

The Voice of Saint Anthony

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Monday, 14 May**
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PRIEST'S MESSAGE

Christos Anesti!

I pray that you all had a memorable Holy Week and a Blessed Pascha! Now that we have experienced the pinnacle of our faith, which is Christ's Resurrection, what should we do next? The answer is an easy one. We should continue to attend the Divine Liturgy each and every Sunday!

On the first Sunday after Easter (which we just commemorated) we celebrate a Sunday dedicated to the Apostle Thomas. It is of course known as Thomas Sunday. It is a beautiful Sunday service where we sing Christos Anesti and many other beautiful resurrectional hymns. The gospel reading is about a strong faith that inspires us even though we did not actually see Christ resurrected. It all comes down to faith for *"Blessed are those who did not see but believe."* This beautiful time we are currently in, spans over nine Sundays and is known as the **Pentecostarion period**. It begins with Easter Sunday, continues through Pentecost Sunday and concludes on the Sunday of All Saints. Each of these Sundays has its own beauty and splendor and each has its own special theme. The following is a brief look into what we experience each Sunday:

1. **Easter Sunday.** The first is the Anastasi (Resurrection) celebrated at midnight Sunday Morning. Just as Christ was resurrected on the third day, we too can be resurrected from death sharing in the same joy of life everlasting with Christ.
2. **Sunday of Thomas.** Jesus reminds us that *"Blessed are they who have not seen, yet have believed."* The theme is to believe in God even without proof.
3. **Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.** Even when men scattered and fled, the Myrrh-Bearing Women remained to serve Christ, even in death. We also commemorate **Joseph of Arimathea** who in spite of criticism, and intimidation, went and asked for the body of Christ. He then buried Jesus in his own grave. The theme is courage even in difficult times.
4. **Sunday of the Paralytic.** The Paralytic had no help except for Christ. No one could lower him into the pool to be healed. The theme: Christ is always there to help us if we ask with love and humility.

5. **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.** Jesus helps a sinful woman find God. Once she became a follower of Christ she devoted herself to bringing many more to Christ. The theme is Christ loves the sinner but not the sin. He teaches us how to live as good faithful Christians and to spread the Good News of His Gospel.

6. **Sunday of the Blind Man.** A man who was born blind receives his sight from a miracle performed by Jesus. The theme is when we receive blessings from God we should show our gratitude and give thanks to God.

7. **Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.** We honor the church leaders who after years of persecution, suffering and banishment joined together to define the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church.

8. **Pentecost Sunday.** The Apostles were gathered in an upper room, waiting for the Holy Spirit which descended on them as tongues of fire. The Holy Spirit came upon them on this the 50th day after the resurrection of Christ, blessed them, inspired them, strengthened them and sent them out into the world to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. The theme for this Sunday is for all of us to re-dedicate our lives to Christ. We seek the Holy Spirit to descend upon us and bless us as the Spirit blessed the Apostles in the upper room.

9. **All Saints Day.** This is a special day set aside to remember all of the many saints that lived their lives walking in the way of Christ. The theme is that it is not easy to be a Christian but we can find the strength from Christ to endure in a difficult world.

It is evident that the themes of these Sundays are both inspiring and uplifting. Through regular participation in the Divine Liturgy services we grow closer to God and increase our knowledge of Him. I hope and pray to see many of you during the blessed season of the Pentecostarion participating in these beautiful services of the period of Pentecost.

Christ is Risen,

Fr. Peter



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Dear Members of St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church:

Christos Anesti!

We have had outstanding opportunities to participate in our Faith and Fellowship together over the past few months. Fr. Peter and Fr. Christopher led us on a beautiful Lenten journey, celebrating fifteen services during Holy Week. A huge THANK YOU to the Kefalas Family who continued their 35-year tradition of preparing the best Mageritsa in America. Around two hundred people came together in our Trinity Ballroom after the Anastasi service to celebrate and feast on Mageritsa after the Anastasi service.

Two of our Parish Council's important goals are to increase our Fellowship and Outreach activities. Over the past few months, we have hosted fellowship meals for Palm Sunday, Godparents' Sunday, and the Greek Orthodox Church Music Institute Conference. A special thanks to Cameron's Seafood for providing the Palm Sunday meal for over three hundred people, and to Jim Hronas for organizing the Church Music Institute event.

I heard several people comment that the Festival of Tables from Around the World Fundraiser was one of the most beautiful events we have ever hosted. Our Members went all out decorating tables which each represented a different country. About 230 people attended and we raised about \$40,000 from this one-day event. All the proceeds from this event will benefit a new Diakonia of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. This new program is focused on raising awareness and helping support orphanage programs to protect youth and other vulnerable people from human trafficking and slavery throughout the world—even in our own backyard. I want to thank our event Chairwomen, Esther Vavoulis, Kalli Bicos, and Kal Kvitne along with the many others who worked so hard to make this a stellar and fun event for this very important cause.

