



**SAINT ANTHONY**  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Church office hours: Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Closed Saturday and Sunday)

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

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

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

*Habakkuk the Prophet*

**Orthros ~ 8:45 a.m.**

**Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Artoklasia is offered today** by Kathy Tsigkounis.

**Today's Social Hour** is hosted by the St. Anthony GOYA.

**Tuesday morning Bible Study** has returned. Every Tuesday at 10:00am with a study of the Orthodox Advent season.

**Santa's Kitchen:** Philoptochos is asking the community to help with Santa's Kitchen at the Christmas Luncheon by making something sweet - candy, fudge or any other treat. No time to make something. We would also gratefully accept any donations to help with our expenses. Please stop by our table to sign-up after church or email Lisa Xanthos, [lisx@att.net](mailto:lisx@att.net). Thank you so much for your help!

**Jeremiah and Rebecca Courter invite you** to witness the baptism of their newest daughter, Anna Courter, at 1pm on Sunday December 9th. Coffee hour will be hosted by Joe and Sherese Akrotirianakis that day in honor of their (soon to be) newly illumined Goddaughter.

**Let's ring in the New Year 2019!** December 31<sup>st</sup> will be our New Year's Eve party here in The Trinity Ballroom to benefit the St. Anthony Greek Folk dance groups. The evening will begin with the Liturgy for the feast of St. Basil at 6:00pm. 7:30-9:00pm Appetizers/Cocktails. 9pm-Dinner & Blessing of Vasilopita. 10:00pm-Music & dancing.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 5 – Great Vespers of St. Nicholas *in Northridge* (7:00pm)

Thursday, Dec. 6 – St. Nicholas Chapel *in Rose Hills* (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

Wednesday, Dec. 12 – Spyridon the Wonderworker (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

Monday, Dec. 24 – Vespers Liturgy of the Nativity of our Lord (6:00pm)

Tuesday, Dec. 25 – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (*Orthros 8:00 am, Liturgy 9:00 am*)

Monday, Dec. 31 – Vespers Liturgy for St. Basil the Great (6:00pm)

**The AHEPA Christmas Party** is Friday, Dec 7 at North Woods Inn at 7247 Rosemead Blvd., San Gabriel. We will have a great menu of your choice of Filet Mignon Steak, New York Steak, Icelandic Filet of Cod or Broiled Mahi Mahi, with two salads, cheese bread, rice pilaf, and baked potato, plus dessert, for only \$50. There will be an optional \$10 gift exchange after dinner, neutral gift wrapped with no names. Reservations call Steve Tripodes (626) 449-0966. Everyone is welcome!

**Union Station:** Our community with Philoptochos for over 25 years serves an evening meal once a month at Union Station Homeless Services in Pasadena. Please help with this community outreach, first Wednesday of each month. For further information contact: Stephanie Soewers at szanglis@aol.com, Sophia Angelos at sangelos2000@gmail.com or Irene Albeck at mcmg2a@aol.com.

**It's time for the Philoptochos Fashion Show!** Please join us on Saturday, December 8 at the Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena for "Hark!", our 49th annual benefit luncheon. Enjoy a beautiful Christmas Boutique, Santa's Kitchen, and delicious luncheon with exquisite fashions. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., and the luncheon will be served at 11:45 am. Proceeds will benefit Family Promise and Youth Moving On. For reservations, please contact Chrissa Mobayen at stanthonysbenefit@gmail.com.

**Hospital/Shut-in visitations:** It is a priority for our priests to visit and minister to our loved ones in need, and we are not aware of parishioners in need unless we are directly notified. If you, or a loved one, are in the hospital, rehab center, assisted living, or hospice care, please contact the church office for a pastoral visit.

**Visit saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com** to make a donation to the Church or update your regular stewardship contributions.

**Order for Holy Communion** (*only Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christians*): Please allow ushers to dismiss you row by row in an orderly fashion.

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## **HYMNS OF THE DAY**

### **(DURING SMALL ENTRANCE)**

#### ***(1) Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 2.***

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also, when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

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### **(AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE)**

#### ***(2) Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 2.***

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also, when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

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#### ***(3) Apolytikion for St. Anthony the Great. 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 οἰκιστῆς, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

#### ***(4) Seasonal Kontakion. Mode 4.***

On this day the Virgin Maid goes to the grotto to give birth to the pre-eternal Word in an ineffable manner. Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds Him who willed that He appear as a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἢ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουλευθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

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## **READINGS OF THE DAY**

### **Orthros Gospel Reading**

Fifth Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to Luke 24:13-35

At that time, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### **Epistle Reading**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-17

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

### **Gospel Reading**

14th Sunday of Luke

The Gospel According to Luke 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.