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#### JUNE 6, 2021 – SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

Hilarion of Dalmatos Monastery; Attalos the Wonderworker

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

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

(ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE)

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ 9:45 A.M.

John Kirages – 40 days Anne Manos – 3 years; Hercules A. Manos – 43 years Michele Bissias – 12 years

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

SUNDAY SERVICES ARE OFFERED INDOORS
TO A LIMITED CAPACITY, TO REGISTER FOR DIVINE SERVICES,
USE THE LIK BELOW (Registration is for tracing purposes only):

https://rsvp.church/r/lhk9WOT3

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## UPCOMING DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE: (saint-anthonys.org/calendar)



Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>
Holy Ascension (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)



Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>
Saturday of Souls (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)



Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>
Apostles Peter & Paul (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

#### HYMNS OF THE DAY

#### APOLYTIKION OF PASCHA. MODE PL 1 (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῷ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

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

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate \* with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born \* for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. \* For in His goodness He was pleased \* to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, \* and to raise up those who had died, \* by His glorious Resurrection.

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.

#### MEMORIAL HYMN. MODE PLAGAL 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 ἥμαρτον 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 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 OF PASCHA. MODE PL. 4

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῷ κατῆλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

#### **EPISTLE READING**

#### **Sunday of the Blind Man**

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 Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said,

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY Cont...

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

#### GOSPEL READING

# Sunday of the Blind Man The Gospel According to John 9:1-38

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY Cont...

do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

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#### LETTER FROM FR. PETER

June 1, 2021,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

In accordance with the anticipated announcement on June 15, for the State of California, the Los Angeles County Health Department, and the recent guidance from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), individuals who are fully vaccinated will no longer be required to wear face coverings. Secondly, those fully vaccinated will not be required to comply with social distancing during worship services, sacraments and events at our Los Angeles Vicariate churches. Thirdly, we will also no longer be requiring reservations for services. Please note that current requirements are still in effect for the first two Sundays of June (6 and 13), and for all sacraments and services before June 15. Our churches will continue to have sanitation and safety measures in place. All other aspects of worship, parish gatherings, and youth activities will also return to normal. My recommendation for Saint Anthony Church is that we should limit these activities in the summer, and begin in earnest in September. This will afford us the opportunity to properly prepare our facilities. Finally, our Saint Anthony Parish will continue to offer live-stream services.

As a final note, as we transfer back to some normalcy, let us all remember to demonstrate respect and love to our Christian family, to all our brothers and sisters in Christ, some of whom may wish to continue to wear masks during worship for their own valid reasons. There are still groups of people unable to be vaccinated (children under 12) as well as others who may have a condition or take medications that weaken the immune system, and even though vaccinated, may not be fully protected. Even after vaccination, some may need or merely wish to continue taking all precautions.

As Christians, we have an ethical obligation to protect the vulnerable. Those that are not fully vaccinated are recommended to continue to wear face masks in order to protect themselves and others from potential exposure. While some organizations require proof of vaccination, others maintain an "honor system" policy, which will be our approach, as faith, trust, and love are guiding principles for us as Orthodox Christians.

We have navigated the unchartered waters of the pandemic for 16 months, and I am profoundly grateful for your faithfulness, your continued support of Saint Anthony's, and for

your cooperation with regard to your adherence of federal, state and local guidelines to ensure the health and safety of our parishioners.

Praying that our Resurrected Lord may continue to grant us His Divine love and protection, as we worship Him with one mind, one heart, and one voice.

With Love in the Risen Christ,

Rev. Fr. Peter Stratos

#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Vacation Bible School Day Retreat</u> join us on a wild west adventure as we explore the Old Testament and discover God's ultimate plan! There will be music, crafts, games, water play, and amazing true stories. St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church on Saturday, June 26th, 2021 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Ages 4 - 11 years old (entering 6th grade) Registration Fee: \$10.00 per camper Lunch will be provided.

