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**MARCH 21, 2021 –SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

*James the Confessor, Thomas  
Patriarch of Constantinople.*

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

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**Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>:**

ANNUNCIATION (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

**Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>:**

Salutations to the Theotokos (*6:00pm*)

**Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:**

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (*10:00am*)

**Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

Salutations to the Theotokos (*6:00pm*)

**Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>:**

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (*10:00am*)

**Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>:**

Salutations to the Theotokos (*6:00pm*)

**Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (*10:00am*)

**Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>:**

The Akathist Hymn (*6:00pm*)

**Wednesday, April 21<sup>th</sup>:**

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (*10:00am*)

## *HYMNS OF THE DAY*

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### ***APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. MODE 2 (BEFORE ENTRANCE)***

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offences, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου, προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠυδόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὓς ἐπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαράς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

### ***RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE PL. 4 (AFTER ENTRANCE)***

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε 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 τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε 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 Orthodoxy**

**St, Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-40**

**Prokeimenon. Mode 4.**

**Daniel 3.26,27**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-40**

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who 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 enemies 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 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.

## *SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY*

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### *GOSPEL READING*

#### **Sunday of Orthodoxy**

#### **The Gospel According to John 1:43-51**

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

## *PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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### **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY TODAY for grades 6-7-8**

**Tuesday morning Bible Study** Tuesday at 11:00am. Email [frpeter@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:frpeter@saint-anthonys.org) for information on how to join.

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:makypreos@gmail.com) or 626-272-2720 or Stephanie Soewers at [szanglis@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 Orthodoxy***

For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

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