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APRIL 4, 2021 – SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

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DIVINE SERVICES TODAY (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

[\(ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE\)](#)

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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SPECIAL CEREMONY AT THE END OF LITURGY

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***SUNDAY SERVICES ARE OFFERED INDOORS
TO A LIMITED CAPACITY.***

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

Wednesday, April 7th:

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (10:00am)

Friday, April 9th:

Salutations to the Theotokos (6:00pm)

Wednesday, April 14th:

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (10:00am)

Friday, April 16th:

The Akathist Hymn (6:00pm)

Wednesday, April 21th:

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (10:00am)

HYMNS OF THE DAY

APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. MODE 1 (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 2 (AFTER ENTRANCE)

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

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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 Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβουσις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστῆς, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρόσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

KONTAKION. MODE PL. 4

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἴνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

EPISTLE READING

Sunday of the Holy Cross

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2.

Psalm 27.9,1

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

GOSPEL READING

Sunday of the Holy Cross

The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY TODAY for grades PK-K-1

Tuesday morning Bible Study Tuesday at 11:00am. Email frpeter@saint-anthonys.org for information on how to join.

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

GOYA Bible Bowl results: **Winning team Job got the job:** Niko Udria, Niko Voyagis, Niko La Rue, Dean Pouloupoulos. **Participants:** team **Endless Hallelujah:** Taia Bissias, Lukas Habrock, Yianni Kades, John Ioannou. team, **The Rock:** Adrianna Lareau, Max Pollalis, Maria Syengelas, Dylan Udria, Ezekial Schulman. Quoting an advisor, "this has been the most fun I've had on a Saturday night since the pandemic began." Thank you Vicki Kades for your support, Mary Udria for your assistance, Olga Baroudos for programing and moderating Kahoot (from the east coast) for this activity. Thank you judges, Athena Dallas, Judie Christopoulos, and Irene Albeck. With God all things are possible.

Camp Yiayia and Papou - HOPE and JOY Virtual Camp

A Journey from Palm Sunday to Pascha.

Details to follow, check email, text messages, church bulletin.

Tentative date is April 30, Holy Friday-time to be determined.

Union Station Homeless Services-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 mcmg2a@aol.com.

Elections for the Philoptochos Board will be held at the general meeting in

May. If you are interested in serving on the Board or on the election committee, please contact Maria Kypreos at makypreos@gmail.com or 626-272-2720 or Stephanie Soewers at szanglis@gmail.com or 818-209-5026.

Save the Date!

Kids 'N' Cancer will be held on Sunday, April 11th at 2:00. The theme of this year's virtual event is "United with Peace and Love." As in past years, proceeds from the Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale will benefit this wonderful ministry of our Metropolis that is dedicated to helping children and their families afflicted with cancer.

2021 High School Seniors 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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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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Sunday of the Holy Cross

With the help of God, we have almost reached the middle of the course of the Fast, where our strength has been worn down through abstinence, and the full difficulty of the labour set before us becomes apparent. Therefore our holy Mother, the Church of Christ, now brings to our help the all-holy Cross, the joy of the world, the strength of the faithful, the staff of the just, and the hope of sinners, so that by venerating it reverently, we might receive strength and grace to complete the divine struggle of the Fast.

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