On May 4th, we host our 18th Annual St. Anthony Pasadena Classic Golf Tournament. Roberto Crespo has joined Jimmy Christodoulelis as Co-Chairmen of the Tournament. They and others continue to work extremely hard on this event, which is one of the two largest fundraisers that supports our church.

It is an honor and a blessing for me to serve my third year as the President of the St. Anthony Parish Council. I want to thank all of you for helping to make our community a wonderful place for worship, outreach, and fellowship.

Truly He is Risen,

John Vidalakis

St. Anthony Parish Council President

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 Athans, Tesi & Craig Lareau
 Athans, Tina & Dean P.
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 Balas, Argiro Julie & Dino
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 Bissias, Peter N.
 Blaszcak, Frank
 Boltinghouse, Helen
 Bonorris, Donna & Pete
 Bowers, Connie & Terree
 Bozikis, Demetra
 Broussinos, Angeliki & Chris
 Brown, Niki
 Bryant, Dan & Karen
 Burkard Jr., Frank J. & Penelope
 Buzas, John & Pamela
 Buzas, Nicholas & Danielle
 Christodoulelis, Helen
 Christodoulelis, Jimmy & Tanya
 Christodoulides, Loucas & Andri
 Christopoulos, Judie & Gus
 Christopoulos, Spyros
 Christopoulos, Tony and Lynnette

Christy, Angene
 Coccia, Tina & Ginseppe
 Cokias, Jason & Karen
 Courlas, George† & Georgia
 Courter, Jeremiah & Rebecca
 Crespo, Alethea & Roberto
 Dallas, Saterios & Athena
 Damilatis, Dimitrios & Eleni
 Daskalos, Chris
 Demopulos, Michael & Patricia
 Demos, Anna
 Dewar, Mary & Andrew
 Dimitrakopoulos, Panagiotis
 Dupas, Katherine & George
 Dupas, Theodore & Evangeline
 Efstathiou, Teddi & Dean
 Eleftheriou, Nick and Julie
 Florea, Radu & Elena
 Floutsis, Penny & Ted
 Frangeskou, Yiorgos & Xenia
 Fuerst, Nicolette & Jay
 Gallagher, Eleni & Matthew
 Gallanis, Pete & Danica
 Ganis, Maria C.
 Gavalas, Cleola & George
 Gelt, Brian & Pana
 Genkos, Mary
 Giannoulis, Chris & Mary
 Gittings, Maria & Brian
 Goettling, Mimika & Eckhard C.
 Grafos, Tom & Tania
 Grover, James & Maria
 Halias, Joanne & John
 Haralambos, Aliki,
 Haralambos, Anthony & Kathleen
 Haralambos, Tom & Page
 Horaites, George
 Horaites, James
 Hronas, Maria & James W.
 Ioannou, Christos & Elleni
 Johal G., Demetra

Johnsen, Eleni
 Johnson, Noah & Elain
 Kageorgis, Vasilis† & Irena
 Kalambakas, Vivian
 Kalivas, Pota
 Kallas, Mark & Debra
 Kamar, April
 Kaparos, Lily & Stefanos
 Kaplanis, Joan & Peter
 Kappos, Anthia Marie
 Karaioannoglou, Phaeton & Jeanne
 Karamaras, Andriana
 Karras, Maria & Demos, Nick
 Karvelas, Kosta & Marina
 Katem, Basil N.
 Katsafados, Theoni & Pete
 Katsas, Alexandra K.
 Katsas, Asimina
 Kefalas, Evelyn & John
 kefalas, Kalliopi & Kostas Moros
 Kefalas, Modestos & Nina
 Kefallinos, Vicki & Nick
 Kiotas, Stavroula
 Kirmis, Nitsa & John
 Kitridou, Rodanthi C.
 Kokoris, Maria & Nicholas
 Kolokotronis, Carolyn & James A.
 Koulakis, John and Gisele
 Koutsoukos, Lin & George
 Kundanis, Christine
 Kypreos, George & Shana
 Kypreos, Maria & James
 Lagousis, Ted & Kendra
 Lakon, Peter P. & Valerie
 Lambros, Helen L.
 Lappas, Virginia
 Ledis, Rene & Stella
 Leontas, Angela & Andrew Murrell
 Loutsos, Anna & Georgia
 & John Grajeda

