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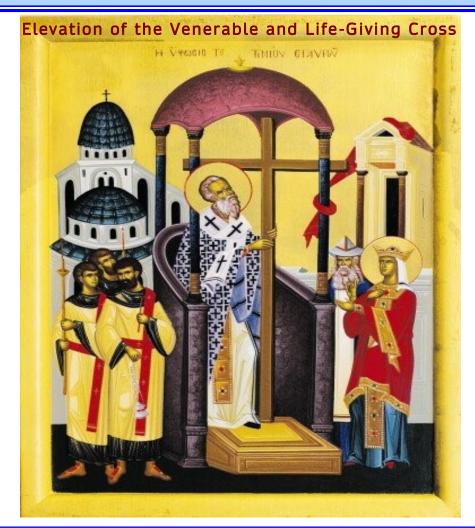
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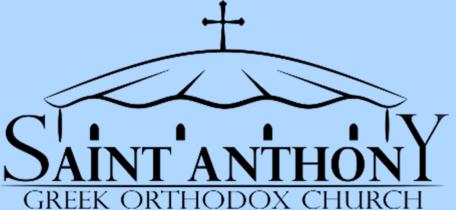
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PRIEST'S MESSAGE

Christ our God, Your kingdom is an everlasting one and Your lordship is over all. You have made all things with wisdom and have established proper times and seasons for our lives. We give thanks to You in all circumstances and for all things. Lord, bless the beginning of our Church year with Your goodness. Grant that this liturgical year be for all of us a year of grace. Make us worthy with purity of heart always to praise you. Lord, glory to you!

Matin Hymn, September 1.

Do you know why the first day of September marks the beginning of the Church year? We are accustomed to think of January 1st as the beginning of the year. But the tradition of computing the start of a new year with the fall season was common to the lands of the Bible and to all the lands around the Mediterranean. The summer harvest was at an end, the crops were stored, and people prepared for a new agricultural cycle. It was an appropriate time to begin a new year.

When we think about it, this tradition still makes a lot of sense, at least for those who live in the northern hemisphere. The summer ends, vacations are over, schools open and we all get into the swing of another full year. Unfortunately we are also continuing to deal with the effects of COVID-19, so we proceed as best we can.

Many of the hymns for the first day of the Church year state that the coming year is God's to give and God's to bless. These hymns take their theme from Psalm 65, a psalm of praise to the Creator Who is awesome as the Holy Lord but who richly sustains the earth with His abundant goodness.

As the Lord has blessed us and as He sustains the earth, He has given the human race dominion over His creation. The Orthodox Church, led by Ecumenical Patriarchate Bartholomew, takes this charge from God very seriously. In fact the Orthodox Church as a whole, has declared September 1st as a day of prayer for the preservation of God's creation and the protection of the natural environment. We must all recognize this awesome responsibility and do our part.

The Ecclesiastical New Year also reminds us to recalibrate our lives and center our schedules as much as possible around the Church. As St. Cyprian the Hiero-martyr said: "A person cannot have God as his Father if he does not have the Church as his Mother."

As a community, refreshed from a restful summer, we are ready to begin our new church year. We have programs and ministries available to help us all grow in our faith. We have our church services in person as well as via live-stream. By offering ourselves to God through his Holy Church we make ourselves available to receive His divine blessings. Let us therefore make this Ecclesiastical New Year the very best it can be for us as individuals and as a spiritual family. Experience God's love and grace through our beautiful community, which He continues to greatly bless.

Happy New Year - Kali Hronia!

In Christ, Fr. Peter

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship List as of August 26, 2021

Stratos, Fr. Peter/Pres. Aida

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 Caire, John

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

Demetriades, Demetrios & Elizabeth 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 Manousopoulou

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

STEWARDSHIP (continued)

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

Johnson, Noah & Elain

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

Katsafados, Theoni & Pete

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 & Gisele

Koulos, Joanna & Konstantinos Kousoulas, Gus & Johanna

Kousoulas, Gus & Jonann 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

Maslen, Larissa & Mark Carpenter

Mathioulakis, Claudia & Stan

Mavredakis, Vivian

McCann, Liam

McGregor, Richard & Kristen McNulty, Jennie & Chris

Mechalas, Bess

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

STEWARDSHIP (continued)

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

Syrengelas, Christos & Sophia

Tarazi, Ellie

Tirado, Elizabeth

Treantafelles, George P.

