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A Message From Your Priest

My beloved parishioners,

As we approach the celebration of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we must prepare ourselves to welcome this momentous event.

Many times in our lives God surprises us. When things appear to be the worst, He makes things better. It was so at Easter. The one who was truly good had been overwhelmed, defeated and buried in a tomb. In that darkest hour of man's history, God caused his light to shine. Christ rose from the dead and death was defeated and hope was assured for those who were seeking the Lord. It is a matter of history, established beyond any doubt, but it also tells us something of the way God works.

Only God can turn darkness into light. I believe He is doing it today. Certainly, our world is dark enough and we desperately need a divine surprise. It is happening throughout our world, in our homes, our Churches, our cities and towns. There is a thirst for spiritual fulfillment. There are voices that speak and people who listen. There are those who have been disillusioned with empty words and promises of an earthly paradise. There are those who have been betrayed and disappointed.

There are many more who realize that life's material achievements and advancements, do not matter when happiness, peace, security and hope compromised.

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In the light of the resurrected Lord, we realize that in the worst of times God is doing His best to help us achieve happiness, peace, security and hope.

We would like to share God's promise with you and we invite you to be one with us as we witness God's truth through the teaching and work of St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church. We can never do it without you, but with your help we can be an active and effective force in God's miracle of light.

Finally, it is my unshakable faith that God will never abandon His Church. It is the Body of His Son. If we mistake His will, He will let us know in His own time. If we comprehend His will and are grasped by it, we will come to know this, too. Amen.

With my warmest wishes for a spiritually uplifting Great and Holy Lent, a happy Easter and a glorious personal Resurrection,

Father Efstahios V. Mylonas Protopresbyter

Holy Sacraments

Wedding

Basil C. Cacarnakis and Marina Geleka on Saturday, January 19, 2002. Sponsors: Nick and Vasiliki Kefallinos.

Congratulations to the newlyweds and to their sponsors. May God abundantly bless their lives.

Baptisms

Sophia Anna, daughter of Chris N. and Julie Mitsos, February 16, 2002. Godparents: Nick and Irene Mitsos.

Christos Nikitas, son of Dimitris and Qian Menemenlis, February 18, 2002. Godparent: Aliki Panagiotakopoulos.

To the newly baptized, their parents and godparents, we extend warmest wishes. May the Lord our God abundantly bless their lives.

Funerals

Christos P. Jacovides of San Gabriel, CA on February 7, 2002.

Effie Harris of Pasadena, CA on February 14, 2002.

Peter H. Scolinos of San Gabriel, CA on March 12, 2002.

May the Lord our God grant rest to the souls of these dedicated members of our Church. May their memory be eternal. Special appreciation to all of our parishioners and friends who generously contributed through St. Anthony's Philoptochos to provide a dignified Funeral Service and burial for Christos P. Jacovides and for the support to his family. Appreciation also to Christos and Angeliki Broussinos and their family for their generous donation to the Church in place of any other memorial for their parents, Effie and Peter Harris. Appreciation to Mary Scolinos for being a faithful member and supporter of our Church along with her husband Peter H. Scolinos.

Pentahiliariko

<u>Pentahiliariko</u> 2002 took place at the Pasadena Hilton on March 2, 2002. It was an elegant and successful event. We express deep appreciation to Anthia Lucas, chairman, her committee members and all the generous participants.

Acknowledgements

We express deep appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Lou Knoop for generously donating a special Safe, a most useful container for the valuables of our Church. Deep appreciation also to George and Vivian Mavredakis for generously donating for the transportation of the Safe.

<u>Special floral arrangements and items needed at Saint Anthony's for the Great Lent and Pascha 2002</u>

Flowers for the 3rd Sunday in Lent. (Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross)......\$150.00

Palms for Palm Sunday Services......\$50.00

The wreath for the Cross for Holy Thursday evening.....\$100.00

The shroud (linen sheet) for Good Friday....\$40.00

Flowers for the Epitaphios and other floral arrangements.....any donations

The Resurrection candle.....\$350.00

Troparion of the Feast day of St. Anthony – January 17

O Father Anthony, you imitated the zealous Elijah. You followed the straight paths of the Baptist and became a desert dweller. By prayer you confirmed the universe. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Philoptochos

2002 Fashion Show Kick-off

meeting: Monday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony's Hall. Everyone is encouraged to come, please bring a friend. We are looking forward to your input and support. Refreshments will be served. For further information, call Judie Christopoulos at (626) 792 – 2394.

PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD

MEETINGS are scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month, and GENERAL MEETINGS are schedule on the fourth Wednesday of the month, except during lent when meetings are rescheduled on Tuesdays. Next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at the home of Sophia Angelos at 7:30 p.m. The speakers will be Eve Tibbs and Dorothea Hartford. Please join us and learn how our chapter helps our Church and community. All Orthodox

women are welcome to become members.

Many thanks go to Lisa Xanthos for hosting our very successful February meeting. The topic was Children's literature presented by San Marino Book and Toy Store. A good time was had by all that enchanted evening.

Philoptochos Tea "The Most Important Friendships Friendships of your Life" was the topic of this year's Philoptochos tea held on February 9, presented by inspirational speakers Drs. Sharon Hart Morris and Katherine Hart Weber. Maria Hronas served as Chairman of the very successful event and she was assisted by Alexis Fine, Maria Kokoris and Pam Buzas. The 85 guest enjoyed an inspiring talk shared with friends regarding life, family and friends.

Coffee Hour – If you are interested in hosting the coffee hour after Church. Please contact Katherine Skandale at (818) 790 – 5028. Remember, your donations for the coffee hour help our Church. Many beautiful items for the altar have been purchased with your coffee hour donations.

<u>Philoptochos Scholarship Award</u> –

Once again Philoptochos of Saint Anthony will award scholarships to worthy high school seniors. For more information please contact Fontaine Malisos (626) 446 – 3622. Applications are due April 1, 2002. Awards will be presented at Church in June on Graduation Sunday.

Philoptochos Membership Renewal

Philoptochos members should now send in their stewardship for the coming year. We invite individuals who are not members to join at this time. Membership and renewals should be sent to Kathy Lucas.

Bake Sale Thank you to everyone for your support of the bake sale held weekly during coffee hour. Kudos go to Yiota Poulos for the outstanding organization of baking and to all the ladies assisting with the bake sale. Proceeds from the sale of bake goods will go to benefit our church. Remember, to place your orders now for Easter Bread.

Sunday School Pascha Schedule

April 27 – Saturday of Lazarus: Students and parents receive Holy Communion, followed by breakfast and making palm crosses for Palm Sunday

May 3 – Holy Friday Retreat: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. For grades pre-school and up. Preparing for Easter (Pascha) and the meaning of the Resurrection as a Greek Orthodox Christian.

Myrrbearers: Girls third grade and up are invited to be a Myrrbearer. They will participate in the Holy Friday Lamentation. Girls should wear all white.

JOY

April 6 - Lenten **Youth Rally** in Redondo Beach. We will drive together from St. Anthony's Church. This is a great event. Please encourage your kids to attend!

May 3rd – Fri.: **Holy Friday Retreat**. 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church.

GOYA Winter/Spring 2002

Mar. 30 – 31: GOYA Weekend at **St. Nicholas Ranch** with St. Katherine's GOYA. We will leave Church at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday and return on Sunday night.

<u>April 6th – Sat.</u>: Lenten **Youth Rally** in Redondo Beach.

<u>April 13th – Sat.</u>: Basketball ¼ finals at Pasadena.

<u>April 14th – Sun.</u>: Basketball Semi finals at Pasadena.

April 14th – Sun.: **District Oratorical Festival** at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Long Beach.

<u>April 20th – Sat.</u>: Basketball Finals at Pasadena & Banquet at St. Sophia.

<u>April 21st – Sun.</u>: St. Anthony's Church basketball **banquet**. Our banquet will take place at a restaurant and lunch will be served.

May 3rd – Fri.: **Holy Friday Retreat**. 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church.

May 3rd: Good Friday **Lock-in** at St. Anthony's Church. We will begin after the Service on Friday Night. We will sleep over night at the Church and have food and activities and then go to Divine Liturgy on Saturday Morning. There will be advisors and chaperons through out the entire evening.

June 1, 2 & 3: GOYA Trip to the Christopoulos Ranch. We will leave the Church on Friday night and return on Sunday afternoon. Please save the date and contact Bill Tragus if you are planning on going.

YAL Fellowship

April 14 – 6:00 p.m. YAL Fellowship and Bible Study: We will be meeting

at the home of Peter & Katherine Kouvelis in Glendale from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

June 7 – June 9th: St. Anthony's **Young Adult Retreat** at St. Sophia Camp. For more info, call Billy Tragus.