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Lubian, Daniel & Stephanie
 Lucas, John S. & Anthia
 Lucas, Katherine
 Lynch, Patrick Thomas & Katerina
 Macris, Catherine & George
 Malina, Dorothea
 Malisos, Fontaine
 Malisos, Samantha A
 Maslen, Larissa & Mark Carpenter
 Mavredakis, Vivian
 McCann, Liam
 McClain, Anastasia
 Mechalas, Bess
 Mitis, Nick & Maria Prantzikou
 Mobayen, Chrissa & Syrus
 Molinari, Yngrid
 Moutzouridis, Vasiliki & Peter
 Nicolaidis, Nicolas
 Ochoa, Alexa
 Panagiot, Harry & Anastasia
 Panagiotacopulos, Aliko & Nick
 Pappas, Constantine & Hope
 Pappas, Dean C. & Jennifer
 Pappas, Dr. James P. & Maria
 Pappas, Dr. Peter A.
 Pappas, John & Coralie
 Pappas, Steven & Christine
 Pappas, Tony & Stergiani
 Pastis, Leah & Arry†
 Pastis, Patricia
 Patsavas, Bertha
 Patzakis, John & Andrea
 Pavlis, Mary.
 Pegadiotes, Georgia & Sam
 Pegadiotes, Maria & George S.
 Pegadiotes, Stan S.
 Peponis, Nancy E.
 Perris, Georgia
 Petrossian, Stacy & Rafic R.
 Petrov, Michelle & John
 Plumtree, Martha & Wayne
 Pollalis, Dino J.

Polychronis, Eleftheria & Theodore
 Poulos, Anastasia
 Poulos, Yiota
 Reese, Helen
 Rellos, John
 Rellos, Theodora
 Rellos, William
 Riley, Thomas & Evangelia
 Russo, Rebecca A.
 Sahpazis, Georgia
 Saigh, Mark & Mara R. Suchy
 Samaan, Evette
 Serban, Athena & Mihai
 Shankwiler James
 & Alexandria Darras
 Sideris, Athanasios & Anastasia
 Sipsas, Pantelis & Nafsika
 Skandale, Elizabeth
 Skandale, Helen
 Skandalis, Nikolaos
 Smith, Herman & Helen
 Soewers, Stephanie & Randy
 Stamos, Andy & Mary
 Stavropoulos, Demetra (Litsa)
 Stephens, Kenneth & Angelina Maria
 Suchy, Gregoria Karides
 Syrengelas, Christos & Sophia
 Tarazi, Ellie
 Tarazi, Ted & Panagiota
 Tirado, Elizabeth
 Tobia, Gary
 Treantafelles, George P.
 Treantafelles, George T. & Helen
 Treantafelles, Ioannis K.
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 Trigonis, Constantine & Fotene
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 Tripodes, Dena
 Tripodes, Georgia E.
 Tripodes, Koula J.
 Tripodes, Marika
 Tripodes, Steven G.

Tsaggouri, Eleni
 & Anastassios Petropoulos
 Tsigkounis, Charalambos & Catherine
 Tsouvalas, Charles
 Tsouvalas, James
 Tsouvalas, John & Jenny
 Udria, Juan & Mary
 Vagenas, Alex & Tashia
 Vagenas, John & Georgia
 Vagenas, Niko
 Vagenas, Peter & Janet
 Vagenas, Sophia
 Vagenas, Spiros and Family
 Vagenas, Vasilios & Nicolicha
 Vallas, Seth
 Vallas, Valerie
 Vavoulis, Ted & Esther
 Vidalakis, John & Diane
 Vidalakis, Nick & Nancy
 Vlahos, Tasia & Effie
 Webster, John & Jennifer
 Wiley, Lyudmila
 Winer, Savannah
 Wood, Grant & Cindy
 Wright, Trevor
 Xanthos, Lisa
 Zarifes, Peter & Tina



NO. OF PLEDGES	231
PLEDGED	\$309,144
COLLECTED	\$194,562

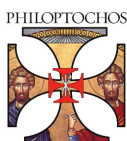
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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

PHILOPTOCHOS AT WORK:

Philoptochos' philanthropic work and membership drive continued during the first quarter of 2018. We donated over \$10,000 to Children of the Night, which fights human trafficking, and Club 21, which helps children with Down Syndrome. In conjunction with Parish Council, Philoptochos donated \$5000 to the Bad Weather Shelter in Pasadena following a successful "Souper Sunday." Additionally, with the participation of the parish members and the Philoptochos Board, a contribution of \$1,000 was made to St. Basil's Academy. Easter bags were delivered to the needy.

Philoptochos continues to serve dinners at Union Station and deliver food every month to the Friends in Deed Food Bank. All Metropolis and National obligations have been met for this year. Thank you to those who continue to make our mission possible through your support and membership renewals.



