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## **AUGUST 15, 2021 – DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**

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

Los Angeles County is reimplementing its masks mandate indoors Regardless of Vaccination Status.

Everyone MUST WEAR a mask to attend Divine Services.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO BROADCAST ALL SERVICES VIA LIVE-STREAM (CLICK THE LINKS BELOW):

SAINT-ANTHONYS.ORG/LIVESTREAM

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YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCXSG4uJFWmElsOEIjx96pCA

## **Upcoming Divine Services:** (saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

Friday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> – Phanourios the Great ( *Liturgy only 9:00am*) BRING YOUR PHANOUROPITA



**Wednesday**, September 8<sup>th</sup> – Nativity of the Theotokos (*Orthros 9:00am*, *Liturgy 10:00am*)

**Tuesday**, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Exaltation of the Holy Cross (*Orthros 9:00am*, *Liturgy 10:00am*)



#### HYMNS OF THE DAY

## **APOLYTIKION. MODE 1.** (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Έν τῆ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῆ Κοιμήσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωήν, Μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

## RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. GRAVE MODE. (AFTER ENTRANCE)

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέῳξας τῷ Ληστῆ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.



#### HYMNS OF THE DAY

#### APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. MODE 1.

You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Έν τῆ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Έν τῆ Κοιμήσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωήν, Μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### KONTAKION. MODE PL. 2.

The Theotokos is undying in intercession.\* Immovable is our hope in her for protection. \* Neither death nor burial prevailed over her. \* As she is Mother of Life, she was removed to life by Him, \* the Lord who lived in her evervirgin womb.

Τὴν ἐν πρεσβείαις ἀκοίμητον Θεοτόκον, καὶ προστασίαις ἀμετάθετον ἐλπίδα, τάφος καὶ νέκρωσις οὐκ ἐκράτησεν ὡς γὰρ ζωῆς Μητέρα, πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν μετέστησεν, ὁ μήτραν οἰκήσας ἀειπάρθενον.



## EPISTLE READING

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:5-11

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Luke 1: 46-48

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Verse: For he has regarded the humility of his servant.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:5-11

Brethren, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## GOSPEL READING

# The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

The Gospel According to Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"



### METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Learning Through Serving**

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco is pleased to announce "Learning Through Serving: Project Based Learning for Religious Education". This Zoom workshop will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. PDT and is ideal for clergy, religious educators, Sunday School directors and teachers, parents, and anyone interested in the implementation of Project Based Learning for Religious Education. This workshop will be led by Dr. Drew Baker. Click here for more information or register now!

## **Welcome Back to Saint Nicholas Ranch**

After a long hiatus, the doors of Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center are opening again! Though there are still restrictions for in-person gatherings, the Board of Saint Nicholas Ranch is now permitting small groups with limited occupancy. If your family would like to visit the Ranch, or if your parish would like to offer a small retreat, please contact Ranch Executive Director Michael Pappas, <a href="mailto:info@stnicholasranch.org">info@stnicholasranch.org</a> or call 559-338-2103.

## Help Our Graduates Stay Connected to the Church

College is just around the corner – and we want to keep our high school graduates connected to the Church. Help us connect them to their new church home and create a network of fellowship and support. Complete the <a href="Online Form">Online Form</a> or visit <a href="www.gosfyouth.org">www.gosfyouth.org</a>. The Metropolis will make sure that an Orthodox Priest and community near your student's college connects with your loved one.

## **Music Scholarships Available**

There are just a few more weeks left to apply for the Frank and Xenia Anton Desby Memorial Music Scholarships from the Metropolis Church Music Federation Ministry. Eight (8) scholarships of up to \$500 each will be awarded to deserving church musicians in the Metropolis in 2021. Funds can be used to obtain education and training in singing, chanting, and conducting. Applications and information can be found online at <a href="https://www.sfchurchmusic.org">www.sfchurchmusic.org</a>. Deadline: August 15, 2021. For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:sfchurchmusic@sanfran.goarch.org">sfchurchmusic@sanfran.goarch.org</a>.

#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special tray will be passed to aid the fire victims in rebuilding their homes and livelihoods in Greece. Checks should be made payable to: St. Anthony Church, MEMO: Greece Fires.

We will gather all the funds and send them directly to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

## Save the date, Sunday September 26 as we honor Presvytera Maria Mylonas.

Dear Faithful,

We wish to announce that we will honor our beloved Presvytera Maria Mylonas on Sunday September 26. As you are aware Presvytera Maria has moved to Irvine and due to the Pandemic we were unable to say goodbye to her properly. We are honored that she will come to visit us on Sunday September 26 for Divine Liturgy and for a special luncheon offered on her behalf.

