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AUGUST 20, 2023

11TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Samuel the Prophet

Lukios the Counselor

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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APOLYTIKION. MODE 1. (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, Μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 2. (AFTER ENTRANCE)

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!"

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. MODE 1.

You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, Μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT. MODE 4

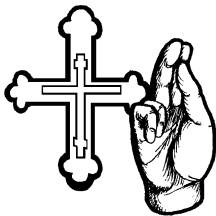
Emulating the ways of Elijah the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you made the wilderness a city, and did support the world by your prayers. Wherefore intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

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

KONTAKION. MODE PL 2

The Theotokos is undying in intercession.* Immovable is our hope in her for protection. * Neither death nor burial prevailed over her. * As she is Mother of Life, she was removed to life by Him, * the Lord who lived in her ever-virgin womb.

Τὴν ἐν πρεσβείαις ἀκοίμητον Θεοτόκον, καὶ προστασίαις ἀμετάθετον ἐλπίδα, τάφος καὶ νέκρωσις οὐκ ἐκράτησεν· ὥς γὰρ ζωῆς Μητέρα, πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν μετέστησεν, ὁ μήτραν οἰκήσας ἀειπάρθενον.



EPISTLE READING

11th Sunday of Matthew

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12

Prokeimenon. Mode 2

Psalm 117.14,18

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL READING

11th Sunday of Matthew

The Gospel According to Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monthly Ministry Series – Monday, August 21

There's still time to register for this month's Metropolis Ministry Series on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. This presentation will focus on "*The Anastasimatarion – The Importance of Saturday Vespers and Sunday Orthros in our Lives*". Through psalms and hymns from the **Anastasimatarion**, journey with us as we take you through Vespers and Matins and show how essential these services are in preparing for the Divine Liturgy. Register today: www.sanfran.goarch.org/ministries/stewardship.

Senior Resort Camp

Camp is not just for kids! If you are age 50 or better, please join the Metropolis of San Francisco Family Wellness Ministry for *A Royal Adventure, Senior Resort Camp*, Monday, September 25 – Friday, September 29, 2023, at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA. This five-day royal experience will feature good food, great company, and majestic experiences. Register online at www.sanfran.goarch.org/events or for more information, please contact St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Fresno, CA 559-233-0397.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekday Divine Services for the Month of August

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar)

Tuesday, August 29th

**Beheading of John the Baptist the Forerunner.
(Orthros – 9:00am, Divine Liturgy – 10:00am)**

Today coffee hour fellowship is hosted by Greg and Tanya in honor of their parents Paul & Mary Ann's 60th Wedding Anniversary, that all parishioners are invited.

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

Host a Coffee Hour and Celebrate a Nameday, Milestone Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Loved One, or for any reason. A sign-up poster has been placed in the foyer of the Parish Community Center. 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 and if you wish to host the Social Hour on that Sunday.**

Greek Dance Program: Greek Dance is back and we are getting ready for the Pasadena Greek Festival!

Groups are available for adults and children starting as young as Pre-K/TK. Practices are on Sundays.

Parent Information Meeting **TODAY August 20th at 12PM.** For more information, contact stanthonysdance@gmail.com.

Church and Youth Ministries Registration Sunday on September 10.

Light lunch will be provided (immediately following Divine Liturgy)

We are excited for the beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year and being back together again with all our ministries.

2023-2024 Greek Language school:

Youth registration with a discount rate opens August 4th through September 4th. Adult registration with a discount rate ends on October 4th. Classes for youth and adults start the second week of October and terminate the last week of May.

Complete and submit registration forms with your payment and proof of membership (Pledge Steward) directly to the office.

SAVE THE DATES: Saturday and Sunday, September 30 and October 1, 2023 Pasadena Greek Fest Returns. Please join us for food, drink, dance, games and fun!

St. Anthony needs the whole community to support this event. Your help is needed financially, as well as by volunteering. This is a community event and the best way to get to your fellow St. Anthony family!

For further information please contact: Anthia Lucas: (626)274-6133. or for donations contact juliekiotas@gmail.com.

2023 Church Stewardship Financial Commitment (Pledge).

Thank you to everyone who has returned the completed commitment card (see the list of names below). 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's 2023 Pledged Stewards (Members)

(August 17, 2023)

Stratos, Fr. Peter/Pres. Aida
Akrotirianakis, Joseph N. & Sherese
Albeck, Irene
Albeck, Mark Gregory
Andros, Gus & Lorena
Angelos, James & Sophia
Angiuli, Joseph (Joey) & Elizabeth
Antsos, Dimitrios & Judith Din
Argueta, Cris & Teresa V.
Arviso, Ange
Athans, Tesi & Craig Lareau
Athans, Tina & Dean P.