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

Tsianos, George & Andria

Tsianos, Nick P. & Elena

Tsigkounis, Charalambos & Catherine

Tsouvalas, Charles

Tsouvalas, John & Jenny

Udria, Juan & Mary

Vacalo, Eleni

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

Vavoulis, Ted & Esther

Vezzuto, Christopher

Vezzuto, Robert & Stephanie

Vidalakis, Nick and Nancy

Vlahos, Tasia & Effie

Vorgias, Zacharias & Alma

Voyagis, Eleftherios & Pauline

Webster, John & Jennifer

Wood, Grant & Cindy

Woodward, Scott & Katerina Ananiades

Xanthos, Lisa

Zarian, Vincent & Maria

Zarifes, Peter & Tina

Zoumberakis, Haralambos and Nikole

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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 and submitted to newsletter by Anthia Lucas

1953 - Formation of the Panagia chapter of Philoptochos

On November 13, 1952, the Pasadena Greek Orthodox community took its first steps towards autonomy by electing a Greek School board, chaired by Olga Argyros. Also serving with Mrs. Argyros were Helen Lafkas, Toni Vamvas, Jenny Stefanos, Mary Tripodes, Jenny Tripodes, Sophie Tripodes and Stella Nichols.

In June of 1953, Bishop Athenagoras Kokkinakis, Bishop of Los Angeles, whose jurisdiction included the Western United States and territories of Hawaii and Alaska, was invited to a Greek School graduation ceremony at the East Pasadena Women's Club on Sierra Madre Boulevard. Approximately forty-five children in attendance represented the largest Greek School program in the area. The popular Greek School teacher, Olga Kotsaftis, gave a passionate oration on the importance of the Greek Orthodox Church teaching the Greek language and preserving the Greek culture. As an immigrant from a Greek community in Turkey, Kotsaftis knew first hand the vital role the Greek Orthodox Church played in perpetuation of Greek culture in a foreign land.

Bishop Athenagoras was so impressed by the well organized, well attended event that he called an impromptu meeting of the women present. He spontaneously organized the Philoptochos Society of Pasadena (Panagia chapter - in honor of the Virgin Mary). The Philoptochos, whose name means "friend of the poor" in Greek, is the women's support group of the Greek Orthodox Church. Toni Vamvas was selected as the first president.

The first major fundraiser by the Pasadena Philoptochos was a September 1953 bazaar held at the American Legion Hall on Vinedo Avenue in Pasadena. The event was modeled after the 1951, one time only, united community bazaar to benefit St. Sophia. Like the St. Sophia event, community organizations were invited to participate. AHEPA, and the Hellenic Society sponsored the event which netted almost \$2,500. The first monies made by the Pasadena Philoptochos were deposited into an account called "Greek Orthodox Community Center" by Toni Vamvas and Jenny Stephanos.

The momentum of the dynamic Philoptochos group continued. Weaving sessions were held every Wednesday at the Pasadena home of Toni Vamvas. Two looms were set up in a room over the garage so members could make items for future bazaars. Members would alternate the hosting of monthly Sunday teas with donations earmarked for the Greek School building fund.

CHURCH HISTORY (continued)

Sofia Adamson became the second president of the group and started the Philoptochos tradition of organizing haute couture fundraising events which high lighted the Greek community's social life. A "sparkling musical revue" of entertainers were held at the San Marino Woman's Club in October, 1954. The following month, an elegant "Camellia Ball" was held at Pasadena's Huntington Sheraton Hotel - the first of many balls. The first Philoptochos sponsored fashion show was held at Pierre's Restaurant in Sam Marino in 1955. Annual fashion shows are still held and have helped support numerous local and national charities. The seeds of the future of Saint Anthony Church had been sown.