20th Anniversary National YAL Conference

"Offering our Orthodox Faith to Contemporary America" This year's conference will be in Los Angeles from June 27 – July 1, 2002. There will be a unique track of workshops specifically for "College & Career" young adults, ages 18 – 30. An additional "Leadership" track will be offered for young adults over 30 to better prepare them for service in Church Leadership. For more info, www.yal.org

St. Anthony's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

This year's golf tournament will be Friday, May 31st, 2002. The golf package will include green fees, lunch, dinner and many other freebies. The package is \$125 per golfer. If you are not a golfer, you can still come and enjoy a scrumptious dinner for only \$25. There will be a raffle, line

auction, music and lots of fun along with great $\pi\alpha\rho\epsilon\alpha$ (company). Tell your friends and we will see you there!

AHEPA

April 2nd Tues: AHEPA meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Church. Guest speaker Mike Riskas. Mike will share his experiences in his work to bring baseball to Greece and to the Olympics. Coffee and dessert with daughters will follow the meeting.

April 6 Saturday: AHEPA "Day at the Races" at Santa Anita. Everyone is welcome. Call Steve Tripodes for tickets and info.

April 28th Palm Sunday Luncheon: The AHEPA Family will host a Palm Sunday Luncheon after Church. All net proceeds will be donated to St. Anthony's church.

May 7, Tuesday: AHEPA meeting 7:30 upstairs above the Church hall.

May 19th Sunday: "AHEPA Day"
The AHEPA will host the coffee hour.

June 20 – 23: AHEPA District Convention in La Jolla, CA. A "golf tournament" will take place on Thursday, June 20th. A "Business Networking Workshop" will take place on Friday, June 21st between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the La Jolla Marriott. Contact Dean Tripodes at (626) 792 – 9400 for more information. Check the AHEPA website at www.ahepa20.org

Philanthropia Ministry

The Philanthropia Ministry is a HIV/AIDS & Hospital Ministry. They have a newsletter that goes out to its supporters which includes letters, sermons and information about their ministry. To receive the Philanthropia Ministry newsletter and support their work, contact Father Peter Lambert: (818) 345 – 4724 or check out the website:

Http://hometown.aol.com/philanthropiamin

Rummage Sale

A rummage sale will be held at the Church Hall sometime in the spring of early summer. Please consider saving and donating <u>useful</u> and <u>workable</u> items in <u>good condition</u> for this event. St. Anthony VIP's will conduct the sale and its proceeds will benefit our Church. Please watch for further details to be posted in Church bulletins and flyers.

Orthodox Lenten Retreat

April 19 - 21, 2002 at St. Nicholas Ranch, Conference and Retreat Center.

For women and men, young and old. Theme: Behold the Bridegroom. The cost is \$130 per person, \$220 per couple. For more information, call Rev. Paul Schroeder at (559) 338 - 2103.

Project Mexico Lenten Food Drive

Sunday, March 17 – Sunday, April 21st. Please bring your food donations to St. Anthony's Church. We will have a box in the Church hall to put your donations. Food Items needed are as follows: Individual juice boxes, canned meats, vegetables, fruits, juices, dry goods, condiments, toiletries, kitchen and cleaning supplies. For more information, call Bill Tragus at (626) 449 – 6943



St. Anthony's Church College Student's Bulletin

Be a Camp Counselor!

If you are interested in being a summer camp counselor, there a few opportunities that are available to anyone who is a graduate of high school and an Orthodox Christian. The following camps are currently taking applications:

St. Sophia Camp: Week 1 is July 13 - 18. Week 2 is July 20 - 27, Week 3 is July 27 -August 3, Week 4 is August 3 - 10. If anyone is interested they can call Bill Tragus at (626) 449 - 6943.

St. Nicholas Ranch: Week 1 is July 14 - 20. Week 2 is July 21 - 27. If anyone is interested, please call Father Paul Schroeder at (559) 338 - 2103.

Ionian Village: Located in Greece, this is a summer camp program for Greek Orthodox Kids from America. Applications are still being accepted. For more information, please contact the Ionian Village Office at (212) 570 – 3534 or e-mail at **ionianvillage@goarch.org** Website: **www.ionianvillage.org**

Camp Axios

Camp "Axios" is a five-day camping program that takes place at St. Sophia Camp. The campers are inner city kids who come to experience a camping program that promotes self worth and community through different camping activities. The dates are: July 8 – July 13. If anyone is interested in being a Camp Axios counselor, please call Bill Tragus at (626) 449 –6943.

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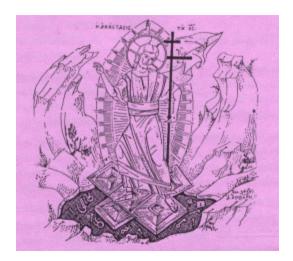
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Χριστός άνέστη έκ νεκρών, Θανάτω Θάνατω πατήσας, καί τοίς έν τοίς μνήμασι ζωήν χαρισάμενος. Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and bestowing life on those in the tombs.



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