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(Closed Saturday and Sunday)

St. Anthony's calendar link: <http://saint-anthonys.org/calendar>

For **pastoral emergencies** please call 626-855-3640

February 11th, 2018 – Judgement Sunday

Blaise the Martyr of Sebaste, Theodora the Empress

Orthros ~ 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 a.m.

We are blessed to have His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas of the Dardanelles praying with us today and offering the opportunity to venerate various relics from the Holy Lands.

EIS POLLA ETI DESPOTA!

We will be having a luncheon today for just a \$5 donation per person. Pasta bolognese, salad, garlic bread, and dessert.

Studies in the Faith: A Lenten Journey through the Holy Land Feb. 21st – March 28th: These classes will give the participant a better understanding of the importance of the Holy Land as it relates to our Greek Orthodox Faith. This is a series for six weeks, held on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:15, after the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. This Bible Study with an emphasis on the Holy Land will be held from Feb. 21st to March 28th. Participation in the discussions is encouraged to ensure that the Bible Study will become an exciting and meaningful experience for all.

Personal Finance Class will not meet today. Class will resume next Sunday.

House Blessings are being offered now through February 16th. If you would like to request a blessing of your home from either Fr. Peter or Fr. Christopher, please contact the church office.

Divine Services for the month of February (*saint-anthonys.org/calendar*):

Saturday, Feb. 17th – Saturday of the Souls (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

Friday, Feb. 23rd – Salutation to the Theotokos (*7:00pm*)

Wednesday, Feb. 21st – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (*6:00pm*)

Saturday, Feb. 24th – Saturday of the Souls (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

Wednesday, Feb. 28th – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (*6:00pm*)

GOYA BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY @ HOME vs. St. George Downey.

Games will begin at 2:00pm at Sierra Madre Middle School. 160 N Cañon Ave, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Junior Girls-2 pm; Junior Boys-3 pm; Senior Girls-4 pm; Senior Boys-5 pm

HOPE & JOY – Our first meeting went very well thanks to parent helpers. We will meet March 5-cardboard challenge, don't ask, just come and enjoy the fun! No meeting in April-families will be celebrating Pascha. May 6-Theme to be announced, June-Vacation Bible School. Dates for July, August and September to be announced. Youth volunteers are welcomed, contact Mary Udria, mary.udria@gmail.com or Irene Albeck, mcmg2a@aol.com

Orthodoxy on Tap! is designed as a space for Orthodox Christian college students and young adults in Southern California/Los Angeles to meet one another and learn about and discuss their Orthodox faith at fun, casual locations with food and drinks available. Thursday Feb. 15th, 2018 @ 7:30pm Papa Cristo's Greek Grill. TOPIC: Fasting & Discipline. SPEAKER: Fr. Chris Kolentas, Associate pastor, St. Sophia Cathedral.

Save the date: GOYA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT - May 12, 2018.

Union Station Homeless Services Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program by volunteering your time to serve the homeless. USHS staff and clients are always happy to see our group from Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church. This coming year 2018 we continue to provide nutritious hot meals and serve those less fortunate. Contact Sophia Angelos at sangelos2000@gmail.com, Irene Albeck at mcmg2a@aol.com or Stephanie Soewers at szanglis@aol.com.

Parish Pay (WeShare) is an easy method to make donations to Saint Anthony Church. To sign up, please either: Visit ParishPay.com or call (800) 950-9952 and enroll over the phone. If weekly envelopes are not your preference, Parish Pay is an easy alternative for all your donations.

Order for Holy Communion (for Baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians): *The acolytes, choir, and chanters receive Holy Communion first. Next, the parishioners from the front pew, one pew at a time should approach the chalice. Please allow the ushers to dismiss you.*

HYMNS OF THE DAY

(DURING SMALL ENTRANCE)

(1) Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 3.

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

(AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE)

(2) Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 3.

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(3) Apolytikion of Saint Anthony. Mode 4.

Emulating the ways of Elijah the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you made the wilderness a city, and did support the world by your prayers. Wherefore intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἠλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

(4) Seasonal Kontakion. Mode 1.

When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.

Ὅταν ἔλθῃς ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης, καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμὸς δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἔλκη, καὶ βίβλοι ἀνοίγονται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτὰ δημοσιεύονται, τότε ῥῦσαί με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου, καὶ ἀξίωσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου μὲ στήναι, Κριτὰ δικαιοσύνη.

READINGS OF THE DAY

Orthros Gospel Reading

Third Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to Mark 16:9-20

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they sat at table; and he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. Amen.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a

cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

The Gospel According to Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."