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**DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019 – 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

*Saints: Nahum the Prophet; Philaret the Merciful*

**ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.**

**DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.**

**TODAY'S SOCIAL HOUR** is hosted by the St. Anthony GOYA.

**UPCOMING DIVINE SERVICES:** ([saint-anthonys.org/calendar](http://saint-anthonys.org/calendar)):

**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>: IN NORTHRIDGE**

Great Vespers for St. Nicholas (7:00pm)

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>: AT ST. NICHOLAS CHAPEL ROSE HILLS**

St. Nicholas of Myra (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>:**

St. Spyridon the Wonderworker (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

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*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 Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καί τήν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

*SEASONAL KONTAKION FOR THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST. MODE 3.*

On this day the Virgin Maid goes to the grotto to give birth to the pre-eternal Word in an ineffable manner. Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds Him who willed that He appear as a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

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**Orthros Gospel Reading**

Second Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back, for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

**Epistle Reading**

Prokeimenon: The Lord will give strength to his people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an

end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**Gospel Reading**

14th Sunday of Luke

The Gospel According to Luke 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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***PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:***

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**Book from Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis.** Our bookstore still has some copies for sale of “Let All Creation Rejoice: Reflections for Advent, the Nativity, and Epiphany.”

**Santa’s Kitchen:** Please help Philoptochos by making something sweet (candy, fudge or any other treat) to sell in Santa’s Kitchen at the Christmas Luncheon, Golden Christmas Memories. No time to make something? We would also gratefully accept any donations to help with our expenses. Please stop by our table to sign-up after church or email Lisa Xanthos, [lisx@att.net](mailto:lisx@att.net) or Helen Skandale, [eleni@charter.net](mailto:eleni@charter.net). Thank you so much for your help!

**Union Station Homeless Services** - We are coming closer to the end of the year, on behalf of Philoptochos and community members who found time to serve the homeless at Union Station Homeless Services, thank you. Make a New Year’s resolution to book a month to serve in 2020. Our sign-up calendar for 2020 is open. Please contact Sophia Angelos at [sangelos2000@gmail.com](mailto:sangelos2000@gmail.com), Stephanie Sowers at [szanglis@aol.com](mailto:szanglis@aol.com) or Irene Albeck at [mcmg2a@aol.com](mailto:mcmg2a@aol.com).

**Let’s ring in the New Year 2020, Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup>,** New Year’s Eve Party by the St. Anthony Greek Folk Dance Groups. Adults: \$75.00, Teens/Young Adults (13-24) \$55.00, Kids 5-12 \$35.00, Under 4 FREE. RSVP by Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> Pauline Voyagis (714) 321-5427 or [pvoyagis@yahoo.com](mailto:pvoyagis@yahoo.com)

**GOYA Winter Retreat at Lake Arrowhead!** Be sure to save the date and make it to our annual GOYA winter retreat, Friday Jan. 17 – Sunday Jan. 19.

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

**Make a donation or update your regular stewardship giving to St. Anthony’s** by visiting [saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com](http://saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com).

Saint Anthony's Greek Folk Dance  
*Let's Ring in the New Year*

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Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
6:00 p.m.- 2:00 a.m.

6:00-7:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
7:30-9:00 p.m. Appetizers/Cocktails  
9:00 p.m. Dinner & Blessing of the Vasilopita

Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church  
The Trinity Ballroom

778 South Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107

Adults: \$75.00 ~ Teens/Young Adults (13-24) \$55.00  
Kids 5-12 \$35.00 ~ Under 4 FREE

RSVP by Dec. 23rd, 2019  
Pauline Voyagis (714) 321-5427 or pvoyagis@yahoo.com

Make checks payable to Saint Anthony's Greek Dance  
Mail checks to church address:  
778 South Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107  
Attn: Kathy Tsigkounis

Tables of 10 will be assigned on first come basis and table paid in full

## *Barbara the Great Martyr (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>)*

*Saint Barbara was from Heliopolis of Phoenicia and lived during the reign of Maximian. She was the daughter of a certain idolater named Dioscorus. When Barbara came of age, she was enlightened in her pure heart and secretly believed in the Holy Trinity. About this time Dioscorus began building a bath-house; before it was finished he was required to go away to attend to certain matters, and in his absence Barbara directed the workmen to build a third window in addition to the two her Father had commanded. She also inscribed the sign of the Cross with her finger upon the marble of the bath-house, leaving the saving sign cut as deeply into the marble as if it had been done with an iron tool. (When the Synaxarion of Saint Barbara was written, the marble of the bath-house and the cross inscribed by Saint Barbara were still preserved, and many healings were worked there.) When Dioscorus returned, he asked why the third window had been added; Barbara began to declare to him the mystery of the Trinity. Because she refused to renounce her faith, Dioscorus tortured Barbara inhumanely, and after subjecting her to many sufferings he beheaded her with his own hands, in the year 290.*

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### **WELCOME!**



**We hope you enjoy your time with us today and that your worship experience is inspirational and uplifting.**

If you are a visitor to our parish, please join us for our social hour in the community center and introduce yourself to the pastors and people. Please note that ***only baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians may partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*** At the end of the Divine Liturgy, you are welcome to come and receive the *Antidoron* (blessed bread) from the priest.

Contact our office at 626-449-6943 or [office@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:office@saint-anthonys.org) to receive more information about our parish or the Orthodox Christian faith.