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FEBRUARY 6, 2022 – SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE

Photios, Pat. Constantinople Bucolos, Bishop of Smyrna

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 (CLICK THE LINKS BELOW):

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. MODE 1. (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

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RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 4. (AFTER ENTRANCE)

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Έξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ εὕσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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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 1.

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

Ό μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῷ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

EPISTLE READING

SUNDAY OF CANAANITE: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4. Psalm 75

Pray and return to the Lord Your God. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

GOSPEL READING

SUNDAY OF CANAANITE: The Gospel According to Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.



METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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)

<u>Sunday School:</u> On behalf of our Sunday School teachers and volunteers, we are excited to welcome our students back to class starting Sunday, February 6th! We miss our students and hope that everyone has been staying healthy and well while we have been apart.

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 6th: In Class 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:

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*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: 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"

2022 Stewardship Financial Commitment. 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

From Fr. Christopher and Pres, Kalli Retelas:





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.

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Photios, Patriarch of Constantinople. (February 6)

As for the thrice-blessed Photius, the great and most resplendent Father and teacher of the Church, the Confessor of the Faith and Equal to the Apostles, he lived during the years of the emperors Michael (the son of Theophilus), Basil the Macedonian, and Leo his son. He was the son of pious parents, Sergius and Irene, who suffered for the Faith under the Iconoclast Emperor Theophilus; he was also a nephew of Saint Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople (see Feb. 25). He was born in Constantinople, where he excelled in the foremost imperial ministries, while ever practicing a virtuous and godly life. An upright and honorable man of singular learning and erudition, he was raised to the apostolic, ecumenical, and patriarchal throne of Constantinople in the year 857.

The many struggles that this thrice-blessed one undertook for the Orthodox Faith against the Manichaeans, the Iconoclasts, and other heretics, and the attacks and assaults that he endured from Nicholas I, the haughty and ambitious Pope of Rome, and the great persecutions and distresses he suffered, are beyond number. Contending against the Latin error of the filioque, that is, the doctrine that the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son, he demonstrated clearly with his *Mystagogy on the Holy Spirit* how the filioque destroys the unity and equality of the Trinity. He has left us many theological writings, panegyric homilies, and epistles, including one to Boris, the Sovereign of Bulgaria, in which he set forth for him the history and teachings of the Seven Ecumenical Councils. Having tended the Church of Christ in holiness and in an evangelical manner, and with fervent zeal having rooted out all the tares of every alien teaching, he departed to the Lord in the Monastery of the Armenians on February 6, 891.