First Sunday Services and a New Church - 1954

The 1953 fund raising bazaar had the effect of bringing together various local Greek groups who quickly realized their united efforts could be used to establish a church. Bishop Athenagoras was contacted by community leaders and a special meeting was arranged after the first Sunday church services on March 21, 1954, at Ives and Warren Mortuary on 100 N. Hill Street in Pasadena. Divine Liturgy was officiated by Father Homer Demopulos from St. Sophia, after which a luncheon at "Vinedo Hall" was held to begin discussions for a new church.

The Bishop, with the backing of Charles Skouras, the major benefactor of St. Sophia Cathedral, actively opposed the formation of a new church so close to St. Sophia. Until this time the Pasadena Greek Orthodox community was served by visiting clergy from St. Sophia and was essentially a branch of the Los Angeles Cathedral. Some of the founders of St. Sophia had envisioned the cathedral as a Mother Church with suburban satellite chapels in Long Beach, San Fernando and Pasadena under its authority. A sovereign community in Pasadena was not part of the plan. As the Bishop pushed his point, the community's resolve only stiffened. Finally, an attorney present at the meeting was called upon to draft by-laws and submit articles of incorporation to the Secretary of State. By the end of the meeting the Bishop agreed to petition the Archdiocese for a charter. The Greek Orthodox Community of Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley was granted a charter by the Archdiocese on April 23, 1954.

Coming next month:

First Board of Directors and First Priest - 1955

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

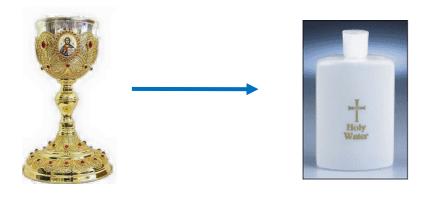
Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, September 14th

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 and the Delta Variant, 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



Staying Out of the Loft and Staying Safe...

As the month of September ushers in a new ecclesiastical year...

"In peace let us pray to the Lord."

"Lord, have mercy."

"For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and distress, and from the peril of the corona-virus against us, let us pray to the Lord."

"Lord, have mercy."

"For our brethren and those who lead the fight against the corona-virus the doctors, the medical workers, the scientists, let us pray to the Lord."

"Lord, have mercy."

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School Fellowship Returns with a new Director!!

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 having 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.

Welcome back to in-person Sunday School Fellowship!

It is with great joy that we welcome back the youth of St. Anthony 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 19th** at 11:00 am. Please reply to the registration e-mail as soon as you receive it.

Classes will not be held on the last Sunday of each month so that the children can remain in church with their families to worship together and participate in Father Peter's youth-based sermons and interactive discussions.

We look forward to a fun Sunday School Fellowship year and to seeing everyone at Meet-&-Greet Sunday!

We will be following the current CoViD health and safety protocol in accordance with the CDC, state, and county guidelines. All students and teachers will be required to wear masks while inside the classrooms. We will also be taking additional precautionary measures in our classrooms by using individual supplies for students, hand sanitizer, increased ventilation, etc.

For questions please contact Sophia Syrengelas (sophiajammie@gmail.com).

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 beginning September 19th @ 11:00am.

Little Lamb Fellowship (aka, Moms-n Tots) will include prayer, songs, stories, and a simple craft for children to participate with their parent(s), grandparent, aunt, uncle, godparent, or any special adult in their life.

Registration information to follow at a later date.

For questions contact Teresa Argueta (<u>tvargueta@gmail.com</u>)

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Ready. Set. EXCLAIM! (See flyer page 10)

Are you ready to Exclaim your faith? Then the Young Adult League (YAL) Conference over Labor Day Weekend 2021 in Phoenix, AZ is where you need to be! Conference attendees will enjoy a weekend of events, workshops, worship and relaxation from September 2 – 6, 2021 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa in Phoenix, AZ. Highlights of the weekend include engaging workshops, daily worship, dances, a Grand Banquet, and a special western-themed event "YeeHaw YAL". Online registration for the conference is now open! Registration has already exceeded 400 young adults from across the Archdiocese. We expect this event to be a sell-out! This is your chance to unite with young adults from across the country. Visit www.sanfran.goarch.org/YAL for more registration/hotel details.

