

# The Voice of Saint Anthony

June 2021

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Deadline for  
July Newsletter is  
Friday, 25 June

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**Holy Ascension**



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## *PRIEST'S MESSAGE (continued)*

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 uncharted 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,  
Fr. Peter



***PRIEST'S MESSAGE (continued)***

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE OF ANY KIND**

due to limitations caused by the CoViD pandemic or the state and local "Safer at Home" ordinances, your church parish is here to help.

If you need assistance with groceries (picking up or paying for them), getting a prescription from the pharmacy, or even taking out trash cans, please let us know how your church parish can help during a time of need.

We are available to assist or coordinate assistance if we cannot provide it ourselves (masks and social distancing will be practiced).

**Please CALL or TEXT:**

Sherese Akrotirianakis      310.308.1431

Sophia Syrengelas      626.641.0335

Mary Udria      626.390.1680

Everything will be held in the strictest of confidence.



## *PRIEST'S MESSAGE (continued)*

*In-person liturgy is back !!*

*Please attend..*

There are two ways to worship at Saint Anthony's:  
In-person and Livestream

Orthros 8:45am    Memorials 9:45am    Liturgy 10am

Masks must be worn, and social distancing will be practiced for in-person participation.

To comply with CDC regulations, we must have a record of all who are attending on a given Sunday. Therefore, each person needs to make a reservation, so we have your contact information, in case we need to contact you.

If you decide to come at the last minute, please do so and we will take your information at time of check-in.

To make reservations online, please use the following link so we can include you on the check-in list: <https://rsvp.church/r/lhk9WOT3>



## STEWARDSHIP

### ST. ANTHONY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

(May 28, 2021)

COLLECTED AS OF 03/29/2021: \$227,851

CURRENT AVERAGE PLEDGE: \$1,467

Breakdown of Stewardship Pledges			
Stewardship Levels	Amount Pledge	# of Pledges	% of Pledges Break-down
<i>Contributor</i>	< \$499	53	24%
<i>Friend</i>	\$500 - \$999	57	26%
<i>Supporter</i>	\$1,000 - \$1,999	53	24%
<b>Faithful</b>	<b>\$2,000 - \$3,999</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Disciple</b>	<b>\$4,000 - \$6,999</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>04%</b>
<b>Guardian</b>	<b>\$7,000 - \$9,999</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>01%</b>
<b>Angel</b>	<b>\$10,000 - \$14,999</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>02%</b>
<b>Archangel</b>	<b>\$15,000 - &gt;</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGES</b>		<b>219</b>	<b>100%</b>

To fully cover our operating expenses,  
our goal is to have our average annual giving to be \$2,000 per family or more.

**RIGHT NOW, 74% OF OUR STEWARDS ARE UNDER THAT GOAL**

## STEWARDSHIP (continued)

### Saint Anthony Stewards as of June 1, 2021

Stratos, Fr. Peter/Pres. Aida  
 Akrotirianakis, Joseph & Sherese  
 Albeck, Irene  
 Albeck, Mark Gregory  
 Andros, Gus & Lorena  
 Angelos, James & Sophia  
 Angiuli, Joseph & Elizabeth  
 Antsos, Dimitrios & Judith Din  
 Apostolos, Margo K.  
 Argueta, Cris & Teresa V.  
 Arviso, Ange  
 Aspiotes, Georgia  
 Athans, Tesi & Craig Lareau  
 Athans, Tina & Dean P.  
 Attalla, Ted & Michelle Reagan  
 Balas, Argiro Julie & Dino  
 Baliotis, Tina  
 Balntas, Bill & Eleni  
 Becker, Connie & Brian L.  
 Becronis, Christina  
 Begakis, Nicholas & Bronwen  
 Bichai, Anthony & Anna  
 Bissias, Peter  
 Bjorknert, Jan & Vicky  
 Blaszcak, Frank  
 Blois, Julian O. & Catalina E.  
 Bonorris, Donna & Pete  
 Bouras, Tom Athanasios  
 Bozikis, Demetra  
 Broussinos, Angeliki & Chris  
 Brown, Niki  
 Bryant, Dan & Karen  
 Burkard Jr., Frank J. & Penelope  
 Buzas, John & Pamela  
 Buzas, Nicholas & Danielle  
 Chames, Anastasia.  
 Christodoulelis, Jimmy & Tanya.  
 Christodoulou, Christine & Christakis  
 Christopoulos, Judie & Gus  
 Christopoulos, Tony and Lynnette  
 Christou, Nicholas  
 Coccia, Tina & Ginseppe  
 Cokias, Jason & Karen  
 Dallas, Saterios & Athena  
 Damilatis, Dimitrios & Eleni  
 Daughters, Janine & Chris  
 Demopulos, Elizabeth & Andrew  
 Dewar, Mary & Andrew  
 Dupas, Katherine  
 Dupas, Theodore & Evangeline  
 Edwards, Nancy C.  
 Efsthathiou, Teddi & Dean  
 Floutsis, Penny & Ted

Gallanis, Pete & Danica  
 Ganis, Maria C.  
 Garbis, Spiros & Antigoni Manousopoulou  
 Gavalas, Cleola & George  
 Gelt, Brian & Pana  
 Genkos, Mary  
 Georgakopoulos, Eleni & George  
 Gerontides, John & Angelike  
 Giannoulis, Demetra  
 Giannoulis, Irene  
 Goettling, Mimika & Eckhard C.  
 Grafos, Thean  
 Grafos, Tom & Tania  
 Grover, James & Maria  
 Halias, Joanne & John  
 Haralambos, Aliko,  
 Haralambos, Anthony & Kathleen  
 Haralambos, Tom & Page  
 Horaites, Anthony M.  
 Horaites, George & Olympia  
 Horaites, James  
 Hronas, Maria & James W.  
 Hunter, Nicole  
 Ioannou, Christos & Eleni  
 Johal, Demetra G.  
 Johnsen, Eleni  
 Kades, Vicki & Louis  
 Kalambakas, Vivian N.  
 Kalivas, Pota  
 Kallas, Mark & Debra  
 Kamar, April  
 Kaparos, Lily & Stefanos  
 Karaioannoglou, Phaedon & Jeanne  
 Karamaras, Andriana  
 Karras, Maria  
 Katsas, Alexandra K.  
 Kazaltzes, Gina & Nickolas  
 Kefalas, Evelyn & John  
 Kefalas, Mike J.  
 Kefalas, Modestos & Nina  
 Kefallinos, Vicki & Nick  
 Kiotas, Stavroula  
 Kirimisi, Nitsa & John  
 Kitchens, Christopher  
 Kitridou, Rodanthi C.  
 Kokoris, Maria & Nicholas  
 Kolettis, Iliana  
 Kolokotronis, Carolyn & James A.  
 Koudanis, Helen  
 Koulakis, John and Gisele  
 Koulos, Joanna & Konstantinos  
 Kousoulas, Gus & Johanna  
 Koutras, Alexander E.

