

The Voice of Saint Anthony

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Thursday, 25 October**

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PRIEST'S MESSAGE

O God of Demetrios, help me!

Dear Faithful,

This past month was highlighted with another successful and enjoyable Pasadena Greek Fest! It was truly inspiring to see so many of our parishioners, especially our young people, coming out and volunteering their time to assist that this year's festival was smooth and successful. On behalf of the clergy of St. Anthony, Fr. Peter and I would like to thank the chairs of the festival who worked so incredibly hard for countless hours both leading up to the festival and during the weekend as well. There were also numerous ladies and gentlemen who cooked, set up, broke down, and offered an outpouring of themselves to make this another great Pasadena Greek Fest! Thank you for all your efforts and labors of love.

This upcoming month of October, we look toward several feast days of beloved saints of our church, including St. Thomas the Apostle (Oct. 6th), St. Philip the Apostle (Oct. 11th), St. Luke the Evangelist (Oct. 18th), St. Gerasimos of Cephalonia (the feast of our own Metropolitan Gerasimos, Oct. 20th), St. James the Apostle and Brother of our Lord (Oct. 23rd), and of course the beloved St. Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer (Oct. 26th). If one were to visit the beautiful city of Thessaloniki in Northern Greece during the month of October, you would feel a certain enthusiasm as the days grew near to the feast day of St. Demetrios, who is the Patron saint of that city. In fact, the week leading up to the feast day on October 26th is treated as a type of "Holy Week" in that city, similar to that of Great and Holy Week leading up to Pascha. This goes to show just how revered and beloved this great Saint is to the city of Thessaloniki. I encourage all of you to read the story of this great Saint of our Church.

The story of St. Demetrios's faith and martyrdom is given new depth, when looked at through the lens of another saint whom we celebrate every year just one day after St. Demetrios, St. Nestor, also of Thessaloniki. Nestor was a follower and learned the Christian faith from Demetrios, during the time in which Christians were often exploited to be the victims in gladiator-like matches. One of the emperor's most preferred gladiator and champion went by the name Lyaeus, a giant of goliath-like strength and size, who was famous for his spectacle of brutally killing numerous Christians who were forced to face such an unfair opponent.

Seeing this, Nestor was torn with pain and decided to come forward for a duel with the gigantic Lyaeus. But first he went to prison to see St. Demetrios and sought a blessing from him. St. Demetrios blessed him, signed him with the sign of the Cross on the forehead and on the chest and prophesied to him: "You will defeat Lyaeus, but you will suffer for Christ." Thus, young Nestor went to duel with Lyaeus. Before the duel, Nestor crossed himself and said: "O God of Demetrios, help me!" and with God's help, he overcame Lyaeus and defeated him. Witnessing this, all the people then cried out: "Great is the God of Demetrios!" Obviously, this brought great shame to the emperor, who commanded Nestor to be beheaded, receiving his crown of glorious martyrdom.

What is remarkable about Nestor's story, is that he was not well versed in the Christian life, was not well read in the scriptures and was not well established as a long time follower of Christ, but he was drawn to the holiness and devout faith of Demetrios. While not knowing much about the God Demetrios was following, he knew that whoever this God was, was to Whom he wanted to give his life.

"O God of Demetrios, help me!" This is not a cry of confirmation or of understanding, but a cry of true faith. And not of faith in this person Demetrios, but in the God of Demetrios. Then all the people responded similarly: "Great is the God of Demetrios!" Imagine that... imagine if our faith was so brilliant and such a shining example that people saw us, thinking to themselves "wow, I don't know who he/she is following or worshipping, but I want to follow that God too." Imagine someone seeing our faith, to be so moved to say "O God of Christopher... O God of Peter... O God of Stephanie... help me!"

Like Nestor, sometimes we feel unprepared, unworthy, unclean to approach our Lord, to approach the Church, or to even pray. In all of this, we need to remember that to act with full faith does not require full understanding or full comprehension or full knowledge. Thank God for this, because at times when faith in God seems all too out of reach, we are provided the faith of others. It may be our friends, our families or maybe the pure faith of our grandparents or parents that strengthens us. But at all times we are provided the faithful examples of the Saints to strengthen and guide our own faith. After all, that is why the saints are glorified and prayed to, not because of themselves but because of their God and their being shining lights of the glory of their God and our God. In times of weakness, may we always look to these shining examples to strengthen our prayers, give us hope, and give us true faith.

