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SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF LUKE

Thekla the Equal-to-the-Apostles

Silouan of Athos

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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FOR THE THEOTOKOS. MODE 4.

O come, all you people, and let us in faith clap our hands * and sing sacred songs to her who is the Mother of God, * and longingly cry aloud: * "Rejoice, O protection of all those who entreat you; * rejoice, the salvation of those who honor you with longing; * rejoice, O Lady who restored * the paralyzed man to health."

Λαοὶ νῦν κροτήσωμεν, δεῦτε τὰς χεῖρας πιστῶς, καὶ ἄσωμεν ἄσμασι, τῇ Θεομήτορι, ἐν πόθῳ κραυγάζοντες· Χαῖρε ἡ προστασία πάντων τῶν δεομένων· χαῖρε ἡ σωτηρία τῶν τιμώντων σε πόθῳ· χαῖρε ἡ τῷ παραλύτῳ τὴν ἴασιν βραβεύσασα.

FOR THE HOLY WOMAN. MODE 3.

All aflame with love for your Creator, * from the teachings of the sacred preacher,
* you disregarded as fleeting all things mundane. * And being bold in the face of
the penalties, * you gave yourself as a beautiful gift to God. * Thecla, glorious
companion of the Apostle Paul, * we pray you entreat your Bridegroom, Christ, *
and ask Him to grant us His great mercy.

Θείου κήρυκος διδασκαλίας, πόθῳ κτίστου σου ἀναφλεχθεῖσα, τῶν γενηρῶν ὡς
ρέόντων ἠλόγησας· καὶ σεαυτὴν ἱερὸν καλλιέργημα, τῷ Θεῷ δοῦσα ποιῶν
κατετόλμησας. Θέκλα ἔνδοξε, Παύλου τοῦ θεοῦ συνέκδημε, τὸν σὸν Νυμφίον
Χριστὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT. MODE 4

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

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

KONTAKION. MODE 2.

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never
fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we
implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry
to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever
those who honor you.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε,
μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν
βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ
σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

EPISTLE READING

1st Sunday of Luke

St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

Prokeimenon. Mode 4

Psalm 67.35,26

God is wonderful among his saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING

1st Sunday of Luke

The Gospel According to Luke 5:1-11

At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is OYM Sunday! Orthodox Youth & Young Adult Ministries (OYM) was created by the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops to help parishes, priests, parents, and other caring adults help young people find joy in the Orthodox faith by encountering Christ, embodying the Church, and engaging the world in His name. **September 24, 2023 has been designated as Orthodox Youth & Young Adult Ministry Awareness Sunday.**

We invite everyone to learn about OYM's ministry, sign up for their newsletter, and consider supporting them by visiting www.TheOYM.org.

Metropolis Gala – Celebrating Our Ministries and Honoring

Extraordinary Leadership The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco

celebrates over 100 years of ministry on the west coast with a magnificent black-tie Gala held at the **Westin St. Francis on Union Square**, 335 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA on Saturday, October 28, 2023. The Gala honors its fourteen ministries, the extraordinary leadership of the Hierarchs who have served the Metropolis over the past century, and the presentation of the 2023 *Theofanis Economidis Award* to His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco. For information on tickets, sponsorships and donations, please visit: www.sanfran.goarch.org/Gala

Deacons Retreat – All Are Invited! The Metropolis Clergy Continuing Education Ministry is hosting a retreat for Clergy, Deacons and Diaconal candidates (current and potential) from November 3 – 5, 2023 at Saint Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Irvine, CA. The retreat will feature guest presenter Fr. Seraphim Aldea, founder of the Orthodox Monastery of All Celtic Saints on the Isle of Mull in the Hebrides. The retreat is also open to all interested faithful, who will have the opportunity to benefit from the insightful presentations being offered by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and Fr. Seraphim Aldea. For more information, please visit: www.sanfran.goarch.org/events.

