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MAY 14, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Isidore the Martyr of Chios

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Christ is Risen!

Χριστός Ανέστη!

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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APOLYTIKION OF PASCHA. MODE PL 1 (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION MODE 3 (AFTER ENTRANCE)

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρήψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. MODE PL. 4

O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul from the living waters of right belief. You, O Savior, proclaimed to everyone, "Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink." You are the fountain of life, O Christ our God. Glory to You!

Μεσούσης τῆς ἑορτῆς, διψῶσάν μου τὴν ψυχὴν, εὐσεβείας πότισον νάματα· ὅτι πᾶσι Σωτὴρ ἐβόησας· Ὁ διψῶν, ἐρχέσθω πρὸς με καὶ πινέτω. Ἡ πηγὴ τῆς ζωῆς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δόξα σοι.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT. MODE 4

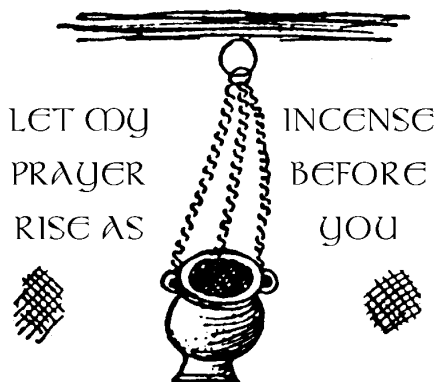
Emulating the ways of Elijah the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you made the wilderness a city, and did support the world by your prayers. Wherefore intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καί τήν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA. MODE PL. 4

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθελγζάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.



EPISTLE READING

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30

Prokeimenon. Mode 4

Psalm 103.24,1

O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

GOSPEL READING

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

The Gospel According to John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You

worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

Happy Mother's Day

Today Social hour is hosted by: Akrotirianakis Family

St. Anthony's 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. 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.

**Save the date: St. Anthony's SPECIAL General Assembly on Sunday
JUNE 11, 2023 after Divine Services.**

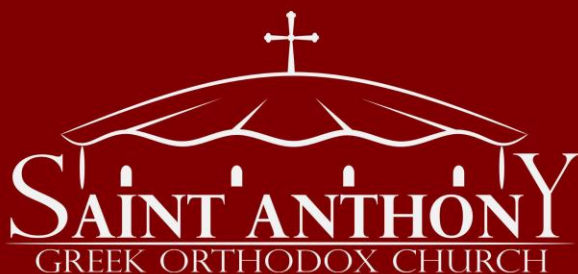
Sunday School:

May 21st: Last Day of Class

Students will attend class and then reenter the church to receive their end-of-year recognition certificates.

June 24th: Vacation Bible School

Save the date for a full day of VBS fun!! More information to come.



Ministries Recognition Sunday

Celebrating ALL Ministries,
Honoring our Graduates
& Last Day of Sunday School

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Luncheon Hosted by the Vidalakis Family
in Memory of Dr. Nick Vidalakis

Ice Cream Bar Hosted by Sunday School

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 saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com 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.



St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church



Annual Recognition For: High School Graduates *and* Undergraduates From College & University Degrees.

Sunday, May 21st, 2023

(Immediately following Divine Liturgy)

“But you must continue in things which you have learned and been assured of knowing from whom you have learned them.” 2 Timothy 3:14

The tear –off below will help us to create a list of high school and college graduates (*graduates’ family must be stewards of St. Anthony Church*).

If the graduate is unable to be present, we suggest parents be present to accept the recognition on their behalf.

Complete the form and return to our church office by:

May 17, 2023 Please bring to Church, send by mail or email to:
office@saint-anthonys.org or fax it: 626-449-6974

Graduate’s

Name: _____

School Graduating

From: _____

Degree: _____

Submitted by: _____

NOTE: this is separate from Philoptochos and the Newsletter

St. Anthony's Greek Language School

2023 – 2024 classes for children and adults in

Lessons start first week of October



person and online

Mondays In Person

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Pre-k, K
Beginner I, II
Intermediate II

Tuesdays Virtual



Beginner III: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

All levels available starting from 6 years old

Wednesdays In Person

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Pre-K, K
Beginner I

Thursdays In Person

4:30pm – 6:30pm

K Primary
Beginner I, II, III
Intermediate
Advanced

Online for Adults



Beginner I – TBD (new class)

Tuesdays - Beginner II: 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Tuesdays - Intermediate: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Mondays - Advanced: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

All levels available

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

May is Foster Care Awareness Month.

Pasadena Unified school district has more than 300 plus foster youth in their school system.

Last year St. Anthony Philoptochos along with members of our community helped celebrate Foster Care Awareness Month by purchasing 100 \$5 gift cards and supporting 9 Foster Youth Seniors purchase their Graduation packages. This year we are asking again for your generous support to assist 5 Foster Youth graduating seniors in the Pasadena Unified School District. They will be graduating in June and need financial support to attend their Grad Night and Prom and to purchase their senior portraits and yearbook. St. Anthony Philoptochos' Operation Classroom will be collecting donations to help these 5 seniors with their graduation packages.

Graduation package includes:

Senior Portrait package (\$15)
Yearbook (\$100)
Cap and Gown (covered by PUSD)
Grad Night celebration (\$179 – ticket to Disneyland)
Prom (\$100)

We will be collecting donations after church on Sunday, April 30th.

Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Philoptochos. ("foster youth" in memo)
Or Venmo Nicolette Fuerst @Nicolette-Fuerst or Jennifer Webster @Jennifer-Webster
(add PUSD Foster Youth in note)

For questions, email nicolette.fuerst@gmail.com or jenniferkwebster@me.com.

Checks can be mailed to
St. Anthony Philoptochos c/o 778 S. Rosemead Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91107

Thank you for your support and for contributing towards the foster youth in Pasadena.

SAVE THE DATE

*GERONTISSA MARKELLA & HER SISTERHOOD
INVITE YOU FOR*

A BENEFIT DINNER

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 2023



HOSTED BY: ST. NECTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AND SHRINE

Suggested Donation:

Adults: \$75

Children 10 and Over: \$60

Children Under 10: Free

Schedule of Events

Vespers: 5:00PM

Hor d'oeuvres: 5:30PM

Dinner and Auction: 6:30PM

To RSVP :

Please contact the church office at

Tel. (626) 967-5524

Email: office@st-nectarios.org

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PLEASE BRING CASH OR CHECK

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

May 14, 2023

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat, and He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations

and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations. After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26.

Isidore the Martyr of Chios

May 14, 2023

This Saint was a soldier from Alexandria. He came with the Roman fleet to Chios, where he was betrayed as a Christian to Numerian, Commander of the Fleet. Because he boldly pro-fessed himself to worship Christ as God and refused to worship any other, he was tormented and beheaded in 251, during the reign of Decius.



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.

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