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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 FALLING ASLEEP OF ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN

Falling Asleep of John the Evangelist and Theologian

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

(ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE)

MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ 9:45 A.M.

Rev. Fr. Efstathios V. Mylonas – 15 years

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 (CLICK THE LINKS BELOW):

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

APOLYTIKION FOR THE CROSS. MODE 1. (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

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

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῷ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 4. (AFTER ENTRANCE)

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

FOR THE EVANGELIST. MODE 2.

O Apostle, the beloved of Christ God, hasten to deliver us, a people that has no excuse. He accepts you supplicating Him, for He condescended at the Supper to let you lean on Him. Entreat Him, O Theologian, that He scatter the persistent cloud of hostile nations, and pray for us, for peace and great mercy.

Απόστολε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ ἠγαπημένε, ἐπιτάχυνον, ῥῦσαι λαὸν ἀναπολόγητον δέχεταί σε προσπίπτοντα, ὁ ἐπιπεσόντα τῷ στήθει καταδεξάμενος, ὃν ἱκέτευε, Θεολόγε, καὶ ἐπίμονον νέφος ἐθνῶν διασκεδάσαι, αἰτούμενος ἡμῖν εἰρήνην, καὶ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

MEMORIAL HYMN. MODE PLAGAL 4.

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin he has committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τοῦ δούλου σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῷ ἥμαρτεν συγχώρησον οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὸ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τῷ μεταστάντι δοῦναι τήν ἀνάπαυσιν.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT. MODE 4

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

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Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῆ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἑπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καί τήν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

KONTAKION. MODE 2.

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.



EPISTLE READING

THE FALLING ASLEEP OF ST. JOHN
THE EVANGELIST AND THEOLOGIAN
St. John's First Universal Letter 4:12-19

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4. Psalm 18.4,1

Their voice has gone out into all the earth. Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading is from St. John's First Universal Letter 4:12-19

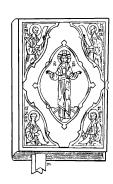
No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

GOSPEL READING

THE FALLING ASLEEP OF ST. JOHN
THE EVANGELIST AND THEOLOGIAN
The Gospel According to John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

At that time, standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.



METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eight Dates

Register today for Eight Dates, the powerful relationship series presented for the second time by the Metropolis Family Wellness Ministry and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Based on the book Eight Dates by Drs. John and Julie Gottman, the series sessions are virtual and include prayer, reflection, videos, interactive questions, break-out groups, and closing remarks on topics including Conflict; Work and Money, Intimacy, Family, Spirituality, and many more. Originally designed for newly married couples, every couple--married or not--who wants to improve their communication and connection can benefit from this lively and informative program. The 2021 program begins on Thursday, October 14. Register today at www.familywellnessministry.org/eight-dates.

OrthoTalks for Jr. High/Middle School Students and Parents

Join Father Gary Kyriacou along with members of the Metropolis Family Wellness Ministry team for an in-depth Zoom gathering on the Orthodox Christian response to bullying, how to deal with someone that is mean, and understanding brokenness. This series will aid the student's social development by reinforcing the teachings of our Lord and His Church. If you are a Middle/Junior High School Student, we invite *you and your parents* to join us! This is a two-part series on Thursday, September 30 and October 7 OR Tuesday, October 19 and 26, both at 6:30 p.m. For more information and to register for this free workshop, visit www.sanfran.goarch.org/orthotalks.

<u>Liturgics Course for Parish Music Leaders in Metropolis of San Francisco</u>

The Metropolis Church Music Ministry is offering a comprehensive Liturgics Course, tailored to the needs of our Metropolis parish music leaders—the head chanters and directors of adult and youth choirs and those who aspire to those roles. The Liturgics course will include eight (8) sessions beginning on

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Wednesday, September 29 through December 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Pacific Time via Zoom. The curriculum will cover the basic structure, content, and theology of the liturgical services of the Orthodox Church, focusing on the central daily liturgical cycle of Divine Liturgy, Vespers, and Matins (*Orthros*). For more information, please email sfchurchmusic@sanfran.goarch.org.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Sunday School Fellowship Classes 11:00-11:45 am each Sunday. Students will remain in church with their families on the LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH for Family Worship and interactive discussion with Father Peter (with the exception of Little Lambs and Pre-K, who will have class). Please fill out a registration form for each child if you haven't already done so.

We thank our teachers for dedicating their time and talents to our program: Teresa Argueta, Little Lambs (parent involvement, for babies up until age 4 after 12/31/21)

Irene Albeck, Eleni Wojcik, & Maria Wojcik, Pre-K/TK (age 4 by 12/31/21) Sophia Syrengelas, Kindergarten/1st

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Theoni Katsafados & Vicki Kades, 2nd/3rd Maria Kypreos, 4th/5th Polly Vagenas & Chris Syrengelas, 6th/7th/8th Presvytera Aida Stratos, High School

Save the Date: Special General Assembly Sunday December 5 (12 noon).

Topic to be discussed: Securing Our Community's Financial Future. For more details of the proposal being presented, please refer to the preview letter written to the community dated September 13 by Parish Council President Joe Akrotirianakis.

PRESIDENTIAL 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.

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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 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.

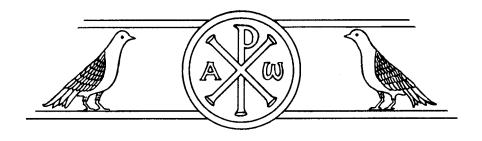
Period 2: 4:50pm – 5:20pm – learning using songs, stories 10 minutes break.

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 Meetings

Christmas Benefit Committee Meeting - Monday, October 11 at 7:15 PM in church hall.

Board Meeting - Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM in church hall **October General Meeting** - Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 PM in church hall. Guest speaker to be announced.

Save the Date! Our 52nd annual Christmas benefit, *LET'S CELEBRATE*, will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at Le Méridien Hotel in Arcadia. This year's event will be a luncheon hosted in the Grandstand Ballroom and will include the Christmas Boutique, Santa's Kitchen, and gift vendors along with holiday entertainment and raffle. Look for the invitation in late October. Early reservations are encouraged since seating will be limited.



THE FALLING ASLEEP OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND THEOLOGIAN

(September 26, 2021)

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 Saviour'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 therefrom 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, as Saint Irenaeus says-is depicted in his icon, for this was one of the four symbolic living creatures that the Prophet Ezekiel saw (Ezek. 1:10).



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.