To God be the glory... With love, Fr. Chris



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Dear Members of St. Anthony:

We want to thank all of those who gave of their time, talent and treasure to St. Anthony's 57th Annual Pasadena GreekFest.

Please join us for a Festival Appreciation lunch in the Trinity Ballroom after church on **Sunday, October 7th**. We will review the results of the festival and acknowledge those who helped make this year's festival a tremendous success. We will also announce a philanthropic beneficiary of a portion of the proceeds of the festival.

It is an honor to be part of a community that comes together with love, dedication, and hard work to put on the Pasadena GreekFest, which is a highlight for thousands of people in our surrounding communities who attend each year.

In Christ,

John Vidalakis



*For more festival photos
see pages 20 thru 24*

STEWARDSHIP

2018 STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY September 6, 2018

- 281 PLEDGES TOTALING \$354,709
- \$277,660 COLLECTED AS OF **09/06/2018** *(Includes \$39,044 Collected in 2017)*
- AVERAGE PLEDGE \$1,262

Breakdown Pledges		
Amount Pledge	# of Pledges	% of Pledges Breakdown
\$ 20 - \$299	44	16%
\$300 - \$499	37	13%
\$500 - \$799	66	23%
\$800 - \$999	11	04%
\$1,000 - \$1,499	52	19%
\$1,500 - \$1,999	23	08%
\$2,000 - \$3,999	31	11%
\$4,000 - \$5,999	10	04%
\$6,000 - \$7,999	2	01%
\$8,000 - \$9,999	0	0
\$10,000 - \$14,999	4	01%
\$15,000 - \$99,999	1	0
	Total Pledges 281	100%

STEWARDSHIP COMPARISON BY MONTH AND YEAR

	# of Pledges	Amount Pledged	Amount Collected	Average Pledge
September 6, 2018	281	\$354,709	\$277,660	\$1,262
September 30, 2017	283	\$349,570	\$285,308	\$1,235
September 30, 2016	307	\$373,335	\$318,654	\$1,216
2017 Totals	312	\$ 395,550	\$ 373,653	\$1,268
2016 Totals	323	\$ 402,081	\$ 389,674	\$1,247
2015 Totals	328	\$364,000	\$356,836	\$1,110

NEWS FROM THE LOFT

Each year on the **first Sunday in October** parishes across the Archdiocese of America celebrate National Church Music Sunday. This celebration coincides (on or after) with the feast of **Saint Romanos the Melodist**, patron saint of church musicians. This is a day we set aside to honor and thank our choir members and chanters who serve our community through the hymnology of our Orthodox Church.

As we in the choir loft and the chanter stand continually strive to enhance the worship experience for our congregation, individuals who are interested in joining the choir are encouraged to contact choir director **Jim Hronas** through the church office for more information.

Additionally, it bears repeating that we have introduced 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 (719) 464-7678**.



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

The Church School year began on September 16 with class and group pictures and a Church School blessing. We are thrilled to have so many children at our parish, and we hope to see each and every one of them in class each week!

Children who have not yet been registered must submit a Registration Form to their teacher on their first day of attendance. Registration Forms can be obtained in the Narthex or Parish Center Foyer. Please fill out one form per student. *Remember that students must be 4 years old as of September 1, 2018, to register for the PK/TK class.*







YOUNG ADULT NEWS

The **Greek Orthodox Basketball League** is very proud to announce the 5th year of **Young Adult Basketball**. The YAL Basketball League has been organized by young adults from Saint Nicholas, Saint Sophia, Saint Katherine, Saint Anthony, Assumption, and Saint George.

Games began Sunday 9.23.18 and will continue through November. Teams and rosters have been formed and submitted at this time, however if you would like to come and support our team, please see the schedule below.