## STEWARDSHIP (continued)

Koutsoukos, Lin & George  
 Kundanis, Christine  
 Kypreos, Maria & James  
 Lagousis, Ted & Kendra  
 Lambros, Helen L.  
 Lappas, Virginia  
 Loutsos, Anna & Georgia & John Grajeda  
 Lubian, Daniel & Stephanie  
 Lucas, John S. & Anthia  
 Lucas, Katherine  
 Macris, Catherine & George  
 Magaziotis, Phophi & Panteli  
 Makris, Ted & Maria  
 Malina, Dorothea  
 Malisos, Fontaine  
 Malisos, Samantha A  
 Martin, Sam & Debbie  
 Maslen, Larissa & Mark Carpenter  
 Mathioulakis, Claudia & Stan  
 Maysenburg, John & Mary  
 McCann, Liam  
 McGregor, Richard & Kristen  
 McNulty, Jennie & Chris  
 Mitropoulos, Nick & Venetia  
 Mobayen, Chrissa & Syrus  
 Molinari, Yngrid  
 Moreno, Eva Elizabeth  
 Moutzouridis, Vasiliki & Peter  
 Mowrey, Anthony & Tina Boykin  
 Nicolaidis, Nicolas  
 Nunez, Alyssa & Angel  
 Ochoa, Alexa  
 Pappas, Constantine & Hope  
 Pappas, Dean C. & Jennifer  
 Pappas, Dr. James P.  
 Pappas, Dr. Peter A.  
 Pappas, Steven & Christine  
 Pappas, Tony & Stergiani  
 Paras, Gus  
 Pastis, Leah  
 Pastis, Patricia  
 Patsavas, Bertha  
 Patzakis, John & Andrea  
 Paziouros, John  
 Paziouros, Konstantina & Nick  
 Paziouros, Patricia  
 Pegadiotes, George S.  
 Pegadiotes, Georgia & Sam  
 Pegadiotes, Stan S.  
 Petrossian, Stacy & Rafic R.  
 Plumtree, Martha & Wayne  
 Pollalis, Dino J.  
 Polychronis, Thalia  
 Poulos, Anastasia  
 Reese, Helen

Rellos, John, Theodora & Vasilios  
 Russo, Rebecca A.  
 Saigh, Mark & Mara R. Suchy  
 Scolinos, Michael & Stephanie  
 Scordelis, Alexander & Melissa  
 Shankwiler James & Alexandria Darras  
 Sideris, Athanasios & Anastasia  
 Sipsas, Pantelis & Nafsika  
 Skandale, Elizabeth  
 Skandale, Helen  
 Smith, Herman & Helen  
 Soewers, Stephanie & Randy  
 Stafylis, Chrysovalantis  
 Stamos, Andy & Mary  
 Stamos, Nikos A.  
 Stavropoulos, Fonta (Xenofon)  
 Stavropoulos, Peter T & Theodora  
 Stavropoulos, Ted & Georgia  
 Stephens, Kenneth & Angelina Maria  
 Tarazi, Ellie  
 Tirado, Elizabeth  
 Treantafelles, George T. & Helen  
 Treantafelles, Stan & Vivian  
 Triantafyllidi, Ioanna & Galino Barmparas  
 Tripodes Zacharias N.  
 Tripodes, Dena  
 Tripodes, Georgia E.  
 Tripodes, Koula J.  
 Tripodes, Marika  
 Tripodes, Stella  
 Tsaggouri, Eleni, Anastassios Petropoulos  
 Tsigkounis, Charalambos & Catherine  
 Tsouvalas, Charles  
 Tsouvalas, John & Jenny  
 Udria, Juan & Mary  
 Vagenas, Alex & Tashia  
 Vagenas, Dino & Krystina  
 Vagenas, George & Polly  
 Vagenas, John & Georgia  
 Vagenas, Peter & Mindy  
 Vagenas, Sophia  
 Vagenas, Spiros and Family  
 Vagenas, Vasilios & Nicolicha  
 Varvitsiotis Varvas, Fotiny  
 Vezzuto, Christopher  
 Vezzuto, Robert & Stephanie  
 Vidalakis, Nick and Nancy  
 Vlahos, Tasia & Effie  
 Vorgias, Alma & Zacharias  
 Voyagis, Eleftherios & Pauline  
 Wood, Grant & Cindy  
 Woodward, Scott & Katerina Ananiades  
 Xanthos, Lisa  
 Zarian, Vincent & Maria  
 Zarifes, Peter & Tina

## Church History

### Early Greek Community of Pasadena & the San Gabriel Valley

*Taken from the 50th Anniversary of St. Anthony, 2003.*

*Written by +Dr. Nikitas J. Tripodes*

#### Hellenic Society of Pasadena

The Pasadena Greek community's first known attempt to organize itself was the formation of the Hellenic Society in 1934. The group was legally incorporated as a "benevolent, non-profit corporation," on December 22, 1938, as the Hellenic Society of Pasadena by ten Greek immigrant men, all Pasadena residents: Peter Becronis, James Gianopulos, Nick Karos, Peter Morris, Nick Pappas (Papaioanou), Nick Pappas (Papademetropoulos), Gust Panos, Louis Vagenas, Tom Vagenas, and James Yankos. The Greek bachelor contingent strongly supported the club which met regularly at the American Legion Hall on Vinedo Street in Pasadena. The American Legion Hall would play an important role in the life of Pasadena's growing Greek community providing a venue for Sunday School and Greek language classes, Greek dance classes, Ahepa meetings and socials.

