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NOVEMBER 21, 2021
ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS
INTO THE TEMPLE

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.

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

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RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 1. (AFTER 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 ἠὺδόκησε σαρκί, ἀελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγειραὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

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KONTAKION. MODE 4.

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

Ὁ καθαρῶτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι Θείῳ· ἦν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

EPISTLE READING

THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7

**Prokeimenon. Mode 3.
Luke 1: 46-48**

**My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
Verse: For he has regarded the humility of his servant.**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7

BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

GOSPEL READING

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The Gospel According to Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

(November 21, 2021)

According to the tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was brought to the Temple at three years of age, where she was consecrated to God and spent her days until she was fourteen or fifteen years old; and then, as a mature maiden, by the common counsel of the priests (since her parents had reposed some three years before), she was betrothed to Joseph.

METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OrthoTalks is Back in November

All Junior High AND High School students are invited to join Father Gary Kyriacou, Metropolis Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Family Wellness Ministry team for an in-depth discussion on ZOOM! The gathering will focus on the Orthodox Christian response to bullying and how to deal with someone that is mean. This two-part series is scheduled for: Tuesday, November 16 AND Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. PST. [Register online to receive the Zoom link.](#)

Metropolis Church Music Symposium

Reconnect, reinvigorate, and refine your musical skills with church musicians from near and far at a one-day Metropolis of San Francisco Church Music Symposium on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Portland, OR. Led by award-winning Orthodox composer and conductor Benedict Sheehan and his wife, Talia Maria, as they guide us in exploring the joy of an effective and engaging choral rehearsal. [Register online!](#)

CrossRoad is Coming to San Francisco: Summer 2022

Through the leadership of Metropolitan Gerasimos and the generosity of The George and Judy Marcus Family Foundation, CrossRoad will host one of its three sessions in San Francisco, California. The CrossRoad Summer Institute is a 10-day summer program, offered through the Office of Vocation and Ministry at Hellenic College Holy Cross, which invites high school juniors and seniors to “explore their faith like never before.” Applications coming soon – limited availability! For more information, visit www.crossroadinstitute.org.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Services for the month of October and November

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

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

Today we will pass special tray in honor of IOCC Sunday: Celebrate IOCC’c Mission!

TODAY MEETINGS:

GENERAL Assembly at (12 noon).

Topic to be discussed: parish council nominations and approval of the 2022 budget.

GOYA meeting, following Divine Liturgy

HOPE meeting in room 2B (4 1/2 to 6) and **JOY** meeting in room 1A-Joy (7-10)

Meetings will start 10 minutes following Divine Liturgy, lunch will be provided for the children.

GOYA BASKETBALL 2022 Plans are underway for the 2022 GOYA Basketball season! The games will begin Sunday, February 27th! Please email us as soon as possible to let us know if your children will be playing. Girls ages 12-21 and Boys ages 12-19. We need to know how many teams we will have so gyms can be reserved for games and practices. We also need parents to get involved and help with finding gyms, keeping track of the uniforms and scorekeeping at the games.

Please contact Pana Gelt pgelt3@gmail.com or Patricia Paziouros ppaziouros@yahoo.com to let us know your children will be playing!

We’re looking forward to seeing all of you again! Go St. Anthony!!!

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.

**The Church office will be closed Thursday 11/25 & Friday 11/26
for Thanksgiving**

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings

Christmas Benefit Committee Meeting - Monday, November 22 and 11/29 at 7:15 PM in church hall.

There will be no November General Meeting.

52nd annual Christmas benefit, LET'S CELEBRATE: Our largest fundraiser will be held 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. **We have reached the guest seating limits for our event and can no longer accept reservations.** Thank you for your support and understanding.

There are many ways to support this charitable event by becoming a Star Donor, ordering from Santa's Kitchen for 12/5 pickup, or participating in the Grand Awards. Visit <https://stanthonybenefit.square.site> for details.

Santa's Kitchen: Please help Philoptochos by making something sweet for our Christmas Benefit (i.e. fudge, pralines, caramels, English toffee, bark, quick breads, Christmas cookies, spiced nuts, jam). No time to make something? A cash donation is always appreciated to help underwrite our expenses. Items need to be at church by the morning of WEDNESDAY, December 1st. Call or email Lisa Xanthos with questions – 626.445.6645; lisax@att.net. Thank you!



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.