Agape Celebration of Love

*"Whoever receives
one little child like this
in My name receives Me."*
Matthew 18:5

in support of
the Kids 'n' Cancer Ministry

Sunday May 6, 2018

Newport Beach Country Club
1 Clubhouse Drive
Newport Beach, California
Two o'clock

\$75 per person
Register online at
sfphiloptochos.org
or call 415-431-2600

Kindly respond by April 20, 2018

Kids 'n' Cancer
Camp Agape

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
Ladies Philoptochos Society

CHOIR NEWS

NEWS FROM THE LOFT

Since the publication of the last monthly newsletter, the Saint Anthony Choir has welcomed two babies born to two of our dedicated members; Master **Theofilos Grajeda**, son of **Georgia Loutsos**, and Miss **Amalea Akrotirianakis**, daughter of **Sherese Akrotirianakis**. We eagerly await the birth of **Anna Courter** due in May to **Rebecca Courter**.

On March 10, the Metropolis of San Francisco Church Music Federation held a Church Music Institute hosted by our choir in the beautiful Trinity Ballroom. There were a total of 27 church musicians in attendance representing eight parishes of our Metropolis. The topic of the Institute was "The Eight Resurrection Apolytikia." Following a delicious continental breakfast provided by our choir members, our own **Father Christopher** opened the session with an outstanding presentation on the topic accompanied by an informative handout for each participant to take home. Following Father Christopher's presentation, **Dr. Tikey Zes**, Metropolis Music Minister, led the participants in vocal technique exercises and the singing of the Resurrection Apolytikia, assisted by **Jim Hronas**. We want to thank our parish council for providing the delicious Lenten luncheon for our guests. All attendees expressed their thanks for our warm Saint Anthony hospitality and for a most productive and informative day filled with musical praises to God.

This past Lenten season saw the choir once again provide musical accompaniment for the Friday evening Salutation services. This year the choir sang new hymns for the Holy Tuesday Nymfios Service in addition to our traditional rendition of the "Hymn of Kassiani." Of course, the Lamentation Service on Good Friday evening and the Anastasi Service/ Divine Liturgy was the culmination of a blessed and spiritually uplifting Holy Week.

We want to remind all families with youngsters that Saint Anthony has now instituted a Youth Choir under the capable direction of **Katerina Lynch**. The Youth Choir will join the adults in the choir loft on the first Sunday of every month to sing the Divine Liturgy. Young people of ALL AGES are welcome to join the Youth Choir! No musical knowledge or training is required. For more information, please contact Katerina Lynch at (719) 464-7678 or katerina.t.lynch@gmail.com



CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH NEWS

CHRIST is the Center of Our Lives

The **Church School program** aims to give our students an in-depth and well-rounded education in our Orthodox Faith. Our dedicated staff of volunteers is committed to sharing Christ's love and His teachings with all of our children. Come and be a part of this vibrant and educational program!



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Reverend Father Christopher Retelas

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Aliki Haralambos	Pres. Aida Stratos

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Katerina Lynch

Demetrios Baliotis

Mike Abi-Farah

Please forgive any misspellings or omissions.



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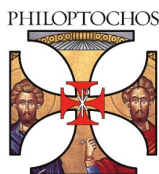
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Irene Albeck

Oratorical Festival

Maria Grover

Pasadena Golf Classic

Jimmy Christodoulelis,
Roberto Crespo

Philoptochos

Maria Kypreos

Vacation Bible School

Sophia Syrengelas, Mary Udria

VIPs (Seniors)

Kathy Lucas

Young Adults

Mike Abi Farah



COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Anthony Dance Program Spring 2018

5 session Greek dance class
ending with performance in traditional Greek costume on
Thursday, June 14 at 5 pm.

NO DANCE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY



\$50 (Free for current dancers with paid 17-18 tuition)

Intro to Greek Dance

Age: 4 to 6, Pre-K and K

Sundays 1-2 pm

Sunday April 22, 1-2 pm

Sunday, May 6, 1-2 pm

Sunday, May 20, 1-2 pm

Sunday, June 3, 1-2 pm

Sunday, June 10, 1-2 pm

Island Basics: Kefallonia

Age: 6 to 9, 1st -3th grades

Sundays 1-2:30 pm

Sunday, April 22, 1-2:30 pm

Sunday, May 6 1-2:30 pm

Sunday, May 20 1-2:30 pm

Sunday, June 3 12:30-2 pm

Sunday, June 10 1-2:30 pm

Festival Folk Dance

Age: 9-12, 4th -6th grades

(and Neolea FDF 2018 dancers)

Sundays 1-2:30 pm

Sunday, April 22, 1-2:30 pm

Sunday, May 6 1-2:30 pm

Sunday, May 20 1-2:30 pm

Sunday, June 3 12:30-2 pm

Sunday, June 10 1-2:30 pm

Northern Greece

Age: 13-21, 7th to college

(and Spitha FDF 2018 dancers)

Sundays 2:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, April 29, 2:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, May 6 2:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, May 20 2:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, June 3 2:30-4:30 pm

Questions? Contact Elleni Ioannou mrselleni@yahoo.com or Nikole Zoumberakis nikoula@gmail.com

On Saturday, April 14, the **Festival of Tables from Around the World Luncheon** reflected, once again, the generosity, love and family spirit of the Saint Anthony Community. The response from so many parishioners to participate in hosting the med tables, donating raffle gifts, contributing toward the meal, inviting friends from around the Southland, helping to setup and cleanup, was tremendous. The beauty of the tables and displays, and the feeling of joy and love in the Trinity Ballroom, were beyond expectation. Over 200 guests attended this charitable luncheon on the weekend following Holy Pascha.

