



SAINT ANTHONY
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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

December 16th, 2018 – 11th Sunday of Luke

The Holy Prophet Haggai; Modestos, Archbishop of Jerusalem

Orthros ~ 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 a.m.

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

St. Anthony's Philoptochos is taking orders for Vasilopita (\$15.00). Pick-up on Sunday, December 23rd. Please contact Lisa Xanthos 626-222-4374 or email lisax@att.net or sign up after church.

Let's ring in the New Year 2019! December 31st 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.

Church School will be in recess on December 23 and 30. Classes will resume Jan 6, 2019. Congratulations to the following students who had Perfect Attendance in November: Michael Vidalakis, Soteri Katsafados, Michael Akrotirianakis, Nicholas Akrotirianakis, Nicolette Vidalakis, Eleni Katsafados, Gia Balntas, Tessa Grafos, Kostadina Ioannou, Nicoletta Kazaltzes, Evangelia Kleissas, Faye Koulos, Gianna Koulos, Noah Nuñez, Alexis Vidalakis, John Ioannou,

Vasili Kazaltzes, Mary Nuñez, Alexander Zarian, Orion Georgiou, Talia Grafos, Zoe Petropoulos, Chloe Georgiou, Michael Georgiou, Alexia Saigh, Theodora Trigonis, Kostantinos Tsigkounis, Nicholas Voyagis, and Melina Zoumas

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.

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

Monday, Dec. 24 – Vespereal 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 – Vespereal Liturgy for St. Basil the Great (6:00pm)

Saturday, Jan 5 – Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil & Blessing of Waters (9:00am)

Sunday, Jan 6 – THEOPHANY & Great Blessing of Waters (*Orthros 8:45, Liturgy 10am*)

Vasilopita and Luncheon to follow

Monday, Jan 7 – Synaxis of St. John the Baptist (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

Wed, Jan 16 – Great Vespers for FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY & Artoklasia (7:00pm)

Dinner will follow, hosted by Philoptochos

Thursday, Jan 17 – FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

Greek school Christmas Party. Come and join us in the Trinity Ballroom on December 21st at 6:30pm! Students will start the evening off by singing Greek Christmas Carols followed by a pizza party. We hope to see you there!

Philoptochos Fashion Show: Thank you to our Chair, Christine Pappas, and the entire committee for their hard work and dedication to making this year's fashion show such a beautiful success. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the community for their support. The proceeds raised are used to support charitable organizations in our area. This year we will be donating to *Youth Moving On* and *Family Promise*.

St. Anthony Philoptochos Members: Join us today at 2:30pm for the St. Anthony Philoptochos Annual Christmas party at the beautiful home of Julie and Dino Balas (959 N. Easley Canyon in Glendora). Come enjoy food, friends and festivities. Donation is \$25/person. Proceeds will go to Pasadena City College Food Bank feeding needy students. We look forward to seeing you.

Trinity Home: St. Anthony Philoptochos is collecting donations to help the boys at Trinity Home purchase a piece of equipment for the gym and to also help fund breakfast and a movie for the boys on Christmas day. Connie Becker and Stephanie Soewers will be collecting donations. Questions? Email Nicolette Fuerst at nicolette8868@yahoo.com

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.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

(DURING SMALL ENTRANCE)

(1) Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 4.

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

(AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE)

(2) 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.

(3) Apolytikion for the Holy Forefathers. Mode 2.

By faith You justified the Forefathers, having through them betrothed to yourself the Church that came out of the nations. The saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave birth to You, is from their progeny. At their entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Ἐν πίστει τοὺς Προπάτορας ἐδικαίωσας, τὴν ἐξ Ἐθνῶν δι' αὐτῶν προμνηστευσάμενος Ἐκκλησίαν. Καυχῶνται ἐν δόξῃ οἱ Ἅγιοι, ὅτι ἐκ σπέρματος αὐτῶν, ὑπάρχει καρπὸς εὐκλεῆς, ἡ ἀσπόρως τεκοῦσά σε. Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἰκεσίαις, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

(4) 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 Ἡλίαν 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.

(5) Seasonal Kontakion. Mode 3.

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 ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουλευθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

READINGS OF THE DAY

Orthros Gospel Reading

Seventh Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to John 20:1-10

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Reading

11th Sunday of Luke

The Gospel According to Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"