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## **MAY 21, 2023 - SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN**

*Constantine and Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles*

*Pachomios the New Martyr*

***Christ is Risen!***

***Χριστός Ανέστη!***

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

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

**MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ 9:45 A.M.**

*Dr. Nicholas Vidalakis – 6 months*

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

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**AHEPA Day Memorial Service.** Sunday May 21, 2023, has been designated by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, as AHEPA Sunday. Therefore, today at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy we will pray for our departed brothers and sisters of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope. May their Memory be eternal!

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO BROADCAST ALL SERVICES VIA LIVE-STREAM**

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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 PL. 1 (AFTER ENTRANCE)***

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, \* so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. \* Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. \* For our salvation He was pleased \* to be crucified in the flesh, \* and to undergo death, \* and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠὲ δόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

***FOR THE EQUALS-TO-THE-APOSTLES. MODE PL. 4***

Your Apostle among the Rulers, St. Constantine, who once beheld in the sky the image of Your Cross, and who like Paul received his calling not from man, once entrusted the Ruling City into Your hand. We entreat You to restore it in peace forever, at the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord who loves humanity.

Τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου τὸν τύπον ἐν οὐρανῷ θεασάμενος, καὶ ὡς ὁ Παῦλος τὴν κλῆσιν οὐκ ἐξ ἀνθρώπων δεξάμενος, ὁ ἐν βασιλεῦσιν, Ἀπόστολός σου Κύριε, Βασιλεύουσαν πόλιν τῇ χειρὶ σου παρέθετο ἦν περισφζε διὰ παντὸς ἐν εἰρήνῃ, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

### ***MEMORIAL HYMN. MODE PLAGAL 4.***

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

### ***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 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, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθελγζάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

## ***EPISTLE READING***

### **Constantine and Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles**

**Acts of the Apostles 26:1, 12-20**

**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4**

**Psalm 18.4,1**

**Their voice has gone out into all the earth.**

**Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.**

**The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 26:1, 12-20**

IN THOSE DAYS, King Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: "I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles—to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' "Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance."

## ***GOSPEL READING***

### **SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN**

#### **The Gospel According to John 9:1-38**

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

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So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Coffee Fellowship

**Today Social hour is hosted by:** the Vidalakis Family in memory of Dr. Nick Vidalakis.

**Ministries Recognition Sunday** Celebrating ALL Ministries, Honoring our Graduates & Last Day of Sunday School. Luncheon Hosted by the Vidalakis Family in Memory of Dr. Nick Vidalakis. Ice Cream Bar Hosted by Sunday School.

