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DECEMBER 29TH, 2019 – SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Saints: 14,000 infants (Holy Innocents)

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

MEMORIAL ~ 9:45 A.M.

Dorothea Chagares; 40 days

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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

UPCOMING DIVINE SERVICES: (saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

Tuesday, December 31st:

Feast of St. Basil the Great (*Orthros 5:00pm, Liturgy 6:00pm*)

Monday, January 6th:

Holy Theophany (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy & Agiasmos 10:00am*)

Tuesday, January 7th:

Synaxis of St. John the Baptist (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

APOLYTIKION OF NATIVITY OF CHRIST. MODE 4 (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O Lord.

Ἡ Γέννησίς σου Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως· ἐν αὐτῇ γὰρ οἱ τοῖς ἄστροις λατρεύοντες, ὑπὸ ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν, τὸν Ἥλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνατολήν. Κύριε δόξα σοι.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 3 (AFTER ENTRANCE)

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, ἀγαλλιιάσθω 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.

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APOLYTIKION FOR THE ANCESTORS OF GOD. MODE 2

Annunciate the miracles to David the ancestor of God, O Joseph. You saw the Virgin pregnant. You glorified with the shepherds. You worshipped with the Magi. And you were warned by an Angel. Entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Εὐαγγελίζου Ἰωσήφ, τῷ Δαυῖδ τὰ θαύματα τῷ Θεοπάτορι· Παρθένον εἶδες κυοφορήσασαν, μετὰ Μάγων προσεκύνησας, μετὰ Ποιμένων ἐδοξολόγησας, δι' Ἀγγέλου χρηματισθείς. Ἰκέτευε Χριστὸν τὸν Θεόν, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

MEMORIAL HYMN. MODE PLAGAL 4.

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin she has committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῆς δούλης σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτεν συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τῇ μεταστάσει δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

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.

SEASONAL KONTAKION FOR THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST. MODE 3.

On this day the Virgin gives birth to the Super-essential. To the Unapproachable, earth is providing the grotto. Angels sing and with the shepherds offer up glory. Following a star the Magi are still proceeding. He was born for our salvation, a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν ὑπερούσιον τίκτει, καὶ ἡ γῆ τὸ Σπήλαιον, τῷ ἀπροσίτῳ προσάγει. Ἄγγελοι μετὰ Ποιμένων δοξολογοῦσι. Μάγοι δὲ μετὰ ἀστέρος ὁδοιποροῦσι· δι' ἡμᾶς γὰρ ἐγεννήθη, Παιδίον νέον, ὁ πρὸ αἰώνων Θεός.

Orthros Gospel Reading

Sixth Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to Luke 24:36-53

At that time, Jesus, having risen from the dead, stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled. Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon: God is wonderful among his saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY:

advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Gospel Reading

Sunday after Nativity

The Gospel According to Matthew 2:13-23

When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCAM Alert! Some of our parishioners have been getting scam phone calls, emails, and text messages from people pretending to be one of our priests asking for gift cards. Our clergy will never reach out to parishioners to request emergency financial assistance, or in this case, gift cards. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

To view the photos from the 2019 Christmas fashion show please use the link: allenaltchechphotography.zenfolio.com/fashion2019. You may download any images at no charge as well.

Union Station Homeless Services - 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, Stephanie Sowers at szanglis@aol.com or Irene Albeck at mcmg2a@aol.com.

Let's ring in the New Year 2020, Tuesday December 31st, 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.

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.

**ST. ANTHONY GOYA
2020 WINTER RETREAT
@ LAKE ARROWHEAD**

WHEN?

JANUARY 17-19, 2020

WHO?

ALL GOYA GRADES 6-12

WHERE?

LAKE ARROWHEAD, CA

WHAT TO BRING?

**WARM CLOTHES FOR THE SNOW,
SPENDING MONEY, TOILETRIES**

WHAT'S THE POINT?

**FELLOWSHIP, DISCUSSIONS, FAITH,
WORSHIP, & FUN**

RSVP BY JAN. 5th, 2020

FRIDAY JAN 17th

**meet at St. Anthony
4:30p
drive to Lake
Arrowhead, evening
activities, games and
discussions**

SAT. JAN 18th

**snow tubing &
sledding,
shopping in Lake
Arrowhead village,
evening Liturgy,
dinner, and games**

SUNDAY JAN 19th

**breakfast all together
depart for St. Anthony
at 11am, arrive at 1pm**

COST:

**\$150 (regular)
\$175 (after Jan. 5th)
CHECKS MADE OUT TO
'SAINT ANTHONY GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH'**

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Melania the Younger, Nun of Rome (Dec. 31st)

Saint Melania the Younger, who was born in 388, was the grand-daughter of Saint Melania the Elder (see June 8). Her father Publicola was an Eparch of Rome. She was joined in wedlock to a husband and became the mother of two children, both of which she lost shortly thereafter. Thus, having agreed with her husband to pass the rest of their lives in abstinence and chastity, and taking her mother Albina with her, she went off to Africa. They ransomed 8,000 captives; furthermore, they built two monasteries - one for men and one for women - in the city of Tagaste, which was in the district of Tunis. After seven years they moved to Jerusalem. Thereafter Melania shut herself up in a small and narrow hermitage by the Mount of Olives, and wearing away her body with fasting and vigil, she reposed in 434.

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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 to receive more information about our parish or the Orthodox Christian faith.