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## **DECEMBER 3, 2023 – 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

*Zephaniah the Prophet  
John, Bishop and Hesychast*

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

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

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

*Dr. Nicholas Vidalakis – 1 year*

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

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**WE WILL CONTINUE TO BROADCAST ALL SERVICES VIA LIVE-STREAM**  
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[YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCXSG4uJFWmElxOEIjx96pCA](https://YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCXSG4uJFWmElxOEIjx96pCA)

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

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin he has 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 τοῦ δούλου σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτεν συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τῷ μεταστάντι 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. MODE 3.***

On this day the Virgin Maid \* goes to the grotto to give birth \* to the pre-eternal Word \* in an ineffable manner. \* Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. \* Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds \* Him who willed that He appear as \* a newborn Child, \* the pre-eternal God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

## ***EPISTLE READING***

### **St. Paul's Letter to The Ephesians 5:8-19**

**Prokeimenon. Mode 1. Psalm 32.**

**Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in You.**

**Verse: Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones;  
praise is fitting for the upright.**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19

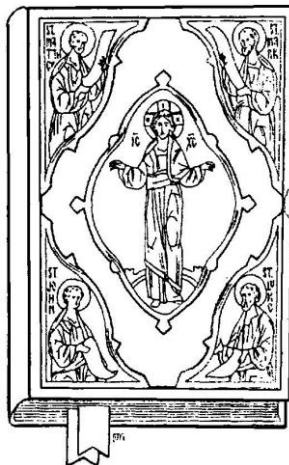
Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.



# ***GOSPEL READING***

## **The Gospel According to Luke 18:35-43**

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



## *METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### **METROPOLIS FAMILY WINTER CAMP AT ST. NICHOLAS RANCH & RETREAT CENTER**

Families across our Metropolis are invited to join us for a Metropolis Family Winter Camp at St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center, this December 27-30, 2023. Let's celebrate the family this nativity season and gather for a wonderful four-day camp, packed with fun and adventure while growing closer to Christ and to each other! We will have the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and fun activities at the Ranch, as well as visit both the Monastery of the Theotokos the Life-Giving Spring, and a field trip to play in the snow at Kings Canyon National Park. With engaging activities for the whole family, let's ascend to the mountains and enjoy the last few days of 2023 together at our beloved retreat center!

**DATES:** December 27-30, 2023

**LOCATION:** St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center, Dunlap, CA

**WHO:** Open to the entire family! Youth under the age of 18 cannot attend without a parent or chaperon and must stay in a family room with their parent or chaperon over the age of 18.

**COST:** \$185 per person (includes 9 meals and program supplies). The cost of your family lodging is an additional cost. One member from each family can select from either a lodge or dorm room for the family to share. Children 5 and under are free.

**REGISTRATION & MORE INFORMATION:** [www.gosfyouth.org/family](http://www.gosfyouth.org/family)

## *PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### **Divine Services for the First week of December**

*(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):*

Wednesday, December 6 - Services for St. Nicholas at Chapel in Rose Hills Memorial Park (*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 continue 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](mailto:frpeter@saint-anthonys.org)

**Seventh Session – Monday December 4**

**Chapter 7**



**Today's coffee hour fellowship will be hosted by** the Vidalakis Family in memory of Dr. Nicholas Vidalakis.

**Parish Council Elections Today after Divine Liturgy** in the ballroom.

**Reminder: NO PARKING IN EMERGENCY WHITE ZONE IN FRONT OF CHURCH**



## COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP



### *Host a Coffee Hour*

**Celebrate a Name Day, Milestone Birthday, Anniversary or Event for yourself or a loved one or as a Family Activity!**

Every Sunday following the Divine Liturgy, coffee hour in the Parish Hall provides an opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners and to greet new Parish members. By offering to host a Coffee Hour Fellowship, you are assisting in providing a delicious snack while we spend time with our church family.