Help Our Graduates Stay Connected to the Church (See flyer page 11)

Thousands of our Orthodox youth graduate from High School and go away to schools across our country. While blessed with unprecedented educational opportunities, at the same time, many face difficult challenges in the environment of the college campus. The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco wants to help maintain their connection to the Church! Complete the Online Form or visit www.gosfyouth.org. The Metropolis will make sure that an Orthodox Priest in a community near your student's college connects with your loved one.

FDF Is Coming Back!

Save the date for the Folk Dance and Choral Festival to be held in-person February 17 – 21, 2022 (Presidents' Day Weekend). The FDF team intends to run the weekend event in its traditional format, while acknowledging that flexibility and on-site arrangements may need to adjusted based on any CDC or state guideline updates. Stay tuned for more news about FDF 2022 in the coming weeks!



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS (continued)



Ready. Set. EXCLAIM!

Labor Day Weekend YAL Conference 2021 in Phoenix, AZ

www.sanfran.goarch.org/YAL

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT 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	
	Student's Patron Saint
Do you know which parish your student will atte	end while at school? If so, which one?
Your Name	Your relationship to Student
Your Home Parish, City, State	
Your Email Address	Your Phone Number
Your Mailing Address	City, State, Zip

Questions? Contact Johanna Duterte, our Metropolis Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries.

Email: JDuterte@sanfran.goarch.org Phone: (415) 753-3075 Fax: (415) 753-1165 Website: www.gosfyouth.org



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM BACK TO:

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103







PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday September 26 we will honor Presvytera Maria Mylonas.

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 after which a special luncheon will be 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).

More information to follow...

Back to School Drive

Philoptochos collected school supplies and cash donations to help Foothill Unity Center reach its goal of providing 2,000 families with backpacks and school supplies for the upcoming school year.

We appreciate all the donations we received for this drive.

Thank you!



On behalf of St. Anthony's Philoptochos, Stephanie Soewers drops off donations to Foothill Unity Center for their Back to School Drive..

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meetina

Wednesday, September 8 - 7:00 PM - church hall

Annual Benefit Committee Meeting

Monday, September 13 - 7:15 PM - church hall

Help us plan our December 4th event at the Le Meridien Hotel in Arcadia.

September General Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, September 22 - 6:00 PM — at the home of Maria Kokoris

The San Francisco Philoptochos Fall Spiritual Conference will be held virtually this year on **Saturday, September 18th** from 9 a.m. until noon.

Information on registration, agenda, Metropolis Board elections and more will be forthcoming soon.

A virtual conference provides a wonderful opportunity for all our Philoptochos sisters to hear about our Metropolis ministries and activities.

Please join us.



2021 Philoptochos Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT - Judith Din

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - Jeanne Karaionnoglou

Executes meetings in absence of the President. Responsible for our general meeting programs and locations.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - Helen Skandale and Lisa Xanthos

Membership chairperson; manages Program and Membership Directory.

RECORDING SECRETARY - Mary Dewar

Records minutes of board and general meetings.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Mary Udria and Irene Albeck

Notifies members of all meetings and forwards information to membership for all Metropolis and National events.

TREASURER - Connie Becker

Reports financial status of our chapter, including, account balances, obligations for Metropolis and National, and income or expenses.

ASSISTANT TREASURER - Maria Grover

Helps the Treasurer with money collection, for example, coffee hour. Assists with letters of receipts. Report when the Treasurer is not present.

ADVISOR - Maria Kypreos

Immediate past president.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR - Father Peter Stratos

Parish Priest

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BEAUTIFICATION — Maria Kokoris and Maria Hronas

Manages any need that may occur requiring our assistance for our St. Anthony Church community

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - Fontaine Malisos, Liz Skandale, Stephanie Soewers

Purchases and delivers food for Friends In Deed . Assists any member of our community in need.

FELLOWSHIP - Tanya Christodoulelis and Maria Kypreos

Manages coffee hour.

PUBLICITY - Christine Pappas

Disseminates information about our Philoptochos to the church Monthly Newsletter and Sunday bulletin.

SCHOLARSHIP - Presybtera Aida and Irene Albeck

Reviews and awards high school seniors with our scholarships.

SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBMASTER - Sophia Syrengelas

Manages Instagram, Facebook and web pages.

