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SEPTEMBER 5, $2021 - 11^{\text{TH}}$ Sunday of Matthew

Zacharias & Elizabeth Urban, Theodore & Medimnos

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.

<u>Everyone MUST WEAR a mask</u> <u>to attend Divine Services.</u>

WE WILL CONTINUE TO BROADCAST ALL SERVICES VIA LIVE-STREAM (CLICK THE LINKS BELOW): SAINT-ANTHONYS.ORG/LIVESTREAM FACEBOOK.COM/STANTHONYSPASADENA YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCXSG4uJFWmElsOEIjx96pCA

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

Wednesday, September 8th – Nativity of the Theotokos (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

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

HYMNS OF THE DAY

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 2. (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

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FOR THE PROPHET MODE 4.

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Ίερωσύνης στολισμόν, περιβαλλόμενος σοφέ, κατὰ τὸν νόμον τοῦ Θεοῦ, όλοκαυτώματα δεκτά, ἱεροπρεπῶς προσενήνοχας Ζαχαρία[•] καὶ γέγονας φωστήρ, καὶ θεατὴς μυστικῶν, τὰ σύμβολα ἐν σοί, τὰ τῆς χάριτος, φέρων ἐκδήλως πάνσοφε, καὶ ξίφει ἀναιρεθεὶς ἐν τῷ ναῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ, Χριστοῦ Προφῆτα, σὺν τῷ Προδρόμῳ, πρέσβευε σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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 ἘΗλίαν 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 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."

Ίωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννα ὀνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὔα, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῆ ἀγία γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἑορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.



EPISTLE READING

11TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12

Prokeimenon. Mode 2. Psalm 117.14,18

The Lord is my strength and my song. Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL READING

11TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW The Gospel According to Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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, info@stnicholasranch.org 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 <u>Online Form</u> or visit <u>www.gosfyouth.org</u>. The Metropolis will make sure that an Orthodox Priest and community near your student's college connects with your loved one.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>20th Annual Pasadena Golf Classic</u>: 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 would like to get an idea of enrollment and class sizes for planning purposes. Please let us know if your child/children will be attending in-person classes this year and what grade they are entering by filling out the following online form:

https://forms.gle/wwP5J8DvPWxQr1Kn6

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

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) <u>2021-2022 Greek School year</u> 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. Early registration with a discounted rate will end September 4th.

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



Upcoming Philoptochos Meetings:

Board Meeting - Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 PM in church hall

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.



ZACHARIAS THE PROPHET & RIGHTEOUS ELIZABETH, PARENTS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.



According to the opinion of many Fathers of the Church, based on an ancient tradition, this is the Zacharias whom, as our Lord said, the Jews slew between the temple and the altar (Matt. 23:35), first, because even after the Virgin Mary gave birth, he continued to refer to her as virgin and number her among the virgins; second, because Zacharias' son John was not found during the slaughter of the Innocents, since the elderly Elizabeth had taken him and carefully hid him while he was yet an infant, in an unnamed place somewhere in the desert, where, according to the Evangelist, "the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel" (Luke 1:80). When the child was not found, his father was slain by Herod's command.

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



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

