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**OCTOBER 17, 2021**

**SUNDAY OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

*Hosea the Prophet*

*Holy Martyrs Cosmas and Damian of Arabia*

**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**

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**FOR THE FATHERS. MODE PL. 4.**

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

Ἵπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας· πολυεὐσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

***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, 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, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

## *EPISTLE READING*

**SUNDAY OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**  
**St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15**

**Prokeimenon. Mode 4.**

**Daniel 3.26,27**

**Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.**

**Verse: For you are just in all you have done.**

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15**

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

## ***GOSPEL READING***

### **SUNDAY OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL The Gospel According to Luke 8:5-15**

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

## *METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### **Stay Connected to the Metropolis**

**Text **SFNEWS** to 22828 and subscribe to the E-News from the Metropolis of San Francisco. It's a great way to stay connected to the latest ministry information from the Metropolis. Sign up today!**

### **Today is Leadership 100 Sunday**

It has been proclaimed by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America that Sunday, October 17, 2021 will be annual observance of Leadership 100 Sunday. Since the inception of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund in 1984, over \$65 million in grants have been distributed in support of the ongoing development of our National Ministries. This exceptional generosity has also had a significant and positive impact directly on our Metropolis, including funding that has supported our Metropolis Summer Camp, Young Adult Conference and the Family Wellness Ministry. We thank all the Leadership 100 members from throughout our Archdiocese for their visionary and generosity!

### **OrthoTalks for Jr. High/Middle School Students and Parents**

Don't miss out on OrthoTalks for Junior High/Middle School students and parents. [Register today](#) for this in-depth Zoom gathering on the Orthodox Christian response to bullying, how to deal with someone that is mean, and understanding brokenness. This is a two-part series being held on Tuesday, October 19 and 26 at 6:30 p.m. For more information and to register for this free workshop, visit [www.sanfran.goarch.org/orthotalks](http://www.sanfran.goarch.org/orthotalks).

### **Feast Day of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos**

The Clergy and Faithful of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco are invited to join in prayer for the celebration of the Feast of Saint Gerasimos of Cephalonia and the Feast Day of

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco. Tuesday, October 19, 6:00 p.m. – Great Vespers; Wednesday, October 20, 9:00 a.m. – Orthros, 10:00 a.m. – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Services will be held at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 900 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, CA. Services will also be live-streamed at [www.goholycross.org](http://www.goholycross.org).

## *METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### **Stewardship Town Hall – Planned Giving**

The Metropolis Stewardship Ministry is offering a presentation by Rev. Father James Kordaris on the topic of “Establishing a Planned Giving Program in Your Parish” on Monday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. PDT via Zoom. Father Jim will speak on the importance of encouraging planned giving and the establishment of a planned giving program. Additional presentations will be offered by Development professionals Maria Pappas and Bill Navrides, both of whom will share knowledge from their vast experiences. [Register today!](#)

## *PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### **Divine Services for the month of October and November**

*(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):*

Tuesday, October 26 – Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer

*(Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)*

Monday, Nov. 8 – Great Vespers for St. Nectarios *in Covina* (7:00pm)

Tuesday, Nov. 9 – St. Nectarios *in Covina* (*Orthros 8:30am, Liturgy to follow*)

Tuesday, Nov. 30 – Andrew the First-called (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

**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** meets this Sunday from 11:00 - 11:45 am. All children ages 4 (by 12/31/21) through High School are welcome and encouraged to attend each Sunday. Babies and children under 4 can join our Little Lambs parent participation class.

## *PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS*

A huge thank you to our dedicated teachers for giving their time and talents to our program:

Teresa Argueta- Little Lambs

Irene Albeck, Eleni Wojcik, & Maria Wojcik- Pre K/TK

Sophia Syrengelas- Kindergarten/1st

Theoni Vagenas & Vicki Kades (tech aide)- 2nd/3rd

Maria Kypreos- 4th/5th

Chris Syrengelas & Polly Vagenas- 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.

**Greek school 2021-2022** virtual school year has started, and we are welcoming new students.

Registration is still open for 7 years old and older. Anyone who is interested to join please fill out the form found at: <https://saint-anthonys.org/ministries/greek-language-school>

**St. John Anaheim 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala** – The parish of St. John the Baptist in Anaheim will be celebrating their community's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Gala event on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at the newly opened Westin Anaheim Resort. Additionally, Rev. Fr. John Kariotakis will be recognized at this event for his faithful service to St. John's for 10 years and his near 40 years as a dedicated priest of the Orthodox Church, as he now enters into a blessed and well-deserved retirement. Tickets, reservations, and information can be found at [stjohnanaheim.org/gala](http://stjohnanaheim.org/gala)



## HOPE & JOY Ministries



### Mission Statement

*The mission of HOPE, & JOY is to strengthen your child's relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through service to the church and community. HOPE & JOY provides an opportunity for children (HOPE) (4-6) and JOY (7-10) to meet, socialize and interact with one another. This experience will help them learn the importance of being a steward of the church. These two youth ministries are designed to promote bonding between the child and the faith and promote the tenets of Greek Orthodox Christianity.*

Parents are encouraged to attend and assist in both ministries.

Meetings will be held ten minutes after the conclusion of Sunday School.  
Lunch/snacks to be determined.

Tentative list of meeting dates, activities, and service projects for October 2021 to May 2022

**November 14 - fill turkey (paper) feather with coins to support VIP project**  
We are thankful for....

**December 12 - bring a new ball (any kind of ball) to donate to a school**  
Christmas celebration with Sunday School/Church School

## *PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**January 9 - random acts of kindness** New Year/Vasilopita

**February 13 - valentines for our VIPs** Valentine

**March 14 - make or purchase kites for flying** Kites

**April 10 -**

HOPE & JOY parent Bible challenge

**May 8-make koliva and honor those who have served in the military.** We Remember

An ongoing project beginning October we will be collecting pennies, only pennies to be donated to a charity of the childrens' choice.

Dates and times are subject to change

## *PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**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.

## *PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### **Congratulations on your upcoming graduation this Spring 2022.**

Despite the many challenges created by the pandemic, you have reached this milestone in your academic life.

The Panagia Chapter of Saint Anthony Philoptochos benefits many programs, nationally and locally. The Scholarship for Graduating Seniors is one of the ways the Philoptochos demonstrates its support of the youth of our church. Each year this scholarship is offered and awarded based on academic, and/or on merit, service to the community, church involvement, leadership abilities and creativity.

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## SUNDAY OF THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL (October 17, 2021)

On the Sunday that falls on or immediately after the eleventh of this month, we chant the Service to the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which gathered in Nicaea in 787 under the holy Patriarch Tarasius and during the reign of the Empress Irene and her son, Constantine Porphyrogenitus, to refute the Iconoclast heresy, which had received imperial support beginning with the Edict issued in 726 by Emperor Leo the Isaurian. Many of the holy Fathers who condemned Iconoclasm at this holy Council later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century, especially during the reigns of Leo the Armenian and Theophilus.



### 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.

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