



SAINT ANTHONY
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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

June 24th, 2018 – Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Orthros ~ 8:45 a.m.

Memorial ~ 9:45 a.m.

Pantele Xanthos, 2 ½ years; Angela Xanthos, 20 years;

Esther (Anastasia) Drulias, 9 years; James (Demetrios) Drulias, 10 years

Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 a.m.

Today's Social Hour is offered by the Xanthos family and the Drulias-Lucas family.

2018 GREEK FESTIVAL FOOD PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Please join us – everyone is invited (donuts and lunch provided). Cooking will start at 9 AM each day. Ending times vary depending on the items being prepared and the number of volunteers that attend. Any amount of time volunteered is a big help and greatly appreciated!

Monday, July 9	Tyropita
Wednesday, July 11	Spanakopita
Thursday, July 12	Spanakopita

Philoptochos will be organizing the weekly social hour by trying to get more parishioners to participate. We will have a sign-up sheet for the year in the ballroom after Liturgy.

St. Sophia Camp Counselors needed (especially boys!) The annual St. Sophia Camp in Crestline, CA needs counselors to be part of this wonderful and fun ministry! They are especially looking for boys counselors for Session 2 (July 28-Aug 4), but would like any boys and girls counselors, 18+, to apply for either sessions! Please fill out an application at saintsophiacamp.org!

Divine Services for the months of June & July (saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

Friday, June 29th – Ss. Peter & Paul (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

Thursday, July 26th – St. Paraskevi of Rome (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

Friday, July 27th – St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

St. Sophia Philoptochos Debutante Presentation Ball 2019! Plans are underway for the St. Sophia Debutante Ball on Sunday, January 20th, 2019 at the Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Interested young ladies who will be high school juniors (ages 16) and older should contact Georgia Kezios (562) 822-2229 or email stsophiadebball@gmail.com.

Union Station Homeless Services 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 year we continue to provide nutritious hot meals and serve those less fortunate. Contact sangelos2000@gmail.com, mcmg2a@aol.com or szanglis@aol.com.

Myrrh Bearers 2018 – Thank you for the nice selection of books you contributed for others to enjoy. A few more books are still needed to fill the beautiful bags Mrs. Haralambos made for our outreach project. We will meet in August to fill the bags for distribution. Those who served as Myrrh Bearers in the past are most welcomed to be a part of this mission.

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 alternative for 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 ushers to dismiss you.*

HYMNS OF THE DAY

(DURING SMALL ENTRANCE)

(1) Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 3.

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from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

Εὐφραίνεσθω 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.

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

O Prophet and Forerunner of the appearance of Christ, with longing we honor you, although we have not the means of extolling you worthily. Your birth, which was exalted and most glorious, ended the barrenness of your mother and the muteness of your father; and unto the world it announced the Incarnation of God the Word.

Προφήτα καὶ Πρόδρομε, τῆς παρουσίας Χριστοῦ, ἀξίως εὐφημῆσαί σε οὐκ εὐποροῦμεν ἡμεῖς, οἱ πόθῳ τιμῶντές σε· στεῖρωσις γὰρ τεκούσης, καὶ πατρὸς ἀφωνία, λέλυνται τῇ ἐνδόξῳ, καὶ σεπτῇ σου γεννήσει, καὶ σάρκωσις Υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ, κόσμῳ κηρύττεται.

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

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

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι 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 οἰκιστής, καί τήν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

(6) Seasonal Kontakion. Mode 2.

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

READINGS OF THE DAY

Orthros Gospel Reading

Fourth Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered in to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home wondering at what had happened.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

Gospel Reading

Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist

The Gospel According to Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76-80

In as much as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed. In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, it fell to him by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth; for he will be great before the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." And the people were waiting for

Zacharias, and they wondered at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he made signs to them and remained dumb. And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered, and she gave birth to a son. And her neighbors and kinsfolk heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they would have named him Zacharias after his father, but his mother said, "Not so; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your kindred is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." And they all marveled. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea; and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways." And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness till the day of his manifestation to Israel.