



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Tone 4 / Eothinon 7

Theophany of Christ (transferred from Jan 6)

Martyrs Theopemptos the Bishop of Nicomedia

and Theonas the former magician;

Venerable Syncletica of Alexandria;

Venerable-martyr Romanos of Athos



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!

We welcome children of all ages in our worship.

“Let the little children come unto Me for of such is
the Kingdom of Heaven.” Luke 18:16

Calendar for this Week

Sunday, January 5—Commemoration of the FEAST OF EPIPHANY (transferred from Jan. 6)

9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:30 p.m. Bus leaves for the Harbor
1:00 p.m. Outdoor Blessing of the Water at Santa Barbara Harbor

Monday, January 6—EPIPHANY

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

Tuesday, January 7

Synaxis of St. John the Baptist

3:45 p.m. Catechesis Level One
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

Wednesday, January 8

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Thursday, January 9

10:00 a.m. Showers of Blessing
5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Friday, January 10

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

Saturday, January 11

4:30 p.m. Adult Catechism
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, January 12

9:00 a.m. Religious Ed classes for ages 6-12
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m. Teen Religious Education
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

January 5 Tinyayeva
January 12 Cocores
January 19 Sieck
January 26 Meyer

Coffee Hour

January 5 Lander
January 12 P. King
January 19 D. Washburn/K. Fox (for St. Xenia)
January 26 D. Genatone (in memory of Al)

Greeters

January 5 M. Loulias/P. Cocores
January 12 H. Lange/D. Washburn
January 19 K.P. King/L. Hoppe
January 26 D. Genatone/L. Baker

Ushers

January 5 D. Washburn, D. Meyer, M. Loulias
January 12 D. Lewis, C. Speier, J. King
January 19 P. Brunner, C. Berari, S. Speier
January 26 D. Washburn, D. Meyer, M. Loulias

Readers

January 5 Rdr. H. Lange
January 12 D. Washburn
January 18 Rdr. M. Kern (Readers Matins)
January 18 D. Alexander (Lit. for St. Athanasius)
January 19 Rdr. J. Butler
January 26 M. Braun

**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 for the Feast with Refrain

Verse: When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

**Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos,
O Savior, save us.**

Verse: The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back. What ails you, o sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? [refrain]

Verse: Glory....now and ever... [refrain]

Second Antiphon— Psalm Verses for the Feast with Refrain

Verse: I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.
Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

**Refrain: O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee,
Alleluia!**

Verse: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me.
I suffered distress and anguish, then I called on the name of the Lord. [refrain]

Verse: Gracious and righteous is the Lord, and our God is merciful. [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—Psalm Verses with Troparion as refrain

Verse: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, For His mercy endures forever!

Refrain: MUSIC ON PAGE 7 OF THIS INSERT.

**When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,
worship of the Trinity was made manifest!
For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,
calling You his beloved Son.
And the Spirit, in the likeness of a dove
confirmed the truth of His Word.
Christ our God, Who has appeared
and enlightened the world,
glory to You!**

Verse: Let the house of Israel say: for He is good,
For His mercy endures forever! [refrain]

Verse: Let the house of Aaron say: for He is good,
For His mercy endures forever! [refrain]

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

Troparion of the Resurrection

Having learned the joyful message
of the Resurrection from the angel,
the women disciples of the Lord cast from them
their parental condemnation,
and proudly broke the news to the disciples
saying death has been spoiled.
Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Byzantine melody

Troparion of Epiphany

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,
worship of the Trinity was made manifest!
For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,
calling You his beloved Son.
And the Spirit, in the likeness of a dove
confirmed the truth of His Word.
Christ our God, Who has appeared
and enlightened the world, glory to You!

Tone 1 (Byzantine Chant)

Kontakian of Epiphany**Tone 4**

Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord,
and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us.
Knowing You, we sing Your praises:
“You have come and revealed Yourself, //
O unapproachable Light.”

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN (*Sung in place of “Holy God”*)

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; now and ever, and unto
ages of ages. Amen. ...have put on Christ, Alleluia.*

Deacon: With Strength!

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Prokeimenon (Psalm verses with refrain before the Epistle)**Tone 4**

Chanter: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!
God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

Verse: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
for His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 97/98)

EPISTLE READING**Titus 2:11-15, 3:4-7**

Titus, my son, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for Himself a people of His own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Alleluia Refrain with Psalm verses before the Gospel**Tone 1**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse 1. Bring unto the Lord, O Sons of God, bring young rams unto the Lord!
(*Refrain*)

Verse 2. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters! The glory of God thundered, the Lord is upon many waters! (*Refrain*)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

Meglynarion for the Feast of Epiphany

(Hymn to the Mother of God—p. 27 of Liturgy book)

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos,
more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos;
even Angels are overcome with awe praising you.
But since you are good, accept our faith;
for you know our love inspired by God!
You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMN

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all. (Verses from Ps. 118/119)

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.

TROPARION OF THEOPHANY (Epiphany)

Contemporary Byzantine Chant

TONE 1

ISON → 0) When You O Lord were bap- tized in the Jor- dan, .
wor- ship of the Tri- ni- ty was made ma- ni- fest, For th
voice of the Fa- ther bore wit- ness to You call- ing
You His Be- lo- ved Son and the Spi- rit in the like-
ness
of a dove con- firmed the truth of His Word. 0
Christ our God, who has ap- peared and en- light
ened the world, glo- ry to You (Last time only)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

On any page, click on **VIEW CALENDAR** at the bottom left.

