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#### FEBRUARY 28, 2021 – SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Righteous John Cassian the Confessor Basil the Confessor

#### **DIVINE SERVICES TODAY (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)**

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

(ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE)

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

(LITURGY SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE)

# SUNDAY SERVICES ARE OFFERED INDOORS TO A LIMITED CAPACITY.

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

Saturday, March 6th: First Saturday of Souls

Orthros 9 am. and Divine Liturgy at 10 am. (Memorial Service at the conclusion)

### ESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 1 (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

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Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῆ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE PL. 1 (AFTER ENTRANCE)

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#### 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 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.

#### KONTAKION, MODE 3

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.

#### EPISTLE READING

Sunday of the Prodigal Son Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1. Psalm 11.7,1

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

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.

#### 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

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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."

#### **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY TODAY for grades 9-10-11-12**

<u>Tuesday morning Bible Study</u> Tuesday at 11:00am. Email <u>frpeter@saintanthonys.org</u> for information on how to join.

<u>Studies in the Faith</u> Wednesday evening at 7:00pm. Email <u>frpeter@saint-anthonys.org</u> for information on how to join.

<u>Union Station Homeless Services</u>-We have dispensed with people volunteering to serve at the facility however, we continue our monthly commitment to prepare a hardy, nutritious dinner meal. We have generous donors to cover the meals. USHS has requested packaged dessert (cookies), single serve beverages (10 oz.) and single serve bottles of milk. You may continue your volunteerism by donating toward purchasing individual packaged items. For more information contact Irene Albeck at <a href="mailto:mcmg2a@aol.com">mcmg2a@aol.com</a>.

**<u>2021 High School Seniors</u>** are invited to apply for the Philoptochos Society of Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church Scholarship.

Scholarship awards are up to \$500. Applications are available in Church office, download or request application be sent to applicant. Application must be received by Friday April 9 at 4:00 PM. Seniors are encouraged to begin applying early due to current circumstances.

**2021 Stewardship Financial Commitment.** Please return your completed commitment card to church office as soon as possible. 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. ANTHONY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

MEETING VIRTUALLY EVERY MONTH!

Grade groups will meet via Zoom one Sunday a month starting at 11:30am

1st Sundays

PK-K-1 with Mrs. Albeck

2nd Sundays

2-3-4-5 with Mrs. Scolinos

3rd Sundays

6-7-8 with Ms. Russo

4th Sundays

9-10-11-12 with Pres. Aida

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# Studies in the Faith

offered via ZOOM Wednesday nights at 7pm starting January 20

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# **Tuesday Bible Study**

offered via ZOOM Tuesday mornings at 11am starting January 19

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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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## Basil the Confessor (February 28)

Saints Procopius and Basil, fellow ascetics, lived about the middle of the eighth century, during the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741), from whom they suffered many things for the sake of the veneration of the holy icons. They ended their lives in the ascetical discipline.

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