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> February 4th, 2018 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son Isidore of Pelusium

> > Orthros ~ 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 a.m.

<u>SoCal GOYA Lenten Retreat coming March 9-11!</u> All Southern California/Los Angeles GOYAns are invited to come together for a SoCal GOYA Lenten Retreat in the San Bernardino Mountains. Will include ropes course, paintballing, hiking, worship, discussions, and lots of fellowship with Orthodox Christians from around Southern California! Be on the lookout for more information!

Hope and Joy Activities today! (4¹/₂ - 10 years old) Will meet today shortly after Church School. Theme: Corinthians 13:1-3, Bible Scavenger Hunt, Minute to Win It, Cupid's arrow, Frost heart cookies for Union Station, Make Valentines for VIPs, Snack, Conclude with outdoor activity. Optional: Bring playclothes. No Fee

GOYA Basketball 2018 It's time to register for the 2018 GOYA Basketball season! Join the fun! The first game is just around the corner on February 11th so we need to hear from you! Sign up and pick up uniforms TODAY after church* Girls ages 12-21, boys ages 12-19. Please encourage your children and have your children encourage their friends! We need new players and it's a fun way to spend time with friends and see friends from other communities. Fee is \$80, make check

to St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church. Questions: Pana Gelt pgelt@socal.rr.com 626-278-2808 Patricia Paziouros ppaziouros@yahoo.com 626-497-2164 *If you will not be at church please let Pana or Patricia know ASAP if your child will be participating!

Divine Services for the month of February (saint-anthonys.org/calendar): Saturday, Feb. 10th – Saturday of the Souls (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am) Saturday, Feb. 17th – Saturday of the Souls (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am) Wednesday, Feb. 21st – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (6:00pm) Saturday, Feb. 24th – Saturday of the Souls (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am) Wednesday, Feb. 28th – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (6:00pm)

<u>House Blessings are being offered</u> now through February 16th. If you would like to request a blessing of your home from either Fr. Peter or Fr. Christopher, please contact the church office.

<u>Personal Finance Class has begun</u> 1:00pm in classroom 2D of our Community Center. Have you lost sleep over those large credit card balances created by holiday shopping? Concerned your college bound child is going to graduate with a student loan balance attached to their degree? Worried about retirement? Bring financial peace to your life by attending this popular and fun 9-week class, coordinated by Nick Kleissas, starting today!

Save the date: GOYA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT - May 12, 2018.

Thank you to all of the talented chefs and generous parishioners who took part in last week's Souper Sunday soup cook-off. We are delighted to report that our community raised more that \$5,400 for the Pasadena Bad Weather Shelter, which provides a safe place to sleep and a warm meal for our homeless neighbors during the coldest winter nights. For more information or to make a donation, please contact Samantha at 424.272.1726.

Philoptochos at Work: Philoptochos fulfilled its mission during the Christmas season with the help of the community and parish. We purchased jackets for 35 boys at Trinity Boys Home, and sent 17 boys who had no home to return to at Christmas out to breakfast and a movie. The director told us some of the boys had never owned a jacket! Philoptochos also purchased Christmas presents for children for the Friends in Deed Christmas gift drive, and provided food to the food bank for the holidays. As always, we continued to support Union Station and two seminarians, as well as individuals within the greater community. Please look for upcoming Philoptochos events and join our ministry! Look for the 2018 membership drive!

<u>Union Station Homeless Services</u> Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program by volunteering your time to serve the homeless. USHS staff and clients are always happy to see our group from Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church. This coming year 2018 we continue to provide nutritious hot meals and serve those less fortunate. Contact Sophia Angelos at

sangelos2000@gmail.com, Irene Albeck at mcmg2a@aol.com or Stephanie Soewers at szanglis@aol.com.

Parish Pay (WeShare) is an easy method to make donations to Saint Anthony Church. To sign up, please either: Visit ParishPay.com or call (800) 950-9952 and enroll over the phone. If weekly envelopes are not your preference, Parish Pay is an easy alternative for all your donations.

Order for Holy Communion (for Baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians): The acolytes, choir, and chanters receive Holy Communion first. Next, the parishioners from the front pew, one pew at a time should approach the chalice. Please allow the ushers to dismiss you.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

(DURING SMALL ENTRANCE)

(1) Apolytikion for the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord. Mode 1.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

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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.

Ότε κατῆλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῆ ἀστραπῆ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον[.] Ζωοδότα Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

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(4) Apolytikion of Saint Anthony. 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 Βαπτιστῆ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἑπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καί τήν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

(5) Seasonal Kontakion. Mode 1.

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

Ό μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῷ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

<u>READINGS OF THE DAY</u>

Orthros Gospel Reading

Second Orthros Gospel The Gospel According to Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back, for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place

where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to 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.'''