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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

## January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – HOLY THEOPHANY

Orthros ~ 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 a.m.

**Today is our annual Vasilopita Sunday!** Following Divine Liturgy, we will have our annual Vasilopita Sunday to bring in the blessings of the New Year 2019. Along with the Vasilopites, we will gather for light appetizers, with tickets being \$5 and all proceeds going to St. Basil Academy in Garrison, NY.

**Southern California Speaker Series:** St. Anthony's is proud to present the Southern California Speaker Series in our beautiful ballroom over the next four months. Please join us on January 19 to hear Tim Muehlhoff, author of the best-selling book, *I Beg to Differ*. In our country's increasingly hostile political climate, how are we called to relate to others whose ideas differ from our own? Registration and continental breakfast will start at 9:00. Speaker will begin at 10:00 and end at 4:30 with a break for lunch. Cost is \$15.

**Moms Pops 'n Tots is starting again!** Starting Sunday January 13th after Communion, come meet in the pre-school room 1A for this wonderful program. Any families with children 4 and under are welcome to come sing, dance, and learn the faith with us!

**Please visit the bookstore** to see our new "Daily Lives, Miracles, and Wisdom of the Saints & Fasting Calendar for 2019". Everyday has a quote from a Church Father, a detailed story of one of the saints being celebrated and the Scripture readings for the day. We also have Orthodox

Christmas cards in case you have bought yours yet for your family! Bookstore opens immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

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

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*)

**St. Anthony GOYA Winter Retreat** will be February 22-24! All GOYAns grades 6-12 are invited. Put it on your calendars and come to a great winter retreat at Lake Arrowhead!

**Church School: Congratulations to the following students** who had Perfect Attendance in December: Gabriella Carpenter, Nicholas Akrotirianakis, Wesley Courter, Kosta Koulos, Anastasia Ananiades, Gia Balntas, Evangelia Kleissas, Faye Koulos, Gianna Koulos, Athanasios Mitis, Alexie Syrengelas, Christina Martin, Ekaterini Nastro, Dylan Udria, Theodora Trigonis, Kostantinos Tsigkounis, Niko Udria, Nicholas Voyagis

**Financial Peace Class:** No more money fights! With the Financial Peace class, you and your spouse will learn how to create (and stick to) a budget, save for emergencies, and make a plan for the future. Doesn't that sound peaceful? The class starts Sun. Jan, 13 at 1pm in classroom 2D. If interested in learning more, email Nick Kleissas at [vikingum@yahoo.com](mailto:vikingum@yahoo.com) or text 818-207-0181 or visit [fpu.com/1079957](http://fpu.com/1079957) to sign up!

**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](mailto:szanglis@aol.com), Sophia Angelos at [sangelos2000@gmail.com](mailto:sangelos2000@gmail.com) or Irene Albeck at [mcmg2a@aol.com](mailto:mcmg2a@aol.com).

**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](mailto:nicolette8868@yahoo.com)

**Visit [saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com](http://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.

**(DURING SMALL ENTRANCE)**

***(1) Apolytikion of Holy Theophany. Mode 1.***

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You.

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτίζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἵδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

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**(AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE)**

***(2) Apolytikion of Holy Theophany. Mode 1.***

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You.

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτίζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἵδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

***(3) Kontakion of Holy Theophany. Mode 4.***

You appeared today to us on earth, O Master, and Your light was signed on us who cry aloud to You and say with understanding, O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable.

Ἐπεφάνης σήμερον τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμνοῦντάς σε. Ἦλθες ἐφάνης τὸ Φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον.

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***Trisagion Hymn (Instead of "Holy God..."). Mode 1.***

You who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, Alleluia. (3)

Ὅσοι εἰς Χριστὸν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστὸν ἐνεδύσασθε. Ἀλληλούια. (ἐκ γ')

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## **READINGS OF THE DAY**

### **Orthros Gospel Reading**

The Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ  
The Gospel According to Mark 1:9-11

At that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

### **Epistle Reading**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

TITUS, my son, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of the great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

### **Gospel Reading**

The Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ  
The Gospel According to Matthew 3:13-17

At that time, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."