### **Sunday School: Last Day of Class**

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

### **Today is Graduation Sunday!**

**Congratulations and best wishes to our graduates!**

#### **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:**

**JUSTUS MICHAEL ALFARO** – California School of the Arts, San Gabriel Valley

**CHRISTIAN CHRISTODOULOU** – Maranatha High School

**LEAH COKIAS** - California High School

**NIKO VIDALAKIS** – Polytechnic High School

**JUSTIN WEBSTER** – Loyola High School

#### **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GRADUATES:**

**JOHN PAUL CAIRE** – Chapman University

*BA in Communications*

#### **POST-GRADUATES:**

**KRISTEN BECKER** – UC Davis

*Masters in international Agricultural Development*

**Save the date:**

**St. Anthony's SPECIAL Parish Assembly on Sunday June 11, 2023  
after Divine Services.**

**St. Anthony's 2023 Pledged Members**

*(May 18, 2023)*

Stratos, Fr. Peter/Pres. Aida	Burkard Jr., Frank J. & Penelope
Akrotirianakis, Joseph N. & Sherese	Buzas, John & Pamela
Albeck, Irene	Caire, John.
Albeck, Mark Gregory	Chames, Anastasia.
Andros, Gus & Lorena	Christodoulelis Family, Jimmy
Angelos, James & Sophia	Christodoulelis, Helen
Angiuli, Joseph (Joey) & Elizabeth	Christodoulelis, Tanya
Argueta, Cris & Teresa V.	Christodoulides, Loucas & Andri
Arviso, Ange	Christopoulos, Judie & Gus
Athans, Tesi & Craig Lareau	Christopoulos, Tom & Karen
Athans, Tina & Dean P.	Christopoulos, Tony and Lynnette
Attalla, Philip "Ted" & Michelle Reagan	Christou, Nicholas
Balas, Argiro Julie & Dino	Coccia, Tina & Ginseppe
Balas, Christian	Cokias, Jason & Karen
Baliotis, Tina	Constantinou, Dimitris & Katerina
Balntas, Bill & Eleni Mitropoulos	Damilatis, Eleni
Becker, Connie & Brian L.	Darlas, Paula
Becronis, Christina	Darlas, Tom †
Bichai, Anthony & Anna	Demetriades, Demetrios & Elizabeth
Bicos, Chris & Eleni	Demopulos, Elizabeth & Andrew
Bicos, John & Meghan	Demopulos, Michael & Patricia
Bicos, Marietta	Dewar, Mary & Andrew
Bissias, Peter	Dobrinen, Jennifer
Blosiu, Julian O. & Catalina E.	Dupas, Christina
Bonorris, Donna & Pete	Dupas, George
Bowers, Connie & Terree	Dupas, Katherine
Bozikis, Demetra	Dupas, Theodore & Evangeline
Brown, Niki	Edwards, Nancy C.
Bryant, Dan & Karen	Efstathiou, Teddi & Dean
Buickians, Gagik & Jacqueline	Floutsis, Penny & Ted



Fuerst, Billy  
Fuerst, Nicolette & Jay  
Gallagher, Eleni & Matthew  
Gallanis, Pete & Danica  
Ganis, Maria C.  
Gavalas, Cleola & George  
Gdoutos, Eleftherios  
Gelt, Brian & Pana  
Georgakopoulos, Eleni & George  
Georgiou, George & Taline  
Giakas, Vasiliki  
Gittings, Brian & Maria Katsas  
Grafos, Tom & Tania  
Haralambos, Alik,  
Haralambos, Anthony & Kathleen  
Haralambos, Lambi & Sally  
Horaites, George & Olympia  
Hronas, Maria & James W.  
Hunter, Nicole  
Ioannou, Christos & Eleni  
Johnsen, Eleni  
Kades, Christine  
Kades, John  
Kades, Vicki & Louis  
Kalambakas, Vivian N.  
Kalivas, Elene & George  
Kalivas, Pota  
Kallas, Mark & Debra  
Kamar, April  
Kaparos, Stefanos  
Karamaras, Andriana  
Karvelas, Kosta & Marina  
Kasdagli, Dimitra & Mark Nastri  
Katsafados, Theoni & Pete  
Katsas, Asimina & Alexandra  
Kefalas, Evelyn  
Kefalas, Mike J.  
Kefalas, Modestos & Nina  
Kefallinos, Vicki & Nick  
Kiotas, Stavroula

Kirimis, Nitsa & John  
Kitridou, Rodanthi C. MD  
Kleissas, Nick & Athena Karos  
Kokoris, Maria & Nicholas  
Kolokotronis, Carolyn & James A.  
Kontaxis, Michael & Christiana  
Koudanis, Eugenia  
Koudanis, Helen  
Koulakis, John and Gisele  
Koulos, Joanna & Konstantinos  
Kourafas, Patricia  
Kousoulas, Gus & Johanna  
Koutsoukos, Lin & George  
Kundanis, Christine  
Kypreos, George & Shana  
Kypreos, Maria & James  
Lagousis, Ted & Kendra  
Lappas, Virginia  
Leontas, Angela & Andrew Murrell  
Loutsos, Anna & Georgia & John  
Grajeda  
Lubian, Daniel & Stephanie  
Lucas, John S. & Anthia  
Lucas, Katherine  
Macris, Catherine & George  
Magaziotis, Phophi & Panteli  
Malina, Dorothea  
Malisos, Fontaine  
Malisos, Samantha A  
Martin, Sam & Debbie  
Maslen, Larissa & Mark Carpenter  
McCann, Liam  
McClain, Anastasia  
McGregor, Richard & Kristen  
McNulty, Jennie & Chris  
Mitis, Nick & Maria Prantzikou  
Mitropoulos, Nick & Venetia  
Mobayen, Chrissa & Syrus  
Molinari, Yngrid  
Moutzouridis, Vasiliki & Peter

Nassos, Jonathan & Jenni Pulos  
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  
Paziouros, Konstantina & Nick  
Pegadiotes, George S.  
Pegadiotes, Georgia & Sam  
Pegadiotes, Stan S.  
Petrov, John  
Plumtree, Martha & Wayne  
Pollalis, Dino J.  
Poulos, Yiota  
Psihalopoulos, George & Stavroula  
Psihalopoulos, Georgia  
Psihalopoulos, Stavros  
Reese, Helen  
Rellos, John, Theodora & Vasilios  
Riley, Thomas & Evangelia  
Rivas, Alexis & Lexi Kopan  
Saigh, Mark & Mara R. Suchy  
Samaan, Evette  
Serban, Athena & Mihai  
Sherwood, Symone  
Sipsas, Pantelis & Nafsika  
Skandale, Elizabeth  
Skandale, Helen

