

## SAINT ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
*First and Second Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptist*

**Orthros ~ 8:45 a.m.**  
**Memorial ~ 9:45 a.m.**  
*Stephan Bicos, 40 days*  
**Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 a.m.**

Today's Social Hour is hosted by Marietta Bicos and family.

St. Anthony Parish Oratorical Festival will be taking place on **Saturday, March 16, 2019**. We welcome all ages of our church youth to participate in this joyful learning experience as a way to enhance their understanding and appreciation of their identity as Orthodox Christians. Furthermore, we hope this opportunity to learn, write, and speak about their Orthodox Faith cultivates spiritual growth and self-confidence. For further information, please contact Nicole Schulman at 626-497-5368 or [nicoleschul@gmail.com](mailto:nicoleschul@gmail.com)

Please renew your Philoptochos membership. Come by the registration table as you exit church this morning. Everyone is welcome, gentlemen included.

Hope (4 ½-7) and Joy (8-10 yrs old) Our first meeting will be: Sun, March 3 at 1:30pm. We will meet at: AMF Bowling Co. 1020 South Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA. 2 slices of pizza, unlimited beverages, shoes, 2 hours bowling. \$20 per player. For further information contact: Irene Albeck at 626-792-8122 or [mcmg2a@aol.com](mailto:mcmg2a@aol.com) or Mary Udria at 626-390-1680 or [mary.udria@gmail.com](mailto:mary.udria@gmail.com).

Divine Services for the month of March ([saint-anthonys.org/calendar](http://saint-anthonys.org/calendar)):

Saturday, March 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Souls (*Orthros 8:30am, Liturgy 9:30am*)  
Saturday, March 9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Souls (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)  
Sunday, March 10 – Sunday of Forgiveness (*Vespers 6:00pm*)

GOYA Basketball Sign up after church today for GOYA Basketball! Join the fun! Games begin Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Girls ages 12-21 and Boys ages 12-19.

Lenten Retreat in Whittier: The Society of St. Benedict at St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church will host the V. Rev. John Finley on Sat, March 16, for a day-long Lenten Retreat. Fr. John will present 3 meditations on the theme “The Inner Heaven of Man” which will focus our attention on the healing of mind, heart, and will. The retreat begins with First Hour prayers at 9am and concludes by 3pm with Ninth Hour prayers. Fast friendly meals provided; child care is not offered. 3333 Workman Mill Road, Whittier CA. RSVP by email to Fr John Fenton ([frjohnfenton@gmail.com](mailto:frjohnfenton@gmail.com)) or call the parish office 562-692-6121.

Moms Pops ‘n Tots has started up again! Any families with children 4 and younger, who are too young for Church School, are welcome to attend. Come sing and dance with us in the Pre-School room 1A after church every Sunday after Communion! All moms, dads, grandparents, godparents, etc. welcome to join their kids! Email [kalliretelas@gmail.com](mailto:kalliretelas@gmail.com) for any questions.

Bookstore Announcement: Please stop by to see Fr. Stavros book on Great Lent: 'The Road Back to Christ: Reflections on Lent, Holy Week and the Resurrection' is a series of short daily reflections on the scripture readings of Holy Week and the accounts of the Resurrection and post-Resurrection appearances of Christ.

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).

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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**(DURING SMALL ENTRANCE)**

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

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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**(AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE)**

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

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

**(3) Apolytikion for St. John the Forerunner. Mode 4.**

The Forerunner's head has risen once again from the earth; it sends forth the brilliant rays of incorruption and cures to the faithful all. Above it has assembled the arrays of the Angels; below it calls the human race to gather together. In unison we offer up glory to Christ our God.

Ἐκ γῆς ἀνατείλασα ἡ τοῦ Προδρόμου κεφαλὴ, ἀκτῖνας ἀφήσει τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, πιστοῖς τῶν ἰάσεων, ἄνωθεν συναθροίζει, τὴν πληθὺν τῶν Ἀγγέλων, κάτωθεν συγκαλεῖται, τῶν ἀνθρώπων τὸ γένος, ὁμόφωνον ἀναπέμψαι, δόξαν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ.

**(4) Memorial Hymn. Mode Plagal 4.**

Remember your servant O good and loving Lord, and forgive every sin he may have committed in life, for no one is without sin. O mighty one, grant your departed servant who has fallen asleep everlasting rest.

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τοῦ δούλου σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτεν συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τῷ μεταστάντι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

**(5) 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.

**(6) Kontakion of the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Mode 3.**

I revolted senselessly out of Your fatherly glory; I have squandered sinfully all of the riches You gave me. Hence to You, using the Prodigal's words, I cry out, I have sinned before You, merciful loving Father. O receive me in repentance, I pray, and treat me as one of Your hired hands.

Τῆς πατρῴας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὃν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον· ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἥμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποιήσόν με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

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**Orthros Gospel Reading**

Sixth Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to Luke 24:36-53

At that time, Jesus, having risen from the dead, stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled. Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Epistle Reading**

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

**Gospel Reading**

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Gospel According to Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"