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OCTOBER 22, 2023 6TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Averkios of Hierapolis

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ 9:45 A.M.

Fotene Prantzikou – 40 days Pete Vagenas – 6 Months Nikolicha (litsa) Vagenas – 6 Months

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

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 3. (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

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FOR ST. ABERCIUS. MODE 4.

A rule of faith are you, and an icon of gentleness, and a teacher of self-control. And to your flock this was evident, by the truth of your life and deeds. You were humble and therefore you acquired exalted gifts, treasure in heaven for being poor. Father holy hierarch Abercius, intercede with Christ our God, and entreat Him to save our souls.

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῆ ποίμνη σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῆ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῆ πτωχεία τὰ πλούσια, πάτερ ἱεράρχα Αβέρκιε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

FOR THE HOLY SEVEN YOUTHS, MODE PL 4.

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You * the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. * Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

Οἱ Μάρτυρές σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν σχόντες γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἱκεσίαις, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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 ἥμαρτον συγχώρησον οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὸ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι δοῦναι τήν 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 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 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, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

EPISTLE READING

St. Paul's Letter to The Galatians 1:11-19

Prokeimenon. Mode 3
Psalm 46.6,1

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Services for the month of October

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

Thursday, October 26 – Demetrios the Myrhh-Streamer (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

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

Third Session – Monday October 23

Chapters 5 & 6



<u>Today coffee hour fellowship is hosted</u> by The Vagenas Family in memory of Pete Vagenas and Litsa Vagenas.

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.

2023-2024 Greek Language school: 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.

<u>Learn how to Greek Dance FOR ADULTS</u>, Every Monday –October 23, 30 at 7:30 pm. at St. Anthony Trinity Ballroom.

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

2023 Church Stewardship Financial Commitment (Pledge).

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 or the form below, 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.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Southern California Cretans' Association is hosting their annual Cretan Glendi on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church featuring musicians from Crete. Appetizers and cocktails at 5:30 pm with dinner and dancing to follow. A percentage of the proceeds will benefit the Association's Scholarship Fund. For reservations, please contact Helen at (818) 618-4963.



Averkios, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Wonderworker, Bishop of Hierapolis.

October 22, 2023

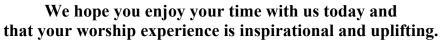
Saint Abercius, Bishop of Hierapolis in Phrygia in the times of Marcus Aurelius, was adorned with the grace of wonderworking and with apostolic zeal. During a festival in honour of Apollo, the chief deity of Hierapolis, the holy bishop was instructed in a revelation to destroy the idols. He went to the temple by night and overturned the statues of Apollo and the others. When this was discovered, the Saint boldly cried out that the gods, becoming drunk from the wine of the libations offered them, had struck one against another in their confusion. A multitude of furious pagans came to avenge the insult to their gods, but when the Saint cast the demons out of three afflicted young men, fear fell upon the idolaters and they with the whole city became Christian. After many labours, and afflictions, Saint Abercius reposed in peace about the year 167 (or, according to some, 186).

Seven Holy Martyred Youths of Ephesus. October 22, 2023

The Seven Youths hid themselves in a certain cave near Ephesus in the year 250, to escape the persecution of Decius. By divine grace, a sleep came upon them and they slept for 184 years, until the reign of Saint Theodosius the Younger, when the doctrine of the resurrection was being assailed by heretics. They then awoke, that is, were resurrected, confirming in the sight of all the bodily resurrection; and again after a short time, by divine command, they reposed in the Lord in the year 434.



WELCOME!





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