Smith, Herman & Helen  
Soewers, Alexander  
Soewers, Stephanie & Randy  
Stamos, Andy & Mary  
Stamos, Nikos A.  
Stavropoulos, Ted & Georgia  
Stephens, Kenneth & Angelina Maria  
Stratos, Fr. Peter/Pres. Aida  
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  
Tsouvalas, Dr. Charles  
Tsouvalas, James  
Tsouvalas, John & Jenny  
Udria, Juan & Mary  
Vagenas, Alex & Tashia  
Vagenas, Dino & Krystina  
Vagenas, Janet  
Vagenas, John & Georgia  
Vagenas, Nikolitsa  
Vagenas, Pete & Mindy  
Vagenas, Spiros & Diana  
Vagenas, Vasilios  
Vagenas, Vasilios & Sara Doverspike  
Varvitsiotis Varvas, Fotiny  
Vezzuto, Christopher & Celka  
Vezzuto, Robert  
Vezzuto, Robert & Stephanie  
Vidalakis, Nancy  
Vidalakis, Perry & Zoe

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.

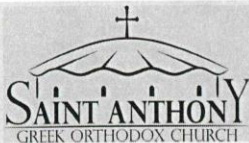
## **2023 Church Stewardship Financial Commitment.**

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





## 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)*

LAST NAME

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

STREET ADDRESS

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STATE

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*[For office use only]*

SIGNATURE

DATE

### 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 <https://saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com>

***\*To fully cover our operating expenses, our goal is to have our average stewardship be \$2,000 or above per family***

## *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 30<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:nicolette.fuerst@gmail.com) or [jenniferkwebster@me.com](mailto: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.



**PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF  
SAINT ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

778 South Rosemead Boulevard · Pasadena, California 91107

April 22, 2023

**Χριστός Ανέστη**

*"Lord, When Did We See You Hungry and Feed You, Or Thirsty and Give You Drink? When Did We See You a Stranger and Take You In, Or Naked and Clothe You? When Did We See You Sick or In Prison and Come to You?... Inasmuch As You Did It to One of The Least Of These My Brethren, You Did It to Me." Matthew 25 37:40*

Dear St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Ladies,

Did you know that Philoptochos was established **90 years** ago by Archbishop Athenagoras as the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Church of America? In those 90 years, our mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers have been instrumental in making the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society one of the largest women's philanthropic religious organizations in the United States.

Our Chapter is currently holding a membership drive. We invite you to renew and encourage every woman in our parish, 18 years of age or older, to become a member of Philoptochos and fulfill our philanthropic mission to help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, those with disabilities and victims of disasters. Men are also welcome to join as an Associate member. When we combine our strengths and skills, great things can happen!

As we embark on a new year, we want to share with you our charitable efforts. Please see the reverse side to see the many charities we support locally, Nationally and through our San Francisco Metropolis. Our 2022 Christmas Benefit Luncheon chose IOCC as our featured charity with funds specifically earmarked for the Ukraine Relief Fund.

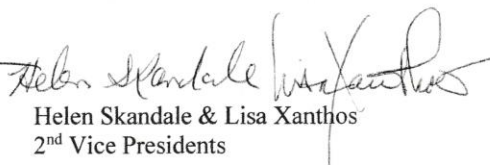
In 2021, National Philoptochos disbursed close to \$1,800,000 to those in need. Last year, our Panagia Chapter donated more than \$28,000 to our local charities.

Please, renew or join by mail: enclose your registration form and check payable to St. Anthony Philoptochos, St. Anthony Philoptochos, 778 S. Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107. To process online: (go to <https://stanthonypiloptochos.square.site> and scroll down to Annual Membership Dues).

For those of you who have been members, we thank you for your many years of support and devotion and, to all prospective new members, we hope you will join us in our mission of philanthropic endeavors.