The main purpose of the Hellenic Society was to provide a place where Greeks could congregate and perpetuate the culture. It never sought to establish a Greek Orthodox Church in Pasadena but rather to foster ties among its members. Many of its members were bachelors and needed a social outlet. As a benevolent organization, the club might help pay funeral expenses of its members but generally kept its charitable activities out of the limelight. The articles of incorporation specify the club's purpose:

*To provide a place where its members and other persons may gather and assemble to be instructed in the arts of good citizenship and other social and cultural subjects*

*To aid and assist the needy in the community*

*To purchase, hold, lease, acquire, and sell property, real and or personal of every kind and description*

*To borrow and loan money*

*To issue bonds and execute mortgages and do everything suitable, proper and convenient for the accomplishment of its purpose.*

Annual Christmas dances and summer picnics at Oak Grove Park, now Hahamonga Park, in Pasadena and later Swiss Park in Duarte were two of the club's main activities. The Hellenic Society was kept alive by dwindling numbers of Greek immigrants, mostly bachelors, who still attended its regular meetings, but was never able to attract the interest of the American born Greeks. The Hellenic Society died out in the mid 1960s, but for several decades it functioned as the de facto hub of the Hellenic community in the San Gabriel Valley.

## *Church History (continued)*

### Post World War II Era

Dan Bozikis, a native of Cleveland, Ohio served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1942 to 1945. Prior to being sent to combat duty in the Pacific, he went through boot camp in San Diego and was in the first contingent of soldiers to open Camp Pendleton. He was typical of many Greek-American G.I.s from all parts of the country who had been stationed or had passed through California during the war years. They left with a favorable impression and wanted to return. Many Greeks had a pent-up desire to escape the dismal winters of the East and Midwest for a more amiable Mediterranean climate. With the lifting of wartime travel restrictions and the end of gas rationing, moving out West was a dream that could finally become reality. Bozikis finally made his move West in 1957 and soon became involved with the growing Greek Orthodox community in Pasadena.

California's postwar economic and population boom greatly increased the number of Greeks in the state. The Greek-Americans who settled in the San Gabriel Valley after the war were primarily transplants from eastern and mid-western cities. They were accustomed to attending a Greek Orthodox Church in their community and may have been active in various well established Hellenic organizations. The new arrivals had no sentimental or historic ties to the Los Angeles community and were therefore less complacent about traveling long distances for religious and cultural activities. They wanted their own clubs, Greek Schools, Sunday Schools and ultimately a Greek Orthodox Church in their own neighborhood. The dying Hellenic community of the Pasadena area would get an invigorating infusion of new blood and the realization of a true center for its spiritual and cultural needs.

Within a few months after the end of World War II the first Greek transplants to the San Gabriel Valley were laying the foundation for a revitalized Hellenic community.

Next month: The Icarians



## Church History (continued)



*The logo of the Hellenic Society of Pasadena*

Founded in 1934 and chartered by the State of California in 1938 as a philanthropic, mutual aid society. The clasped hands of friendship signify the club's mutual aid goals for its members. What appears to be a "dollar sign" at the top of the emblem are the superimposed letters "H" and "S", for Hellenic Society.



Dan Bozikis, a Cleveland, Ohio native was trained at Camp Pendleton while serving in the US Marine Corps during WWII. Like many Greek-American GIs, he fell in love with California's weather and moved West after the War.



*Gathering of Pasadena Greek families at the Becronis home c.1948*

*Front Row, left to right:* Jack Becronis, George Soulakis, Sophie Becronis Chronis, Peter Becronis, Athena Becronis, Helen Allas.  
*Middle Row, left to right:* Mary Choungas, Mrs. Chiravekis, Katina Plousas, Panagiota Poulos, Dorothy Kantar, Panorea Loukides, Thelxe Loukides Matty.  
*Back Row Standing, left to right:* George Choungas, Mr. Chiravekis, Spero Plousos, Tom Poulos, Ernie Kantar, Spero Lekas, Zaphyr Loukides.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 8

*We pray you are staying healthy by wearing your mask, social distancing, washing your hands often, and praying.*

*Let us take a moment to say thank you to all essential workers: first responders, doctors, nurses, health care workers, and researchers who despite facing direct exposure to COVID 19, continue to do their job of helping others. Let's also thank those who are volunteering to help get the vaccine to as many people as possible. Please continue to pray for them.*

For those of you who are attending live-stream services,  
and miss receiving Holy Communion because you are unable  
to attend an indoor liturgy in person..

Drink some Holy Water  
when the priest approaches with the Chalice...  
If you don't have any on hand, call the church office..



## NEWS FROM THE LOFT

It is indeed with mixed emotions that our music ministry has learned that **Athena and Sam Dallas**, two of our long-time parishioners, will be leaving the community and moving to Reno, Nevada. We are happy that the Dallas' will be in closer proximity to their children and grandchildren, but sad that our Saint Anthony community, and our choir family in particular, will be losing these two dedicated individuals.

It is difficult to think of even one ministry or parish activity that Athena and Sam were not actively involved with during their many years here at Saint Anthony. Suffice it to say that they are the ultimate team players and will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

Athena and Sam, we wish you a fond farewell, happy times with the kids and grandkids, and many more years of service in His Reno, Nevada vineyard!



Enjoying some pre-pandemic comradery—Christmas 2019

Our choir family was saddened to learn last month of the passing of **Mr. Ernie Marotta**, beloved husband of our choir member, **Claire Marotta**. We extend sincere condolences to Claire and her family and pray for his repose among the saints. May his memory be eternal



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS



### Vacation Bible School Day Retreat



*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!

There will be music, crafts, games, water play, and amazing true stories. So, come on and rustle up your kids and head on over to SonWest Roundup for a rip-roaring good time!

