

SAINT ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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March 31st, 2019 – Sunday of the Holy Cross
The Holy Hieromartyr Hypatios, Bishop of Gangra

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

*Our Philoptochos will be passing a special collection tray to support
Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
(Make checks payable to St. Anthony Philoptochos and put 'HCHC' in the memo line)*

Today is Godparent Sunday! Church school classes will not meet so that Godparents and Godchildren can pray together and receive Holy Communion together. Please join us in the Trinity Ballroom for a Lenten Godparent Sunday luncheon!

Extraordinary Icon Sale today! You will have the chance to see hundreds of brand-new icons available for sale, with a wide selection of sizes and styles of numerous beloved Saints and Feast days of our Orthodox Church, all at an *incredible 60% discount today only!* This is an amazing opportunity to beautify your homes, offices and workspaces, purchase icons for family members and loved ones, gift giving, etc.! Don't miss this amazing opportunity!

Philoptochos Board Elections will be held in May at the general meeting. All those interested in joining the board please contact, Teddi Efstathiou at tefsta@aol.com or Vangie Dupas at vangiedupas@sbcglobal.net

Congratulations to the following Church school students who had Perfect Attendance in March: Gabriella Carpenter, Nikolas Constantinou, Gia Balntas, David Florea, Kostadina Ioannou, Evangelia Kleissas, Dylan Udria, Taia Bissias, Theodora Trigonis

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

Wednesday, April 3 – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (6:00pm)
Friday, April 5 – Salutations to the Theotokos (7:00pm)
Wednesday, April 10 – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (6:00pm)
Friday, April 12 – Akathist Hymn (7:00pm)

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

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).

GOYA Basketball: AWAY GAMES TODAY: at St. Katherine's Redondo Beach. Jr. girls 2pm, Jr. boys 3pm, Sr. girls 4pm, Sr. boys 5pm.

HOPE and JOY schedule: We will not meet April 7. A mini Holy Friday retreat will take place, Friday, April 26, 11:45am to 3:00pm. Plans are in progress to make this a meaningful experience. If you are considering sending your child/children please email me at mcmg2a@aol.com. More information to follow.

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 Holy Cross. Mode 1.*

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

(AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE)

(2) *Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 3.*

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

Εὐφραινέσθω 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.

(3) *Apolytikion of the Holy Cross. Mode 1.*

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

(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, Ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

Trisagion Hymn (Instead of 'Holy God...')

We venerate Your Cross, O Master, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection. (3)

Τὸν Σταυρόν σου προσκυνοῦμεν, Δέσποτα, καὶ τὴν ἀγίαν σου ἀνάστασιν δοξάζομεν. (ἐκ γ')

Orthros Gospel Reading

Eleventh Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to John 21:14-25

At that time, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples after he was raised from the dead, and he said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go." (This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God.) And after this he said to him, "Follow me."

Peter turned and saw following them the disciple whom Jesus loved, who had lain close to his breast at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" So, the word went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die; but Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?" This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel Reading

Sunday of the Holy Cross

The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."