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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 – SUNDAY BEFORE HOLY CROSS

*Authonomos the Hiermartyr
Cournoutos Bishop of Iconium*

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

[\(ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE\)](#)

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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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

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

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

HYMNS OF THE DAY

APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. MODE 4. (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

Your Nativity, O Theotokos, imparted joy to the entire earth, for out of you has risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He nullified the curse and instead gave His blessing; and causing death to be neutralized, He granted us eternal life.

Ἡ γέννησίς σου Θεοτόκε, χαρὰν ἐμήνυσε πάση τῇ οἰκουμένῃ· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ λύσας τὴν κατάραν, ἔδωκε τὴν εὐλογίαν· καὶ καταργήσας τὸν θάνατον, ἔδωρήσατο ἡμῖν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 3. (AFTER ENTRANCE)

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

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιášθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιτίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT. MODE 4

Emulating the ways of Elijah the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you made the wilderness a city, and did support the world by your prayers. Wherefore intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

KONTAKION. MODE 4.

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Ἰωακεῖμ καὶ Ἄννα ὄνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὐὰ, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγίᾳ γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἐορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

EPISTLE READING

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St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2.

Psalm 27.9,1

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

SUNDAY BEFORE HOLY CROSS The Gospel According to John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

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Sunday, September 26 - Regrettable due to unforeseen circumstances, the luncheon to Honor our dear Presvytera Mylonas is going to be rescheduled. We will however still pray the Memorial Service for our dear Rev. Fr. Efstathios V. Mylonas of Blessed Memory.

Order for Holy Communion (*only Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christians*): Please allow ushers to dismiss you row by row in an orderly fashion.

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20th Annual Pasadena Golf Classic: Time is rapidly approaching for our much anticipated golf tournament. Set your calendars for Friday October 1st at Brookside Golf Course. We are looking for volunteers, sponsors, and donors to help make this the best golf tournament yet! Join us for a memorable day with friends and family. Cocktails and outdoor dinner festivities start at 4pm. Dinner starts at 6pm.

Join our “*Taverna on the Green*” - The best Greek festival on a golf course! It’s a day filled with live music food and fellowship. Make this year’s event successful - be a major sponsor \$2,500-10,000; A hole for \$1000 or a tee sponsor for \$250. All proceeds will directly fund the construction of our new senior center building.

Click pasadenagolfclassic.com coming live soon!

Sunday School Fellowship Returns 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 12th 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.** Classes will not be held on the last Sunday of each month so that the children can stay in church with their families to worship together and participate in Father Peter's youth-based sermons and interactive discussions.

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 (individual supplies for students, hand sanitizer, increased ventilation, etc.).

We look forward to a fun Sunday School Fellowship year and to seeing everyone in the courtyard.

Contact Sophia Syrengelas with any questions (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 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)

2021-2022 Greek School year Unfortunately, we are scheduling all our classes virtually for one more year, hoping things to get better as the year progresses and meet all in

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person. Due to the virtual environment, we are planning to offer classes **from the Kindergarten level and up, no pre-K.**

We are scheduled for 30 class sessions with 2 hours per class, and a minimum of 6 students per class. If we have less than 6 students, we will still offer the class but we might reduce the hours, based on the total students registered, including adults.

Below is a suggested breakdown of a 2-hour class, with 3 periods, for the Beginner levels. **Period 1: 4:00pm – 4:30pm** – conversation, review homework from week before 10 minutes break. **Period 2: 4:50pm – 5:20pm** – learning using songs, stories 10 minutes break. **Period 3: 5:30pm – 6:00pm** – introduce next lesson and homework.

Our first day will be on **Monday 9/13** and **Friday 9/17**.

Mondays and Fridays (4:00pm-6:00pm) are selected as a baseline.

These days/times can be changed, and you can select your availability.

For more information or a registration form, please contact Anastasia at anastasia.sarantopoulos@gmail.com. or call the Church office 626-449-6943

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Philoptochos Meetings:

Annual Benefit Committee Meeting - Monday, September 13 at 7:15 PM in church hall. Come help us plan our 52nd Annual Christmas benefit to be held on December 4, 2021 at the Le Meridien Hotel in Arcadia.

September General Dinner Meeting - Wednesday, September 22 at 6:00 PM. This meeting will be at the home of Maria Kokoris. More details to come.

THE ELEVATION OF THE VENERABLE AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

(September 14, 2021)

Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, when she was 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. A temple to Aphrodite had been raised up by the Emperor Hadrian upon Golgotha, to defile and cover with oblivion the place where the saving Passion had been suffered. The venerable Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed, and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses. Of these, 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 to the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole. Consequently, the precious Cross was lifted on high by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem; as he stood on the ambo, and when the people beheld it, they cried out, "Lord have mercy." It should be noted that after its discovery, a portion of the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople as a blessing. The rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country (see Jan. 22, Saint Anastasius the Persian). Late, in the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign, retrieved the Cross, and after bringing it to Constantinople, himself escorted it back to Jerusalem, where he restored it to its place.



WELCOME!



**We hope you enjoy your time with us today and
that your worship experience is inspirational and uplifting.**

Please note that *only baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians may partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.* At the end of the Divine Liturgy, you are welcome to come and receive the *Antidoron* (blessed bread) from the priest.

Contact our office at 626-449-6943 or office@saint-anthonys.org to receive more information about our parish or the Orthodox Christian faith.