on the homepage that says PARISHIONER SIGN-IN, and click on "Not registered." It can take several days to receive your password.



BLESSING OF ALL STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017



TEEN SCENE

**Junior High teens meet from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
and High School teens meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
on Thursdays in the Teen Room at the church, unless noted otherwise.**

9/28 Regular Youth Group times

10/20-21 Visit to Saint Barbara's Monastery More details to follow.

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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
Fr. Jon Braun
Dn. Richard E.
Kh. Diane C.
Fr. Patrick and Vanessa K.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family
Gail S.
Dean & Penny B.
Angelina, Jase & Alina S.

Mary
Rich and Susan B.
Duane F.
Galina, Nikolai & Nataliya
Joan T.
Friesen Family
Temmo K.
Ethan K.
Tony C.
Mona Z.
Paul F. and Family
Justin B.

Fr. Anthony Y. and Family
Bill & Robin H. and Family
Tony E.
Michael A. & Edward S., who are
studying in Russia
All those suffering and
in danger in the Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East

The victims of hurricanes, floods,
fires and earthquakes in Texas,
Florida, Montana and Mexico, and
all of the disaster relief workers and
first-responders

For repose of the souls of: James P., Rosa R., Kh. Mary Sue 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 Proskomedie (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.

