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**DECEMBER 11, 2022**

**11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

*Daniel the Stylite*

*Luke, Stylite of Chalcedon*

**ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.**

**[\(ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE\)](#)**

**DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.**

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Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

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## ***FOR THE FOREFATHERS. MODE 2.***

By faith You justified the Forefathers, having through them betrothed to yourself the Church that came out of the nations. The saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave birth to You, is from their progeny. At their entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Ἐν πίστει τοὺς Προπάτορας ἐδικαίωσας, τὴν ἐξ Ἐθνῶν δι' αὐτῶν προμνηστευσάμενος Ἐκκλησίαν. Καυχῶνται ἐν δόξῃ οἱ Ἅγιοι, ὅτι ἐκ σπέρματος αὐτῶν, ὑπάρχει καρπὸς εὐκλεῆς, ἡ ἀσπύργως τεκοῦσά σε. Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον 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 Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

## ***KONTAKION MODE 3.***

On this day the Virgin Maid \* goes to the grotto to give birth \* to the pre-eternal Word \* in an ineffable manner. \* Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. \* Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds \* Him who willed that He appear as \* a newborn Child, \* the pre-eternal God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

***EPISTLE READING***

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11**

**Prokeimenon. Mode 4.**

**Daniel 3.26,27**

**Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.**

**Verse: For you are just in all you have done.**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

## ***GOSPEL READING***

### **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

#### **The Gospel According to Luke 14:16-24**

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

### ***METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Stay Connected to the Metropolis:** Text SFNEWS 22828 and subscribe to the E-News from the Metropolis of San Francisco.

### ***PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS***

#### **Divine Services for the Month of December**

*([saint-anthonys.org/calendar](http://saint-anthonys.org/calendar))*

Saturday, Dec. 24	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Orthros 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 25	THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Orthros 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 10:00 a.m.



**Today Social hour is hosted by:** Fotiny Varvitsiotis in memory of her husband Nikos Varvitsiotis.

**St. Anthony's Coffee Hour is coordinated by St. Anthony Philoptochos:**

A sign-up poster has been placed in the foyer of the hall. Please sign up on the poster or contact Tanya Christodoulelis at 626-379-2304. Thank you for your support.

**Please contact the Church office if you need to schedule a memorial.**

## **STUDIES IN THE FAITH**

Winter Session 2022: November 14– December 19

Our Studies in the Faith Winter Session will be organized into 6 evening classes meeting on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

These informative zoom classes will serve as an excellent introduction to Orthodoxy for those interested in, learning more about the Greek Orthodox Church. These classes also will provide an inspiring enrichment and review for practicing Orthodox Christians. For those interested in the class please email Fr. Peter. [frpeter@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:frpeter@saint-anthonys.org)

**Fifth Session – Monday December 12**

The Icon of the Nativity

**Sixth Session – Monday December 19**

The Incarnation

**VIPs-** The VIPs are having a meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, December 11th, at 10:30 a.m., in the Trinity Ballroom. All Seniors are welcome.

# Saint Anthony 2022 Community Christmas Card

With the start of the Nativity Fast our Church has officially entered the Christmas Season. During this special time of year, we turn our hearts and minds to the Nativity of Christ and we reflect on what this means for us. Of course, we have the opportunity to give thanksgiving to God by offering a gift to our church in our participating in the annual St. Anthony's Community Christmas Card. This beautiful Nativity card is being made available to the entire community, as it has been done in the past. Let our prayers turn to unity with Christ our God, who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation.

**Should you wish to participate and have your name(s) listed  
in the Community Christmas Card, please complete, and  
return the form below to the church office  
by Sunday December 11, 2022**



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**YES! I/We would like to participate in this year's Community Christmas Card!**

Enclosed is my offering of: ☐ \$50   ☐ \$75   ☐ \$100   ☐ \$200   ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_

*Please print clearly how you would like your name(s) to appear on the  
2022 St. Anthony Community Christmas Card:*

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*Checks can be made out to: St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church  
Mail to: 778 S. Rosemead Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91107-5613  
or email us: [alma@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:alma@saint-anthonys.org) or call the church office (626)  
449-6943 to pay by Credit Card.*

*\*St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church is a 501(c)3 non-profit. All donations are  
tax-deductible*

## **FAQs Frequently Asked Questions about Stewardship:**

*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's grace.” (1 Peter 4:10)*

### **Q: HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PARISH?**

A: Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. Our Archdiocese requires each parish to distinguish between voting members and non-voting members. A voting member is over 18 years of age and turns in a signed stewardship commitment card, committing a portion of time, talent and treasure to the Church. The Archdiocese also requires the voting member to remain current through the year on their commitments. Keep in mind that true membership in the Body of Christ involves living according to His word and within His Church.

### **Q: WHAT DOES MY STEWARDSHIP PAY FOR?**

A: It costs approximately \$2,000/day to keep the church open. Most operating expenses are paid from stewardship. Some examples are mortgage, utilities, office staff and pastoral salaries, candles, permits, and facilities maintenance. Additional costs are directly related to church programs.

### **Q: WHY MUST I COMMIT TO GIVE A SPECIFIC AMOUNT?**

Please keep in mind that your stewardship of money is kept in the strictest of confidence. However, we do compile the amounts anticipated to better plan our budget.

### **Q: WHEN SHOULD I MAKE MY ANNUAL PLEDGE?**

A: We would ask you to turn in your pledge card by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Our church budget is based on our expected annual income and expenses. Forecasting stewardship in January helps meet our parish goals.

### **Q: I DON'T LIKE TO PAY MY PLEDGE UNTIL DECEMBER. SHOULD I STILL PLEDGE IN JANUARY?**

A: Yes. January pledging allows for effective fiscal budgeting. Pledge your annual amount, then pay weekly, monthly, semi-annually or annually.



