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APRIL 11, 2021 – SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum

Pharmuthios the Anchorite

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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TO A LIMITED CAPACITY.***

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

Wednesday, April 14th:

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (10:00am)

Friday, April 16th:

The Akathist Hymn (6:00pm)

Wednesday, April 21th:

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (10:00am)

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS - April 24

Orthros 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY - April 25

Orthros 8:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Service of the Bridegroom 6:00 p.m.

HOLY MONDAY - April 26

Service of the Bridegroom 6:00 p.m.

HOLY TUESDAY - April 27

Service of the Bridegroom (Hymn of Kassiani) 6:00 p.m.

HOLY WEDNESDAY - April 28

Sacrament of Holy Unction.....(earlier) 3:00 p.m.
Service of the Bridegroom..... 6:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY – April 29

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil 9:00 a.m.
The Service of the Holy Passion (12 Gospels)..... 6:00 p.m.

HOLY FRIDAY – April 30

The Descent from the Cross 3:00 p.m.
The Graveside Lamentations 6:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY – May 1

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil 9:00 a.m.
Vigil for the Holy Resurrection 11:00 p.m.
“Come Receive the Light” – The Resurrection Service & Divine Liturgy 11:45 p.m.

PASCHA/EASTER SUNDAY – May 2

The Agape Vespers Service 12:00 Noon

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 3 (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

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FOR THE DEVOUT MAN. MODE PL. 4

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O John, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

Ταῖς τῶν δακρῦων σου ῥοαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστήρ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Ἰωάννη Πατὴρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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 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 St. John Climacus

Prokeimenon. Mode 3.

Psalm 46.6,1

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL READING

Sunday of St. John Climacus
The Gospel According to Mark 9:17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY TODAY for grades 2-3-4-5

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.

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.

Virtual Holy Friday Retreat: April 30, Friday, login 11:45 AM. Ages 4 ½ to 10 (older students are encouraged to participate. A Suggested donation of \$12 per child to defray cost of materials and mailing. New format, still relevant. All elements of in person retreats will be the implemented. Register by April 22 to guarantee receiving materials. For further information contact church office or Irene Albeck at 626-792-8122 or mcmg2a@aol.com

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

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on March 30, where his biography may be found. He is celebrated today because his book, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, is a sure guide to the ascetic life, written by a great man of prayer experienced in all forms of the monastic polity; it teaches the seeker after salvation how to lay a sound foundation for his struggles, how to detect and war against each of the passions, how to avoid the snares laid by the demons, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. It is held in such high esteem that it is universally read in its entirety in monasteries during the Great Fast.

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