Fall Parenting Series Join George Papageorge, Metropolis Director of the Family Wellness Ministry (FWM) for the along with the entire Family Wellness Ministry team, for the launch of the Fall 2023 two-part parenting series on Zoom integrating solid psychological research and wisdom from Orthodox Christian teaching providing insightful and practical content with opportunities for interactive discussion. These sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, October 11 and Wednesday, November 8 and will share about cultivating stable emotional connection, communication skills, parenting styles and integration of authentic faith in Christ. Sign up today at www.familywellnessministry.org

Young Adult Fall Retreat – “The Life You’re Looking For”

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco and OYM (Orthodox Youth and Young Adult Ministries) will present a Young Adult Fall Retreat from Friday, October 13 – 15, 2023 at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA. The retreat theme for this year’s Young Adult Fall Retreat is “The Life You’re Looking For” and will be led by Christian Gonzalez, the Director of Ministry for OYM. Join with other Orthodox young adults from throughout the west for a weekend of fellowship, prayer and inspiring presentations. Register online at: www.gosfyouth.org.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDIES IN THE FAITH (Gospel of St. Luke)

Fall Session 2023: October 2—December 18

Our Studies in the Faith/Bible Study Classes will be organized into 12 evening sessions meeting on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

These informative zoom classes will serve as an excellent introduction into the Gospel of Luke from an Orthodox perspective. For those interested in the class please email Fr. Peter. frpeter@saint-anthonys.org

Introductory Session – Monday October 02

Chapters 1 & 2

Second Session – Monday October 09

Chapters 3 & 4

Third Session – Monday October 16

Chapters 5 & 6

Fourth Session – October 23

Chapters 7 & 8

Fifth Session – Monday October 30

Chapters 9 & 10

Sixth Session – Monday November 06

Chapters 11 and 12

Seventh Session – Monday November 13

Chapters 13 & 14

Eighth Session – Monday November 20

Chapters 15 & 16

Ninth Session – Monday November 27

Chapters 17 & 18

Tenth Session – Monday December 04

Chapter 19 & 20

Eleventh Session – Monday December 11

Chapter 21 & 22

Final Session – Monday December 18

Chapter 23 & 24



Today Coffee Hour is hosted by Philoptochos.

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.

For Church Memorials, please contact the Church office.

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.

For more information, contact stanthonysdance@gmail.com.

Learn how to Greek Dance FOR ADULTS, Every Monday – October 9, 16, 23, 30 at 7:30 pm. at St. Anthony Trinity Ballroom.

for more information e mail Dimitra Kasdagli at stanthonysdance@gmail.com

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.

P A S A D E N A
GREEKFEST

SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1
NOON-10PM

SAINT ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
778 South Rosemead Boulevard, Pasadena

AUTHENTIC GREEK FOOD & PASTRIES
GREEK WINE & SPIRITS
GREEK MUSIC & FOLK DANCING
KID ZONE

PARKING & SHUTTLE
from Gate 3 of the
Santa Anita Race Track
@ Huntington & Holly

ADMISSION
Adults: \$5 each *or* 5 for \$20
Kids 12 & under: free



www.pasadenagreekfest.com



FestBucks will be for sale after church this Sunday after church at the Pasadena GreekFest table!!! FestBucks are similar to a gift card/certificate just for our festival! FestBucks are in increments of \$20. A wonderful way to support and promote the Pasadena Greek Fest!



Pasadena Greek Fest Returns. Greek Festival Season is Underway.

If you have always wanted to learn how to make the classics, this is a great way to learn from our own Saint Anthony's family. We use traditional recipes passed down through generations. You will have cooking classes and volunteer at the same time. Our festival foods are all made by parishioners with love to support our church community.

Next page is the schedule for our Greek Festival cooking.

Support for the festival comes in many ways, time, talent and financial. If you are able to support the festival financially, any amount is helpful to St. Anthony's church and keeping our faith and culture alive for future generations. Donations of food and paper products for the festival are much appreciated and needed as well. Please contact Anthia (626.274.6133), Julie (626.390.1149) or Christian (626.340.7374) with your support.

With faith and love, Your GreekFest Team

Thekla the Protomartyr & Equal-to-the-Apostles

September 24, 2023

This saint was from the city of Iconium. When she was eighteen years of age, she was instructed in the Faith of Christ and the hope of the resurrection by the Apostle Paul, whom also she followed, forsaking her betrothed and espousing a life of virginity for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. Having preached Christ in various cities and suffered many things, she reposed in Seleucia of Cilicia at the age of 90.



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