



**SAINT ANTHONY**  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Church office hours: Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Closed Saturday and Sunday)

St. Anthony's calendar link: <http://saint-anthonys.org/calendar>

For **pastoral emergencies** please call 626-855-3640

**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Sunday before Holy Cross**

*Joachim and Anna*

**Orthros ~ 8:45 a.m.**

**Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Today's Social Hour** is hosted by the Greek Dance groups.

**Church School:** Registration Sunday today! Parents will register their kids for a fantastic year of learning about their faith, and kids get ice cream. ***To be registered for Preschool class, children must be 4 years old by Sept 1, 2018.*** Parents: After Communion, walk with your children to the hall. Children will receive an ice cream ticket and head to the Board Room to get their ice cream. You will go to Rooms 2A/B for a meeting and to register your children. All registrations needed today. If your children will need supervision while you are at the meeting, make arrangements ahead of time. **Sun, Sept 16:** First day of Church School! Lessons, class pictures, group picture, and a blessing will take place on this day! We can't wait to see all our students in class!

**Youth Kick-off Event!** Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. All St. Anthony youth grades 6-12 are invited to a party to kick-off the year. Come for swimming, lot of food, games, and discussion. RSVP to [frchris@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:frchris@saint-anthonys.org) ASAP for location and other information.

**Acolyte Training:** We will train our acolytes (altar boys) on Sat. Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, starting with a pizza lunch at 1:00pm and then robe fittings and training until around 3:00pm. Please RSVP to Fr. Chris ASAP to plan lunch accordingly.

**Greek Dance practices:** Find your group (based on the 2018-19 school year) and attend Sunday practices to prepare for our church's upcoming festival performances. **Bouboukakia** (*TK-Kindergarten-4.5 years old as of 9/1*), 1-2:30 pm, upstairs; **New group** (*1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade*), 1-2:30 pm, upstairs; **Neolea** (*4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade*), 1-2:30 pm, in hall; **Spitha** (*7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade*), 2-4 pm, upstairs; **Pyrkagia** (*12<sup>th</sup> through college*), 3-6 pm, upstairs. Greek Dance registration will open Sept. 1 and ends Oct. 1 for dancers interested in dancing at FDF in February. More details to come!

**Greek Language school 2018-19:** First day, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> for all Monday students and September 14<sup>th</sup> for all Friday students. Registration forms for children and adult classes with curriculum and calendar can be found at: [saint-anthonys.org/ministries/greek-language-school](http://saint-anthonys.org/ministries/greek-language-school). Early children registration with a discounted rate will end Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. Tuition with complete registration forms shall be sent to the church office. For more information please contact Anastasia at [anastasia.sarantopoulos@gmail.com](mailto:anastasia.sarantopoulos@gmail.com).

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

Thursday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers for the Holy Cross (6:00pm)

Friday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – Exaltation of the Holy Cross (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

Wednesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – St. John the Theologian (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

**2018 Festival Pastry Preparation schedule:** Please join us – everyone is invited (lunch will be 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!

Mon, Sept 10	Floyeres	Thurs, Sept 13	Pasta Flora
Tues, Sept 11	Baklava	Fri, Sept 14	Meloma ( <i>after Liturgy</i> )
Wed, Sept 12	Diples	Mon, Sept 17	Karidopita

**Personal Finance Classes** will be conducted on nine (9) Sundays from 1 pm to 3 pm in classroom 2D of the community center. The dates are as follows: Sept 9, 16, 30, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, and 11. Class info link: <https://fpu.com/1070093>

**Fashion Show Committee Meeting** is Tuesday, September 25 at 7:00 pm in boardroom. Meeting is open to all committee members and interested volunteers. Contact Christine at [christinepappas2@gmail.com](mailto:christinepappas2@gmail.com) for more information.

**King Tut Exhibit:** St. Anthony VIPs have reservations to the 100th Anniversary Exhibition of King Tut on Oct. 11 at the California Science Center, Exposition Park. Transportation by luxury bus leaving St. Anthony at 8am sharp and returning 3pm. There are a few seats available for non members at \$49 for the exhibit, the IMAX showing of 'Egypt' and luxury bus transportation.

Lunch on your own. Paid reservations must be made by Sunday, Sept 30th. Cancellations after Sept 30 will not be refunded. This is not a guided tour. You will view the exhibit at your leisure beginning at 10am, IMAX film to begin at 1pm. Checks are to be payable to St. Anthony VIPs and given to Aliki Haralambos. (VIP members, check your email for VIP member information).

**Heavenly Vestments:** Sunday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in the Trinity Ballroom. Lunch and an exhibit of vestments from the personal collection of Metropolitan Nikitas of the Dardanelles. Adults: \$45, Children 15 & under: \$15. All proceeds to benefit the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute. For more information email [paoi.socal@gmail.com](mailto:paoi.socal@gmail.com) or 818-388-7818.

**St. Anthony's Greek Festival:** will return to St Anthony Greek Orthodox Church and will take place from Friday, Sept. 21 to Sunday Sept 23. There are several ways to contribute to our festival success: adopt a whole booth or part of a booth, donate for festival needs, volunteer and be part of the energetic festival committee or to work on the days of the festival, various times and jobs will be available. Please watch for announcements about how to participate in this fantastic event where we share our faith and culture with our local community.

**Parish Pay (WeShare)** is an easy method to make stewardship contributions to Saint Anthony Church. To sign up, please either: *Visit [saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com](http://saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com)*. If weekly envelopes are not your preference, Parish Pay is an easy alternative for your stewardship.

**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.

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### **HYMNS OF THE DAY**

**(DURING SMALL ENTRANCE)**

***(1) Apolytikion of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Mode 4.***

Your Nativity, O Theotokos, imparted joy to the entire earth, for out of you has risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He nullified the curse and instead gave His blessing; and causing death to be neutralized, He granted us eternal life.

Ἡ γέννησίς σου Θεοτόκε, χαρὰν ἐμήνυσε πάση τῇ οἰκουμένη· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ λύσας τὴν κατάραν, ἔδωκε τὴν εὐλογίαν· καὶ καταργήσας τὸν θάνατον, ἔδωρήσατο ἡμῖν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον.

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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.

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

**(3) Apolytikion of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Mode 4.**

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**(4) Apolytikion of Saints Joachim & Anna. Mode 2.**

As we celebrate the memory of Your righteous Ancestors, through them we importune You, O Lord, that You save our souls.

Τῶν δικαίων Θεοπατόρων σου Κύριε, τὴν μνήμην ἐορτάζοντες, δι' αὐτῶν σὲ δυσωποῦμεν· Σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

**(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, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold

celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννα ὀνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὐά, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγία γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἐορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

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## **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 Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

## **Gospel Reading**

Sunday before Holy Cross

The Gospel According to John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."