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JUNE 14, 2020 – SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Saints: Elissaios the Prophet; Methodius the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.
(ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE)

TRISAGION MEMORIAL ~ 9:45 A.M.

Nicolaos Bissias, 40 days; Michele Bissias, 11 years

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.
(LITURGY SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE)

PLEASE STAY TUNED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DIVINE LITURGY FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE REOPENING OF OUR PARISH

THE CHURCH IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME JOIN US IN PRAYER VIA LIVE-STREAM:

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

Wednesday, June 24th:

Nativity of John the Baptist (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*) **Monday, June 29th:**

Apostles Peter and Paul (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

HYMNS OF THE DAY:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE PL. 4 (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

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APOLYTIKION FOR SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS. MODE 4

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, "Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy."

Τῶν ἐν ὅλῷ τῷ κόσμῷ Μαρτύρων σου, ὡς πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον τὰ αἴματα, ἡ Ἐκκλησία σου στολισαμένη, δι' αὐτῶν βοᾳ σοι Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῷ λαῷ σου τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου κατάπεμψον, εἰρήνην τῇ πολιτείᾳ σου δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

HYMNS OF THE DAY:

MEMORIAL HYMN. MODE PL. 4

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have 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 τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἤμαρτον συγχώρησον οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὰ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι δοῦναι τήν ἀνάπαυσιν.

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

KONTAKION OF SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS, MODE PLAGAL 4

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

Ώς ἀπαρχὰς τῆς φύσεως, τῷ φυτουργῷ τῆς κτίσεως, ἡ οἰκουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τοὺς θεοφόρους Μάρτυρας ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνη βαθείᾳ, τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν σου, διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλεε.

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

Sunday of All Saints

Prokeimenon: God is wonderful among his saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY:

witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

GOSPEL READING

The Sunday of All Saints
The Gospel According to Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

By God's grace, and with the blessing of our Metropolitan, as well as taking into account the measures and protocols of our local health authorities, we are planning to gather together for Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 21st, Father's Day in our Trinity Ballroom. If you wish to attend a Divine Liturgy, you will need to call Stephanie Lubian (714-313-9027) our Liturgical Practices and Worship Lead to reserve seats for your household in advance of the Sunday you wish to attend. We have set the capacity in The Trinity Ballroom to a maximum of 80 attendees including clergy, chanters, and ushers.

Click here to read the full announcement regarding the reopening of our parish for Divine Liturgy or go to saint-anthonys.org/reopen for all reopening information

<u>The Church office is still operating</u> though we ask that people stay at home during this period. Please know that you can contact the office via phone call or email at any time.

<u>Studies in the Faith with Fr. Peter</u> is being offered via ZOOM on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Email <u>frpeter@saint-anthonys.org</u> for information on how to join.

<u>Weekly Bible Studies with Fr. Chris</u> are NOW offered via ZOOM on Tuesday mornings at 11:00am. Email <u>frchris@saint-anthonys.org</u> for information on how to join.

<u>Union Station Homeless Services</u>-Due to Covid19 quarantine we will dispense with community volunteers serving at the facility. We will continue to honor our commitment of providing a complete meal each month. Food will be prepared by an outside source and delivered to Union Station Homeless Services on 412 South Raymond Avenue, adult services. Donation of heavy duty plates, napkins, paper towels, or store bought cookies would be welcomed. Please call Irene Albeck 626-792-8122 to make arrangements to pick up the items.

Make sure you are a regular supporter of our church!

The healthiest and most effective way of fulfilling and enhancing your stewardship is to do so on a recurring basis. This is made VERY EASY by setting up monthly or weekly recurring stewardship donations via our online giving platform. Just go to saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com, or click the icon below and you can set up a no-hassle stewardship account in just minutes!





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Weekly Bible Study w/ Fr. Chris

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LIGHT A CANDLE SAY A PRAYER



While we cannot be in church together, we invite you to make a candle donation to the church.

With this, our clergy will gladly light candles for you in the church and pray the names of your loved ones that you provide us, either living or those who have passed on.

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Methodius the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (June 14)

As for Saint Methodius, he was born to wealthy parents in Syracuse of Sicily about the end of the eighth century. Being a presbyter, he was sent as an ambassador to Rome in 815 or 816 on behalf of Patriarch Nicephorus of Constantinople, who had been exiled by Leo the Armenian (see June 2). After Leo's death, he returned to Constantinople; but since he was a zealot for the veneration of the holy icons, he was immediately exiled by Emperor Michael the Stutterer to a fortress near Bithynia. When Michael died, he was freed for a short time; but then, because of his confession of the Orthodox Faith, he was imprisoned again by the Emperor Theophilus in a dark and foul-smelling sepulcher. Since this was not enough for the Emperor's inhumanity, he commanded that two thieves be shut up with Methodius, and when one of them died, that the corpse not be removed. While the Saint was imprisoned there, a certain poor fisherman ministered to his needs. Finally, when the Church received its freedom under Saint Theodora the Empress, the Saint ascended the patriarchal throne of Constantinople in 842. Together with the holy Empress, Methodius restored the holy icons to their proper honor; this is commemorated on the Sunday of Orthodoxy. He governed the Church of Constantinople for four years, and reposed in 846.

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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 Christmated 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.