SUNSHINE AND VISITATION - Fontaine Malisos, Liz Skandale, Stephanie Soewers

Coordinates with Community Outreach, including sending cards, flowers or making phone calls when needed.

UNION STATION - Irene Albeck and Stephanie Soewers

Manages the program of feeding the homeless on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

OPERATION CLASSROOM - Nicolette Fuerst and Jennifer Webster

Offers support to teachers and students in underserved or underfunded schools and provides otherwise unavailable resources.

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 has brown patties

Individual coffee packets

Individual creamer packets

Individual sugar packets

Microwaveable dinners

Sliced American cheese

Teriyaki glaze

"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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VIP NEWS

With the start of a new ecclesiastical year, we trust that all of our VIP members are enjoying good health and staying safe.

As the pandemic situation in Los Angeles County continues to present concerns for in-person gatherings, you are asked to monitor your e-mails for any announcements regarding the date and format of our next meeting.

We wish to acknowledge and send best wishes to our members who celebrate their birthdays during the month of September:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND MANY MORE YEARS TO:

Jim Kolokotrones	September 9
Bess Mechalas	September 11
Bertha Patsavas	September 11
Kathy Lucas	September 15
Yiota Poulos	September 18

We send our heartfelt condolences to the family of our dear friend and member Barbara Akrotirianakis who passed away last month. We pray for the repose of her soul among the saints and may her memory be eternal.



Helen Treantafelles
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COMMUNITY NEWS



St. Anthony Bowling League Resumes

We are hoping to begin a new season of the Saint Anthony Bowling League very soon!

Qualifications:

- •18 years of age and older
- •Beginners to advanced bowlers welcome

Location:

Bowlero Lanes Hastings Ranch Center Foothill Blvd. Pasadena

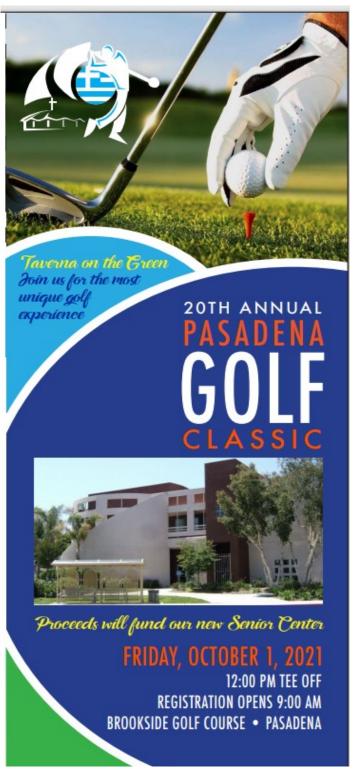
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SAVE THE DATE Pasadena Golf Classic 20th Anniversary



ENTRY FORM Name: Address: You may pay by credit card by calling the church office at 626.449.6943. Please register at: www.pasadenagolfclassic.com l am unable to play this year, but enclosed is my tax-deductable donation towards the Building Fund for \$ Banquet Only - \$75.00 per person Foursome request on reverse side Golfer(s) @ \$225 per golfer (includes Banquet of Adults Attending Banquet Enclosed is my check total for \$ Friday, October 1, 2021 • Brookside Golf Course - Course 1 and Course 2 Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church • 20th Annual Golf Classic TAX ID# 95-3764229 made payable to SAINT ANTHONY'S BUILDING FUND Email: I WISH TO BE A: DIAMOND SPONSOR SILVER SPONSOR HOLE SPONSOR GOLD SPONSOR PLATINUM SPONSOR TEE SPONSOR

20th Annual Pasadena Golf Classic Friday, October 1st 2021

Sponsorships

\$10,000

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St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church

The community of Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church invites you to its 20th Annual Golf Tournament. All proceeds will fund our new senior center. We have planned an extraordinary day at the beautiful Brookside Golf Course, including Taverna on the Green, where you'll be treated to a selection of fine food, music and festivites, including our famous open spit roast and endless variety of mezethes and spirits. Join us for a memorable day for our worthy cause, fellowship and fun. Opa!

