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MARCH 24, 2024
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

*Forefeast of Annunciation
Tikhon Patriarch of Moscow*

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. MODE 2. (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου, προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠυδοκήσας σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὓς ἐπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαράς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 1. (AFTER ENTRANCE)

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτὴρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

FOR THE FEAST. MODE 2.

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APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT. MODE 4

Emulating the ways of Elias the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, thou madest of the wilderness a city, and didst support the world by thy 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 PL 4.

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἴνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.



EPISTLE READING

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews. 11:24-26; 32-40

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. The Prayer of Azariah.

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, for You are praiseworthy and exalted beyond measure unto the ages.

Verse: For You are righteous in all You did for us, all You brought on us and on Jerusalem, the holy city of our fathers.

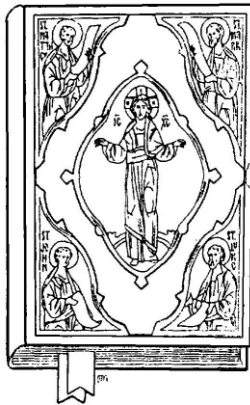
The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wednesday, March 20th** *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm*
- Friday, March 22nd** *Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm*
- Monday, March 25th** *Annunciation of the Theotokos*
Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am
- Wednesday, March 27th** *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm*
- Friday, March 29th** *Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm*
- Wednesday, April 3rd** *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm*
- Friday, April 5th** *Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm*
- Wednesday, April 10th** *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm*
- Friday, April 12th** *Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm*
- Wednesday, April 17th** *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm*
- Friday, April 19th** *The Akathist Hymn – 6:00pm*
- Wednesday, April 24th** *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm*

Ushers: Tom Grafos, Tony Christopoulos, Pete Gallanis



St. Anthony's Greek Language School Celebration and

Fundraising TODAY Sunday March 24th following Divine Liturgy.

Please join us in the Trinity Ballroom for a Fish Luncheon and a performance by our students. Tickets will be available at the ballroom entrance \$25 per adult, \$15 for kids under 12, Free for kids under 2.

Come in and support Greek School Language School.

G.O.Y.A. basketball game this Sunday, March 24: St. Anthony @ 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.

Questions contact:

Pana Gelt 626-278-2808 - Anthia Drulias Lucas 626-274-6133

**Save the Date - June 7th Pasadena Golf Classic at
Brookside Golf Course. Check your email for
additional information coming soon!**

STUDIES IN THE FAITH

Spring Session, 2024, March 11th – April 22rd

Our text for the 2024 Studies in the Faith class will be, *The Orthodox Faith, "Worship" Volume 2*, by Fr. Thomas Hopko. Our class for this year, will be taught over 8 class sessions, meeting on Monday evenings 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

These informative classes will serve as an excellent introduction to the Orthodox Faith for those interested in the Orthodox Church. This series of classes will also provide an inspiring enrichment and review for practicing Orthodox Christians.

*Reading each week's assigned chapter and participating in class discussions is encouraged to ensure that the sessions become an exciting and meaningful experience for all participants. For those interested in this year's class please email Fr. Peter at: frpeter@saint-anthonys.org

* Google SVS Press, go to the Find a Book tab at the top right of page, and type in: Volume 2 “Worship.” The cost of the book is \$20. Plus tax. (Please order your copy before the class begins).

CHAPTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

Third Session – Monday March 25th

Chapter Two continued: “The Sacraments”

Fourth Session – Monday April 1st

Chapter Three: “The Daily Cycle of Prayers”

Fifth Session – Monday April 8th

Chapter Four: “The Church Year”

Sixth Session – Monday April 15th

Chapter Four continued: “The Church Year”

Seventh Session – Monday April 22th

Chapter Five: “The Divine Liturgy”

St. Anthony’s 2024 Pledged Stewards (Members)

(March 22, 2024)

Stratos, Fr. Peter/Pres. Aida
Akrotirianakis, Joseph N. & Sherese
Albeck, Irene
Albeck, Mark Gregory
Anast, Alexandra
Andrei, Dragos & Ioana
Andros, Gus & Lorena
Angelos, James & Sophia
Angiuli, Joseph (Joey) & Elizabeth
Antsos, Dimitrios & Judith Din

