



# ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, February 2, 2014

Tone 7 / Eothinon 10

**Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord Jesus Christ**



## 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**

**FR. NICHOLAS WILL BE OUT OF TOWN FOR THE ANNUAL DIOCESE CLERGY SEMINAR FROM FEBRUARY 3-6.**

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### **Sunday, February 2**

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE**

**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Rite-13 Progressive Dinner

### **Monday, February 3**

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

### **Tuesday, February 4**

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

### **Wednesday, February 5**

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

### **Thursday, February 6**

5:30 p.m. Daily Vespers

### **Friday, February 7**

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins

### **Saturday, February 8**

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

### **Sunday, February 9**

**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

## ***Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule***

### **Eucharist Bread**

February 2 Thomas  
February 9 Gish  
February 16 Dillon  
February 23 Meyer

### **Coffee Hour**

February 2 D. & D. Alexander (for St. Simeon, St. Anna, and Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord)  
February 9 Ben Hedges Family (to commemorate St. Theodora for Sydney Theodora)  
February 16 C. & C. Robinson (in honor of Fr. Nicholas' birthday)  
February 23 Meatfare Picnic

### **Greeters**

February 2 P. King/P. Matthews  
February 9 D. Washburn/D. Lewis  
February 16 K. & L. Jacobs  
February 23 S. & C. Shackelford

### **Ushers**

February 2 D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis  
February 9 C. Speier, Rita Schneider, P. King  
February 16 Jon King, G. Braun Jr., P. King  
February 23 S. & L. Speier, P. Brunner

# CHANGEABLE TEXTS FOR THE DAY

**AT THE END OF THE MATINS SERVICE, WE SING THE GREAT DOXOLOGY.**  
**(“Glory to You, Who have shown us the light...” - Complete text is  
in the front of the Liturgy Book.)**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### GREAT LITANY

#### First Antiphon—For the Feast of the Presentation

*(verse) My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king.  
My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.*

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

*(verse) Grace hath been poured forth on Thy lips.  
Wherefore God hath blessed Thee forever.*

*(verse) Glory... & Both now...*

#### Second Antiphon—For the Feast of the Presentation

*(verse) Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Mighty One, in Thy  
comeliness and Thy beauty.*

**Refrain: O Son of God who was carried in the arms of Simeon the Righteous, save  
us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!**

*(verse) Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.*

*(verse) Thine arrows are sharp, O Mighty One, sharp in the heart of the  
enemies of the king. A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of  
Thy kingdom.*

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 was 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—For the Feast of the Presentation**

*(verse) Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear;  
and forget thine own people and thy father's house.*

**Refrain:**

**Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!**

**From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,  
enlightening those who sat in darkness.**

**Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,  
you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls,  
Who grants us the Resurrection!**

*(verse) The rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. [Refrain]*

*(verse) I shall commemorate thy name in every generation. [Refrain]*

**- PROCESSION OF THE CLERGY -  
AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE, WE SING THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL  
HYMNS FOR THE DAY:**

**Troparion of the Resurrection**

**Tone 7**

**(Music is 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.

**Troparion for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord**

**Tone 1**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, who art full of grace;  
for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God,  
a light to those who dwell in darkness.  
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Simeon,  
carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls,  
who grants us Resurrection.

## **Kontakian of The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple**

**Tone 1**

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb!

And blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God.

Now You have come and saved us through love.

Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

## **TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 9 of Liturgy Book)**

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal one, 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) for the Feast of the Presentation:**

**Tone 3**

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Vs. For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold,  
henceforth all generations shall call me blessed!

## **EPISTLE READING**

### **Hebrews 7:7-17**

Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the Law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the Law as well. For the One of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "You art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

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

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

Vs. 1. Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.

Vs. 2 A light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 2:25-38**

At that time, the infant Jesus was brought up to Jerusalem by His parents to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him, by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the Law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now lettest You Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for mine eyes have seen Your salvation which You hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel."

And Joseph and his mother marveled at what was said about Him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother,

"Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all who were looking for the redemption in Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.

## LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

### **Meglynarion for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord (Hymn to the Mother of God—p. 27 of Liturgy book)**

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you!

We faithful saw the figure in the shadow of the Law and the Scriptures: Every male child that opened the womb was holy to God! Therefore, we magnify the first-begotten Son of the unoriginate Father, the first-born Son of the unwedded Mother!

### **Communion of the Clergy (Liturgy Book page 32)**

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps. 116:4)

### **Communion of the People (Liturgy Book page 33)**

Of Thy mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant. For I will not speak of thy mysteries to Thine enemies. Neither like Judas will I give Thee a kiss. But like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom!

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality.

### ***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**

2/3 Velislava Nikolov  
2/4 Hannah Sieck  
2/7 Stan Friesen  
2/9 Zavien Van Wagoner

### **Feast Day Celebrations**

2/3 The Prophetess Anna Dorothy Alexander, Leslee Kinman  
2/3 Simeon, the God-receiver Dana Alexander, Tyler Speier

## **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).

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**DON'T FORGET** to schedule a time with one of the priests of our parish to have your house blessed for the coming year!