If you have further questions, contact **Anthia Lucas** (626)274-6133

2018 YAL League Info

Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Week</i>
September 23, 2018	2:30 PM	St. Sophia, Los Angeles	St. Anthony (Pasadena)	St. Nicholas (Northridge)	1
September 23, 2018	4:00 PM	St. Sophia, Los Angeles	Assumption (Long Beach)	St. George (Downey)	1
September 23, 2018	5:30 PM	St. Sophia, Los Angeles	St. Katherine (Redondo)	St. Sophia (Los Angeles)	1
September 30, 2018	2:00 PM	Assumption, Long Beach	St. Katherine (Redondo)	Assumption (Long Beach)	2
September 30, 2018	3:00 PM	Assumption, Long Beach	St. George (Downey)	St. Anthony (Pasadena)	2
September 30, 2018	4:00 PM	Assumption, Long Beach	St. Sophia (Los Angeles)	St. Nicholas (Northridge)	2
October 7, 2018	2:00 PM	St. Katherine, Redondo	St. George (Downey)	St. Katherine (Redondo)	3
October 7, 2018	3:00 PM	St. Katherine, Redondo	St. Nicholas (Northridge)	Assumption (Long Beach)	3
October 7, 2018	4:00 PM	St. Katherine, Redondo	St. Anthony (Pasadena)	St. Sophia (Los Angeles)	3
October 14, 2018	2:00 PM	St. Nicholas, Northridge	St. Katherine (Redondo)	St. Anthony (Pasadena)	4
October 14, 2018	3:00 PM	St. Nicholas, Northridge	Assumption (Long Beach)	St. Sophia (Los Angeles)	4
October 14, 2018	4:00 PM	St. Nicholas, Northridge	St. Nicholas (Northridge)	St. George (Downey)	4
October 21, 2018	2:30 PM	St. Sophia, Los Angeles	St. Sophia (Los Angeles)	St. George (Downey)	5
October 21, 2018	3:30 PM	St. Sophia, Los Angeles	St. Anthony (Pasadena)	Assumption (Long Beach)	5
October 21, 2018	4:30 PM	St. Sophia, Los Angeles	St. Nicholas (Northridge)	St. Katherine (Redondo)	5
October 28, 2018	2:30 PM	St. Sophia, Los Angeles	TBD	TBD	Quarter-Finals
October 28, 2018	3:30 PM	St. Sophia, Los Angeles	TBD	TBD	Quarter-Finals
November 4, 2018	2:30 PM	St. Sophia, Los Angeles	TBD	TBD	Semi-Finals
November 4, 2018	3:30 PM	St. Sophia, Los Angeles	TBD	TBD	Semi-Finals
November 11, 2018	2:30 PM	St. Sophia, Los Angeles	TBD	TBD	Finals
November 11, 2018	3:30 PM	St. Sophia, Los Angeles	TBD	TBD	All-Star Game

Location Addresses

St Sophia (Los Angeles): 1324 Normandie Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90006

Assumption (Long Beach): 5761 E Colorado St, Long Beach, CA 90814

St. Katherine (Redondo Beach): 4397, 722 Knob Hill Ave, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

St Nicholas (Northridge): 9501 Balboa Blvd, Northridge, CA 91325



GOYA Basketball will begin in March. Please mark you calendars and we will keep you updated. If you have questions, contact **Pana Gelt** (626) 278-2808 or **Anthia Lucas** (626)274-6133

