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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*

March 25th, 2018 – ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Orthros ~ 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 a.m.

Greek Independence Day Celebration and Greek School Fundraiser today: Please join us right after the Divine Liturgy in the Trinity Ballroom, for a delicious lunch, a wonderful program and a dance performance by the first-place winners, Neolea dance group. Tickets are \$10 per adult.

Holy Cross Seminary Donations: Philoptochos will pass a second collection tray today for the annual Lenten collection in support of the Holy Cross Seminary.

Congratulations to our St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival participants! We had seven participants last Sunday for our parish Oratorical Festival and they all did a phenomenal job in speaking on their faith! Much thanks and appreciation goes to Maria Grover for all her hard work in organizing the Oratorical Festival.

Myrrh Bearers will meet on Saturday of Lazarus, March 31 following Divine Liturgy. Bring books you are donating to fill our book bags, pre-kindergarten to sixth grade reading level. The books you loved to hear and read will bring joy to other children.

Easter bake sale – Today is the order deadline! All proceeds will benefit Kids n' Cancer, Camp Agape a Metropolis ministry of Philoptochos. Tsourekis, Kourambietes, chocolate dipped koulouria, traditional koulouria and dyed red eggs will be available. Pick up date will be Palm Sunday, April 1. For more information contact: Kathy Lucas: klsjl@me.com or 626-447-8336 or Yiota Poulos at 626-448-5034.

GOYA BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY AWAY at St. Nicholas Northridge

Games will begin at 2:00pm at 9501 Balboa Blvd, Northridge, CA 91325. Junior Girls-2 pm; Junior Boys 3 pm; Senior Girls-4 pm; Senior Boys-5 pm.

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

Wednesday, March 28th – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (6:00pm) followed by *Studies in the Faith*

Saturday, March 31st – Saturday of Lazarus (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*) followed by *breakfast and folding Palm Crosses*

Sunday, April 1st – Palm Sunday (*Orthros 8:45am, Liturgy 10:00am*) followed by *fish luncheon*

See separate calendar or our online calendar for all Holy Week services

saint-anthonys.org/HolyWeek2018

Philoptochos Membership Drive: St. Anthony Philoptochos is currently holding its Membership Drive. Membership renewal forms have just been mailed to all existing members. Please, be on the lookout for your packet and return it at your earliest convenience. We will have a table as you exit church on Sunday to expedite your renewal and for your convenience. We welcome all who would like to join us in helping to provide support for those in need to become a member of Philoptochos.

HOPE & JOY-April meeting will be on Saturday of Lazarus, attend Divine Liturgy, breakfast and making palm crosses. May we will go bowling. June TBA.

Kouvouklion decorating: Should anyone desire to help decorate our Kouvouklion (the Tomb of Christ) with flowers for Holy Friday, please meet in the Trinity Ballroom on Holy Thursday, April 5th at 1:00pm.

Attention High School Seniors – Philoptochos of Saint Anthony scholarship applications are now available. Contact Irene Albeck at mcmg2a@aol.com or Fontaine Malisos at fontaineachilles@gmail.com for information or application.

Our weekly Bible Study classes have returned every Tuesday morning at 10:00am. Please come and join us as we are enlightened with the Word of God together!

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

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

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 of the Feast of the Annunciation. Mode 4.

Today is the summary of our salvation, and the revelation of the age-old mystery. For the Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel announces the good news of grace. Therefore, let us join him, and cry aloud to the Theotokos: "Rejoice, Maiden full of grace! The Lord is with you."

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

(AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE)

(2) Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 1.

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your kingdom; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν

οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλάνθρωπε.

(3) *Apolytikion of the Feast of the Annunciation. Mode 4.*

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(4) *Seasonal Kontakion. Mode Plagal 4.*

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

READINGS OF THE DAY

Orthros Gospel Reading

Annunciation of the Theotokos
The Gospel According to Luke 1:39-49, 56

In those days, Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me

blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name." And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

Epistle Reading

Annunciation of the Theotokos

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:11-18

BRETHREN, he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I will proclaim thy name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I, and the children God has given me. Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

Gospel Reading

Annunciation of the Theotokos

The Gospel According to Luke 1:24-38

In those days, Elizabeth the wife of Zacharias conceived and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord had done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you! Blessed are you among women!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.