### **ALL-PARISH MEETING—Sunday, March 16th**

We will have an all-parish meeting after Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 16th to get an update on our finances and budget for 2014, including the Building Fund, to have a brief orientation to our new “home,” and to discuss our goals for the Building Project. Please reserve this date on your family calendar. More information will follow.

### **SETTLING INTO OUR NEW HOME**

As we get settled into our new building, we will be adjusting to the new space, trying out different ways of doing things, and learning some guidelines for how to be good stewards of our beautiful building. We ask that everyone be aware of the following:

- Please do not park in the Mentor parking lot next door. Very soon, the grassy area on our property, closest to Hollister, will be available for parking.
- We have a very sophisticated and sensitive heating and cooling system. Please do not open or prop doors, especially during the services.
- The lawn areas are still being seeded. Please do not walk or sit on them until the yellow tape is removed. Also, please try to avoid walking on the newly landscaped areas.



- We must all clean up after ourselves, and let's teach our children to do so, as well. Please “bus” your own table after coffee hour. If you spill something or see something spilled on the carpeting, please clean it up as quickly as possible. We ask that you not set wet cups and food on the beautiful furniture in the foyer.
- Parents of infants: There are pull-down changing tables in both the women’s and men’s restrooms in the large, handicap stalls.
- Although we have no “Quiet Room” for fussy babies and children, we will eventually be piping the audio from the services into the foyer. Also, there will be a sitting area at the Hollister end of the building.
- As we do in school and other indoor environments, let’s encourage our children to walk (not run) inside the church building. The long, open hallways are very tempting, but we have plenty of space outdoors to run.

## The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

Today the Church commemorates an important event in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple, the center of the nation’s religious life. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple of God for forty days. At the end of this time the mother came to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb or pigeon to the Lord as a purification sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin, the Mother of God, had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity without defilement. However, she humbly fulfilled the requirements of the Law. At this time the righteous Elder Simeon was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold the promised Messiah. By inspiration from above, St Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and St Joseph had brought the Infant Jesus to fulfill the Law.

The God-Receiver Simeon took the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: “Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32). At the Temple was the 84-year-old widow Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel, “who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She arrived just when St Simeon met the divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem” (Luke 2:37-38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: “This Child has established Heaven and earth.” Before Christ was born, righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous people of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet the Savior in the Temple.

The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. We have sermons on the Feast by the holy bishops Methodius of Patara (+ 312), Cyril of Jerusalem (+ 360), Gregory the Theologian (+ 389), Amphilocius of Iconium (+ 394), Gregory of Nyssa (+ 400), and John Chrysostom (+ 407). Despite its early origin, this Feast was not celebrated so splendidly until the sixth century.

# TEEN SCENE

## JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD Schedule of Activities and Service Projects

### Rite 13 (Grades 7-8)

#### FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 9                      Progressive Dinner, 5:00 p.m.

Date TBA                                      St. Barbara Monastery visit

### J2-A (Grades 9-10)

#### FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 23                      Fire on Father, 5:00 p.m. at Fr. Nicholas and Jan's

### YAC (Grades 11-12)

#### FEBRUARY

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Camp St. Nicholas **Winter Teen Camp** - February 14-17, 2014  
(Presidents' Weekend)
- Project Mexico Mission Trip—August 13-19, 2014

### **A FEW REMINDERS FOR THE NEW YEAR...**

1. **Mailing address for automatic payments:** You may use the P.O. Box 35, Goleta, CA 93116, or the new church address (300 Sumida Gardens Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93111.)
2. **Please designate** on donation checks to which account you want the funds to go. Otherwise, they will be entered as "tithes." We have a new bookkeeper who is not familiar with your donation habits or history.
3. If any of **your contact information** has changed in the past several months, please be sure to notify the church office with your most current address, email, home phone and cell phone.
4. If you or your family have taken a **new photo** in the past six months that you would like to submit for the new parish photo directory, please E-MAIL it by March 1st to the church office.  
OFFICE@STATHANASIUS.ORG
5. The church office is **closed on Mondays**. Office hours are 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Tuesday-Friday.
6. Ministry leaders, please **schedule use of the church building** with the church office .

**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](mailto:office@stathanasius.org).**

**Please pray for the health of:**

Fr. Alexander Atty  
Mother Victoria  
Met. Paul & Abp. John  
    who have been  
    kidnapped by terrorists  
    in Turkey.  
Peggy K. and Family  
Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W.  
Fr. Luke H. and Family  
Greg & Margaret Y.  
Mary Ellen B.

Kh. Luann B.  
Gail S.  
Olga G.  
Leona G.  
Mick K. & Family  
Mary & Susan  
Duane F.  
Marna D.  
Frank G.  
Baby Christian F.  
Richard

Eleni Z.  
Sylvia G.  
Jimmy  
Molly M.  
Joy  
Victoria T.  
Nataliya T.  
Galina  
Frances C.

**For repose of the souls of:** Patrick B., Andrew S., Fr. Jim, Robert H., Lou

**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 Proskomedie (Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion).

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**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. Make checks payable to “St. Athanasius Book Center.”

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MEETING OF THE LORD