Argueta, Cris & Teresa V.
Athans, Tesi & Craig Lareau
Athans, Tina & Dean P.
Athenson, Alex & Cynthia Sigler
Attalla, Philip "Ted" & Michelle Reagan
Balas, Argiro Julie & Dino
Balas, Christian
Baliotis, Tina
Becronis, Christina
Bissias, Peter

Blosiu, Julian O. & Catalina E.
Bonorris, Donna & Pete
Boukidis, Katherine
Bowers, Connie & Terree
Bozikis, Demetra
Brown, Niki
Bryant, Dan & Karen
Buickians, Gagik & Jacqueline
Burkard Jr., Frank J. & Penelope
Buzas, John & Pamela
Buzas, Nicholas & Danielle
Chames, Anastasia.
Christodoulelis Family, Jimmy
Christodoulelis, Tanya
Christodoulides, Loucas & Andri
Christopoulos, Judie & Gus
Christopoulos, Tony and Lynnette
Christou, Nicholas
Coccia, Tina & Ginseppe
Cokias, Jason & Karen
Compoginis, John & Staci
Constantinou, Dimitris & Katerina
Damilatis, Eleni
Daskalos, Chris & Luran
Demopulos, Elizabeth & Andrew
Dewar, Mary & Andrew
Dupas, Christina
Dupas, George
Dupas, Katherine
Dupas, Theodore & Evangeline
Edwards, Nancy C.
Floutsis, Penny & Ted
Frangeskou, Yiorgos & Xenia
Fuerst, Billy
Fuerst, Nicolette & Jay
Gallagher, Eleni & Matthew
Gallanis, Pete & Danica
Gavalas, Cleola & George
Gelt, Brian & Pana
Georgakopoulos, Eleni & George

Giakas, Vasiliki
Gittings, Brian & Maria Katsas
Grafos, Thean
Grafos, Tom & Tania
Habrock, Timothy and Christina
Halias, Joanne & John
Haralambos, Anthony & Kathleen
Hasircoglu, Christine
Horaites, George & Olympia
Hronas, Maria & James W.
Ioannou, Christos & Elleni
Johal, Demetra G.
Kades, Christine
Kades, Vicki & Louis
Kalambakas, Vivian N.
Kalivas, Pota
Kallas, Mark & Debra
Kallis, Larry
Kamar, April
Kaparos, Stefanos
Karaioannoglou, Phaedon & Jeanne
Karamaras, Andriana
Karvelas, Kosta & Marina
Kasdagli, Dimitra & Mark Nastri
Katsafados, Theoni & Pete
Katsas, Asimina & Alexandra
Kefalas, Evelyn
Kefalas, Kellie
Kefalas, Mike J.
Kefallinos, Vicki & Nick
Kiotas, Stavroula
Kokoris, Maria & Nicholas
Kolokotronis, Carolyn & James A.
Kontaxis, Michael & Christiana
Koudanis, Helen
Koulakis, John and Gisele
Koulos, Joanna & Konstantinos
Koutras, Alexander E.
Koutsoukos, Lin & George
Kundanis, Christine

Kypreos, Maria & James
Lappas, Virginia
Leontas, Angela & Andrew Murrell
Livanos, Parise & Peggy Jones
Loutsos, Anna & Georgia & John
Grajeda
Lubian, Daniel & Stephanie
Lucas, John S. & Anthia
Macris, Catherine & George
Magaziotis, Phophi & Panteli
Makris, Ted & Maria
Malina, Dorothea
Malisos, Fontaine
Malisos, Samantha A
Martin, Sam & Debbie
Maslen, Larissa & Mark Carpenter
Masouris, Vlase & Nicoleta
McCann, Liam
McClain, Anastasia
McGregor, Richard & Kristen
McNulty, Jennie & Chris
Mechalas, Bess
Metry, Sam and Gemalyn
Miralis, Demetrius
Mitis, Nick & Maria Prantzikou
Mitropoulos, Eleni & Bill Balntas
Mitropoulos, Nick & Venetia
Mitsinikos, Emmanuel & Natalia
Mobayen, Chrissa & Syrus
Molinari, Yngrid
Mora, A. J.
Moutzouridis, Vasiliki & Peter
Nassos, Jonathan & Jenni Pulos
Nichols, James & Joyce
Otis, Robert & Denise
Panagiot, Harry & Anastasia
Papavasiliou, Georgios & Stacy
Papavasiliou, Kostantinos
Pappas, Constantine & Hope
Pappas, Dean C. & Jennifer

