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MARCH 19, 2023 Sunday of The Holy Cross Godparents Sunday

Chrysanthos & Daria Demetrios the New Martyr

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

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M. (LITURGY SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE)

WE WILL CONTINUE TO BROADCAST ALL SERVICES VIA LIVE-STREAM (CLICK THE LINKS BELOW):

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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.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων 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, ἠνέῳξας τῷ Λῃστῃ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

FOR FEAST. MODE 1.

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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 ἸΗλίαν 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 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.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS St. Paul's 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."

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

GOSPEL READING

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS 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."



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekday Divine Services for the Month of March

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar)

Wednesday, March 22 nd	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm
Friday, March 24 th	Great Vespers of Annunciation – 6:00pm
Saturday, March 25 th	<i>Annunciation of the Theotokos</i> Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Wednesday, March 29 th	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm
Friday, March 31 st	The Akathist Hymn – 6:00pm



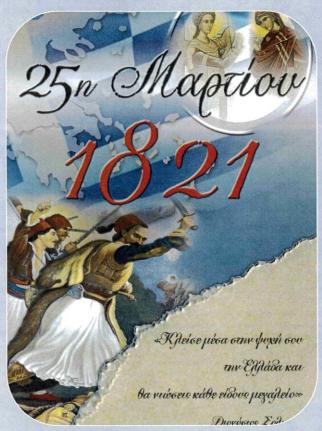
<u>**Today Social hour is hosted by</u>** Jimmy and Charles Christodoulelis in honor of their mother Helen Christodoulelis 95th birthday. All are invited.</u>

<u>G.O.Y.A. basketball game this Sunday, March 19:</u> St. Nicholas @ St. Anthony - Blair High School 1201 S. Marengo Ave., Pasadena 2:00 Jr. Girls, 3:00 Jr. Boys, 4:00 Sr. Girls, 5:00 Sr. Boys Questions contact: Pana Gelt 626-278-2808 - Anthia Drulias Lucas 626-274-6133

The 2023 Parish St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is today, Sunday, March 19th Please join us after liturgy, the program will begin at 12:30 pm. Everyone is invited to watch the presentations.

<u>21st Annual St Anthony's Golf Tournament</u> We will have our much anticipated event this year on **Friday May 5th**. Please join us for a festive day of golf dinner and fellowship. All proceeds will benefit our building fund for the senior center. There are many ways for you to support this year's charitable event. If you aren't a golfer join us for our all day Taverna on the Green mezethes and Jimmy Kypreos famous souvla</u>. At night sign up for dinner complete with silent auction and one of a kind live auction items. If you absolutely can't make it please make a tax deductible donation directly to the church office. Our community volunteers are the key reason for our success. Please call Jimmy Christodoulelis @ 626-379-2302 where you can participate. We will also have tables setup during coffee hour in the next few weeks to sign up.

St. Anthony's Greek Language School Celebration and Fundraising



Sunday, March 26, 2023

Join us right after the Divine Liturgy in the Trinity Ballroom for a lenten lunch and a performance by our students

Tickets will be available at the ballroom entrance \$10 per adult, \$5 for kids under 12, free for kids under 2

STUDIES IN THE FAITH Spring Session, 2023 (Via Zoom) February 13th – April 03rd

Our text for the 2023 Studies in the Faith class will be, *The Orthodox Faith*, *"Doctrine and Scripture," Volume 1*, by Fr. Thomas Hopko. Our class for this year, will be taught over 8 class sessions, meeting on Monday evenings 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

These informative classes will serve as an excellent introduction to the Orthodox Faith for those interested in the Orthodox Church. This series of classes will also provide an inspiring enrichment and review for practicing Orthodox Christians.

*Reading each week's assigned chapter and participating in class discussions is encouraged to ensure that the sessions become an exciting and meaningful experience for all participants. For those interested in this year's class please email Fr. Peter. At this address: frpeter@saint-anthonys.org

* Google SVS Press, go to the Find a Book tab at the top right of page, and type in: Volume 1 Doctrine and Scripture. The cost of the book is \$22. (Please order your copy as soon as possible).

CHAPTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

Sixth Session – Monday March 20th

Chapter Six: "New Testament"

<u>Seventh Session – Monday March 27th</u> Chapter Seven: "Salvation History"

<u>Eighth Session – Monday April 03rd</u> Chapter Eight: "Great Week and Pascha"

"Praying Through the Psalter" Pan-Orthodox Group via Zoom

Join us during the Lenten season as members of several Orthodox Parishes pray through the Psalms (Psalter) in preparation for Pascha.

The Psalms (Psalter) were written more than 5,000 years ago as songs of prayer and praise to the God of the Universe and are prayed daily by monks and nuns. Join us as we practice Praying Through the Psalter, praying for our Parishes, and learning how to incorporate the Psalter into our daily lives.

Each Tuesday 7-8pm, February 7- April 4 (9 weeks). Open to all church members.

To sign up and receive the Zoom link and packet, contact Jennifer Dobrinen at jenniferdobrinen@yahoo.com or 559-326-4747.

St. Anthony's 2023 Pledged Members

(March 17, 2023)

Stratos, Fr. Peter/Pres. Aida Bicos, John & Meghan Akrotirianakis, Joseph N. & Sherese Bicos, Marietta Albeck, Irene **Bissias**. Peter Albeck, Mark Gregory Blosiu, Julian O. & Catalina E. Alex, Alysa Bonorris, Donna & Pete Andrei, Dragos & Ioana Bowers, Connie & Terree Andros, Gus & Lorena Bozikis, Demetra Angelos, James & Sophia Bryant, Dan & Karen Angiuli, Joseph (Joey) & Elizabeth Buickians, Gagik & Jacqueline Argueta, Cris & Teresa V. Burkard Jr., Frank J. & Penelope Athans, Tesi & Craig Lareau Buzas, John & Pamela Athans, Tina & Dean P. Christodoulelis, Helen Attalla, Philip "Ted" & Michelle Reagan Christodoulelis, Tanya Balas, Argiro Julie & Dino Christodoulides, Loucas & Andri Balas. Christian Christodulelis Family, Jimmy Baliotis, Tina Christopoulos, Judie & Gus Balntas, Bill & Eleni Mitropoulos Christopoulos, Tom & Karen Becronis, Christina Christopoulos, Tony and Lynnette Bichai, Anthony & Anna Christou, Nicholas Bicos. Chris & Eleni Coccia, Tina & Ginseppe

Cokias, Jason & Karen Constantinou. Dimitris & Katerina Damilatis, Eleni Demopulos, Elizabeth & Andrew Dewar, Mary & Andrew Dobrinen, Jennifer Dupas, Christina Dupas, George Dupas, Theodore & Evangeline Edwards, Nancy C. Efstathiou, Teddi & Dean Floutsis, Penny & Ted Fuerst, Billy Gallagher, Eleni & Matthew Ganis, Maria C. Gavalas, Cleola & George Gdoutos. Eleftherios Gelt, Brian & Pana Georgakopoulos, Eleni & George Georgiou, George & Taline Giakas, Vasiliki Grafos, Tom & Tania Haralambos, Aliki, Haralambos, Anthony & Kathleen Haralambos, Lambi & Sally Horaites, George & Olympia Hronas, Maria & James W. Hunter, Nicole Ioannou, Christos & Elleni Johnsen, Eleni kades, John Kades, Vicki & Louis Kalambakas, Vivian N. Kalivas, Elene & George Kalivas, Pota Kallas, Mark & Debra Kamar, April Kaparos, Stefanos Karvelas, Kosta & Marina Kasdagli, Dimitra & Mark Nastri

Katsafados, Theoni & Pete Katsas, Asimina & Alexandra Kefalas, Evelyn Kefalas, Mike J. Kefalas, Modestos & Nina Kefallinos, Vicki & Nick Kirimis. Nitsa & John Kitridou, Rodanthi C. Kokoris, Maria & Nicholas Kontaxis, Michael & Christiana Koudanis, Helen Koulakis, John and Gisele Koulos, Joanna & Konstantinos Kourafas, Patricia Koutsoukos, Lin & George Kundanis, Christine Kypreos, George & Shana Kypreos, Maria & James Lagousis, Ted & Kendra Lappas, Virginia Leontas, Angela & Andrew Murrell Loutsos, Anna & Georgia & John Graieda Lubian, Daniel & Stephanie Lucas, John S. & Anthia Macris, Catherine & George Magaziotis, Phophi & Panteli Malina, Dorothea Malisos, Samantha A Martin, Sam & Debbie Maslen, Larissa & Mark Carpenter McCann. Liam McClain, Anastasia McGregor, Richard & Kristen McNulty, Jennie & Chris Mobayen, Chrissa & Syrus Molinari, Yngrid Negrea, Norbert Nichols, James & Joyce Odell. Gordon and Cornelia