Hosting is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. **Sign-up on the poster located in the Parish Hall or Church Office.** If you would like your name or event included in the weekly bulletin, notify the Church Office by the Wednesday prior to the date chosen at 626.449.6943 or by email at [office@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:office@saint-anthonys.org)

**For Memorials, you must notify the Church Office by the Wednesday prior to the date chosen at 626.449.6943 or by email at [office@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:office@saint-anthonys.org)**

2. **Bring snacks for 75 adults and kids** – Suggestions include: Pastries, Bagels, Muffins, Cakes, Cookies, Mini Deli Sandwiches, Cheese & Crackers, Olives, Dolmades, Hummus, Tzatziki, Pita, Raw Vegetables, Fruit, Salads or anything you prefer!
3. **Bring food items plated on serving trays/bowls and ready to serve by 10:30am on your chosen day.** (Serving tables and coffee/water station are set up by 10:00am)

That's it! Your fellow parishioners will be grateful for the snack and fellowship.

Philoptochos provides the coffee, sugar, creamer, paper plates, plastic utensils and napkins or you may choose to donate these items to help offset the cost.

For questions, please call or email Tanya Christodoulelis at 626.379.2304 or [tanyachristos@yahoo.com](mailto:tanyachristos@yahoo.com).

**All cash donations made during Coffee Hour go toward the Church Altar Fund to provide the items needed throughout the year for the altar.**





## Saint Anthony Community Christmas Card 2023

With the start of the Nativity Fast our Church has officially entered the Christmas Season. During this special time of year, we turn our hearts and minds to the Nativity of Christ and we reflect on what this means for us. Of course, we have the opportunity to give thanksgiving to God by offering a gift to our church in our participating in the annual St. Anthony's Community Christmas Card. This beautiful Nativity card is being made available to the entire community, as it has been done in the past. Let our prayers turn to unity with Christ our God, who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation.

Should you wish to participate and have your name(s) listed in the Community Christmas Card, please complete, and mail the form below to the church office  
**by Sunday December 10, 2023**



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**YES! I/We would like to participate in this year's Community Christmas Card!**

**Enclosed is my offering of:** ☐ \$50   ☐ \$75   ☐ \$100   ☐ \$200   ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Please print clearly** how you would like your name(s) to appear on the  
2023 St. Anthony Community Christmas Card:

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*Checks can be made out to: St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church  
Memo: Christmas Card*

*Mail to: 778 S. Rosemead Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91107-5613  
or email us: [alma@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:alma@saint-anthonys.org) or call the church office (626) 449-6943  
to pay by Credit Card.*

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**St. Anthony's  
Greek  
Dance Program  
Presents**

**FDF PREVIEW  
DINNER DANCE**

Saturday January 27, 2024

5:30 pm

St. Anthony's Trinity Ballroom  
778 S. Rosemead Blvd, Pasadena

Adult pricing \$75

Dancers \$50

Ages 10 and under \$30

Performances by

Bouboukakia

Asterakia

Filarakia

Pyrkagia

Panegiri

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# Zephaniah the Prophet

*December 3, 2023*

This Prophet, who is ninth in order among the minor Prophets, was the son of Chusi (Cushi), from the tribe of Levi, or according to some, the great-grandson of King Hezekias. He prophesied in the years of Josias, who reigned in the years 641-610 before Christ. His book of prophecy is divided into three chapters. His name means "Yah has concealed."



## 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.

**The deadline for submitting information for the Sunday Bulletin is every Wednesday. please send it to [office@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:office@saint-anthonys.org)**

## **MAKE SURE YOU ARE A REGULAR SUPPORTER OF OUR CHURCH!**

The healthiest and most effective way of fulfilling and enhancing your stewardship is to do so on a recurring basis. This is made VERY EASY by setting up monthly or weekly recurring stewardship donations via our online giving platform. Just go to [saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com](http://saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com), or click the icon below and you can set up a no-hassle stewardship account in just minutes!



*Or you can call the church office to set up regular giving through credit cards or checks*