Pappas, Dr. Alex P.
Pappas, Dr. James P.
Pappas, Dr. Peter A.
Pappas, Maria E.
Pappas, Steven & Christine
Pappas, Tony & Stergiani
Pastis, Leah
Pastis, Patricia
Patsavas, Bertha
Patzakis, Dr. Michael
Patzakis, John & Andrea
Paziouros, John
Paziouros, Konstantina & Nick
Pegadiotes, George S.
Plumtree, Martha & Wayne
Pollalis, Dino J.
Polwrek, Joseph
Polychronis, Phaedra Myrto
Poulos, Yiota
Reese, Helen
Saigh, Mara R. Suchy
Samaan, Evette
Scordelis, Alexander & Melissa
Serban, Athena & Mihai
Sherwood, Symone
Sipsas, Pantelis & Nafsika
Skandale, Elizabeth
Skandale, Helen
Smith, Herman & Helen
Soewers, Alexander
Stamos, Andy & Mary
Stamos, Nikos A.
Stavropoulos, Fonta (Xenofon)
Stavropoulos, Tina
Stephens, Kenneth & A. Maria
Plumtree
Tarazi, Ted & Panagiota Angelos
Tirado, Elizabeth
Treantafelles, George P.
Treantafelles, Helen

Treantafelles, Stan & Vivian
Tripodes Zacharias N.
Tripodes, Dena
Tripodes, Georgia E.
Tripodes, Marika
Tripodis, Ioannis & Helene
Tsaggouri, Eleni & Anastassios
Petropoulos
Tsouvalas, Charles
Tsouvalas, James
Tsouvalas, John & Jenny
Tsudis, Mara and RJ Thieneman
Tsudis, Peter and Carol
Udria, Juan & Mary
Vagenas, Alex & Tashia
Vagenas, Dino & Krystina
Vagenas, George & Polly
Vagenas, John & Georgia

Vagenas, Niko
Vagenas, Nikolitsa
Vagenas, Pete & Mindy
Vagenas, Sophia
Vagenas, Spiros & Diana
Vagenas, Vasilios
Varvitsiotis Varvas, Fotiny
Vavoulis, Ted & Esther
Vezzuto, Christopher & Celka
Vezzuto, Robert
Vezzuto, Robert & Stephanie
Vidalakis, Nancy
Vorgias, Zacharias & Alma
Voyagis, Eleftherios & Pauline
Zarifes, Peter & Tina
Ziska, Antonia
Zoumberakis, Haralambos and Nikole

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this stewardship list. Please forgive us if there are any errors or omissions. If you have any questions or corrections, Contact Alma at 626-449-6943 or alma@saint-anthonys.org

MAKE SURE YOU ARE A REGULAR SUPPORTER OF OUR CHURCH!

If you 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.

Weekly stewardship envelopes are available.

Please contact the church office if you would like to have them for the 2024 stewardship contributions.

P A S A D E N A
GREEKFEST

The Executive Festival Committee is working hard and would love for **YOU** to be part of the committee and make 2024 GreekFest better than ever!! Each position will be strongly supported by the committee and can be personalized to fit your schedule and level of commitment.

The following Volunteer Positions are available.

- Volunteer Coordinator
- Agora/Greek Deli
- Program Director
- Raffle/Information Booth
- Post Festival Cleanup
- Marketing Assistant
- Public Relations
- Marketing (Signage, media, Community Outreach Coordinator, Social Media)
- Post Fest Sales

**Contact anyone on the Executive Committee for
more information or to volunteer!**

2024
Save the Date
9/20-9/22

2024 Greek Festival Executive Committee

- Christian Balas - Chairman
- Finance Director - Christos Vagenas
- Operations Director - Louis Kades
- Communications Director Vicki Kades
- Technology Director - Yianni Kades
- Facilities Director - Pete Galanis
- Marketing Director - Samantha Malisos

**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.**

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philoptochos March General Meeting - Pascha Art Class, Thursday March 28 at 6:30 PM in Church Hall. All are welcome to join in this fun night of art. We will be making unique mosaic wooden crosses.

Children 10 and over are welcome to join as well, so please feel free to bring them along.

The \$20 per person fee will cover all materials, instructions and refreshments.

Don't forget to RSVP by Monday March 25th to ensure we have enough supplies for everyone attending.

