

SAINT ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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St. Anthony's calendar link: <http://saint-anthonys.org/calendar>
For pastoral emergencies please call 626-855-3640

March 17th, 2019 – Sunday of Orthodoxy
Alexios the Man of God, Patrick of Ireland

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

We extend a warm welcome to His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas of the Dardanelles who is leading us in worship today. May God continue to guide and bless your work in the Lord's Vineyard. Eis Polla Eti Despota!

Today's Social Hour is hosted by the students and parents of Greek School.

Church School: Icon procession today! Children should quickly head to the Trinity Ballroom after Communion with their icons. (Acolytes will remain in church) Students will return to church with their teachers when it is time for the procession. After the procession, students will go to class for a short lesson until 12:00.

Godparent Sunday is March 31st! There is no class on this day so that Godparents and Godchildren can pray together and receive Holy Communion together. Invite your Godparents today!

Join us March 23rd for an Instructional and Participatory Liturgy. Speakers Fr. Peter Stratos and Fr. Chris Retelas. Learn and teach your family! Keep them joyfully close to our heavenly Father in a difficult world! 9:30 a.m. registration. 10:00 a.m.-start. \$15 per person. Lunch included.

Tuesday morning Bible Studies are back every week, 10:30am-11:30am.

Greek Language School: Sunday, March 24th – Greek Independence Day Celebration and Greek School Fundraiser. Please join us right after the Divine Liturgy in the Trinity Ballroom, for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Tickets are \$10 per adult.

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

Wednesday, March 20 – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (6:00pm)

Friday, March 22 – Salutations to the Theotokos (7:00pm)

Saturday, March 23 – Instructional Liturgy (10:00am) followed by lunch \$15

Monday, March 25 – ANNUNCIATION (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

Wednesday, March 27 – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (6:00pm)

Friday, March 29 – Salutations to the Theotokos (7:00pm)

St. Anthony's VIPs collect non-perishable foods for Foothill Unity Center. Please bring your donation to the VIPs collection container in the Trinity Ballroom entrance.

GOYA Basketball: AWAY GAMES TODAY: vs St. George at De Paul Center (420 Date St, Montebello, CA) NO Jr. girls game, Jr. boys 3pm, Sr. girls 4pm, Sr. boys game 5pm.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School! VBS will be hosted at St. Anthony from June 17th to June 20th from 1-4 pm. Children will be taken on an epic African adventure as they explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life! Children in grades P/K (age 4 ½) to 6th grade are encouraged to join in on the fun! For more information and/or volunteer opportunities, contact Mary Udria (mary.udria@gmail.com) or Sophia Syrengelas (sophiajammie@gmail.com).

Information updates needed for HOPE (4 ½-7 years old) **and JOY** (8-10 years old). Information of meetings and activities will be sent via email evites. Please send email addresses to Mary Udria at mary.udria@gmail.com or Irene Albeck at mcmg2a@aol.com. Volunteers 11 years old or older are needed for our monthly meetings.

Metropolis Young Adult Lenten Retreat at St. Nicholas Ranch, March 29-31. This retreat is open to all Orthodox young adults ages 18-30's from across the Archdiocese. Please share this with your friends and encourage them to register as well! We are excited to announce that our speaker will be Fr. Niko Bekris, speaking on the theme of "Prayer as a Path to Healing" gosfyouth.org/young-adult-lenten-retreat

Bookstore Announcement: Please stop by to see Fr. Stavros book on Great Lent: 'The Road Back to Christ: Reflections on Lent, Holy Week and the Resurrection'.

Order for Holy Communion (*only Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christians*): Please allow ushers to dismiss you row by row in an orderly fashion.

Visit saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com to make a donation to the Church or update your regular stewardship contributions.

(DURING SMALL ENTRANCE)

(1) *Apolytikion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy. Mode 2.*

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offences, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου, προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠυδόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὐς ἐπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαρᾶς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

(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 Σωτὴρ, 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.

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(4) *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.

(5) *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, Ἴνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

(HIERARCHICAL ANTHEMS AFTER THE TRISAGION HYMN)

For His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Bartholomew, the All-holy and Ecumenical Patriarch, may God grant many years.

Βαρθολομαίου του Παναγιωτάτου και Οικουμενικού Πατριάρχου, πολλά τα ἔτη.

For His Eminence, Metropolitan Nikitas of the Dardanelles

Nikitas, the Most Reverend and God-appointed Metropolitan of the Holy Metropolis of the Dardanelles, Most-honored Exarch of all Hellespont, our Father and Hierarch, may God grant many years.

Νικήτα του Σεβασμιωτάτου και Θεοπροβλήτου Μητροπολίτου, της Αγιοτάτης Μητροπόλεως Δαρδανελλίων, Υπερτίμου και Εξάρχου παντός Ελλησπόντου, ημών δε Πατρός και Ιεράρχου, πολλά τα ἔτη.

Orthros Gospel Reading

Ninth Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Gospel Reading

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The Gospel According to John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."