2019 Greek Orthodox Basketball League Season Schedule							
Date	Start Time	Home	Visitor	# of Games	Venue	Venue Addresses	
Week #1	11:00 A.M.	St. Katherine	St. George		St. Katherine		
Saturday	11:00 A.M.	St. Anthony	St. Nicholas			<u>Assumption</u>	
3/2/2019	11:00 A.M.	St. Sophia	St. John		St. Sophia	5761 E. Colorado St.	
	11:00 A.M.	Assumption	St. Basil		Assumption	Long Beach CA 90814	
Week #2	3:00 P.M.	St. Basil	St. Anthony			<u>St. Anthony</u>	
Sunday	2:00 P.M.	Assumption	St. Nicholas		Assumption	Sierra Madre Middle School	
3/3/2019	2:00 P.M.	St. Sophia	St. Katherine		St. Sophia	160 N. Canon Ave	
	2:00 P.M.	St. John	St. George			Sierra Madre, CA 91024	
Week #3	11:00 A.M.	St. John	St. Katherine			<u>St. Basil</u>	
Saturday	11:00 A.M.	Assumption	St. Anthony		Assumption	San Juan Capistrano	
3/9/2019	11:00 A.M.	St. Basil	St. Sophia			Communiy Center Gym	
	11:00 A.M.	St. Nicholas	St. George		St. Nicholas	25925 Camino Del Avion	
						San Juan Capistrano	
Week #4	2:00 P.M.	St. Anthony	St. Sophia				
Sunday	2:00 P.M.	St. George	Assumption			<u>St. George</u>	
3/10/2019	2:00 P.M.	St. Nicholas	St. Katherine		St. Nicholas		
	3:00 P.M.	St. Basil	St. John				
Week #5	SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY						
Sunday	2:00 P.M.	Assumption	St. Sophia		Assumption	<u>St. John</u>	
3/17/2019	2:00 P.M.	St. Nicholas	St. John		St. Nicholas		
	2:00 P.M.	St. George	St. Anthony				
	3:00 P.M.	St. Basil	St. Kathrine				
						<u>St. Katherine</u>	
						722 Knob Hill Ave	
						Redondo Beach CA 90277	

Saint Anthony Bowling League will begin **Tuesday, October 2**, at Bowling Square, Baldwin Avenue, in Arcadia. Bowling will continue through December 4. If you cannot participate, come to the bowling alley on Tuesdays from 7-9PM. for fellowship, fun and to cheer on the bowlers.

If you have further questions, contact **Pana Gelt** (626) 278-2808 or **Anthia Lucas** (626)274-6133



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Please come support our work for the annual Christmas Benefit Luncheon. The next committee meeting will be on **Monday, 22 October at 7pm**. If you wish to volunteer your time in any way or make a donation, please contact Christine Pappas, christinepappas2@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 2018

St. Anthony Philoptochos Christmas Benefit

St. Anthony Philoptochos Society's

49th Annual

2018 Christmas Benefit Luncheon

at the Langham Huntington Hotel, Pasadena, CA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 2018

Be sure to mark your calendars today!



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Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church

Reverend Father Peter Stratos

Reverend Father Christopher Retelas

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Katerina Lynch

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Mike Abi-Farah

Please notify us of any misspellings or omissions.



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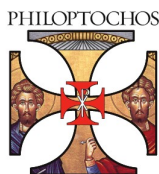
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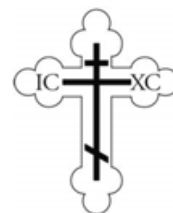
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COMMUNITY NEWS

ORTHODOXY 101

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT:

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH?

JESUS CHRIST?

THE HOLY TRINITY?

SALVATION?

HEAVEN AND HELL?

HIERARCHY?

THE SAINTS?

THE CHURCH FATHERS?

SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER?

THE BIBLE?

THE SACRAMENTS?

This class will welcome those who desire to learn more about the Orthodox Faith, wishing to enhance and enrich their understanding of, and life within, the timeless Orthodox Church.

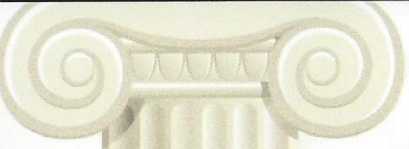
Monday nights

7:00-8:00pm

starting October 1st - December 17th

St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church
Upstairs classrooms 2 E/F, with Fr. Chris Retelas





COVINA'S

www.saintnectariosshrine.org

GREEK FESTIVAL

2018

October 5, 6 and 7

Fri. 5 pm – 10 pm • Sat. & Sun. 12 noon – 10 pm

Live Greek Music & Dancing • Church Tours

Kids Playground Area • Family Fun • Greek Souvenirs

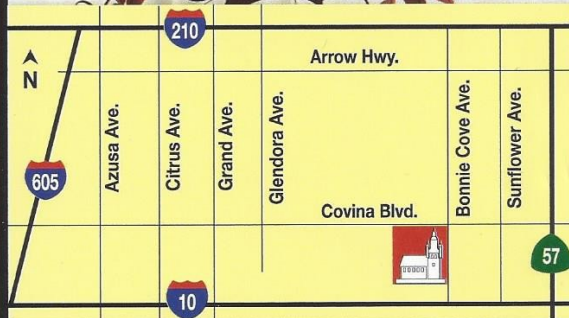
Authentic Homemade Greek Food & Pastries



