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APRIL 3, 2022 - SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

Nikitas the Confessor

Joseph the Hymnographer

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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FOR THE DEVOUT MAN. MODE PL. 4.

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O John, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

Ταῖς τῶν δακρύων σου ῥοαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστὴρ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Ἰωάννη Πατὴρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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 Ἠλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστῆς, καί τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριζας 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, Ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

EPISTLE READING

**SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS:
St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20**

**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4.
Psalm 75.11,1**

**Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL READING

SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS:

The Gospel According to Mark 9:17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Services for the month of April

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

Wednesday, April 6th	<i>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm</i>
Friday, April 8th	<i>Fifth Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm</i>
Wednesday, April 13th	<i>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm</i>
Saturday, April 16th	<i>Saturday of Lazarus – Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am (Followed by breakfast)</i>
Sunday, April 17th-24th	<i>Palm Sunday, Great and Holy Week, Pascha (Separate schedule)</i>

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Palm Sunday Luncheon

We are inviting the St. Anthony Community to join us for a Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon. Enjoy roasted salmon, vegetable, rice, salad and a Lenten dessert. Please make an advance reservation today at our table outside following Liturgy. Proceeds go to the **IOCC Ukraine Crisis Response Fund**. For more information call Lisa Xanthos at 626-445-6645.

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.

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

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

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Greek Dance -Welcome Back Pizza

The Saint Anthony's Greek dance program will be hosting a WELCOME BACK PIZZA PARTY on Sunday, May 15, 2022 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm. at Saint Anthony's Trinity Ballroom.

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.

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

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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

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

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

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



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

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://stanthonypiloptocos.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 St. John Climacus

April 3, 2022

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on March 30, where his biography may be found. He is celebrated today because his book, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, is a sure guide to the ascetic life, written by a great man of prayer experienced in all forms of the monastic polity; it teaches the seeker after salvation how to lay a sound foundation for his struggles, how to detect and war against each of the passions, how to avoid the snares laid by the demons, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. It is held in such high esteem that it is universally read in its entirety in monasteries during the Great Fast.