Otis, Robert & Denise Panagiot, Harry & Anastasia Pantazis, Aleka & George Pantazis, Konstantinos Papavasiliou, Kostantinos Pappas, Constantine & Hope Pappas, Dean C. & Jennifer Pappas, Dr. James P. Pappas, Dr. Peter A. Pappas, Steven & Christine Pappas, Tony & Stergiani Pastis, Leah Pastis, Patricia Patzakis, John & Andrea Pegadiotes, George S. Pegadiotes, Georgia & Sam Pegadiotes, Stan S. Plumtree, Martha & Wayne Pollalis, Dino J. Poulos. Yiota Psihalopoulos, George & Stavroula Psihalopoulos, Georgia Psihalopoulos, Stavros Reese, Helen Rellos, John, Theodora & Vasilios Rivas, Alexis & Lexi Kopan Saigh, Mark & Mara R. Suchy Serban, Athena & Mihai Sherwood, Symone Sipsas, Pantelis & Nafsika Skandale, Elizabeth Skandale, Helen Soewers, Alexander Soewers, Stephanie & Randy Stamos, Andy & Mary Stamos, Nikos A.

Stavropoulos, Ted & Georgia Stephens, Kenneth & Angelina Maria Syrengelas, Christos & Sophia Tarazi, Ellie Tarazi, Ted & Panagiota Angelos Tirado, Elizabeth Treantafelles, George P. Treantafelles, George T. & Helen Treantafelles, Stan & Vivian Tripodes Zacharias N. Tripodes, Dena Tripodes, Georgia E. Tripodes, Marika Tripodis, Ioannis & Helene Tsigkounis, Charalambos & Catherine Udria, Juan & Mary Vagenas, Alex & Tashia Vagenas, Dino & Krystina Vagenas, John & Georgia Vagenas, Nikolitsa Vagenas, Pete & Mindy Vagenas, Peter & Janet Vagenas, Spiros & Diana Vagenas, Vasilios & Nicolicha Varvitsiotis Varvas, Fotiny Vezzuto, Christopher & Celka Vezzuto, Robert Vezzuto, Robert & Stephanie Vidalakis, Nancy Vlahos, Tasia & Effie Vorgias, Zacharias & Alma Voyagis, Eleftherios & Pauline Webster, John & Jennifer Xanthos, Lisa Zarifes, Peter & Tina Zoumas, Michael & Christina

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this stewardship list. Please forgive us if there are any errors or omissions. Contact Alma at 626-449-6943 for any questions or corrections.

2023 Church 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. *If you are new to the community and want to become a member in our Church, please feel free to either take a Steward Financial Commitment card from the announcement table in the narthex, contact the Church office or Please visit <u>saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com</u> to make your offering and schedule your regular stewardship giving.*

Weekly stewardship envelopes are available. Please contact the church office if you would like to have them for the 2023 stewardship contributions.





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2023 Stewardship Financial Commitment

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

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ANNUAL GIVING LEVELS: *ARCHANGEL: \$15,000 and up \$288/week OR \$1,250/month & up *ANGEL: \$10,000 - \$14,999 \$192-\$288/week OR \$833-\$1,249/month *GUARDIAN: \$7,000 - \$9,999 \$135-\$192/week OR \$583-\$833/month *DISCIPLE: \$4,000 - \$6,999 \$77-\$135/week OR \$333-\$583/month *FAITHFUL: \$2,000 - \$3,999 \$38-\$77/week OR \$167-\$333/month SUPPORTER: \$1,000 - \$1,999 \$19-\$38/week OR \$83-\$167/month FRIEND: \$500 - \$999 \$9.60-\$19/week OR \$42-\$83/month **CONTRIBUTOR: \$499 & below** \$9.60 / week OR \$42 / month & below

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

Please return your completed commitment card to church by Jan. 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 Stewardship Commitment for 2023: \$

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

Weekly at \$____/week

□ Monthly at \$____/month

□ Annually

Contact the Church office to set up easy recurring electronic payments -OR- set up your own recurring giving at <u>https://saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com</u> *To fully cover our operating expenses, our goal is to have our average stewardship be \$2,000 or above per family

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

<u>Attention High School Seniors</u> – Philoptochos of Saint Anthony scholarship applications are now available. Contact Presvytera Aida Stratos at presaida7@gmail.com for information or application.