Brookside Golf Course · Golf Classic

9:00 AM -- Registration & Check-In 10:00AM -- Pre-Game Putting Contest 11:55AM -- Marine Corps Color Guard National Anthem

12:00PM -- Shotgun Start

\$225 Golf Entry Fee Includes:

Competition Packages for the Longest Drive and Straighest Drive • Hole in one and closest to the pin •Team Photo & Gift Bag Goodies • Team or top Gross & Net Scores • Lunch • Dinner • Beverages • and Much More Fun

\$75 Outdoor Banquet Dinner at Brookside Golf Course

5:00PM - Cocktail & Silent Auction 6:00PM - Appetizers, Dinner, Dessert, Awards Ceremony

\$100 Fun Pass for Non - Golfers

If you are not a golfer, join us for all the festivities in our Taverna on the Green village with live Greek music, lamb chops, BBQ tri-tip, sliders, roast lamb and spirits.

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For Further Information

Please call the Church office 626.449.6943
Online registration www.pasadenagolfclassic.com

Save your spot! RSVP by September 15th

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St. Anthony Pasadena Annual Golf Classic 20th Annual – October 1, 2021

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ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 27th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

SUNSET HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

4155 Erbes Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

REGISTRATION

\$150/Player (By 9/01/2021) \$175/Player (After 9/01/2021)

DINNER ONLY

\$40 / \$45 After 9/01/21

INCLUDES:

BBQ Lunch & Buffet Dinner Tee Prize Package Silent Auction & Raffle

EVENT SCHEDULE

11:00 AM – Registration & Putting Contest 11:30 AM - Lunch 12:15 PM - Shotgun Start

FORMAT

Texas Scramble

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St. George (Palm Desert) Golf Tournament - September 25

Join us in this year's golf tournament at the beautiful Desert Willow Golf Resort. The day's activities will culminate in a festive Greek dinner including a silent auction on the St. George Church grounds.

Deadline to Register—September 17 www.desertwillow.com/StGeorge



Monthly Lesson from Father Stavros Akrotirianakis...

The saying goes "You only get out of something what you put into it." This applies to many things in life and it applies specifically to worship. Our worship experience in the Church is meant to be a "work of the people." This is in fact the meaning of the word "liturgy." The Divine Liturgy is meant to be an empowering and encouraging exercise. We are encouraged and prompted through the words of the service to both sing and do actions that bring us closer to Christ.

One of the most frequent lines of the services is the response "Lord, have mercy." Mercy means to give someone something they don't deserve. So, in asking the Lord to have mercy on us, we are asking for Him to bless us with many things, even things we don't deserve. We pray for peace, for safety, for our church, and for those who are in the church. The priest offers the petitions. The people offer the responses. Do you respond, or do you stand stoically disconnected?

At a birthday party, when everyone sings "Happy Birthday" to the guest of honor, we all sing, whether we have a good voice or not. This is a moment of joy. No one is stoically silent. In worship, WE are the guests of honor. Christ is the host of the gathering, and WE are the guests. So, we sing not only to honor Him, but to honor ourselves and one another. Because even if you don't need the mercy of the Lord regarding a particular petition, there is undoubtedly someone in the church who does. So, we sing for them.

Proper worship begins with getting to church on time. The habit of some people to come casually late to church affects their experience and it affects the experience of the community as a whole. The opening line of the liturgy says "Blessed is the Kingdom. NOW and forever and to the ages of ages." This means that in the Divine Liturgy, the Kingdom of God is present in the here and now. It is not a far-off destination but a present reality. When that call is made to begin the Divine Liturgy, the entire community should be there to enter together.

"Let us love one another so that with one mind we may confess."

"Let us lift up our hearts."

"Let us give thanks to the Lord."

"Remember those whom each of us calls to mind."

"And grant that with one voice and one heart we may glorify and praise Your most honorable and majestic name."

"And make us worthy, Master, with confidence and without fear of condemnation."

...taken from The Divine Liturgy

These lines should prompt our bodies. We should be lifting up our hands as well as our hearts, when we hear "let us lift up our hearts" and our souls to action. Worshipping is an act of empowerment and encouragement for us. But you only get out of worship what you put into it.