Yours in Christ,

  
Judith Din Antsos  
President

  
Helen Skandale & Lisa Xanthos  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents

***The following charities are supported by St. Anthony Philoptochos:***

***Chapter Charities***

CAST, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking  
City of Hope  
Friends in Deed  
Foothill Unity Center  
Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology Seminarians  
Kids 'n' Cancer/Camp Agape  
Operation Classroom  
Pasadena City College Lancer Pantry  
Pasadena Unified School District/Foster Care Children  
Project Mexico Orphanage  
Social Services/Emergency assistance to individuals within our community  
Scholarships for College Bound Students  
Ukraine Relief Fund of the International Orthodox Christian Charities  
Union Station Homeless Services

***San Francisco Metropolis Philoptochos Programs & Charities***

Bishop Anthony Student Aid Endowment Fund [BAPSAEF]  
Emergency Relief Fund/Social Welfare  
Kids n' Cancer/Camp Agape  
Saint Nicholas Ranch  
Support a Seminarian  
Women's Health & Wellness

***National Philoptochos Programs & Charities***

Academy of Saint Basil  
Autism Assistance Fund  
Cancer Fund  
Children Medical Fund  
Ecumenical Patriarchate  
Emergency Fund  
General Medical Fund  
Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology  
International Orthodox Christian Charities [IOCC]  
National Sisterhood of Presbyteres Benevolent Fund  
Operation Classroom  
Orthodox Christian Fellowship  
Orthodox Christian Mission Center & Support a Mission Priest  
Retired Clergy & Widowed Presbyteres Benevolent Fund  
Saint Photios Shrine  
Saint Nicholas Shrine  
Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Founders Fund  
Social Services  
United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund [UNICEF]





**PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF  
SAINT ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
PANAGIA CHAPTER**

**PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP FORM**

☐ 2023 Philoptochos Membership

☐ 2023 Associate Membership  
(Men / Non-Voting)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name	First Name	Spouse Name	M.I.
Street Address			
City	State	Zip	
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
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Notices will be sent via email. If you prefer your notices mailed, please let us know by checking here ☐

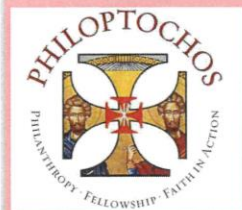
St. Anthony's Philoptochos Stewardship (membership dues). Select amount below:

☐ \$50    ☐ \$75    ☐ \$100    ☐ \$125    ☐ Other

Each \$50 stewardship supports National Philoptochos (\$15), San Francisco Metropolis (\$15) and St. Anthony Philoptochos obligations and projects (\$20).    ☐ Check    ☐ Credit Card    ☐ Cash

I am interested in helping with the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> Feeding the Hungry	<input type="checkbox"/> Hosting Fellowship	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing
<input type="checkbox"/> Deliver Meals to Parishioners	<input type="checkbox"/> Baking & Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> Website Developer
<input type="checkbox"/> Homebound Visitations	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Talents
		<input type="checkbox"/> Specify _____



**2023 PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Your continued generosity allows Philoptochos to provide financial assistance and outreach to those in need. We invite you to renew your membership or become a new member as we endeavor to do our philanthropic work. Join us as we strive to fulfill the word of Christ.

*".. whatever you did for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did for me" - Matthew 25:30*

**PLEASE RENEW OR JOIN BY MAIL (Check payable to: Saint Anthony Philoptochos Society)**

Mail your check along with this form to:

Saint Anthony Philoptochos Society, Attention: Membership  
778 South Rosemead Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91107

or pay online at <https://stanthonlyphiloptochos.square.site>

Scroll down to "Annual Membership Dues"

For more information or questions, please contact Lisa Xanthos (626) 222-4374 or Helen Skandale (818) 618-4963

