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FEBRUARY 11, 2024
16TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

*Vlassios, Martyr of Sebaste
Theodora the Empress*

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

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

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

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FOR THE HIEROMARTYR. MODE 4.

Becoming a partner with the Apostles in way of life and successor to their thrones, O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you found an entrance to contemplation. Hence you rightly expounded the word of truth, and you shed your blood in struggling for the faith, O Hieromartyr Blaise, Intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him to save our souls.

Καὶ τρόπων μέτοχος, καὶ θρόνων διάδοχος, τῶν Ἀποστόλων γενόμενος, τὴν πρᾶξιν εὗρες Θεόπνευστε, εἰς θεωρίας ἐπίβασιν· διὰ τοῦτο τὸν λόγον τῆς ἀληθείας ὀρθοτομῶν, καὶ τῇ πίστει ἐνήθλησας μέχρις αἵματος, Ἱερομάρτυς Βλάσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι 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 Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καί 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 ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.



EPISTLE READING

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Psalm 46.

Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

**Verse: Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God
with the voice of rejoicing.**

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord said this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'" As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDIES IN THE FAITH (Gospel of St. Luke)

Winter Session 2023: January 8 — March 4

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

Next Class February 12, 2024 – Chapter 10

Ushers: Eleni Mitropoulos Jimmy Pappas and Joe Akrotirianakis



Coffee Hour – Hosted by Philoptochos

NO PARKING IN EMERGENCY WHITE ZONE IN FRONT OF CHURCH

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 (pledge 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.***

MAKE SURE YOU ARE A REGULAR SUPPORTER OF OUR CHURCH!

The healthiest and most effective way of fulfilling and enhancing your Church 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, or click the icon below and you can set up a no-hassle stewardship account in just minutes!



***Weekly stewardship envelopes are available.
Please contact the church office if you would like to have them
for the 2024 stewardship contributions.***



2024 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)*

2024

LAST NAME

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

STREET ADDRESS

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STATE

ZIP

PREFERRED PHONE

OTHER/SECOND PHONE

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SIGNATURE

DATE

[For office use only]

ST. ANTHONY GIVING LEVELS:

CONTRIBUTOR: \$499 & below

\$9.60/week OR \$42/month & below

FRIEND: \$500 - \$999

\$9.60-\$19/week OR \$42-\$83/month

SUPPORTER: \$1,000 - \$1,999

\$19-\$38/week OR \$83-\$167/month

*** FAITHFUL: \$2,000 - \$3,999**

\$38-\$77/week OR \$167-\$333/month

*** DISCIPLE: \$4,000 - \$6,999**

\$77-\$135/week OR \$333-\$583/month

*** GUARDIAN: \$7,000 - \$9,999**

\$135-\$192/week OR \$583-\$833/month

*** ANGEL: \$10,000 - \$14,999**

\$192-\$288/week OR \$833-\$1,249/month

*** ARCHANGEL: \$15,000 and up**

\$288/week OR \$1,250/month & up

Review your stewardship commitment prayerfully, consider what you offer to Christ's Church in comparison to your monthly utility/ service payments.

Please return your completed commitment card to church by January 31, 2024

Your card must be on file for you to be considered in 'Good Standing'

In response to God's blessings, I/we pledge a 2024 offering of:

My Total Commitment for 2024: \$ _____

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 saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com

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



GOYA Basketball 2024

GOYA Basketball season is beginning

Sunday, February 25th!

Sign up now! We are using TeamSnap to register.

Please click this link

<https://registration.teamsnap.com/form/3953>

Junior Girls/Junior Boys ages 12-15

Senior Girls ages 16-21 Senior Boys ages 16-19

Player fee is \$100 payable to St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church.

Uniforms will be distributed after church February 4th and 11th.

Questions? Contact Pana Gelt pgelt3@gmail.com or

Anthia Drulias-Lucas adljsl02@yahoo.com

All players' families must be members of St. Anthony to participate.

St. Anthony G.O.Y.A. Basketball Schedule 2024

Sunday, February 25:

@ St. Sophia

1324 S. Normandie Ave., LA

Los Angeles

2:00 Jr. Girls

3:00 Jr. Boys

4:00 Sr. Girls

5:00 Sr. Boys

Sunday, March 3:

St. Katherine @ St. Anthony

Duarte High School

1565 Central Avenue, Duarte

2:00 Jr. Girls

3:00 Jr. Boys

4:00 Sr. Girls

No Sr. Boys Game

Sunday, March 10:

Assumption @ St. Anthony

Duarte High School

1565 Central Avenue, Duarte

2:00 Jr. Girls

3:00 Jr. Boys

4:00 Sr. Girls

5:00 Sr. Boys

Sunday, March 17:

St. George @ St. Anthony

Duarte High School

1565 Central Avenue, Duarte

2:00 Jr. Girls

3:00 Jr. Boys

No Sr. Games

Sunday, March 24:

@ St. John

Brookhurst Jr. High

601 N. Brookhurst St., Anaheim

2:00 Jr. Girls

3:00 Jr. Boys

4:00 Sr. Girls

5:00 Sr. Boys

Sunday, March 31:

St. Basil @ St. Anthony

Duarte High School

1565 Central Avenue, Duarte

3:00 Jr. Boys

4:00 Sr. Girls

5:00 Sr. Boys

No Jr. Girls Game

Sunday, April 7:

@ St. Nicholas

9501 Balboa Blvd., Northridge

2:00 Jr. Girls

3:00 Jr. Boys

4:00 Sr. Girls

5:00 Sr. Boys

Saturday, April 13:

Quarter Finals - Cabrillo High

2001 Santa Fe Ave., Long Beach

Sunday, April 14:

Semi-Finals = Cabrillo High

Sunday, April 21:

Finals/Banquet/Awards - St. Sophia

Questions contact:

Pana Gelt 626-278-2808

Anthia Drulias Lucas 626-274-6133

METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

METROPOLIS YOUNG ADULT LENTEN RETREAT 2024

Let's begin Great Lent together with Orthodox Young Adults from across the West Coast for a Lenten Retreat at St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA. Young Adults from all Orthodox traditions are welcome to attend. We will spend time having discussions and fellowship at St. Nicholas Ranch, as well as visit and help the Sisters at the Monastery of the Life-Giving Spring with a work project and other engaging activities throughout the weekend.

DATE: March 22 - 24, 2024

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

AGES: Young Adults ages 18-39

SPEAKER: Archon George Psefteas

THEME: "Discovering Our Spiritual Heritage - The Ecumenical Patriarchate"

"We know many things about our faith, but do we appreciate how unchanged it has been since the time of Christ? Do we know the contributions of Constantinople and its Patriarchs in the Apostolic succession from the time of St. Andrew, the First Called? We invite you to come join us to discuss these questions and ask and answer others. We also invite you to join us in discussing and seeing the beauty and holiness of Constantinople and exploring how each of you have the opportunity to experience it firsthand."

WEBSITE: <https://gosfyouth.org/young-adult-lenten-retreat>

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philoptochos General Meeting, Wednesday February 28, 2024

Dr Deacon Euthym Kontaxis will be speaking on “Healing in the Orthodox Church.”

Deacon Euthym serves at St George in Palm Desert, and a pediatric emergency physician at Eisenhower Medical Center. He has 42 years experience in medicine and has been an Ordained Deacon in the Orthodox Church for 25 years.

He has a unique and valuable perspective on spiritual and physical health to share. He and Fr Peter were at Holy Cross School of Theology, and he is a great friend to our community. We are grateful he has found time in his busy schedule to come to Pasadena and share his wisdom.

Small bites will be served at 5:30 and Dr Dn Kontaxis will speak at 6pm in the Trinity Ballroom.

All are encouraged to attending this evening hosted by the St. Anthony Philoptochos.

2024 Philoptochos Membership

Our Philoptochos chapter is growing, and we hope that you will consider joining as a member in 2024. Please join us on Sunday, January 28, 2024 following liturgy for fellowship, brunch and to learn more about Philoptochos and the importance of being part of this ministry.

We encourage all women, 18 years and older to join Philoptochos. Men and non-Orthodox women may also join as associate members. Your participation in this ministry can make a difference in so many lives. To renew or join by mail - send check (payable to St. Anthony Philoptochos Society) to St. Anthony Philoptochos Society, 778 South Rosemead Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91107 or online at <https://stanthonypiloptochos.square.site> Each \$50 stewardship supports the National Philoptochos, the San Francisco Metropolis and St. Anthony Philoptochos obligations and projects. Thank you for your continued support and for helping make a difference in our community.

PHILOPTOCHOS

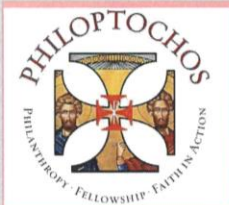


**PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF
SAINT ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PANAGIA CHAPTER**

PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ 2024 Philoptochos Membership ☐ 2024 Associate Membership Date _____
(Men / Non-Voting)

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| <i>Notices will be sent via email. If you prefer your notices mailed, please, let us know by checking here</i> <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Anthony's Philoptochos Stewardship (membership dues). Select amount below: <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Each \$50 stewardship supports National Philoptochos (\$15), San Francisco Metropolis (\$15) and St. Anthony Philoptochos obligations and projects (\$20). <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Cash | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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2024 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://stanthonypiloptochos.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

Blaise the Hieromartyr of Sebastia

February 11, 2024

Saint Blaise was Bishop of Sebastia. Divine grace, through which he healed the diseases of men and beasts, and especially of infants, made his name famous. He contested for the Faith under Licinius in the year 316. Saint Blaise is invoked for the healing of throat ailments.

Theodora the Empress

February 11, 2024

As for the renowned Empress Theodora, she was from Paphlagonia and was the daughter of a certain Marinus, the commander of a military regiment. While being the wife of the Emperor Theophilus, the last of the Iconoclasts, she adorned the royal diadem with her virtue and piety; as long as her husband Theophilus lived, she privately venerated icons, despite his displeasure. After his death, she restored the holy icons to public veneration; this is commemorated on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the First Sunday of the Great Fast. She governed the Empire wisely for fifteen years, since her son Michael was not yet of age. But in 857 she forsook her royal power and entered a certain convent in Constantinople called Gastria, where she finished the course of her life in holiness and reposed in the Lord. Her sacred incorrupt remains are found in Corfu, in the Church of the Most Holy Theotokos of the Cave, in the capital city of the island (see also Dec. 12).

Reminder:

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

**A Handicap Placard or
Handicap License Plate
is required to park in the Blue
handicap parking spaces.**