So, this Sunday, when you go to church, come on time, sing, participate, get the full experience, and encourage others to do the same. For as we read in Hebrews 12:28:

the acceptable worship we offer to God is when we come with reverence and awe, when we come with joy, and when we offer the best version of ourselves in our worship of God.

Lord, thank You for the gift of worship.

Thank You for this service which encapsulates everything I need in my life.

Inspire my heart and my mind so that I come to worship with greater and greater sense of understanding.

Open my lips that I may sing Your praises in worship.

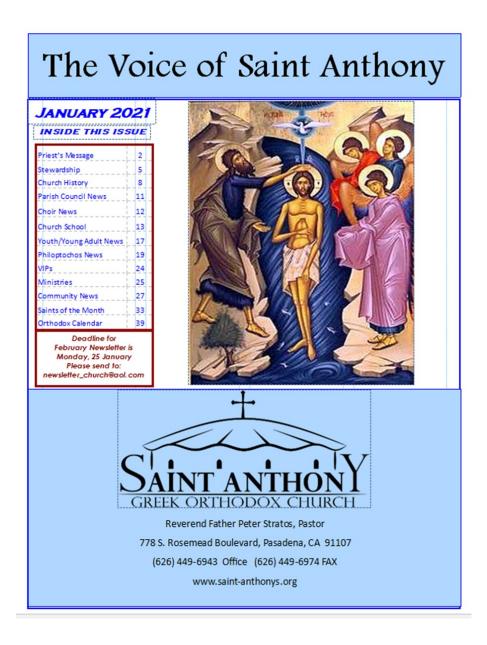
Bring me to Your temple continually with a greater sense of joy.

And during the week, keep that joy alive in me.

Amen.

Plan to sing in church this Sunday and encourage others to do the same.





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FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE MONTH

Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year September 01

Saint Constantine the Great introduced the Indiction decrees in 312A.D. after he beheld the sign of the Cross in heaven and was proclaimed Emperor in the West. Some, however (and this seems more likely), ascribe the institution of the Indiction to Augustus Caesar, three years before the birth of Christ.

There are three types of Indictions:

- 1) That which was introduced in the West, and which is called Imperial, or Caesarean, or Constantinian, which begins on the 24th of September
- 2) The so-called Papal Indiction, which begins on the 1st of January
- 3) The Constantinopolitan, which was adopted by the Patriarchs of that city after the fall of the Eastern Empire in 1453. This Indiction is indicated in their own hand on the decrees they issue.

This Indiction begins on the **1st of September** and is observed with special ceremony in the Church. Since the completion of each year takes place, as it were, with the harvest and gathering of the crops into storehouses, and we begin anew from henceforth the sowing of seed in the earth for the production of future crops, September is considered the beginning of the New Year.

The Church also keeps festival this day, beseeching God for fair weather, seasonable rains, and an abundance of the fruits of the earth. The Holy Scriptures (Lev. 23:24-5 and Num. 29:1-2) also testify that the people of Israel celebrated the feast of the Blowing of the Trumpets on this day, offering hymns of thanksgiving.

In addition to all the aforesaid, on this feast we also commemorate our Savior's entry into the synagogue in Nazareth, where He was given the book of the Prophet Esaias to read, and He opened it and found the place where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, for which cause He hath anointed Me..." (Luke 4:16-30).

It should be noted that to the present day, the Church has always celebrated the beginning of the New Year on September 1. This was the custom in Constantinople until its fall in 1453 and in Russia until the reign of Peter I. September 1 is still festively celebrated as the New Year at the Patriarchate of Constantinople; among the Jews also the New Year, although reckoned according to a moveable calendar, usually falls in September.

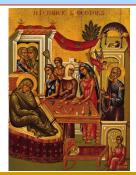
The service of the Menaion for January 1 is for our Lord's Circumcision and for the memorial of Saint Basil the Great, without any mention of its being the beginning of a new year.



FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE MONTH (continued)

The Nativity of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary September 08

According to the ancient tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was born of barren and aged parents, Joachim and Anna, about the year 16 or 17 before the birth of Christ. Joachim was descended from the royal line of David, of the tribe of Judah. Anna was of the priestly tribe of Levi, a daughter of the priest Matthan and Mary, his wife.



