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FEBRUARY 13, 2022 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE TRIODION BEGINS

Martinianos the Righteous Aquilla & Priscilla the Apostles

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M. (ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE)

> MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ 9:45 A.M. Georgia Perris – 40 days Nicholas Demetri – 2 years

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 (CLICK THE LINKS BELOW): SAINT-ANTHONYS.ORG/LIVESTREAM FACEBOOK.COM/STANTHONYSPASADENA YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCXSG4uJFWmElsOEIjx96pCA

HYMNS OF THE DAY

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MEMORIAL HYMN. MODE PLAGAL 4.

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have 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 τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῷ ἥμαρτον συγχώρησον οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι 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.

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 4.

Let us flee the Pharisee's * exalted parlance; * let us learn the Publican's * humble demeanor, and with sighs * unto the Savior cry out and say, * To us be gracious, O only forgiving Lord.

Φαρισαίου φύγωμεν ύψηγορίαν, καὶ Τελώνου μάθωμεν, τὸ ταπεινὸν ἐν στεναγμοῖς, πρὸς τὸν Σωτῆρα κραυγάζοντες[.] Ἱλαθι μόνε ἡμῖν εὐδιάλλακτε.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

Prokeimenon. Mode 1. Psalm 32

Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE: The Gospel According to Luke 18:10-13

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."



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Applications Now Being Accepted for CrossRoad Summer 2022

CrossRoad is an engaging 10-day program for Orthodox Christian high school juniors and seniors of all jurisdictions, held every summer and provides and opportunity to "explore their faith like never before.". This year's locations include: Hellenic College Holy Cross in Boston, MA, North Park University in Chicago, IL. and San Francisco State in San Francisco, CA! which invites high school juniors and seniors Apply today at: <u>www.crossroadinstitute.org</u>.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Services for the month of February

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

First Saturday of the Souls

Saturday, February 26th: Orthros (9:00am), Divine Liturgy (10:00am)

Coffee Hour

Please join us for lunch in memory of Georgia Perris, hosted by her family.

Sunday School:

In an effort to increase overall class time with our students, we will be holding classes on Sunday, February 27th in place of Family Worship Sunday.

Sunday School Fellowship schedule for the month of February is as follows: February 13th: In Class February 20th: FDF Weekend/No Class February 27th: In Class Thank you, Sophia Syrengelas

GOYA Basketball 2022 Season

It's time to register for the 2022 GOYA Basketball season! Join the fun! The first game is Sunday, February 27th Sign up Sunday, February 6th after church.* Girls ages 12 – 21 Boys ages 12 – 19 Fee - \$80 Please address check to St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church Please encourage your children and their friends... we need new players... It is a fun way to spend time with friends from other communities. Questions: Pana Gelt pgelt3@gmail.com 626-278-2808 Patricia Paziouros ppaziouros@yahoo.com (626) 497-2164 Anthia Drulias-Lucas adljsl02@yahoo.com (626) 274-6133 *If you will not be at church to register your child, please let Pana or Patricia know a.s.a.p. that your child will be participating! Current Covid protocols will be followed

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I greet you all in the name of the Lord! I am very excited to introduce the 2022 "Studies in the Faith Series" we will offer on Monday evenings from February 21 — April 11. This Catechism Class will incorporate a new and innovative book written by Dr. Eve Tibbs. The book is entitled, "A Basic Guide to Eastern Orthodox Theology: Introducing Beliefs and Practices."

Many of you already know Eve, and that she has faithfully served as the Chair of our Metropolis Christian Education Ministry for many years now. She is and has been, a visionary for our Metropolis of San Francisco, offering new programs to our parishes and to the faithful for our continuing Orthodox Christian Education.

The informative classes and discussions of our Studies in the Faith will serve as an excellent introduction to the Orthodox Faith for those interested in the Orthodox Church. For those who are interested in converting to the Orthodox Christian Faith, your opportunity has arrived! For those already baptized into the Orthodox Faith, this series of classes will provide an inspiring enrichment and review of our abundantly rich faith. This book (or this book and class participation) can serve as our Lenten project to enrich our own faith and our personal journey to Holy Pascha. Reading, studying, discussing and learning more about our Faith and our Holy Orthodox Church will bring greater meaning and spiritual joy to our Lenten and Paschal experience.

We will meet via zoom for all eight classes. If you are interested, please send an email requesting the zoom logon information. The email address to contact is: <u>frpeter@saint-anthonys.org</u> Please refer to the Class Syllabus for all pertinent information. To purchase this year's text please Google the above title and author. Dr. Tibbs book is available for purchase from several merchants. I look forward to hearing from you. Let us make this Lenten Season most uplifting and inspiring for us individually, for our families and for our Parish family.