St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church  
Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Ages 4 – 11 years old (entering 6<sup>th</sup> 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 out the VBS interest form to receive this information:

[VBS Interest Form](#)

Questions? Contact:  
Mary Udria [mary.udria@gmail.com](mailto:mary.udria@gmail.com)  
Sophia Syrengelas [sophiajammie@gmail.com](mailto:sophiajammie@gmail.com)

*\*We will adhere to LA County health and safety guidelines*

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

### Christmas Benefit Luncheon

Our theme for our 52nd Christmas benefit luncheon is: **Let's Celebrate!**

It will be held on **Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**, at the brand new Le Meridien Hotel in Arcadia. We invite anyone interested in participating on the planning committee to attend a meeting on **Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15** in the Trinity Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Kypreos 626-272-2720 or Stephanie Soewers 818-209-5026.

Everyone is welcome!

### Past President's Dinner

Our Past President's dinner will be held on **Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at 6:30 P.M. at Twoheys. We will be honoring **Sophia Angelos and Leah Pastis**, who we were unable to honor in 2020, and this year's recipient, **Athena Dallas**. Please look for an Evite coming soon.

We will also be awarding our chapter's high school scholarship to **Maximilian Pollalis**, who will be graduating from Walnut High School and attending Baylor University in Texas. Congratulations, Maximilian!

### General Meeting & Election of Board

Our general meeting was held on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Maria Kokoris - our first in-person meeting in over a year! Elections were held for our 2021-2023 Board. Congratulations to our newest Board members - Nicolette Fuerst, Christine Pappas, Sophia Syrengelas, Mary Udria and Jennifer Webster. Officers and committee chairs will be elected at June meeting.

We want to thank our outgoing Board members for their dedication and contributions - Pam Buzas, Athena Dallas, Presybtera Mylonas, Konstantina Paziouros and Esther Vavoulis.

We especially want to thank Presybtera Maria and Athena Dallas for their many years of dedication to our chapter and our community. Presybtera Maria has relocated to Irvine and Sam and Athena Dallas will soon be relocating to Reno, Nevada. We wish them all the best!

Once again, we want to express our love and gratitude to our outgoing two-term president Maria Kypreos who exemplifies the ideal Philoptochos woman. She has led us with grace, generosity, and perseverance, especially during these challenging times. She will always be a role model for all of us. Thank you, Maria!

***PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS (continued)***

**Board Members for 2021-2023**

Irene Albeck

Connie Becker

Tanya Christodoulelis

Mary Dewar

Judith Din- Antsos

\*Nicolette Fuerst

Maria Grover

Maria Hronas

Jeanne Karaioannoglou

Maria Kokoris

Maria Kypreos, Advisor

Fontaine Malisos

\*Christine Pappas

Elizabeth Skandale

Helen Skandale

Stephanie Soewers

Presvytera Aida Stratos

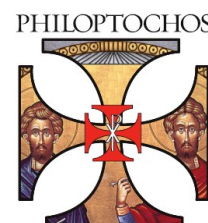
\*Sophia Syrengelas

\*Mary Udria

\*Jennifer Webster

Lisa Xanthos

\*New board member



## *PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS (continued)*

### UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES

**Irene Albeck** and **Noula Serban** have resumed preparing meals for **Union Station** the first Wednesday of the month. The meals have to be delivered in individual servings during CoViD; hence, the monthly cost has increased. Donations of heavy duty plates, napkins, paper towels or store bought cookies would be very much appreciated.

Please contact **Irene Albeck - 626.792.8122** to make arrangements for items to be picked up if you care to donate.

Philoptochos continues to support our local food bank, **Friends In Deed**, with a monthly donation.

#### PLEASE NOTE

**Non-food donations** can be delivered to our **Administrative Office**

825 E. Orange Grove Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91104

Monday-Friday between 9:00am-4:30pm.

**All food donations** (perishable and non-perishable) can be delivered to the **Adult Center**

412 S. Raymond Ave. Pasadena, CA 91105.

The Adult Center is open for donations from 8:00am-2:30pm.

#### IN-KIND DONATION NEEDS

Adult Diapers

Baby diapers and baby formula

Clorox or Lysol Wipes

Disinfectant Spray

Laundry basket and laundry soap

Laundry pods and quarters

New pillows and blankets

New and gently used books

Puzzles, activity books for adults and children

Personal and feminine products

#### KITCHEN NEEDS

BBQ sauce

Corn cooking oil

Flour tortillas to make burritos

Frozen burritos

Frozen hash brown patties

Individual coffee packets

Individual creamer packets

Individual sugar packets

Microwaveable dinners

Sliced American cheese

Teriyaki glaze

**PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS (continued)**

***“You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.”***  
**Deuteronomy 15:11**

***“Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you? The King will answer and say to you, inasmuch as did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.”*** Matthew 25:40, 41

**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 to volunteer by donating toward purchasing individual packaged items. The following is an estimated cost: rolls-\$16.50, cookies, \$27.50, beverage, \$48.60, and milk, \$10.80.

**Please make checks out to: *Philoptochos of Saint Anthony***

***In memo box write: USHS***

Thank you for being a part of the solution to homelessness.

***“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”*** Hebrews 13:16

**Contact:**

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Stephanie Soewers	<a href="mailto:szanglis@gmail.com">szanglis@gmail.com</a>	818-209-5026 (cell)
Irene Albeck	<a href="mailto:mcmg2a@aol.com">mcmg2a@aol.com</a>	626-792-8122



## VIP NEWS

The VIPs met in person last month for a picnic at Lacy Park.

We were saddened to learn that two of our members and long-time parishioners Sam & Athena Dallas are moving to Reno. They will be missed and we wish them good luck in their new home.

The VIPs are looking forward to getting together again in person soon.