At the conclusion of The Divine Liturgy we will offer a special 15 year memorial for Dr. and Rev. Fr. Efstathios Mylonas (of blessed memory). Please look for more information soon.

God bless you all,

Fr. Peter

**SAVE THE DATE:** Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>, Brookside G.C. 12 noon for the Pasadena Golf Classic's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Sunday School Fellowship Returns**

I am very pleased to announce that Sophia Syrangelas will be the new Director of our Sunday School Fellowship Program. Sophia brings with her a heart dedicated to the teaching of our beloved Orthodox Faith, as well as many years of experience and education in teaching. She continues the tradition of excellent Youth Education Directors at St. Anthony. We look forward to a successful and uplifting year for all our children. Please offer her your support and love.

God bless our community,

Fr. Peter

## In-Person Sunday School Fellowship

It is with great joy that we welcome back our youth to in-person Sunday School Fellowship! We invite all school-aged children (4 years old by December 31st, 2021 through high school) to come worship together on Sunday, September 12, followed by a Meet-&-Greet/Registration event in the courtyard during coffee hour. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 18th and will run from 11:00 - 11:45 am. Please respond to the registration email as soon as you receive it. For questions contact Sophia Syrengelas (<a href="mailto:sophiajammie@gmail.com">sophiajammie@gmail.com</a>)

## **Little Lamb Fellowship**

We welcome all babies and children (who do not turn 4 before December 31st) to join in our parent-participation ministry each Sunday from 11:00 - 11:45 am, beginning on Sunday, September 18th. Little Lamb Fellowship (aka, Moms-n-Tots) will include prayer, songs, stories, and a simple craft for children to participate in with their parent(s), grandparent, aunt, uncle, godparent, or any special adult in their life. Registration info to come. For questions contact Teresa Argueta (tvargueta@gmail.com)

# St. Anthony's 2021 Pledged Members (CORRECTED & updated on August 12, 2021)

Fr. Peter/Pres. Aida Stratos

Akrotirianakis, Joseph N. & Sherese

Albeck, Irene

Albeck, Mark Gregory

Ananiades, Constantine & Sapho

Andros, Gus & Lorena Angelos, James & Sophia Angiuli, Joseph & Elizabeth Antsos, Dimitrios & Judith Din

Apostolos, Margo K.

Argueta, Cris & Teresa V.

Arviso, Ange

Aspiotes, Georgia

Athanasoulis, Chris & Tina Athans, Tesi & Craig Lareau

Athans, Tina & Dean P.

Attalla, Philip "Ted" & Michelle Reagan

Balas, Argiro Julie & Dino

Baliotis, Tina

Balntas, Bill & Eleni

Becker, Connie & Brian L.

Becronis, Christina

Begakis, Nicholas & Bronwen

Bichai, Anthony & Anna

Bicos, John Bissias, Peter

Bjorknert, Jan & Vicky

Blaszcak, Frank

Blosiu, Julian O. & Catalina E.

Bonorris, Bill

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. Christodoulides, Loucas & Andri Christodoulou. Christine & Christakis

Christopoulos, Judie & Gus

Christopoulos, Tony and Lynnette

Christou, Nicholas

Coccia, Tina & Ginseppe Cokias, Jason & Karen Dallas, Saterios & Athena Damilatis, Dimitrios & Eleni

Darlas, Paula

Daughters, Janine & Chris

Demopulos, Elizabeth & Andrew

Dewar, Mary & Andrew

Dupas, Katherine

Dupas, Theodore & Evangeline

Edwards, Nancy C.

Efstathiou, Teddi & Dean Elhaj, Elizabeth and Richard

Floutsis, Penny & Ted

Fryer II, Norman & Kay Fuerst, Nicolette & Jay

Gallagher, Eleni & Matthew Gallanis, Pete & Danica

Ganis, Maria C.

Garbis, Spiros/Antigoni Manousopoulos

### St. Anthony's 2021 Pledged Members

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Gavalas, Cleola & George

Gelt, Brian & Pana

Genkos, Mary

Georgakopoulos, Eleni & George

Gerontides, John & Angelike

Giannoulias, Demetra

Giannoulias, Irene

Goettling, Mimika & Eckhard C.

Grafos, Thean

Grafos, Tom & Tania Grover, James & Maria

Halias, Joanne & John

Haniotis, Nick

Haralambos, Aliki,

Haralambos, Anthony & Kathleen

Haralambos, Tom & Page

Horaites, Anthony M.