We had the opportunity to hear from filmmaker **Dr. Anna Yallourakis**, whose documentary film, EKOTA, tells the story of the struggles and successes of Theotokos Girls Orphanage and School in India, started and supported by **Sister Nektaria**, **Father Ignatios** and **His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas**.

We were honored to have as our guest speaker **His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas of the Dardanelles**, who has been appointed by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, to an Orthodox task-force, joined by the Anglican Church and others, to combat human trafficking. We are including the printed information His Eminence provided to accompany his inspirational talk: **Overview of Human Trafficking**

The Festival of Tables gave all those in attendance an opportunity to enjoy a wonderful afternoon with friends in a beautiful and uplifting atmosphere, and to actively participate in assisting **Patriarch Bartholomew** and **Metropolitan Nikitas** in their new ministry to protect our fellow human beings, and to help the children of the Theotokos Orphanage.

We are grateful to all who worked so hard to make this event possible. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the guests who attended and gave their generous support. The St. Anthony Family and all our wonderful guests have made it possible to give significant assistance to both the Ministry to End Human Trafficking and the Theotokos Orphanage and Saint Ignatios School.

We look forward to helping another most worthy ministry at next year's Festival of Tables.



Overview of Human Trafficking

The United Nations defines **human trafficking** as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons by improper means (such as force, abduction, fraud, or coercion) for an improper purpose including forced labor or sexual exploitation. **Human smuggling**, a related but different crime, generally involves the consent of the person(s) being smuggled. These people often pay large sums of money to be smuggled across international borders. Once in the country of their final destination, they are generally left to their own devices. Smuggling becomes trafficking when the element of force or coercion is introduced.

The U.S. Government defines human trafficking as:

- Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age.
- The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

This modern slave trade is a threat to all nations. A grave human rights abuse, it promotes breakdown of families and communities, fuels organized crime, deprives countries of human capital, undermines public health, creates opportunities for extortion and subversion among government officials, and imposes large economic costs.

Some information about human trafficking and modern-day slavery:

- Globally, the average cost of a slave is \$90
- There are approximately 20 to 30 million slaves in the world today.
- According to the US State Department, 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders every year, of which 80% are female and half are children.

Your participation today and personal support allows the Ecumenical Patriarchate to rally people and lead the fight against this abomination. In February 2017, His All Holiness convened the First International Forum at the Patriarchate to bring this issue to the attention of the world. The **Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby**, joined the **Ecumenical Patriarch** at the gathering and the two appointed a joint task force to find means of cooperation in the new diakonia (ministry of the Church). As a follow-up to the first forum, a second international forum will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, May 5-8, 2018, sponsored by the **Ecumenical Patriarchate**, the Metropolis of Buenos Aires, and the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute.

A small team has been appointed by **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew** who will work with the Anglican Church and others. The team includes: **Metropolitan Nikitas, Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou, Presbytera Maria Drossos, Deacon Nephon Tsimalis**, and **Mr. George Sarraf**. The team is also hoping to prepare a resource manual that will assist clergy and lay leaders in addressing the issues and challenges presented by the crimes of human trafficking and slavery. A portion of the money raised at the luncheon will be used to support his project, just as a portion will be used to support the orphanage in India.

Your generosity and love have made all these things possible.





ENTRY FORM

Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church • 18th Annual Golf Classic
Friday, May 4, 2018 • Brookside Golf Course • Course 1 and Course 2

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
I WISH TO BE A: _____
Golfers @ \$225 per golfer (includes Banquet)
Four some request on reverse side
Banquet Only - \$60.00 per person
of Adults Attending Banquet _____

This may be paid by credit card by calling the church office at 626.449.6943. Please visit: www.saintanthonygolfclassic.com


Enclosed is my check total for \$_____ made payable to SAINT ANTHONY'S BUILDING FUND

I am unable to play this year, but enclosed is my tax deductible donation towards the building fund for \$_____

BOX 676 92-2146279

18TH ANNUAL PASADENA GOLF CLASSIC

SAINT ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
778 South Rosemead Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
Church Office # 626.449.6943



Taverna on The Green
Join us for the most
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18th Annual Pasadena Golf Classic

Friday, May 4, 2018

Sponsorships

St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church

The community of Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church invites you to its 18th Annual golf tournament. We have planned an extraordinary day at the beautiful Brookside Golf Course, including Taverna on the Green, where you'll be treated to a selection of fine food, music, and festivities, including our famous open spit roast and an endless variety of meze and spirits. Join us for a memorable day with friends and of course a little ouzo. Opa!