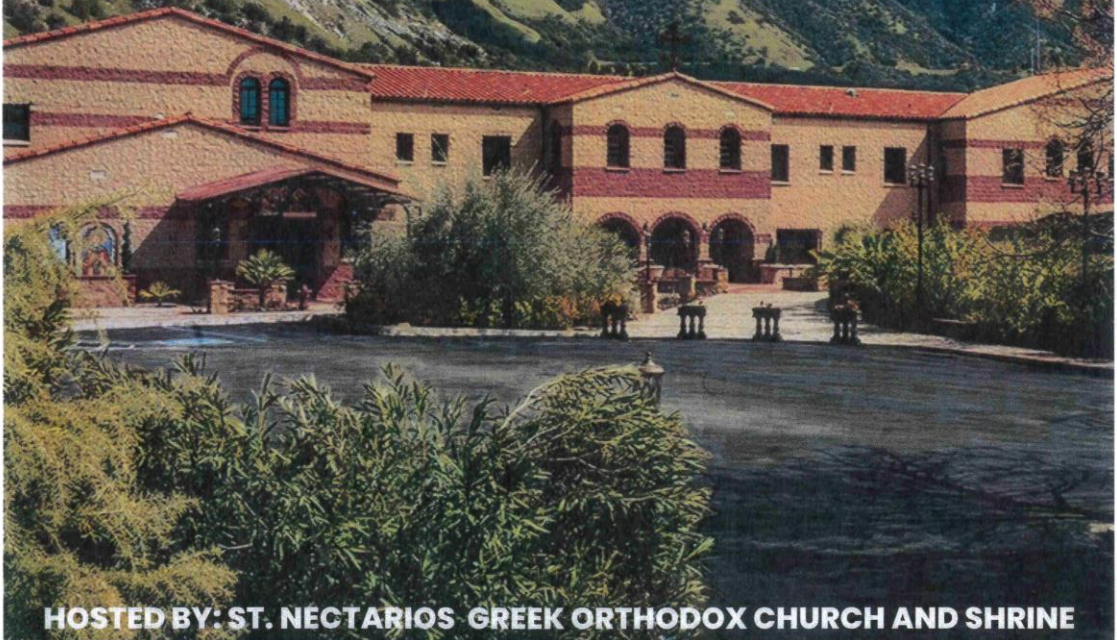


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*GERONTISSA MARKELLA & HER SISTERHOOD  
INVITE YOU FOR*

*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

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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](mailto:office@st-nectarios.org)

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PLEASE BRING CASH OR CHECK

# ***Constantine and Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles***

**May 21, 2023**

This great and renowned sovereign of the Christians was the son of Constantius Chlorus (the ruler of the westernmost parts of the Roman empire), and of the blessed Helen. He was born in 272, in (according to some authorities) Naissus of Dardania, a city on the Hellespont. In 306, when his father died, he was proclaimed successor to his throne. In 312, on learning that Maxentius and Maximinus had joined forces against him, he marched into Italy, where, while at the head of his troops, he saw in the sky after midday, beneath the sun, a radiant pillar in the form of a cross with the words: "By this shalt thou conquer." The following night, our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him in a dream and declared to him the power of the Cross and its significance. When he arose in the morning, he immediately ordered that a labarum be made (which is a banner or standard of victory over the enemy) in the form of a cross, and he inscribed on it the Name of Jesus Christ. On the 28th Of October, he attacked and mightily conquered Maxentius, who drowned in the Tiber River while fleeing. The following day, Constantine entered Rome in triumph and was proclaimed Emperor of the West by the Senate, while Licinius, his brother-in-law, ruled in the East. But out of malice, Licinius later persecuted the Christians. Constantine fought him once and again, and utterly destroyed him in 324, and in this manner he became monarch over the West and the East. Under him and because of him all the persecutions against the Church ceased. Christianity triumphed and idolatry was overthrown. In 325 he gathered the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, which he himself personally addressed. In 324, in the ancient city of Byzantium, he laid the foundations of the new capital of his realm, and solemnly inaugurated it on May 11, 330, naming it after himself, Constantinople. Since the throne of the imperial rule was transferred thither from Rome, it was named New Rome, the inhabitants of its domain were called Romans, and it was considered the continuation of the Roman Empire. Falling ill near Nicomedia, he requested to receive divine Baptism, according to Eusebius (The Life of Constantine. Book IV, 61-62), and also according to Socrates and Sozomen; and when he had

been deemed worthy of the Holy Mysteries, he reposed in 337, on May 21 or 22, the day of Pentecost, having lived sixty-five years, of which he ruled for thirty-one years. His remains were transferred to Constantinople and were deposited in the Church of the Holy Apostles, which had been built by him (see Homily XXVI on Second Corinthians by Saint John Chrysostom). As for his holy mother Helen, after her son had made the Faith of Christ triumphant throughout the Roman Empire, she undertook a journey to Jerusalem and found the Holy Cross on which our Lord was crucified (see Sept. 13 and 14). After this, Saint Helen, in her zeal to glorify Christ, erected churches in Jerusalem at the sites of the Crucifixion and Resurrection, in Bethlehem at the cave where our Saviour was born, another on the Mount of Olives whence He ascended into Heaven, and many others throughout the Holy Land, Cyprus, and elsewhere. She was proclaimed Augusta, her image was stamped upon golden coins, and two cities were named Helenopolis after her in Bithynia and in Palestine. Having been thus glorified for her piety, she departed to the Lord being about eighty years of age, according to some in the year 330, according to others, in 336.



## **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.