**NO
OUTSIDE
FOOD OR
DRINKS
ALLOWED**

*Gyro • Spanakopita • Tyropita
Pastitsio • Moussaka • Chicken
Souvlaki • Loukoumades*

Additional Parking:
Charter Oak HS
1430 E. Covina Blvd., Covina



**Be GREEK
for the
Weekend!**

St. Nectarios Church Grounds
20340 E. Covina Blvd., Covina
(Corner of Bonnie Cove & Covina Blvd.)

For Information Call **626-967-5524**
Admission \$2.00 • Kids Under 12 are FREE

GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

CELEBRATING OUR MINISTRIES

HONORING EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP

Gala

You are invited to join His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos for an evening celebrating the ministries of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco and honoring the extraordinary leadership of

Dr. James and Virginia Kallins

with the Theofanis Economidis Award

Saturday, October 13, 2018

6:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner, Entertainment,
Program, and Dancing to Follow

Black Tie

For details on sponsorships or
reservations call 415-753-3075

Reservation deadline: September 12, 2018

Hyatt Regency Huntington
Beach Resort and Spa
21500 Pacific Coast Highway
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Reserve your room for the Gala weekend
by calling 800-233-1234
(Group Name: Greek Orthodox Metropolis of SF).



Youth of St. Anthony's!

WHAT: YOUTH CHOIR WILL SING DIVINE
LITURGY

WHERE: IN THE CHOIR LOFT

WHEN: OCTOBER 14TH

REHEARSAL: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, AT 9:30
AM IN THE COMMUNITY HALL

REMEMBER! **ALL AGES WELCOME.** WE WOULD
LOVE SOME OLDER KIDS/TEENS TO HELP LEAD
THE YOUNGER CHILDREN. NO PREVIOUS
MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NEEDED!



IF YOU CANNOT MAKE REHEARSAL, COME UP
AND SING ANYWAY.

No choir this week. We'll sing next week!

B: Contact Katerina Lynch at 719-464-7678 or
katerina.t.lynch@gmail.com with questions

