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FEBRUARY 16TH, 2020 – SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Saint: Pamphilos the Martyr and his Companions

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

TODAY'S SOCIAL HOUR is hosted by Philoptochos

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

Saturday, February 22nd:

Saturday of Souls (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

Saturday, February 29th:

Saturday of Souls (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

HYMNS OF THE DAY:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 2 (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

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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 Βαπτιστῆ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἑπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καί τήν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

HYMNS OF THE DAY:

SEASONAL KONTAKION, MODE 1.

I revolted senselessly out of Your fatherly glory; I have squandered sinfully all of the riches You gave me.Hence to You, using the Prodigal's words, I cry out I have sinned before You, merciful loving Father.O receive me in repentance, I pray, and treat me as one of Your hired hands.

Τῆς πατρώας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὅν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω Ἡμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποίησόν με, ὡς ἕνα τῶν μισθίων σου

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 is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY:

GOSPEL READING

Sunday of the Prodigal Son The Gospel According to Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

We wish our dancers the best of luck at FDF this weekend.

<u>2020 Stewardship Financial Commitment.</u> Please return your completed commitment card to church if you haven't done so already. To fully cover our operating expenses, our goal is to have our average stewardship be \$2,000 per family or above. Contact the Church office to set up easy recurring electronic payments, -OR- set up your own recurring giving at **saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com**

St. Sophia Philoptochos Debutante Presentation Ball 2021: Plans are underway for the St. Sophia Philoptochos Debutante Presentation Ball to be held on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at the Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Interested young ladies who will be high school juniors (aged 16) and older should contact the Presentation Ball Chair, Trish Mentas (562) 472-7485 or email: saintsophiadebball@gmail.com. An informational meeting will be held at Saint Sophia Cathedral Huffington Center Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 12:30pm

Metropolis Young Adult Lenten Retreat: Calling all Young Adults! Join us for the Metropolis Young Adult Lenten Retreat at St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center, April 3 - 5, 2020. 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! gosfyouth.org/young-adult-lenten-retreat

GOYA Basketball: Sign up and get your uniform this TODAY after church. Bring your forms filled out and signed and checks payable to St. Anthony for \$80 per player. Games begin Saturday, February 29. All Girls ages 12 – 21 and Boys ages 12 – 19 are welcome and eligible to play! Questions contact: Patricia Paziouros ppaziouros@yahoo.com; John Paziouros johnpaziouros@gmail.com; Pana Gelt pgelt3@gmail.com; Anthia Drulias Lucas adljsl02@yahoo.com.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS will be available for pick up in a basket outside the church office. If you or your child left anything behind at one of our ministries or events, please be sure to check the lost and found.

<u>Union Station Homeless Services</u> - There is a sign up poster in the entrance of Trinity Ballroom. 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 sangelos 2000@gmail.com, Stephanie Sowers at szanglis@aol.com or Irene Albeck at mcmg2a@aol.com.

<u>Hospital/Shut-in visitations:</u> It is a priority for our priests to visit and minister to our loved ones in need, and we are not aware of parishioners in need unless we are directly notified. If you, or a loved one, are in the hospital, rehab center, assisted living, or hospice care, please contact the church office for a pastoral visit.

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.

Church office will be closed tomorrow February 17 in observance of President's Day.

Theodore the Tyro, Great Martyr (Feb. 17th)

Saint Theodore who was from Amasia of Pontus, contested during the reign of Maximian (286-305). He was called Tyro, from the Latin Tiro, because he was a newly enlisted recruit. When it was reported that he was a Christian, he boldly confessed Christ; the ruler, hoping that he would repent, gave him time to consider the matter more completely and then give answer. Theodore gave answer by setting fire to the temple of Cybele, the "mother of the gods," and for this he suffered a martyr's death by fire. See also the First Saturday of the Fast.

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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.