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FEBRUARY 9TH, 2020 – SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

Saint: Nikephoros the Martyr of Antioch

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

MEMORIAL ~ 9:45 A.M.

Elaine Tobia, 10 years; Leo Tobia, 30 years

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

TODAY'S SOCIAL HOUR is hosted by the Plumtree and Tobia families.

UPCOMING DIVINE SERVICES: (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)

APOLYTIKION FOR THE FEAST. MODE 1 (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

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RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 1 (AFTER ENTRANCE)

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 Σωτήρ, 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 φιλόανθρωπε.

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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 Ἥλιαν 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. MODE 1.

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόνητος.

ORTHROS GOSPEL READING

First Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to Matthew 28:16-20

At that time, the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. Amen."

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon: Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you

have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today
The Gospel According to Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2020 Stewardship Financial Commitment. 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**

Join the VIPs: Meeting Tuesday, February 11th, 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served following meeting Annual dues only \$15

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.

Union Station Homeless Services - 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 sangelos2000@gmail.com, Stephanie Sowers at szanglis@aol.com or Irene Albeck at mcmg2a@aol.com.

Hospital/Shut-in visitations: 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.

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Nikephoros the Martyr of Antioch (Feb. 9th)

This Martyr, who was from Antioch in Syria, contested during the reign of Gallienus, about the year 260. Through the working of the evil one, his friendship with a certain Christian priest named Sapricius was turned to bitter hatred. Nikephoros, repenting of his enmity, tried both through intermediaries and in person to be reconciled with Sapricius, but to no avail. Later, when the persecution broke out under Valerian and Gallienus, Sapricius was seized as a Christian. When Saint Nikephoros learned that Sapricius had been arrested by the pagans and was enduring torments for Christ, he sent intermediaries to Sapricius, begging his forgiveness; but Sapricius would not forgive him. Later, as Sapricius was being taken to beheading, Nikephoros, hoping that Sapricius, at his end, in such a holy hour, would at last forgive him, met him on the way, fell before him, and fervently asked his forgiveness; but Sapricius forgave him not. Wherefore, though Sapricius had passed through many sufferings, and the crown of martyrdom was now awaiting him, because he disdained the chief commandments of love and forgiveness, the grace of God, which had been strengthening him in his torments, departed from him, and he told his executioners he would sacrifice. Nikephoros immediately confessed Christ before them, and being himself beheaded, took the crown that Sapricius had cast away.

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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.