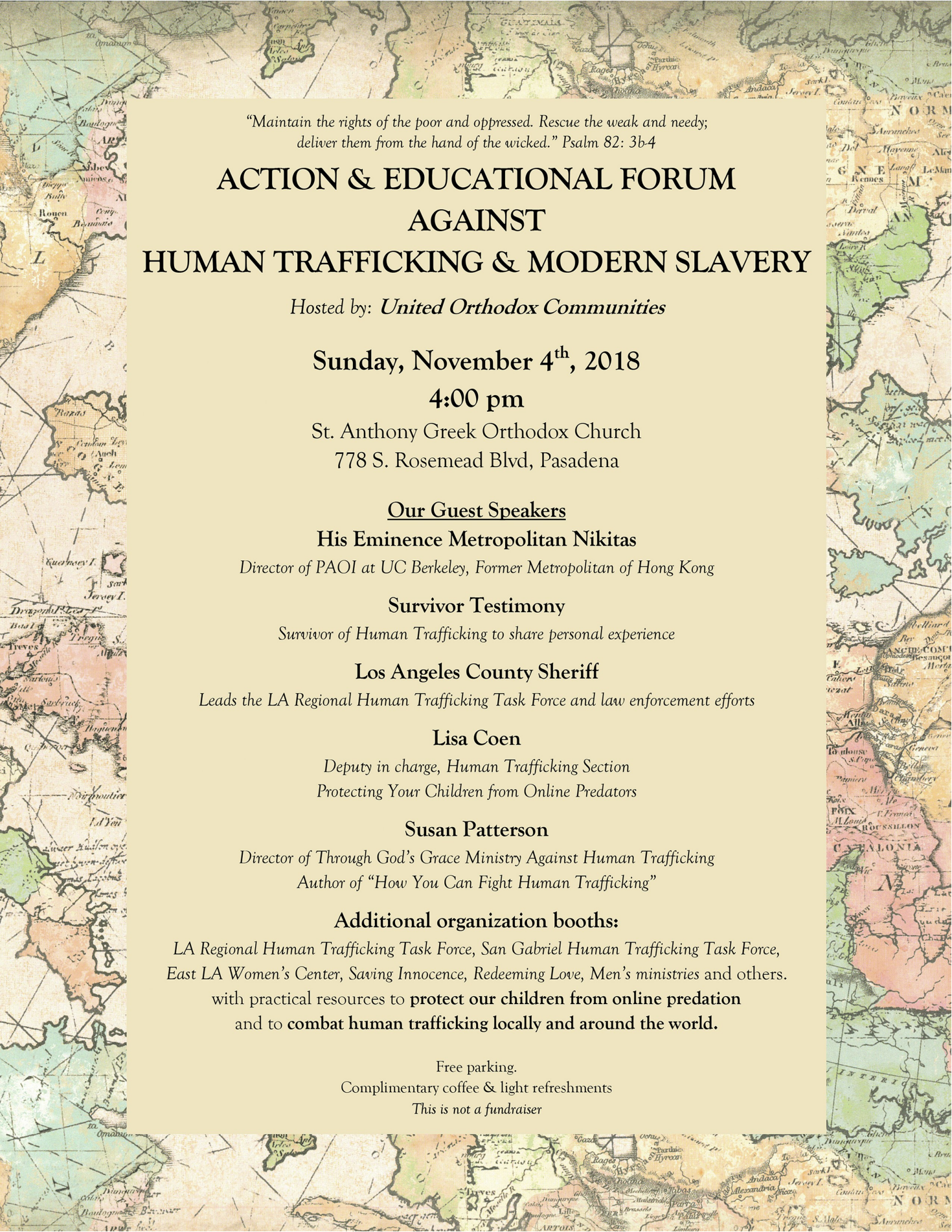


GOYA ELECTIONS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21
@ 12:00pm
UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS

We will plan the
upcoming year as well!
Lunch will be provided.

Grades 6 thru 12

A detailed, aged map of Europe serves as the background for the entire page. The map is oriented with North at the top and features various geographical details, including coastlines, rivers, and numerous place names in Latin script. The colors are muted, with greens for land and blues for water, giving it a historical appearance.

"Maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked." Psalm 82: 3b-4

ACTION & EDUCATIONAL FORUM AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY

Hosted by: *United Orthodox Communities*

Sunday, November 4th, 2018

4:00 pm

St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church
778 S. Rosemead Blvd, Pasadena

Our Guest Speakers

His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas

Director of PAOI at UC Berkeley, Former Metropolitan of Hong Kong

Survivor Testimony

Survivor of Human Trafficking to share personal experience

Los Angeles County Sheriff

Leads the LA Regional Human Trafficking Task Force and law enforcement efforts

Lisa Coen

Deputy in charge, Human Trafficking Section
Protecting Your Children from Online Predators

Susan Patterson

Director of Through God's Grace Ministry Against Human Trafficking
Author of "How You Can Fight Human Trafficking"

Additional organization booths:

LA Regional Human Trafficking Task Force, San Gabriel Human Trafficking Task Force,
East LA Women's Center, Saving Innocence, Redeeming Love, Men's ministries and others.
with practical resources to **protect our children from online predation**
and to **combat human trafficking locally and around the world.**

Free parking.

Complimentary coffee & light refreshments

This is not a fundraiser

Festival Photos











Saints of the Month

The Holy Protection of the Theotokos

October 1

The Feast of the Protection commemorates the appearance of the most holy Theotokos in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople in the early sixth century, as recorded in the life of Saint Andrew the Fool for Christ's sake. While the multitudes of the faithful were gathered in church, Epiphanius, the friend of Saint Andrew, through the Saint's prayers, beheld the Virgin Mary above the faithful and spreading out her veil over them, signifying her unceasing protection of all Christians. Because of this we keep a yearly feast of gratitude, imploring our Lady never to cease sheltering us in her mighty prayers.