Brookside Golf Course • Golf Classic

9:00 AM - Registration & Check-In
10:00 AM - Pre-Game Putting Contest
11:55 AM - Marine Corps Color Guard National Anthem
12:00 PM - Shotgun Start

\$225 Golf Entry Fee Includes:

Competition Packages for the Longest Drive and Straightest Drive • Hole in one and closest to the pin • Team Photo & Gift Bag Goodies • Team or top Gross & Net Scores • Lunch • Dinner • Beverages • and Much More Fun

\$75 Banquet Dinner at Brookside Country Club

5:00 PM - Cocktail & Silent Auction
6:00 PM - Appetizers, Dinner, Dessert, Awards Ceremony

\$50 Fun Pass for Non - Golfers

If you are not a golfer join us for all the festivities in our Taverna on the Green village with live Greek music, lamb chops, BBQ tri tip, sliders, roast lamb and spirits.

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Greek School



Holy Saturday / Resurrection



2018 Greek Orthodox Church Festivals of Southern California

DATE	CHURCH	PHONE	LOCATION	SPECIAL NOTES
18 May 3-10pm 19 May 12-10pm 20 May 12-10pm	Saint John the Baptist 405 N. Dale St. Anaheim, 92801	714-827-0181	Church grounds, Anaheim 91 Artesia Frwy (east of 605 Frwy) Exit Beach Blvd.; South to La Palma; Left on La Palma; Right on Dale	Church Grounds Outdoors Covered dancing on blacktop
26 May 1-9pm 27 May 1-9pm 28 May 1-9pm	Saint Nicholas 9501 Balboa Blvd. Northridge, 91325	818-886-4040	Church grounds, Northridge 101 (Ventura Frwy); Exit Balboa North past Nordhoff; at corner of Plummer & Balboa	Church Grounds Outdoors Uncovered dancing on cement
2 June 5-12am 3 June 11-10pm	Saint George 10846 Downey Avenue Downey, 90241	562-862-6461	From 605 Freeway, exit Firestone and go west to Downey Ave, then turn right to La Villa. From 710 (Long Beach Frwy), exit Firestone Blvd and go east to Downey Avenue. Turn left to La Villa, then turn right. Church is between 3rd St. and La Villa.	Church Grounds Outdoors Uncovered dancing on blacktop
8 June 5-10pm 9 June 11-10pm 10 June 11-8pm	Saint Spyridon 3655 Park Blvd. San Diego, 92103	619.297.4165	5 Frwy South; 805 Frwy south; 163 hwy south; exit University Avenue; left from exit to Park Blvd; turn right; go 2 blocks; Church grounds on left	Church Grounds Outdoors Covered dancing on blacktop
9 June 12-10pm 10 June 12-9pm	Saint Prophet Elias 1035 Inland Center Dr. San Bernardino, 92042	909.885.6213	Church grounds - Interstate 10 towards San Bernardino; 215 Freeway North - exit Inland Center Drive; Over freeway church on left	Church Grounds - Outdoors Uncovered dancing on blacktop Live music
22 June 5-10pm 23 June 11-10pm 24 June 11-7pm	Saint Demetrios 3100 East Ponderosa Drive Camarillo, 93011	805.482.1273	Take the 101 and exit at Las Posas Road; Go towards the airport; Turn right on Pleasant Valley Road; Turn right on Skyway Drive - festival located at 400 Skyway Drive	Camarillo Airport Outdoors Covered dancing wood floor
29 June 5-10 pm 30 June 12-10 pm 1 July 12-9 pm	Saint Paul's 4949 Alton Parkway Irvine, 92604	949.733.2366	Church Grounds, Irvine - 405 just south of 55 Newport Freeway; Exit Jeffrey and drive north to Alton Parkway; Left onto Alton Parkway	Church Grounds Outdoors Covered dancing on blacktop
13 July 5-10pm 14 July 12-10pm 15 July 12-9pm	Saint Katherine 722 Knob Hill Redondo Beach, 90277	310.540.2434	Church grounds, Redondo Beach 405 freeway, exit Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance go south to Sepulveda Blvd.; Turn right to Prospect and turn left to Knob Hill then right	Church Grounds Outdoors Covered dancing on blacktop