Horaites, George & Olympia

Horaites, James

Hronas, Maria & James W.

Hunter, Nicole

Ioannou, Christos & Elleni

Johal, Demetra G. Johnsen, Eleni Kades, Christine

Kades, Cleo

Kades, Vicki & Louis Kalambakas, Vivian N. Kalivas, Elene & George

Kalivas, Pota

Kallas, Mark & Debra

Kamar, April

Kaparos, Lily & Stefanos

Karaioannoglou, Phaedon & Jeanne

Karamaras, Andriana

Karnezis, James

Karras, Maria

Katsas, Alexandra K.

Kazaltzes, Gina & Nickolas

Kefalas, Evelyn & John

Kefalas, Mike J.

Kefalas, Modestos & Nina

Kefallinos, Vicki & Nick

Kiotas, Stavroula

Kirimis, Nitsa & John

Kitchens, Christopher Kitridou, Rodanthi C.

Kokoris, Maria & Nicholas

Kolettis, Iliana

Kolokotrones, Carolyn & James A.

Koudanis, Helen

Koulakis, John and Gisele

Koulos, Joanna & Konstantinos

Kousoulas, Gus & Johanna

Koutras, Alexander E. Koutsoukos, Lin & George

Kundanis, Christine

Kypreos, George & Shana

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

### St. Anthony's 2021 Pledged Members

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Maslen, Larissa & Mark Carpenter

Mathioulakis, Claudia & Stan

Mavredakis, Vivian

McCann, Liam

McGregor, Richard & Kristen

McNulty, Jennie & Chris

Mechalas, Bess

Meysenburg, John H. & Mary Ann

Meysenburg, John H. & Mary Ann

Mitropoulos, Daphane

Mitropoulos, Nick & Venetia

Mitsinikos, Emmanuel & Natalia

Mobayen, Chrissa & Syrus

Molinari, Yngrid

Moreno, Eva Elizabeth

Moutzouridis, Vasiliki & Peter

Mowrey, Anthony & Tina Boykin

Nicolaidis, Nicolas

Nunez, Alyssa & Angel

Ochoa, Alexa

Otis, Robert & Denise

Panagiot, Harry & Anastasia

Pantazis, Aleka & George

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, Eleftheria & Theodore

Polychronis, Thalia

Poulos, Anastasia

Poulos, Yiota

Reese, Helen

Rellos, John, Theodora & Vasilios

Riley, Thomas & Evangelia

Russo, Rebecca A.

Saigh, Mark & Mara R. Suchy

Samaan, Evette

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

Stratos, Fr. Peter/Pres. Aida

Syrengelas, Christos & Sophia

Tarazi, Ellie

Tirado, Elizabeth

Treantafelles, George P.

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Treantafelles, George T. & Helen Vagenas, John & Georgia Treantafelles, Stan & Vivian Vagenas, Peter & Mindy

Triantafyllidi, Ioanna &Galino Barmparas Vagenas, Sophia

Tripodes Zacharias N.

Vagenas, Spiros and Family
Vagenas, Vasilios & Nicolicha
Tripodes, Georgia E.

Vagenas, Vasilios & Nicolicha
Varvitsiotis Varvas, Fotiny

Tripodes, Koula J. Vezzuto, Christopher

Tripodes, Marika Vezzuto, Robert & Stephanie Vidalakis, Nick and Nancy

Tsaggouri, Eleni& Anastassios Vlahos, Tasia & Effie

Petropoulos Vorgias, Zacharias & Alma Tsigkounis, Charalambos & Catherine Voyagis, Eleftherios & Pauline

Tsouvalas, Charles Webster, John & Jennifer

Tsouvalas, John & Jenny Wood, Grant & Cindy

Udria, Juan & Mary Woodward, Scott & Katerina Ananiades

Ukropina, Mark Xanthos, Lisa

Vacalo, Eleni Zarian, Vincent & Maria Vagenas, Alex & Tashia Zarifes, Peter & Tina

Vagenas, Dino & Krystina Zoumberakis, Haralambos and Nikole

Vagenas, George & Polly

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this stewardship list. Please forgive us if there are any errors or omissions. Contact Alma at 626-449-6943 or alma@saint-anthonys.org for any questions or corrections.

**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.

Please visit <u>saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com</u> to make your offering and schedule your regular stewardship giving





## 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

Please return your completed commitment card to church. 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	Commi	itment	for	2021:

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

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☐ 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 saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com

## The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary (August 15, 2021)

Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulchre, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

These things has the Church received from the traditions of the Fathers, who have composed many hymns out of reverence, to the glory of the Mother of our God (see Oct. 3 and 4).