2023 Philoptochos Membership

Our 2023 Membership Drive has begun and we invite you to join us in our important work. We encourage all women, 18 years and older to join Philoptochos. Men and non-Orthodox women may also join as associate members. 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://stanthonyphiloptochos.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 and for helping make a difference in our community.

St. Anthony Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale

Our Easter Bake sale is underway. 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.

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PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF SAINT ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH PANAGIA CHAPTER

PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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For more information or questions, ple			Skandale (818) 618-4963

Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale Proceeds to benefit Kids' n' Cancer-Camp Agape

Pre-Paid Orders Must Be Received by Sunday, April 2, 2023

ORDERS AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP ONLY:

St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church, 778 South Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 and SUNDAY, APRIL 9 (after Liturgy until 1:00 PM-both days)

Place prepaid order by:

- MAIL Fill out Order Form below (check payable to St. Anthony Philoptochos and mail to: St. Anthony Philoptochos, Kids 'n' Cancer Bake Sale, 778 S. Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107 or
- ONLINE <u>https://stanthonyphiloptochos.square.site</u>

Name:	Cell/Home Phone:		
Address: _	City:	E-mai	l:
ITEMS		<u>COST</u>	QUANTITY \$ TOTAL
	Tsoureki (1 loaf) Traditional sweet Greek Easter Bread.	\$20	\$
- Ci	Koulourakia (bag of 12) Butter-based cookies with sweet delicate flavor topped with egg glaze and toasted sesame seeds.	\$10	\$
	Koulourakia, Chocolate Dipped (box of 6) Butter-based with sweet delicate flavor dipped in dark chocolate (Limited Quantity).	\$8	\$
23	Kourabiethes (box of 12) Shortbread butter cookies without nuts covered in powdered sugar.	\$20	\$
O LAN	Chick Oreos, Chocolate Dipped (1chick per pkg) 3 chocolate dipped Oreo cookies shaped into one colorful chick.	\$6	\$
83	Easter Oreos, Chocolate Dipped (2 per pkg) Oreo cookies dipped in colorful chocolate and covered with candy sprinkles.	\$4	\$
<u>titi</u>	Dyed Red Eggs (1 dozen)	\$10	\$\$

ORDER TOTAL \$____

ST. ANTHONY PHILOPTOCHOS OPERATION CLASSROOM

Help us support PCC Lancer Pantry We will be collecting hygiene items throughout March and April

List of items students at PCC are commonly in need of:

Shampoo & Conditioner Bar or Liquid Soap Face Cleansers Hand & Body Lotion Razors Shaving Cream Deodorant Feminine Products Toothbrushes & toothpaste

Please drop off items at St. Anthony Church 778 S. Rosemead Blvd. Pasadena

Questions or more information contact Operation Classroom Co-Charis: Nicolette Fuerst or Jennifer Webster Nicolette.fuerst@gmail.com or jenniferkwebster@me.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.

Deadline for submitting information for the Sunday Bulletin is every Wednesday. please send it to office@saint-anthonys.org

Sunday of the Holy Cross March 19, 2023

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.

Chrysanthos & Daria the Martyrs March 19, 2023

Saint Chrysanthus, who was from Alexandria, had been instructed in the Faith of Christ by a certain bishop. His father, who was a senator by rank and a pagan, had him shut up in prison for many days; then, seeing the unchanging disposition of his mind, he commanded that a certain young woman named Daria be brought from Athens. She was a very beautiful and learned maiden, and also an idolater, and Chrysanthus' father wedded him to her so that he might be drawn away from the Faith of Christ because of his love for her. Instead of this however, Chrysanthus drew Daria unto piety, and both of them boldly proclaimed Christ and received the crown of martyrdom in 283, during the reign of Numerian, when they were buried alive in a pit of mire.