28 July 11-7pm 29 July 11-7pm	Saint Barbara 1205 San Antonio Creek Rd Santa Barbara, 93101	805.683.4492	Oak Park, Santa Barbara 101 North through Santa Barbara; Exit Pueblo and follow signs to park	City Park Outdoors Uncovered dancing on wood floor
1 September 12-10pm 2 September 12-10pm 3 September 12-10pm	Assumption/Virgin Mary 5761 E. Colorado Long Beach, 90814	562.494.8929	405 Freeway, exit Bellflower and go south on Bellflower. Pass 7th Street and PCH; Turn left on Colorado and drive to LAST driveway on left side of cul-de-sac	Church Grounds Outdoors Covered dancing on blacktop
8 September 10-10p 9 September 11-9p	Sts. Constantine/Helen 3459 Manchester Ave. #32 Cardiff by the Sea, 92007	760.942.0920	5 Freeway south to San Diego/Cardiff; Exit Manchester; go east to church grounds	Church Grounds Outdoors Covered dancing on blacktop
14 September 5-10pm 15 September 3-11pm 16 September 12-10p	Saint John 5300 So. El Camino Las Vegas, Nevada 89101	702.221.8245	Church Grounds; Interstate 15, Exit Tropicana, & stay west of Strip; Left on Jones, right on Hacienda, left on El Camino	Church Grounds - Outdoors Uncovered dancing on portable wood floor
14 September 5-10pm 15 September 11-11p 16 September 11-10p	St. Basil's of So.Or.Co. 27129 Calle Arroyo, #1803 San Juan Capistrano, 92675	949.542.3445	Location Unknown Call church or check website: sjcgreekfest.org	Outdoors Covered dancing on blacktop
21 September 5-10p 22 September 12-10p 23 September 12-9p	Saint Anthony 778 South Rosemead Blvd Pasadena, 91107	626.449.6945	210 Freeway - Exit Rosemead Blvd. South South/right onto Rosemead South of California Avenue on east side	Outdoors Covered dancing on portable floor
21 September 5-9pm 22 September 11-9pm 23 September 12-5pm	Sts. Constantine/Helen 43404 30th Street West Lancaster, 93539	661-945-1212	Interstate 5 north ; Merge onto 14 north Palmdale/Lancaster ; Exit #40 Ave. M ; turn left onto West Ave M/Columbia Way ; Turn right onto 30th St. West - PARKING at AV College (Ave. K & 30th St. West)	Free Shuttle to Church Grounds Outdoors Covered dancing on wood floor
5 October 5-10p 6 October 12-10p 7 October 12-10p	Saint Nectarios 20340 Covina Blvd. Covina, 91724	626.967.5524	10 Frwy west of 57/210 Freeway; exit Grand Avenue; Drive north then turn Right on Covina Blvd.; Corner of Covina Blvd and Bonnie Brae	Church Grounds Outdoors Covered dancing on blacktop
5 October 5-12pm 6 October 12-11pm 7 October 12-10pm	Saint Sophia Cathedral 1324 S. Normandie Los Angeles, 90006	323.737.2424	10 Santa Monica Freeway towards downtown L.A.; Exit Normandie Avenue and drive north to Pico; Cathedral at corner of Pico & Normandie	Outdoors Covered dancing on portable floor
13 October 11-9pm 14 October 11-8pm	Saint Nicholas 41132 Guava Street Murietta, 92562	951.296.6207	Old Town Temecula Civic Center 28690 Mercedes Street, Temecula, 92590 Take 15 towards Temecula, and exit Rancho California Rd.	Outdoors Uncovered dancing on cement Free Parking at Old Town
2019 TBD February/March 11-8pm	St. George of the Desert 74-109 Larrea Palm Desert, 92217	760-568-9902	Take 10 Freeway-east to Palm Desert; Exit at Monterey/Hwy 74 & turn right. Turn left on El Paseo, right on Portola and left on Larrea; church is on right	Church grounds Outdoors Uncovered dancing on blacktop