In Christ,

Fr. Peter

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STUDIES IN THE FAITH - Spring Session, 2022 February 21st – April 11th

Our text for this Spring's class will be: **A Basic Guide to Eastern Orthodox Theology: Introducing Beliefs and Practices**, by Dr. Eve Tibbs.

Classes will be organized into 8 sessions, on Monday evenings, 6:30 - 7:30, over an eight week period.

These informative classes will serve as an excellent introduction to the Orthodox Faith and will also provide an inspiring enrichment and review for practicing Orthodox Christians.

I encourage you to read each week's assigned chapter and participate in class discussions so that the sessions will become an exciting and meaningful experience.

Note: **Please Google the title and author to purchase your copy.** Contact Father Peter for the zoom logon information at <u>frpeter@saint-anthonys.org</u>

CHAPTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

Introductory Session – Monday February 21st Chapter One: "The Orthodox Christian World View"

Session 2 – Monday February 28th Chapter Two: "The Church"

Session 3 – Monday March 7th Chapter Three: "Communion and Revelation"

Session 4 – Monday March 14th Chapter Four: "Ministry and Leadership" Session 5 – Monday March 21st Chapter Five: "Christology"

Session 6 – Monday March 28th Chapter Six: "Who are we? What are we to do?"

Session 7 – Monday April 4th Chapter Seven: "The Holy Trinity"

Session 8 – Monday April 11th Chapter Eight: "Orthodox Worship"

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MAN OF GOD: We are pleased to announce that **MAN OF GOD**, the highly anticipated award-winning film based on the inspiring life of our beloved **Orthodox saint, Saint Nektarios of Aegina** that won the hearts of the public in Greece, Russia and Serbia starring Hellenic Academy Award winner Aris Servetalis, Russian superstar Alexander Petrov, and Golden Globe winner Mickey Rourke, is finally coming to the big screen across the **United States in 800 theatres nationwide** on **March 21st as one-night only** Fathom Events release. It's a great opportunity to gather your family and friends together to experience this beautiful film.

You can find a theatre near you and get your tickets now <u>HERE</u>!

To organize group ticketing (25 people+) please click <u>HERE</u>!

You can watch the MAN OF GOD trailer <u>HERE</u>!

2022 Stewardship Financial Commitment.

Thank you to everyone who has returned the completed commitment card.

If you have not done it, please return your completed commitment card to church as soon as possible. To fully cover our operating expenses, our goal is to have our average stewardship be \$2,000 per family or above. Contact the Church office to set up easy recurring electronic payments -OR- set up your own recurring giving at **saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com**

Coffee Hour Sign Up:

Welcome back to Coffee Hour! Please assist with bringing weekly goodies. A sign up poster has been placed in the foyer of the hall.

Suggestions are cookies, fruit, bagels and cream cheese, muffins, mini deli sandwiches, cheese and olives or any of your personal favorites. Drop off goodies in the church hall by 10am on Sundays. Items should be ready to serve. Please sign up on the poster or contact the church office to reserve a day. For questions, please contact Tanya Christodoulelis at 626-379-2304. Thank you for your support.

2022 Philoptochos Membership Drive:

Please join us! You can make a difference. We encourage all women 18 and over to join the Saint Anthonys Philoptochos, a ministry that promotes charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach. Men and non-Orthodox women may also join as non-voting members. Visit our table outside as you exit Church. Thank you for your continued support and for helping make a difference in our community.



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.

(February 6)

The Pharisees were an ancient and outstanding sect among the Jews known for their diligent observance of the outward matters of the Law. Although, according to the word of our Lord, they "did all their works to be seen of men" (Matt. 23:5), and were hypocrites (ibid. 23: 13, 14, 15, etc.), because of the apparent holiness of their lives they were thought by all to be righteous, and separate from others, which is what the name Pharisee means. On the other hand, Publicans, collectors of the royal taxes, committed many injustices and extortions for filthy lucre's sake, and all held them to be sinners and unjust. It was therefore according to common opinion that the Lord Jesus in His parable signified a virtuous person by a Pharisee, and a sinner by a Publican, to teach His disciples the harm of pride and the profit of humble-mindedness.

Since the chief weapon for virtue is humility, and the greatest hindrance to it is pride, the divine Fathers have set these three weeks before the Forty-day Fast as a preparation for the spiritual struggles of virtue. This present week they have called Harbinger, since it declares that the Fast is approaching; and they set humility as the foundation for all our spiritual labors by appointing that the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee be read today, even before the Fast begins, to teach, through the vaunting of the Pharisee, that the foul smoke of self-esteem and the stench of boasting drives away the grace of the Spirit, strips man of all his virtue, and casts him into the pits of Hades; and, through the repentance and contrite prayer of the Publican, that humility confers upon the sinner forgiveness of all his wicked deeds and raises him up to the greatest heights.

All foods are allowed the week that follows this Sunday.