The Holy & Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna September 09

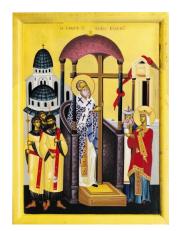
Today, the day following the Nativity of the most holy Theotokos, we celebrate the Synaxis of Saints Joachim and Anna, honoring them as her parents.



Exaltation of the Holy Cross / Saint Stavros September 14

Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, already advanced in years, undertook, in her great piety, the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the cross, about the year 325. After finding the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses, it was believed that one must be that of our Lord, the other two of the thieves crucified with Him; but Saint Helen was at a loss which one might be the Wood of our salvation.

At the inspiration of Saint Macarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a lady of Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses, and as soon as she came near the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole. Consequently, the precious Cross was lifted on high for all to venerate.



Sophia, Faith, Hope, Love September 17

These Saints were from Italy and contested for the Faith about the year 126, during the reign of the Emperor Hadrian. Faith was twelve years old, Hope, ten, and Love, nine; each was tormented and then beheaded, from the eldest to the youngest. Their mother Sophia mourned at their grave for three days, where she also fell asleep in peace; because of her courageous endurance in the face of her daughters' sufferings, she is also counted a martyr. The name Sophia means "wisdom" in Greek; as for her daughters' names, Faith, Hope, and Love (Charity), they are Pistis, Elpis, and Agape in Greek.

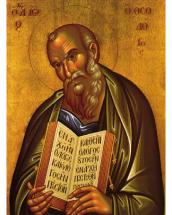


FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE MONTH (continued)

Falling Asleep of Saint John the Theologian September 26

This Apostle was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and was the son of Zebedee and Salome, and the brother of James the elder. First a fisherman by trade, he became an Apostle and the beloved Disciple of Christ. Only he of all the Disciples followed Him even to the Cross, and was entrusted with the care of our Savior's Mother, as it were another son to her, and a brother of Christ the Teacher.

After this, he preached throughout Asia Minor, especially in Ephesus. When the second persecution against the Christians began in the year 96 during the reign of Domitian, he was taken in bonds to Rome, and there was cast into a vat filled to the brim with boiling oil. Coming forth unharmed, he was exiled to the island of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation. Returning again to Ephesus after the death of the tyrant, he wrote his Gospel (after the other Evangelists had already written theirs) and his three Catholic Epistles.



In all, he lived ninety-five years and fell asleep in the Lord during the reign of Trajan in the year 100. He was called Theologian because he loftily expounded in his Gospel the theology of the inexpressible and eternal birth of the Son and Word of God the Father. It is for this cause that an eagle-a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Irenaeus says: It is depicted in his icon, for this was one of the four symbolic living creatures that the Prophet Ezekiel saw .

(Ezekial 1:10).



Orthodox CalendarSeptember 2021

		Septe	mber	2021		
SUN	Mon	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Ecclesiastical Year Begins	2	† 3	4
			7pm Union Station Philoptochos Outreach			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11th Sunday Matthew			Nativity of the Holy Theotokos	Joachim & Anna	_	
8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy			9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy			
Indoor & Live-stream			7pm Philoptochos Board Meeting			
Sunday before the Holy Cross	7:15pm Philoptochos Annual Benefit Committee	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	15	16	Sophia and her daughters, Faith, Hope and Love	18
8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy	Meeting	9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy			Hope and Love	
11:30 Sunday School Registration		7pm Parish Council Meeting				
Indoor & Live-stream					150	
9unday after the Holy Cross 8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy	20	21	6pm Philoptochos General Meeting	23 Conception of Saint John the Baptist	24	25
Indoor & Live-stream						
26 Falling Asleep of Saint John the Theologian 8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 11:15 +Father Mylonas 12pm Pres Maria Lunch	27	28	29	30		
Indoor & Live-stream						
		Strict Fast Refrain from meat, fish, wine, oil, dairy & eggs	Fish, Oil & Wine Allowed	Wine and Oil Allowed	Dairy, Eggs, & Fish Allowed; Refrain from Meat	Fast Free

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