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MARCH 27, 2022 - SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

Matrona of Thessaloniki

Paul, Bishop of Corinth

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

Σώσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάπτων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. GRAVE MODE. *(AFTER ENTRANCE)*

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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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 Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστῆς, καί τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

KONTAKION. MODE PL. 4.

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἴνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

EPISTLE READING

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St. Paul's First Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2.

Psalm 27.9,1

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

GOSPEL READING

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The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."



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.

METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Services for the month of March

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

Wednesday, March 30th *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm*

Friday, April 1st *Fourth Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm*

Palm Sunday Luncheon

We are excited to let the St. Anthony community know that we will have a Palm Sunday luncheon on April 17th in the Trinity Ballroom. Advance reservations are requested in order to plan. Ticket sales will begin next Sunday following Liturgy. Proceeds from this event will be sent to **IOCC's Ukraine Response Fund**. More information will be sent in the coming week.

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Hello, Sunday School Families!

Grades kindergarten through 8th will not be having class this Sunday, March 27th. Sunday School students are encouraged to come to church and worship with their families. Father Peter will talk to the kids about the Veneration of the Cross and the significance of this special day in the Orthodox Church.

Please note that Presvytera Aida's class will be meeting so that they can work towards completing their Lenten project. Mrs. Irene will also have class for her preschool kids as well.

Parents of acolytes, Father shared that there is a need for acolytes in the altar. If possible, please bring your sons to help assist Father in the altar.

Lastly, information for the Good Friday Retreat will be sent out shortly. Again, please save the date- Friday, April 22nd!!

Thank you,
Sophia

Coffee Hour is coordinated by St. Anthony Philoptochos:

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 peanut butter and olives. Please remember that items need to be Lenten. 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.

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St. Anthony G.O.Y.A. Basketball Schedule 2022

Sunday, March 27: St. George @ St. Anthony

San Marino High School - 2701 Huntington Drive, San Marino

2:00 Jr. Girls, 3:00 Jr. Boys

We have the gym starting at 1:30 so please come early to warm up. If you cannot make the game, let one of your coaches know. Have a great weekend!

Sunday, April 3: @ St. John

Fullerton Evangelical Free Church

2801 N. Brea Blvd. Fullerton

2:00 Jr. Girls, 3:00 Jr. Boys, 4:00 Sr. Girls, 5:00 Sr. Boys

Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10:

Quarter Finals

Saturday, April 30:

Semi Finals

Sunday, May 1:

Finals

Questions contact: Patricia Paziouros 626-497-2164; John Paziouros 626-497-2167, Pana Gelt 626-278-2808; Anthia Drulias Lucas 626-274-6133

Faithful Saint Anthony Parishioners,

As things continue to improve, we find ourselves as a Church community beginning to schedule many of our former events that had paused during COVID. One such event is our annual Pasadena Greek Festival.

We are at the beginning stages of planning, and would like to gauge our parishioners interest in scheduling a Festival for this Fall, or to begin again in the Fall of 2023.

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The first step in this process is to form a committee to discuss the feasibility of hosting a Festival this year. Please contact me at frpeter@saint-anthonys.org.

Time is of the essence.

God bless you,

Fr. Peter

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

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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 fpeter@saint-anthonys.org

CHAPTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

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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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

Philoptochos will pass a second tray to benefit Hellenic College/Holy Cross

St. Anthony Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale

Delectable Greek pastries and our special signature treats are now available to order. All proceeds to benefit Kids 'n' Cancer-Camp Agape. A Philoptochos ministry dedicated to providing support for children afflicted with cancer. Please see the enclosed order form for details.

2022 Philoptochos Membership We invite all women, 18 years and over, to join Philoptochos. Your participation in this ministry can make a difference in so many lives. To renew or join by mail- send check (payable to St. Anthony Philoptochos Society) to St. Anthony Philoptochos Society, 778 South Rosemead Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91107 or online at <https://stanthonyphiloptocos.square.site> Each \$50 stewardship supports the National Philoptochos, the San Francisco Metropolis and St. Anthony Philoptochos obligations and projects. Thank you for your continued support.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

May everyone have a blessed Lent and a glorious Resurrection!!!

Ted Pappas and Stephanie Caiopoulos Lubian

Easter Picnic Committee'

Sunday of the Holy Cross March 27, 2022

With the help of God, we have almost reached the middle of the course of the Fast, where our strength has been worn down through abstinence, and the full difficulty of the labour set before us becomes apparent. Therefore our holy Mother, the Church of Christ, now brings to our help the all-holy Cross, the joy of the world, the strength of the faithful, the staff of the just, and the hope of sinners, so that by venerating it reverently, we might receive strength and grace to complete the divine struggle of the Fast.