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FEBRUARY 20, 2022 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Leo Bishop of Catania Agathon, Pope of Rome

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ 9:45 A.M.

Christos Prantzikos – 1 years Michael Haronis – 3 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):

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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 βίῳ ἥμαρτον συγχώρησον οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὸ 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 3.

I revolted senselessly * out of Your fatherly glory; * I have squandered sinfully * all of the riches You gave me.* Hence to You, using the Prodigal's words, I cry out,* I have sinned before You, merciful loving Father.* O receive me in repentance, * I pray, and treat me * as one of Your hired hands.

Τῆς πατρώας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὅν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω Ἡμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποίησόν με, ὡς ἕνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

EPISTLE READING

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON:
St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20

Prokeimenon. Mode 2. Psalm 117

The Lord chastened and corrected me, but He did not give me up to death.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

GOSPEL READING

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON: The Gospel According to Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has

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killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"



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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: www.crossroadinstitute.org.

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)

Church office will be closed on Monday, February 21, President's Day

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 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



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.

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: frpeter@saint-anthonys.org 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

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 frpeter@saint-anthonys.org

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"

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 HERE!

To organize group ticketing (25 people+) please click **HERE**!

You can watch the MAN OF GOD trailer HERE!

110th Annual Greek Easter Picnic,-Brookside Park, Pasadena

2022 CANCELLED

The Easter Picnic has been cancelled again this year, due to the continued concerns regarding Corona Virus.

We put the health and safety of our guests, volunteers, and workers first and do not want to increase the risk of anyone spreading this virus.

We pray that by the grace of God, we will be able to resume our picnic next year on April 16, 2023.

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

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Philoptochos February General Meeting

Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 7:00 PM
To be held in the Trinity Ballroom
Our speaker will be Dr. Chris Christodoulou
February is heart health awareness month and
our own Dr. Christodoulou will be speaking on cardiovascular health.

The entire St. Anthony community is invited to attend this informative presentation.

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.

LEO BISHOP OF CATANIA (February 20)

This Saint, who was from Ravenna in Italy, lived during the reign of Leo the Wise and his son Constantine Porphyrogenitus (end of the ninth and beginning of the tenth centuries). He struggled especially against the paganism and sorcery still prevalent in those regions.