*Helen Treantafelles*  
VIP President  
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## MINISTRIES

### Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church Reverend Father Peter Stratos

#### 2021 PARISH COUNCIL

Joseph Akrotirianakis	President
Pete Gallanis	Vice President
Tashia Vagenas	Secretary
Tony Christopoulos	Treasurer

Tom Grafos  
Christos Ioannou  
Liam McCann  
James Pappas  
Patricia Paziouros  
Vincent Zarian



#### OFFICE STAFF

Alma Vorgias – Office Administrator  
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(Trinity Ballroom)



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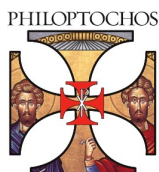
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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CONGRATULATIONS 2021 GRADUATES !**



***St. Anthony  
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**Annual Recognition For 2020 and 2021  
High School and College Graduates**

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



**Sofia Christodoulelis**

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Attending Indiana University in the Fall

Parents - Jimmy & Tanya Christodoulelis

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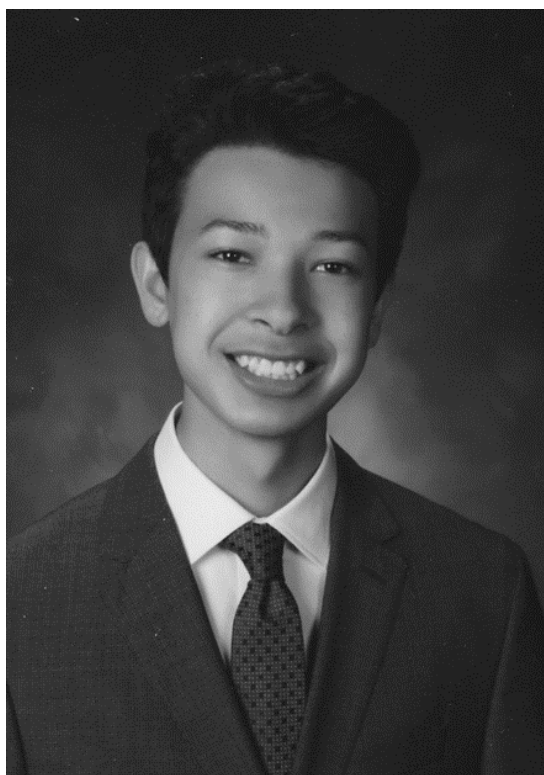
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**CONGRATULATIONS 2021 GRADUATES !**



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Participants gather at weeklong conferences to cultivate a deeper understanding of Orthodox philanthropy and *diakonia* (service) through leadership-building activities, workshops, and hands-on service.

**July 17-23**

Minneapolis, MN



**July 24-30**

Minneapolis, MN

Join as a participant or advisor at [iocc.org/servx](https://iocc.org/servx)

**COMMUNITY NEWS** (continued)

**Saturday, June 19, 2021**

**6:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.**

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**St. John the Baptist  
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RSVP by  
Friday, June 4, 2021

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## COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

# CONNECTING COLLEGE STUDENTS TO THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

Do you have a son, daughter, or grandchild graduating from High School who will be leaving home for the first time to attend college, or are they already in college living away from home?

Thousands of our Orthodox youth graduate from High School every year and go away to schools across our country. Our college students are blessed with unprecedented educational opportunities, but, at the same time, they face many difficult challenges in the environment of the college campus. Would you like to keep your loved ones connected to the Church while they study?

If so, please complete the form below and mail it to the Metropolis Office in San Francisco. The Metropolis of San Francisco Youth Director, Johanna Duterte, will make sure that an Orthodox Priest and community near your student's college connects with your loved one.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Home Parish, City, State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of College \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Address while at school \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Do you know which parish your student will attend while at school? If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Studies in the Faith

offered via ZOOM  
Wednesday nights  
at 7pm starting  
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Email  
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## Tuesday Bible Study

offered via ZOOM  
Tuesday mornings  
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January 19

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**COMMUNITY NEWS** (continued)**Monthly Lesson from Father Stavros Akrotirianakis...**

*After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and He revealed Himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat; but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any fish?" They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.*

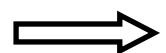
**John 21: 1-14**

We know that most of the Disciples were fishermen. We also know that Jesus, by trade, was a carpenter. There are several instances in the Gospels, including this Gospel, where the Disciples are trying without success to catch fish. Jesus, in each instance, tells the Disciples to recast the net, but on the other side of the boat, the "right side." When the Disciples cast the net as Jesus directs them, they are not only successful at catching fish, but they catch a quantity of fish so great that the boats start to sink and the nets cannot hold the fish.

One lesson that I take away from this Gospel passage is that when we are open to doing something the way Jesus asks us to do it, we are more likely to have success, even abundance. The challenge for us is, "Are we open to doing something His way?"

Many times we try and fail at things in life. And when we fail, we try again,. We try to think how we can improve. But how many times in our struggles and in our failures, do we invite the Lord in to be part of them? How many times do we surrender doing something our way and try it His way?

The fact is, for many of us, including me, stubborn pride keeps us doing things our way, rather than surrendering and doing them His way. This is why we have problems in interpersonal relationships, why we don't get along in our families, why our marriages struggle, and why our kids rebel. It's because we're obsessed with doing things OUR way, rather than doing them HIS way.



**COMMUNITY NEWS** (continued)

*Father Stavros continued...*

He tells us to forgive. We choose to hold grudges.

He tells us to trust. We doubt.

He tells us to give generously. We give begrudgingly.

He tells us to serve one another. We put ourselves first.

He tells us to remember the Sabbath. We put other things ahead of worship.

He tells us to build up one another. We tear down one another.

He tells us to pursue holiness. We pursue fame and fortune.

He tells us we are of infinite value. We fight for equality.

Imagine if when Jesus told the Disciples to cast the net on the right side, they cast it on the left.

Imagine if the Disciples had complained to Jesus that they were fishermen and He was a carpenter and what did He know about catching fish?

Imagine if they had quit.

But.... they tried it His way, and it worked, and then some!

Imagine what the world could be like if we could do things His way, instead of our own.

Imagine how your life could change if you started doing more things His way, instead of your own way. Yes, it would mean swallowing some pride. Yes, it would mean recasting a net you may already be tired of casting. But it could mean a phenomenal catch of fish, or an incredible change in your life, your marriage, a friendship, a job, or your overall outlook on life.

Are you open to trying things HIS way?