Attalla, Philip "Ted" & Michelle Reagan
Balas, Argiro Julie & Dino
Balas, Christian
Baliotis, Tina
Balntas, Bill & Eleni Mitropoulos
Becker, Connie & Brian L.
Becronis, Christina
Bichai, Anthony & Anna
Bicos, Chris & Eleni
Bicos, John & Meghan
Bicos, Marietta
Bissias, Peter

Blosiu, Julian O. & Catalina E.
Bonorris, Bill
Bonorris, Donna & Pete
Bowers, Connie & Terree
Bozikis, Demetra
Brown, Niki
Bryant, Dan & Karen
Buickians, Gagik & Jacqueline
Burkard Jr., Frank J. & Penelope
Buzas, John & Pamela
Buzas, Nicholas & Danielle
Caire, John.
Chames, Anastasia.
Christodoulelis Family, Jimmy
Christodoulelis, Helen
Christodoulelis, Tanya
Christodoulides, Loucas & Andri
Christopoulos, Judie & Gus
Christopoulos, Tom & Karen
Christopoulos, Tony and Lynnette
Christou, Nicholas
Coccia, Tina & Ginseppe
Cokias, Jason & Karen
Constantinou, Dimitris & Katerina
Damilatis, Eleni
Darlal, Paula
Darlal, Tom †
Demetriades, Demetrios & Elizabeth
Demopulos, Elizabeth & Andrew
Demopulos, Michael & Patricia
Dewar, Mary & Andrew
Dobrinen, Jennifer
Dupas, Christina
Dupas, George
Dupas, Katherine
Dupas, Theodore & Evangeline
Edwards, Nancy C.
Efsthathiou, Teddi & Dean
Floutsis, Penny & Ted
Frangadakis, Steve & Samantha

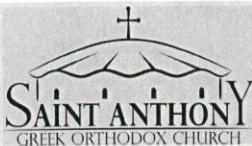
Fuerst, Billy
Fuerst, Nicolette & Jay
Gallagher, Eleni & Matthew
Gallanis, Pete & Danica
Ganis, Maria C.
Gavalas, Cleola & George
Gdoutos, Eleftherios
Gelt, Brian & Pana
Georgakopoulos, Eleni & George
Georgiou, George & Taline
Giakas, Vasiliki
Gittings, Brian & Maria Katsas
Grafos, Tom & Tania
Halias, Joanne & John
Haralambos, Aliko,
Haralambos, Anthony & Kathleen
Haralambos, Lambi & Sally
Horaites, Anthony M.
Horaites, George & Olympia
Hronas, Maria & James W.
Hunter, Nicole
Ioannou, Christos & Elleni
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, George & Carolina
Kokoris, Maria & Nicholas
Kolokotronis, Carolyn & James A.
Kontaxis, Michael & Christiana
Koudanis, Eugenia
Koudanis, Helen
Koulakis, John and Gisele
Koulos, Joanna & Konstantinos
Kourafas, Christopher & 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
Metry, Sam and Gemalyn
Mitis, Nick & Maria Prantzikou

Mitropoulos, Nick & Venetia
Mobayen, Chrissa & Syrus
Molinari, Ynggrid
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.
Poulopoulos, Paris & Alexia
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	Tsudis, Margaret and Robert
Sherwood, Symone	Tsudis, Peter and Carol
Sipsas, Pantelis & Nafsika	Udria, Juan & Mary
Skandale, Elizabeth	Vagenas, Alex & Tashia
Skandale, Helen	Vagenas, Dino & Krystina
Smith, Herman & Helen	Vagenas, John & Georgia
Soewers, Alexander	Vagenas, Nikolitsa
Soewers, Stephanie & Randy	Vagenas, Pete & Mindy
Stamos, Andy & Mary	Vagenas, Peter † & Janet
Stamos, Nikos A.	Vagenas, Spiros & Diana
Stavropoulos, Ted & Georgia	Vagenas, Vasilios & Nikolicha †
Stephens, Kenneth & Angelina Maria	Vagenas, Vasilios & Sara Doverspike
Syrengeles, Christos & Sophia	Varvitsiotis Varvas, Fotiny
Tarazi, Ellie	Vavoulis, Ted & Esther
Tarazi, Ted & Panagiota Angelos	Vezzuto, Christopher & Celka
Tirado, Elizabeth	Vezzuto, Robert
Tolliday, Ben & Jessica	Vezzuto, Robert & Stephanie
Treantafelles, George P.	Vidalakis, Nancy
Treantafelles, George T. & Helen	Vidalakis, Perry & Zoe
Treantafelles, Stan & Vivian	Vlahos, Tasia & Effie
Tripodes Zacharias N.	Vorgias, Zacharias & Alma
Tripodes, Dena	Voyagis, Eleftherios & Pauline
Tripodes, Georgia E.	Webster, John & Jennifer
Tripodes, Marika	Wojcik, Radoslav M. & Pamela
Tripodis, Ioannis & Helene	Xanthos, Lisa
Tsigkounis, Charalambos & Catherine	Zarifes, Peter & Tina
Tsouvalas, Dr. Charles	Zoumas, Michael & Christina
Tsouvalas, James	Zoumberakis, Haralambos and Nikole
Tsouvalas, John & Jenny	

**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 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

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PREFERRED PHONE

OTHER/SECOND PHONE

E-MAIL

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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

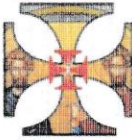
☐ Monthly at \$ _____/month

☐ 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



PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF SAINT ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

778 South Rosemead Boulevard • Pasadena, California 91107

April 22, 2023

"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!