Church Etiquette in the Greek Orthodox Church

There is a certain standard of behavior that needs to be followed while inside a Greek Orthodox church. Even if you have been attending the church for some time, it's easy to forget some of these basic rules of etiquette. Here's an overview of some of the things you need to remember while attending an Orthodox Church service.

Get There on Time

The time to arrive at Church is before the service starts. If you arrive after the Divine Liturgy begins, try to enter the Church quietly and observe what is happening. If the Epistle or Gospel is being read or the Little or Great Entrance is taking place, wait until it is finished to quickly find a seat. If Father is giving the sermon, stay in the back until he has concluded. Try not to interrupt the Liturgy by your entrance. The best way to avoid this situation is to arrive on time. To prepare and partake of Holy Communion, we should always arrive in time to at least hear the Gospel message.

Before You Enter the Church

When you arrive at church, the first thing you will do is walk through the doors and address anyone who greets you. Some churches may have official greeters standing at the door. After you walk in, it's customary to take a candle and place a donation in the tray next to them. Then, you'll light your candle, do your cross, and venerate any icons that are nearby.

Venerating the Icons

After lighting the candle, you'll then venerate any icons that are set up nearby. The candles in the Narthex commonly set up these icons. The proper way to kiss the icon is to make the sign of the cross and then kiss the hand, or Gospel book, or cross of the saint. As you venerate an icon, show the proper respect due to the person depicted; the same respect you would show them in person. If you're wearing lipstick, be sure to wipe it off before you venerate the icon so that you don't get it on the image.

Entering the Church

Once the Divine Liturgy has begun, there are rules for the correct way to enter the church. Don't enter the church if the epistle or gospel readings are taking place. It is also impolite to enter while the priest is giving a sermon or when the congregation is reciting the Creed. Finally, you definitely should not enter while the consecration prayers are being said. If you do arrive while any of these are taking place, you should wait until he's done before you take your seat.

What to Wear

In recent years, Greek Orthodox Churches have gotten a little more casual than they used to be. The general rule is to wear clothes that are classy and not too provocative. Business casual or a suit and tie for the men are both acceptable. For women, wearing a dress or skirt that falls around the knee is preferred. If women wear pants to the services, they should be dress pants (not jeans or leggings). Shorts of any type are inappropriate. When in doubt, dress in your best clothes. Also, be aware that men should remove their hats while in church.

Don't Cross Your Legs

In our North American culture there are no real taboos concerning crossing one's legs, and we tend to do so to get comfortable when sitting. Should we cross our legs in the temple during services? No. Not because it is wrong to ever cross your legs, but because it is too casual, and too relaxed, for being in the temple. Remember, sitting in the temple is a concession to human weakness; not the normative posture for prayer. Crossing your legs is an even further surrender to laxity. You surely do not want to get too relaxed and let your mind wander off too much. In fact, when you sit in the temple, sit attentively - and not too comfortably. When sitting in the temple, keep your feet flat on the floor, ready to stand at attention (which, after all, is precisely what "Let us be attentive!" means).

Talking During Church

Isn't it great to come to church and see friends and family members? But wait until coffee hour to say "hi" to them. It just isn't appropriate to greet people and have a conversation with them during the services. Besides being disrespectful towards God, it is rude towards the other people in the church who are trying to worship. Talk to God while in church through your prayers, hymns, and thanksgiving, and to your friends in the hall afterwards.



Leaving Before Dismissal

Leaving church before the Dismissal, besides being rude, deprives us of a blessing. Worship has a beginning ("Blessed is the Kingdom..") and an end ("Let us depart in peace..."). To leave immediately after Communion is to treat church like a fast food restaurant where we come and go as we please. We live in a fast-paced world where we seem to be hurrying from place to place. But in God's presence, we need to make every attempt to fight this pressure to move on to the next thing on the day's agenda. We deprive ourselves of blessings by not being still and participating in God's holiness. Eat and run at McDonald's – but stay in church and thank God for his precious gifts.

By following some of these basic rules of etiquette, you'll get more out of the experience at church. Most of these rules are in place to help create an optimal place of worship. Above all, keep your mind and your heart focused on Jesus Christ in His house, the Church!

Orthodox Calendar

MAY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10am Bible Study 7pm AHEPA	2  Mid Pentecost 10:30 am Moms & Tots 7pm Philoptochos US	3 7pm Choir Rehearsal	4  Golf Tournament	5 10am Panlcarians
6 Sunday of Samaritan Woman 8:45am Orthros 9:45am Memorials 10am Divine Liturgy 1pm & 2:30 Greek Dance	7 5:30pm Greek Dance - adult	8 10:00am VIPs 7pm Parish Council	9  Christopher / Martyr 9am Orthros 10am Liturgy 10:30 am Moms & Tots 7:15pm Philoptochos Bd	10 7pm Choir Rehearsal	11 	12 GOYA Volleyball
13 Sunday of the Blind Man 8:45am Orthros 9:45am Memorials 10am Divine Liturgy 1pm & 2:30 Greek Dance	14 5:30pm Greek Dance - adult	15 10am Bible Study	16  10:30 am Moms & Tots	17 Holy Ascension 9am Orthros 10am Liturgy 7pm Choir Rehearsal	18 	19
20 Fathers of First Ecumenical Cncl 8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy Church School Grad 1pm & 2:30 Greek D	21 Sts, Constantine & Helen 9am Orthros 10am Liturgy Continued below	22 10am Bible Study	23  10:30 am Moms & Tots 7:15pm Philoptochos General Mtg	24 7pm Choir Rehearsal	25 	26 Saturday of Souls 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy
27 Holy Pentecost 8:45am Orthros 9:45am Memorials 10am Divine Liturgy 1pm & 2:30 Greek Dance	28	29 10am Bible Study	30 10:30 am Moms & Tots	31 7pm Choir Rehearsal		
21 5:30pm Greek Dance - adult 7pm—Meeting Fashion Show	Fast Free	Strict Fast 	Fish Allowed 	Wine and Oil Allowed 	Dairy, Eggs, and Fish Allowed 	

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