Questions or reservations, call Jeanne Karaioannoglou (626) 437-6078

2024 Philoptochos Membership

Our Philoptochos chapter is growing, and we hope that you will consider joining as a member in 2024.

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://stanthonophiloptochos.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 Easter Bake Sale

*****Proceeds benefit Kids 'n' Cancer, a San Francisco Metropolis Philoptochos Ministry, providing children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and their families with a stay at Camp AGAPE.*****

Pre-Paid Orders Must be Received by Wednesday, April 17, 2024

ORDERS AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP ONLY:

St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church, 778 South Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 and SUNDAY, APRIL 28 (after Liturgy until 1:00 PM-both days)

Place prepaid order by:

- **MAIL** – Fill out Order Form below (check payable to St. Anthony Philoptochos and mail to: St. Anthony Philoptochos, Kids 'n' Cancer Bake Sale, 778 S. Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107 or
- **ONLINE** – <https://stanthonypiloptochos.square.site>

Name: _____ Cell/Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ E-mail: _____

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>\$ TOTAL</u>
	Tsoureki (1 loaf) Traditional sweet Greek Easter Bread.		
	\$20	_____	\$ _____
	Koulourakia (bag of 12) Butter-based cookies with sweet delicate flavor topped with egg glaze and toasted sesame seeds.		
	\$10	_____	\$ _____
	Koulourakia, Chocolate Dipped (box of 6) Butter-based with sweet delicate flavor dipped in dark chocolate (Limited Quantity) .		
	\$8	_____	\$ _____
	Pastel Kourabiethes (box of 12) Shortbread butter cookies without nuts covered in colored powdered sugar.		
	\$20	_____	\$ _____
	Kourabiethes (box of 12) Shortbread butter cookies without nuts covered in powdered sugar.		
	\$20	_____	\$ _____
	Easter Oreos, Chocolate Dipped (2 per pkg) Oreo cookies dipped in colorful chocolate and covered with candy sprinkles.		
	\$4	_____	\$ _____
	Dyed Red Eggs (1 dozen)		
	\$10	_____	\$ _____

ORDER TOTAL \$ _____

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DIRECTION: Kostas Spyropoulos / MUSIC: Evanthia Reboutsika

A docudrama film based on diaries, rare film archive and reenactment scenes.



Date: 7 April, 2024

**Location: Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church
405 N. Dale Ave
Anaheim, CA 92801**

5:00 PM Cocktail Hour

6:00 PM Showing of the Documentary 80 minutes

7:30 PM Refreshments & Appetizers

Sunday of Orthodoxy

March 24, 2024

For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

RESTORATION OF THE ICONS



Annunciation of the Theotokos

March 25, 2024

Six months after John the Forerunner's conception, the Archangel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth, a town of Galilee, unto Mary the Virgin, who had come forth from the Temple a mature maiden (see Nov. 21). According to the tradition handed down by the Fathers, she had been betrothed to Joseph four months. On coming to Joseph's house, the Archangel declared: "Rejoice, thou Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." After some consideration, and turmoil of soul, and fear because of this greeting, the Virgin, when she had finally obtained full assurance concerning God's unsearchable condescension and the ineffable dispensation that was to take place through her, and believing that all things are possible to the Most High, answered in humility: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." And at this, the Holy Spirit came upon her, and the power of the Most High overshadowed her all-blameless womb, and the Son and Word of God, Who existed before the ages, was conceived past speech and understanding, and became flesh in her immaculate body (Luke 1:26-38). Bearing in her womb the Uncontainable One, the blessed Virgin went with haste from Nazareth to the hill country of Judea, where Zacharias had his dwelling; for she desired to find Elizabeth her kinswoman and rejoice together with her, because, as she had learned from the Archangel, Elizabeth had conceived in her old age. Furthermore, she wished to tell her of the great things that the Mighty One had been well-pleased to bring to pass in her, and she greeted Elizabeth and drew nigh to her. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, she felt her six-month-old babe, Saint John the Baptist, prophesied of the dawning of the spiritual Sun. Immediately, the aged Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and recognized her as the Mother of her Lord, and with a great voice blessed her and the Fruit that she held within herself. The Virgin also, moved by a supernatural rejoicing in the spirit, glorified her God and Savior, saying: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour," and the rest, as the divine hath recorded (1:39-55)

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