Romanos the Melodist

October 1

Saint Romanos flourished during the reign of Anastasius (491-518). He was from Emesa of Syria, and apparently was born of Jewish parents, for a hymn written in his honour in Greek says he was "of Hebrew stock," and it has furthermore been noted that he uses many Semitic idioms in his writings. He was baptized an Orthodox Christian and at some time became a deacon in the Church of Beirut. He was the first composer of the Kontakia, the foremost of which is that of the feast of Christ's Nativity, On this day the Virgin In composing many of his Kontakia. Saint Romanos was inspired by the hymns of Saint Ephraim of Syria.

Holy, Glorious Apostle Thomas

October 6

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas was born in the Galilean city of Pansada. He was a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the Twelve Apostles of the Savior.

According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. "My Lord and my God," the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). "Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles," says St John Chrysostom, "toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations."

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." In Slavonic, it says, "The Belief of Thomas." When St Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr's death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur, the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos.

Saints of the Month

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Saint Phillip, Apostle of the 70

11 October

Saint Philip, who had four daughters that prophesied, was from Caesarea of Palestine. He preached throughout Samaria; it was he also who met the eunuch of Candace, the Queen of the Ethiopians, as the eunuch was reading the Prophet Esaias, and he instructed and baptized him (Acts 8:26-39). He reposed in Tralles of Asia Minor while preaching the Gospel.

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

18 October

Luke was a native of Syrian Antioch, a companion of the holy Apostle Paul (Phil.1:24, 2 Tim. 4:10-11), and a physician enlightened in the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself. As one of the Seventy Apostles, St Luke was sent by the Lord with the others to preach the Kingdom of Heaven during the Savior's earthly life (Luke 10:1-3). After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saints Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus.

Luke accompanied St Paul on his second missionary journey, and from that time they were inseparable. When Paul's coworkers had forsaken him, only Luke remained to assist him in his ministry (2 Tim. 4:10-11). After the martyric death of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul, St Luke left Rome to preach in Achaia, Libya, Egypt and the Thebaid. He ended his life by suffering martyrdom in the city of Thebes.

Tradition credits St Luke with painting the first icons of the Mother of God. "Let the grace of Him Who was born of Me and My mercy be with these Icons," said the All-Pure Virgin after seeing the icons. St Luke also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul. St Luke's Gospel was written in the years 62-63 at Rome, under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. In the preliminary verses (1:1-3), St Luke precisely sets forth the purpose of his work. He proposes to record, in chronological order, everything known by Christians about Jesus Christ and His teachings. By doing this, he provided a firmer historical basis for Christian teaching (1:4). He carefully investigated the facts, and made generous use of the oral tradition of the Church and of what the All-Pure Virgin Mary Herself had told him.

In St Luke's Gospel, the message of the salvation made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the preaching of the Gospel, are of primary importance.

St Luke also wrote the Acts of the Holy Apostles in Rome around 62-63 A.D. The Book of Acts, which is a continuation of the four Gospels, speaks about the works and the fruits of the holy Apostles after the Ascension of the Savior. At the center of the narrative is the Council of the Holy Apostles at Jerusalem in the year 51, a Church event of great significance, which resulted in the separation of Christianity from Judaism and its independent dissemination into the world (Acts 15:6-29). The theological focus of the Book of Acts is the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who will guide the Church "into all truth" (John 16:13) until the Second Coming of Christ.

The holy relics of St Luke were taken from Constantinople and brought to Padua, Italy at some point in history. The Roman Catholic bishop of Padua, noting that Orthodox pilgrims came to Padua to venerate the relics, while many Catholics did not even know that the relics were there, appointed a committee to investigate the relics in Padua, and the skull of St Luke in the Catholic Cathedral of Prague. The skeleton was determined to be that of an elderly man of strong build.

In 2001, a tooth found in the coffin was judged to be consistent with the DNA of Syrians living near the area of Antioch dating from 72-416 A.D. The skull in Prague perfectly fit the neck bone of the skeleton. The tooth found in the coffin in Padua was also found to fit the jawbone of the skull.