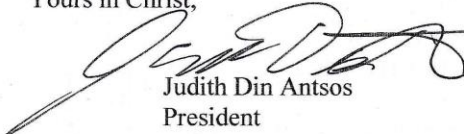
As we embark on a new year, we want to share with you our charitable efforts. Please see the reverse side to see the many charities we support locally, Nationally and through our San Francisco Metropolis. Our 2022 Christmas Benefit Luncheon chose IOCC as our featured charity with funds specifically earmarked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

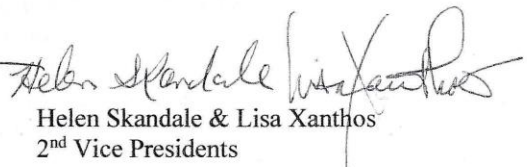
Please, renew or join by mail: enclose your registration form and check payable to St. Anthony Philoptochos, St. Anthony Philoptochos, 778 S. Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107. To process online: (go to <https://stanthonypiloptochos.square.site> and scroll down to Annual Membership Dues).

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
2nd Vice Presidents

PHILOPTOCHOS



**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.
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Street Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

 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:

☐ Feeding the Hungry

☐ Hosting Fellowship

☐ Marketing

☐ Delivering Meals to Parishioners

☐ Baking & Cooking

☐ Website Designer

☐ Homebound Visitations

☐ Fundraising

☐ Other Talents

☐ Telephone Tree

☐ Social Media

☐ 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://stanthonyphiloptochos.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

Samuel the Prophet

August 20, 2023

This most holy man, a Prophet of God from childhood, was the last judge of the Israelite people, and anointed the first two Kings of Israel. He was born in the twelfth century before Christ, in the city of Armathaim Sippa, from the tribe of Levi, the son of Elkanah and Hannah (Anna). He was the fruit of prayer, for his mother, being barren, conceived him only after she had supplicated the Lord with many tears; wherefore she called him Samuel, that is, "heard by God." As soon as Hannah had weaned him, she brought him to the city of Silom (Shiloh), where the Ark was kept, and she consecrated him, though yet a babe, to the service of God, giving thanks to Him with the hymn found in the Third Ode of the Psalter: "My heart hath been established in the Lord . . ." Samuel remained in Silom under the protection of Eli the priest. He served in the Tabernacle of God, and through his most venerable way of life became well-pleasing to God and man (I Kings 2: 26). While yet a child, sleeping in the tabernacle near the Ark of God, he heard the voice of God calling his name, and foretelling the downfall of Eli; for although Eli's two sons, Ophni and Phineas, were most lawless, and despisers of God, Eli did not correct them. Even after Samuel had told Eli of the divine warning, Eli did not properly chastise his sons, and afterwards, through various misfortunes, his whole house was blotted out in one day.

After these things came to pass, Samuel was chosen to be the protector of the people, and he judged them with holiness and righteousness. He became for them an example of all goodness, and their compassionate intercessor before God: "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you; yea, I will serve the Lord, and show you the good and the right way" (ibid. 12:23). When he asked them -- having God as witness -- if he ever wronged anyone, or took anyone's possessions, or any gift, even so much as a sandal, they answered with one voice: "Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, nor afflicted us, neither hast thou taken anything from anyone's hand" (ibid. 12:4). When Samuel was old, the people asked him for a king, but he was displeased with this, knowing that God Himself was their King. But when they persisted, the Lord commanded

him to anoint them a king, saying, "They have not rejected thee, but they have rejected Me from reigning over them" (ibid. 8:7); so Samuel anointed Saul. But Saul transgressed the command of God repeatedly, so Samuel anointed David. Yet, since Samuel was a man of God, full of tender mercy, when the Lord told him that He had rejected Saul, Samuel wept for him the whole night long (ibid. 15:11); and later, since he continued to grieve, the Lord said to him, "How long wilt thou mourn for Saul?" (ibid. 16:1). Having lived blamelessly some ninety-eight years, and become an example to all of a God-pleasing life, he reposed in the eleventh century before Christ. Many ascribe to him the authorship of the Books of Judges, and of Ruth, and of the first twenty-four chapters of the First Book of Kings (I Samuel).



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