**Q: WHY DO I HAVE TO UPDATE MY INFORMATION EVERY YEAR?**

A: We ask for updated information to provide you the opportunity to review your pledge for the upcoming year. As cost of living increases every year, so do our own parish expenses, and our giving to the church needs to adjust accordingly. We anticipate automatic online giving to become the standard in order to simplify the process.

**Q: I ALREADY PAY FOR GREEK DANCE, GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL, BASKETBALL, ETC. WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY STEWARDSHIP TOO?**

A: These programs operate independently from the church operating budget. The church provides the facility in addition to expenses enabling their operation and receives no money from these organizations. *It is also important to know that families participating in our children's ministries must be currently pledged stewards.*

**If you are new to the community and want to become a member in our Church, please feel free to either take a pledge card from the announcement table in the narthex, contact the Church office or *Please visit [saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com](http://saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com) to make your offering and schedule your regular stewardship giving.***



**2023 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](http://saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com)**



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LAST NAME

FIRST NAME(S), PLEASE INCLUDE CHILDREN UNDER 18.

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PREFERRED PHONE

OTHER/SECOND PHONE

E-MAIL

[For office use only]

SIGNATURE

DATE

### ST. ANTHONY GIVING LEVELS:

#### **CONTRIBUTOR: \$499 & below**

*\$9.60/week OR \$42/month & below*

#### **FRIEND: \$500 - \$999**

*\$9.60-\$19/week OR \$42-\$83/month*

#### **SUPPORTER: \$1,000 - \$1,999**

*\$19-\$38/week OR \$83-\$167/month*

#### **\* FAITHFUL: \$2,000 - \$3,999**

*\$38-\$77/week OR \$167-\$333/month*

#### **\* DISCIPLE: \$4,000 - \$6,999**

*\$77-\$135/week OR \$333-\$583/month*

#### **\* GUARDIAN: \$7,000 - \$9,999**

*\$135-\$192/week OR \$583-\$833/month*

#### **\* ANGEL: \$10,000 - \$14,999**

*\$192-\$288/week OR \$833-\$1,249/month*

#### **\* ARCHANGEL: \$15,000 and up**

*\$288/week OR \$1,250/month & up*

*Review your stewardship commitment prayerfully, consider what you offer to Christ's Church in comparison to your monthly utility/service payments.*

Please return your completed commitment card to church by January 31, 2023

*Your card must be on file for you to be considered in 'Good Standing'*

**In response to God's blessings, I/we pledge a 2023 offering of:**

**My Total Commitment for 2023: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**I will fulfill and pay my pledge: (CHECK ONE)**

☐ Weekly at \$ \_\_\_\_\_/week

☐ Monthly at \$ \_\_\_\_\_/month

☐ Annually

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## 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](mailto:office@saint-anthonys.org) to receive more information about our parish or the Orthodox Christian faith.

## *PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS*



### **"CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS"**

#### ***PHILOPTOCHOS & FRIENDS IN DEED***

Please consider participating in "Christmas For Kids," a gift-giving drive to provide underprivileged children in the Pasadena area with Christmas gifts.

The children have provided us with a list of their wished for gifts. There is no minimum or maximum amount of gifts or gift cards being requested.

You can select a child's name from our tree located in front of church on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> after church .

Please place unwrapped gifts in a gift bag with the child's name attached and return to church by **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. If possible, please include a gift receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Soewers at 818-209-5026, [szanglis@gmail.com](mailto:szanglis@gmail.com) or Liz Skandale at 626-695-3423, [lizie22@aol.com](mailto:lizie22@aol.com)

We are grateful for your support. Merry Christmas!

**Deadline for submitting information for the Sunday Bulletin is every Wednesday. please send it to [office@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:office@saint-anthonys.org)**

# Spyridon the Wonderworker of Trymithous

*December 12, 2022*

Spyridon, the God-bearing Father of the Church, the great defender of Corfu and the boast of all the Orthodox, had Cyprus as his homeland. He was simple in manner and humble of heart, and was a shepherd of sheep. When he was joined to a wife, he begat of her a daughter whom they named Irene. After his wife's departure from this life, he was appointed Bishop of Trimythous, and thus he became also a shepherd of rational sheep. When the First Ecumenical Council was assembled in Nicaea, he also was present, and by means of his most simple words stopped the mouths of the Arians who were wise in their own conceit. By the divine grace which dwelt in him, he wrought such great wonders that he received the surname 'Wonderworker.' So it is that, having tended his flock piously and in a manner pleasing to God, he reposed in the Lord about the year 350, leaving to his country his sacred relics as a consolation and source of healing for the faithful.

About the middle of the seventh century, because of the incursions made by the barbarians at that time, his sacred relics were taken to Constantinople, where they remained, being honoured by the emperors themselves. But before the fall of Constantinople, which took place on May 29, 1453, a certain priest named George Kalokhairetes, the parish priest of the church where the Saint's sacred relics, as well as those of Saint Theodora the Empress, were kept, took them away on account of the impending peril. Travelling by way of Serbia, he came as far as Arta in Epirus, a region in Western Greece opposite to the isle of Corfu. From there, while the misfortunes of the Christian people were increasing with every day, he passed over to Corfu about the year 1460. The relics of Saint Theodora were given to the people of Corfu; but those of Saint Spyridon remain to this day, according to the rights of inheritance, the most precious treasure of the priest's own descendants, and they continue to be a staff for the faithful in Orthodoxy, and a supernatural wonder for those that behold him; for even after the passage of 1,500 years, they have remained incorrupt, and even the flexibility of his flesh has been preserved. Truly wondrous is God in His Saints! (Ps. 67:3 5)