Today at 1:00 p.m. we will join St. Barbara (Greek) parish down at the Yacht Club for the Outdoor Blessing of the Water. The bus will leave at 12:30 p.m. from the church parking lot. Seats are first come/first served. Donations will be taken as you board the bus to cover the tip for the driver. A dollar or two is fine.

It is the time of year when we bless our dwellings again and pray for God's protection in the coming year. Don't forget to call one of our priests to set up a time to have your home blessed!

GARY MOON, a former member of our parish, will lead a retreat on Saturday, JAN. 25th, from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Westmont College in the Dallas Willard Center. The retreat is called: "Becoming Fully Human: A Contemplative Retreat inspired by the Life of Dallas Willard." To register, contact McKenna Donner at Westmont's Martin Institute by Jan. 17 at: mddonner@westmont.edu. Gary Moon is a Senior Fellow at the Martin Institute and will receive an award on January 22nd at Westmont for his recently published biography of Dallas Willard. Gary and his wife, Regina, currently live near Atlanta, Georgia.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Saturday, January 18 8:30 a.m.

Liturgy for Feast of **St. Athanasius** the Great, followed by coffee hour

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

1/08 Tyler & Taylor Speier
1/09 Mark & Dee Kern

Birthdays

1/6 Robert Kinman
1/9 Carla Harris, Chris Seaman

Patron Saint Commemorations

1/5 **Prophet Micah** — Micah Landrum
1/6 **Theophany**—Tiffany Van Wagoner
1/7 **St. John the Baptist (Synaxis)**
Ron Berari, Fr. John Finley, John Heiduk, Gianni Madrigal,
John Ronan Meyer, Johnny Wallace



Thank you to our parish staff for their leadership in 2019.

**From left to right:
 Valerie Yova, Administrator/Music Director
 Mitchel Denny, Young Adult Coordinator
 Fr. Nicholas Speier, Pastor
 Carla Brunstead, Office Assistant
 Cherie Shea, Bookkeeper
 Joanne Gish, Catechesis Coordinator
 Michael Easbey, Teen Program Coordinator**

AND A HUGE THANKS TO THE LEADERS OF ALL OF OUR MINISTRY TEAMS!

We begin 2020 with a 5-year strategic plan that will be our guide for all of our efforts, both in sustaining existing programs and developing new ones. Many thanks to all who participated in that planning process!



Three couples had their engagements blessed on Sunday, Dec. 22:

**Lauren Shackelford & Lucas Raskon
 Megan Leiphardt & Gabriel Speier
 Mary Gish & Mitchell Denny**



On Sunday, December 29th Juliette Iris Macdonald was churched, and a blessing was given to her mama, Adrienne, upon entering the church after childbirth.



Last Sunday, we said “Farewell” to our dear friend and parishioner, Nestan Tsiskaridze, (on the far left in this photo from our recent Nativity service). She has accepted a research position up north at Stanford. We will greatly miss her, and fully expect her to visit often! May God bless this next part of her journey!

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.**

1/9 Regular Youth Group
1/16 Regular Youth Group
1/23 Regular Youth Group
1/30 Regular Youth Group

Women's Window

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP UPCOMING ACTIVITY

Drum Circle Fun With Suzi Wiley

Saturday January 18, 2020

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Immediately following the Liturgy for St. Athanasius Feast Day
In the Teen Room

Please watch your e-mail for an Evite from Christie Robinson



DAY RETREAT FOR ORTHODOX MOMS

Fr. Nicholas and Jan will be leading a retreat for Orthodox moms on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th** at St. Luke Antiochian Orthodox Church in Garden Grove. For more information, go to: <https://www.antiochianladiocese.org/women>



**Blessing of the graves at Goleta Cemetery
on Sunday, December 29th. Memory eternal!**

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:

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| Metropolitan JOSEPH | Zac B. | Fr. Jon-Stephen H. |
| Mother Victoria | Lauren | Cole K. (military) |
| Met. Paul & Abp. John | Kh. Carla Z. | Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy) |
| Bishop Neofitos (Diocese of Kenya) | Fr. Patrick and Vanessa K. | Lauren K. (military) |
| Mother Christophora | Tom M. | Jeff H. |
| Fr. Jon B. | Dottie G. | Steve T, Kyle P. & Jeff P. |
| Joseph B. | Jerry J. | Bonita M. |
| Dn. Richard E. | Monsignor J. Yanek | Lorena F. |
| Kh. Diane C. | Neil | Olga Marie G. |
| Greg & Margaret Y. | Diana | Dn. John Y. |
| Hoppe Family | Tyler | |
| Duane F. | Phyllis M. | The Ethiopian Orthodox Church |
| Richard and Susan B. | Ryder H. | |
| Regina M. | Kent F. | All those suffering and |
| | Bob N. | in danger in Ukraine, |

For repose of the souls of: Barbara B., Elder Ephraim
All who have died in the conflicts in 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 Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion).

 * **ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE** *
 * The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall - two enclosed cabinets containing items that are FOR SALE. One cabinet holds icons, crosses, incense, prayer ropes, etc. The bookshelf has books for sale, arranged alphabetically by book title. Children’s books are on the bottom shelf. 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 brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Nicholas’ office. Make checks payable to **S.A.O.C. Bookstore**. (The pamphlets in the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.)
 * **All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.** *