**COMMUNITY NEWS** (continued)

# Share your Recipes to be included in the Saint Anthony Cookbook !!

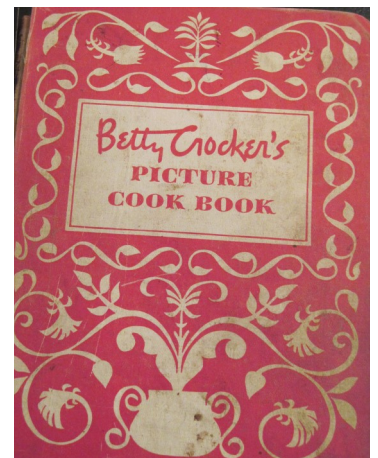
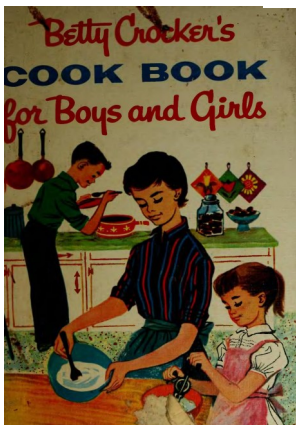
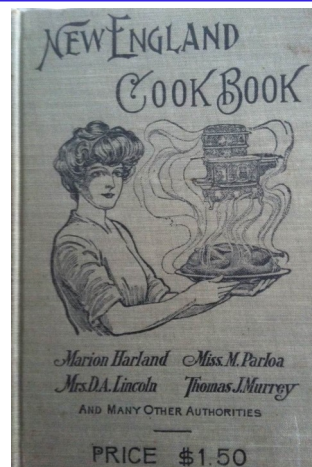
*As so many of us have had to stay at home these past several months, it would be fun to share our favorite recipes (Greek or non-Greek) with our church community.*

*Please email your recipes to: Newsletter\_church@aol.com*

*We will include one in each monthly newsletter, and when we have enough for a cookbook, we will publish them all together.*

*The cookbook will be available for purchase at a later date.*

*Please join in the fun to share recipes.*



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## FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE MONTH

### Holy Ascension

10 June

The Lord Jesus passed forty days on earth after His Resurrection from the dead, appearing continually in various places to His disciples, with whom He also spoke, ate, and drank, thereby further demonstrating His Resurrection. On this Thursday, the fortieth day after Pascha, He appeared again in Jerusalem. After He had first spoken to the disciples about many things, He gave them His last commandment, that is, that they go forth and proclaim His Name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. But He also commanded them that for the present, they were not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait there together until they receive power from on high, when the Holy Spirit would come upon them.

Saying these things, He led them to the Mount of Olives, and raising His hands, He blessed them; and saying again the words of the Father's blessing, He was parted from them and taken up. Immediately a cloud of light, a proof of His majesty, received Him. Sitting thereon as though on a royal chariot, He was taken up into Heaven, and after a short time was concealed from the sight of the disciples, who remained where they were with their eyes fixed on Him. At this point, two Angels in the form of men in white raiment appeared to them and said, *"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, Who is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven"* (Acts 1:11). These words, in a complete and concise manner, declare what is taught in the Symbol of Faith concerning the Son and Word of God.

Therefore, having so fulfilled all His dispensation for us, our Lord Jesus Christ ascended in glory into Heaven, and sat at the right hand of God the Father. As for His sacred disciples, they returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, rejoicing because Christ had promised to send them the Holy Spirit.

It should be noted that the Mount of Olives is a Sabbath's day journey from Jerusalem, that is, the distance a Jew was permitted to walk on the day of the Sabbath. Ecumenius writes, *"A Sabbath day's journey is one mile in length, as Clement says in his fifth Stromatis; it is two thousand cubits, as the Interpretation of the Acts states."* They draw this conclusion from the fact that, while they were in the wilderness, the Israelites of old kept within this distance from the Holy Tabernacle, whither they walked on the Sabbath day to worship God.



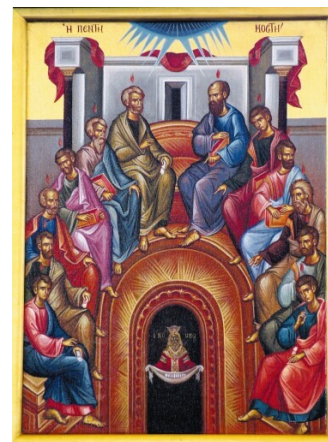
**FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE MONTH (continued)****Pentecost  
20 June**

After the Savior's Ascension into the Heavens, the eleven Apostles and the rest of His disciples, the God-loving women who followed after Him from the beginning, His Mother, the most holy Virgin Mary, and His brethren-all together about 120 souls returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem. Entering into the house where they gathered, they went into the upper room, and there they persevered in prayer and supplication, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit, as their Divine Teacher had promised them. In the meanwhile, they chose Matthias, who was elected to take the place of Judas among the Apostles.

Thus, on this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, the tenth day after the Ascension and the fiftieth day after Pascha, at the third hour of the day from the rising of the sun, there suddenly came a sound from Heaven, as when a mighty wind blows, and it filled the whole house where the Apostles and the rest with them were gathered. Immediately after the sound, there appeared tongues of fire that divided and rested upon the head of each one. Filled with the Spirit, all those present began speaking not in their native tongue, but in other tongues and dialects, as the Holy Spirit instructed them.

The multitudes that had come together from various places for the feast, most of whom were Jews by race and religion, were called Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and so forth, according to the places where they dwelt. Though they spoke many different tongues, they were present in Jerusalem by divine dispensation. When they heard that sound that came down from Heaven to the place where the disciples of Christ were gathered, all ran together to learn what had taken place. But they were confounded when they came and heard the Apostles speaking in their own tongues. Marveling at this, they said one to another, "*Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*" But others, because of their foolishness and excess of evil, mocked the wonder and said that the Apostles were drunken.

Then Peter stood up with the eleven, and raising his voice, spoke to all the people, proving that that which had taken place was not drunkenness, but the fulfillment of God's promise that had been spoken by the Prophet Joel: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that I shall pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy" (Joel 2:28), and he preached Jesus of Nazareth unto them, proving in many ways that He is Christ the Lord, Whom the Jews crucified but God raised from the dead. On hearing Peter's teaching, many were smitten with compunction and received the word. Thus, they were baptized, and on that day about three thousand souls were added to the Faith of Christ.