More information to come regarding health and safety protocol, water play, and camp details. Please fill outthe VBS interest form to receive this information:

<u>VBS Interest Form</u> or use this link: <u>https://forms.gle/rVVpueagZNT4452v7</u> *Questions? Contact:* 

Mary Udria mary.udria@gmail.com Sophia Syrengelas sophiajammie@gmail.com \*We will adhere to LA County health and safety guidelines.

<u>High School and College Graduates</u> Today is the last day to submit the information about your graduate (See flyer). This is for the Church recognition only. (This is a separate request from the June 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter).

**2021 Stewardship Financial Commitment.** We thank all those who have been sending donations and stewardship especially during this time. If you have not filled out a pledge card for 2021, please return your completed commitment card (included below) to the church office as soon as possible. To fully cover our operating expenses, our goal is to have our average stewardship be \$2,000 or above per family.



## 2021 Stewardship Financial Commitment

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME(S), PLEASE INCLUDE	CHILDREN UNDER 18.	
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PREFERRED PHONE	OTHER/SECOND PHONE		E-MAIL
SIGNATURE	DATE		

Review your stewardship commitment prayerfully, consider what you offer to the Church in comparison to monthly utility/service payments.

#### **ANNUAL GIVING LEVELS:**

\*ARCHANGEL: \$15,000 and up

\$288/week OR \$1,250/month & up

\*ANGEL: \$10,000 - \$14,999 \$192-\$288/week OR \$833-\$1,249/month

\*Guardian: \$7,000 - \$9,999

\$135-\$192/week OR \$583-\$833/month

\*DISCIPLE: \$4,000 - \$6,999

\$77-\$135/week OR \$333-\$583/month

\*Faithful: \$2,000 - \$3,999

\$38-\$77/week OR \$167-\$333/month

**SUPPORTER: \$1,000 - \$1,999** 

\$19-\$38/week OR \$83-\$167/month

FRIEND: \$500 - \$999

\$9.60-\$19/week OR \$42-\$83/month

CONTRIBUTOR: \$499 & below \$9.60/week OR \$42/month & below

<u>Please return your completed commitment</u> <u>card to church.</u> Your card must be on file for you to be considered in 'Good Standing'

In response to God's blessings, I/we pledge a 2021 offering of:

My Stewardship Commitment for 2021:

\$\_\_\_\_\_

I will fulfill and pay my pledge: (CHECK ONE)

☐ Weekly at \$ /week

☐ Monthly at \$\_\_\_\_\_/month

☐ Annually

Contact the Church office to set up easy recurring electronic payments
-OR- set up your own recurring giving at <a href="mailto:saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com">saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com</a>

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### St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church



# Annual Recognition For 2020 and 2021 <u>High School and College Graduates</u>

Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Immediately following Divine Liturgy)

"But you must continue in things which you have learned and been assured of knowing from whom you have learned them." 2 Timothy 3:14

Please submit the following information to: <a href="mailto:office@saint-anthonys.org">office@saint-anthonys.org</a>; or by mail: 778 So. Rosemead Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91107 by <a href="mailto:June 6">June 6</a>, <a href="mailto:2021">2021</a>

(Graduates' family must be stewards of St. Anthony Church). If the graduate is unable to be present, we suggest parents be present to accept the recognition on their behalf.

Graduate's Name:	
School Graduating From:	
Degree:	
Submitted by:	



Haven't been on a trip lately?

Saddle up and join us on a wild west adventure as we explore the Old Testament and discover God's ultimate plan!

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# Hilarios the New Dalmation Monastery (June 6)

Saint Hilarion, the fervent zealot for the veneration of the holy icons, was born in 775 and had Cappadocia as his homeland. About 806-811 he became Abbot of the Monastery of Dalmatus (see May 30), but was exiled by the Emperor Leo the Armenian, and later again by Theophilus; he was set free by the pious Empress Theodora, and again became Abbot of the Monastery of Dalmatus from 843 to 845, until the time of his repose.

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