A rib from the relics of Saint Luke resides in St Luke's original tomb in the Orthodox cathedral at Thebes.

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Gerasimus of Cephalonia

20 October

Saint Gerasimus was from the Peloponnesus, the son of Demetrius and Kale, of the family of Notaras. He was reared in piety by them and studied the Sacred writings. He left his country and went throughout various lands, finally coming to Cephalonia, where he restored a certain old church and built a convent around it. It stands to this day at the place called Omala. He finished the course of his life there in asceticism in the year 1570. His sacred relics, which remain incorrupt, are kept there for the sanctification of the faithful.

James (Iakovos) the Apostle, brother of Our Lord

23 October

According to some, this Saint was a son of Joseph the Betrothed, born of the wife to whom Joseph was married, before he was betrothed to the Ever-virgin. Hence he was the brother of the Lord, Who was also thought to be the son of Joseph (Matthew 13:55). But some say that he was a nephew of Joseph and the son of his brother Cleopas, who was also called Alphaeus and his wife, Mary, who was the first cousin of the Theotokos. But even according to this genealogy, he was still called, according to the idiom of the Scriptures, the Lord's brother, because of their kinship.

This Iakovos is called the Less (Mark 15:40) by the Evangelists to distinguish him from Iakovos, the son of Zebedee, who was called the Great. He became the first Bishop of Jerusalem, elevated to this Episcopal rank by the Apostles, according to Eusebius, and was called Obliah, that is, the Just, because of his great holiness and righteousness. Having ascended the crest of the Temple on the day of the Passover at the prompting of all, he bore testimony from there concerning his belief in Jesus and he proclaimed with a great voice that Jesus sits at the right hand of the great power of God and shall come again upon the clouds of heaven. On hearing this testimony, many of those present cried, "Hosanna to the Son of David." But the Scribes and Pharisees cried, "So, even the just one hath been led astray," and at the command of Ananias the high priest, the Apostle was cast down headlong from thence and stoned. While he prayed for his slayers, his head was crushed by the wooden club wielded by a certain scribe. The first of the Catholic (General) Epistles written to the Jews in the Diaspora who believed in Christ was written by this Iakovos.

Saints of the Month

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The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer

26 October

Saint Demetrius was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 290, he raised the Saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bath-house. While the games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Demetrius', came to the Saint in the bath-house and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Demetrius, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrius was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bath-house, As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword.



Romanos the Melodist



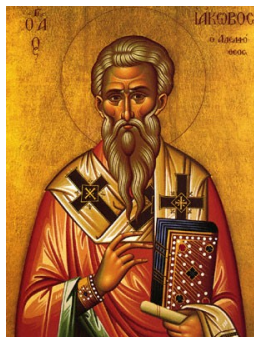
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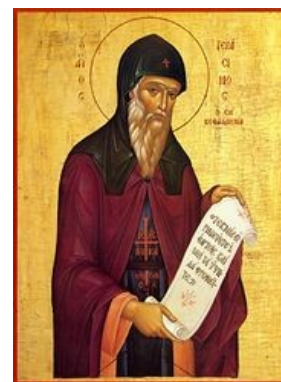
Luke



James (Iakovos)



Demetrius



Gerasimus

Orthodox Calendar

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7 3rd Sunday of Luke 8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 11am Church School 1pm Greek Dance 1pm Personal Finance	8 4pm Greek School 7pm Orthodoxy 101	9 10am VIPs 5pm Greek Dance 7pm Bowling League-Arcadia 7pm PC Meeting	 10 7:15pm Philoptochos Board Meeting	11 Philip Apostle of 70 7pm Choir Rehearsal	 12 4pm Greek School	13 Metropolis Gala Huntington Beach
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Footprints in the Sand

*One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with
the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.*

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.

*Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
other times there was one only.*

*This bothered me because I noticed that during the
low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish,
sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints,
so I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed
you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed
that during the most trying periods of my life
there has only been one set of footprints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?"
The Lord replied, "The years when you have seen only one
set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you."*

Mary Stevenson, 1936