## ***FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE MONTH (continued)***

### **Pentecost—continued**

Such, therefore, are the reasons for today's feast: the coming of the All-holy Spirit into the world, the completion of the Lord Jesus Christ's promise, and the fulfillment of the hope of the sacred disciples, which we celebrate today. On this last, and great, and saving day of Pentecost, the Apostles of the Saviour, who were unlearned fishermen, made wise now of a sudden by the Holy Spirit, clearly and with divine authority spoke the heavenly doctrines. They became heralds of the truth and teachers of the whole world. They were ordained and began their apostleship, of which the salvation of those 3000 souls in one day was the comely and marvelous first fruit.

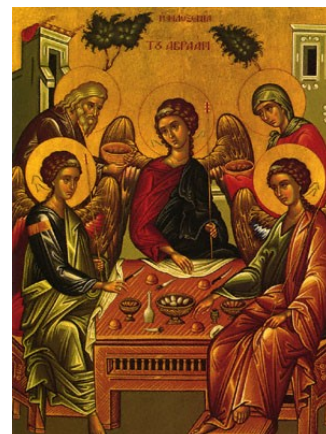
Some erroneously hold that Pentecost is the "birthday of the Church." But this is not true, for the teaching of the holy Fathers is that the Church existed before all other things. Saint Gregory the Theologian speaks of "the Church of Christ ... both before Christ and after Christ". Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus writes, "The Catholic Church, which exists from the ages, is revealed most clearly in the incarnate advent of Christ" . Saint John Damascene observes, "The Holy Catholic Church of God, therefore, is the assembly of the holy Fathers, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, and Martyrs who have been from the very beginning, to whom were added all the nations who believed with one accord" . According to Saint Gregory the Theologian, "The Prophets established the Church, the Apostles conjoined it, and the Evangelists set it in order" . The Church existed from the creation of the Angels, for the Angels came into existence before the creation of the world, and they have always been members of the Church. Saint Clement, Bishop of Rome, says in his second epistle to the Corinthians, the Church "*was created before the sun and moon*"; and a little further on, "*The Church existeth not now for the first time, but hath been from the beginning*" (II Cor. 14).

That which came to pass at Pentecost, then, was the ordination of the Apostles, the commencement of the apostolic preaching to the nations, and the inauguration of the priesthood of the new Israel. Saint Cyril of Alexandria says that "Our Lord Jesus Christ herein ordained the instructors and teachers of the world and the stewards of His divine Mysteries ... showing together with the dignity of Apostleship, the incomparable glory of the authority given them ... Revealing them to be splendid with the great dignity of the Apostleship and showing them forth as both stewards and priests of the divine altars . . . they became fit to initiate others through the enlightening guidance of the Holy Spirit" . Saint Gregory Palamas says, "Now, therefore ... the Holy Spirit descended ... showing the Disciples to be supernal luminaries ... and the distributed grace of the Divine Spirit came through the ordination of the Apostles upon their successors" . And Saint Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem, writes, "After the visitation of the Comforter, the Apostles became high priests" . Therefore, together with the baptism of the Holy Spirit which came upon them who were present in the upper chamber, which the Lord had foretold as recorded in the Acts, "ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence" (Acts 1:5), the Apostles were also appointed and raised to the high priestly rank, according to Saint John Chrysostom . On this day commenced the celebration of the Holy Eucharist by which we become "partakers of the Divine Nature" (II Peter 1:4). For before Pentecost, it is said of the Apostles and disciples only that they abode in "prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14); it is only after the coming of the Holy Spirit that they persevered in the "breaking of bread, "that is, the communion of the Holy Mysteries-"and in prayer" (Acts 2:42).

The feast of holy Pentecost, therefore, determined the beginning of the priesthood of grace, not the beginning of the Church. All foods allowed during the week following Pentecost.

***FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE MONTH (continued)*****Day of the Holy Spirit  
21 June**

As it is the custom of the Church, on the day after every great Feast, to honor those through whom it came to pass our Lady on the day after the Lord's Nativity, Joachim and Anna after our Lady's Nativity, the holy Baptist the day after Theophany, and so forth, on this day we honor our God the All-holy Spirit, the Comforter promised by our Savior to His disciples (John 14:16), Who descended upon them at holy Pentecost and guided them "into all truth" and through them, us.

**Nativity of Saint John the Baptist  
24 June**

He that was greater than all who are born of women, the Prophet who received God's testimony that he surpassed all the Prophets, was born of the aged and barren Elizabeth (Luke 1: 7) and filled all his kinsmen, and those that lived round about, with gladness and wonder. But even more wondrous was that which followed on the eighth day when he was circumcised, that is, the day on which a male child receives his name. Those present called him Zacharias, the name of his father. But the mother said, "Not so, but he shall be called John." Since the child's father was unable to speak, he was asked, by means of a sign, to indicate the child's name. He then asked for a tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And immediately Zacharias' mouth was opened, his tongue was loosed from its silence of nine months, and filled with the Holy Spirit, he blessed the God of Israel, Who had fulfilled the promises made to their fathers, and had visited them that were sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, and had sent to them the light of salvation. Zacharias prophesied concerning the child also, saying that he would be a Prophet of the Most High and Forerunner of Jesus Christ. And the child John, who was filled with grace, grew and waxed strong in the Spirit; and he was in the wilderness until the day of his showing to Israel (Luke 1:57-80).

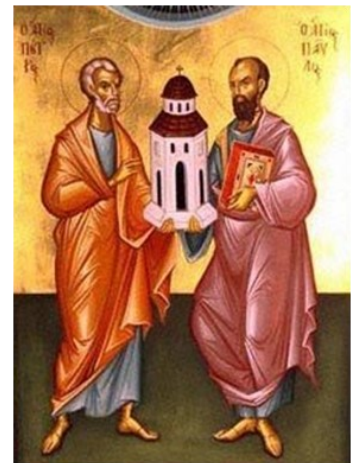
His name is a variation of the Hebrew "Johanan," which means "Yah is gracious."



**FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE MONTH (continued)****Peter & Paul, Holy Apostles  
29 June**

The divinely-blessed **Peter** was from Bethsaida of Galilee. He was the son of Jonas and the brother of Andrew the First-called. He was a fisherman by trade, unlearned and poor, and was called Simon; later he was renamed Peter by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who looked at him and said, *"Thou art Simon the son of Jonas; thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter)"* (John 1:42). On being raised by the Lord to the dignity of an Apostle and becoming inseparable from Him as His zealous disciple, he followed Him from the beginning of His preaching of salvation up until the very Passion, when, in the court of Caiaphas the high priest, he denied Him thrice because of his fear of the Jews and of the danger at hand. But again, after many bitter tears, he received complete forgiveness of his transgression. After the Resurrection of Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit, he preached in Judea, Antioch, and certain parts of Asia, and finally came to Rome, where he was crucified upside down by Nero, and thus he ascended to the eternal habitations about the year 66 or 68, leaving two Catholic (General) Epistles to the Church of Christ.

**Paul**, the chosen vessel of Christ, the glory of the Church, the Apostle of the Nations and teacher of the whole world, was a Jew by race, of the tribe of Benjamin, having Tarsus as his homeland. He was a Roman citizen, fluent in the Greek language, an expert in knowledge of the Law, a Pharisee, born of a Pharisee, and a disciple of Gamaliel, a Pharisee and notable teacher of the Law in Jerusalem. For this cause, from the beginning, Paul was a most fervent zealot for the traditions of the Jews and a great persecutor of the Church of Christ; at that time, his name was Saul (Acts 22:3-4). In his great passion of rage and fury against the disciples of the Lord, he went to Damascus bearing letters of introduction from the high priest. His intention was to bring the disciples of Christ back to Jerusalem in bonds. As he was approaching Damascus, about midday there suddenly shone upon him a light from Heaven. Falling on the earth, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" And he asked, "Who art Thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, *"I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest; it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks."*



## *FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE MONTH (continued)*

### **Peter & Paul—continued**

And that heavenly voice and brilliance made him tremble, and he was blinded for a time. He was led by the hand into the city, and on account of a divine revelation to the Apostle Ananias (see Oct. 1), he was baptized by him, and both his bodily and spiritual eyes were opened to the knowledge of the Sun of Righteousness. And straightway- O wondrous transformation! - beyond all expectation, he spoke with boldness in the synagogues, proclaiming that *"Christ is the Son of God"* (Acts 9:1-21). As for his zeal in preaching the Gospel after these things had come to pass, as for his un-abating labors and afflictions of diverse kinds, the wounds, the prisons, the bonds, the beatings, the stoning, the shipwrecks, the journeys, the perils on land, on sea, in cities, in wildernesses, the continual vigils, the daily fasting, the hunger, the thirst, the nakedness, and all those other things that he endured for the Name of Christ, and which he underwent before nations and kings and the Israelites, and above all, his care for all the churches, his fiery longing for the salvation of all, whereby he became all things to all men, that he might save them all if possible, and because of which, with his heart aflame, he continuously traveled throughout all parts, visiting them all, and like a bird of heaven flying from Asia and Europe, the West and East, neither staying nor abiding in any one place - all these things are related incident by incident in the Book of the Acts, and as he himself tells them in his Epistles.

His Epistles, being fourteen in number, are explained in 250 homilies by the divine Chrysostom and make manifest the loftiness of his thoughts, the abundance of the revelations made to him, the wisdom given to him from God, wherewith he brings together in a wondrous manner the Old with the New Testaments, and expounds the mysteries thereof which had been concealed under types; he confirms the doctrines of the Faith, expounds the ethical teaching of the Gospel, and demonstrates with exactness the duties incumbent upon every rank, age, and order of man. In all these things his teaching proved to be a spiritual trumpet, and his speech was seen to be more radiant than the sun, and by these means he clearly sounded forth the word of truth and illumined the ends of the world.

Having completed the work of his ministry, he likewise ended his life in martyrdom when he was beheaded in Rome during the reign of Nero, at the same time, some say, when Peter was crucified.

### **Synaxis of 12 Apostles**




**30 June**

The names of the Twelve Apostles are these: Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew, the First-called; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John, who was also the Evangelist and Theologian; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican, who was also called Levi and was an Evangelist; James the son of Alphaeus, and Jude (also called Lebbaeus, and surnamed Thaddaeus), the brother of James, the Brother of God; Simon the Cananite ("the Zealot"), and Matthias, who was elected to fill the place of Judas the traitor.



# Orthodox Calendar

## June 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 11am Bible Study via Zoom	 2 7pm Union Station Philoptochos Outreach 7pm Studies in the Faith via Zoom	3	 4	5
6 <b>Sunday of Blind Man</b> 8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy  <b>Indoor &amp; Live-stream</b>	7	8 11am Bible Study via Zoom  7pm Parish Council Meeting	 9 7pm Studies in the Faith via Zoom  7:15pm Philoptochos Board Meeting	10 <b>Holy Ascension</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy	 11	12
13 <b>Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council</b> 8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy  <b>Indoor &amp; Live-stream</b>	14	15 11am Bible Study via Zoom	 16 7pm Studies in the Faith via Zoom	17	 18	19 <b>Third Saturday of the Souls</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy
20 <b>Holy Pentecost</b> 8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy  <b>Indoor &amp; Live-stream</b>	21 <b>Monday of the Holy Spirit</b>	22 11am Bible Study via Zoom	23 7pm Studies in the Faith via Zoom  7pm Philoptochos General Meeting	24 <b>Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</b>	25	26
27 <b>All Saints</b> 8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy  <b>Indoor &amp; Live-stream</b>	 28 <b>Apostles Fast</b>	29 <b>Apostles Peter and Paul</b> 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy  11am Bible Study via Zoom	 30 7pm Studies in the Faith via Zoom			
		Strict Fast  	Fish Allowed  	Wine and Oil Allowed  	Dairy, Eggs, and Fish Allowed  	Fast Free

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