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DECEMBER 1, 2024 - 14TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

*Nahum the Prophet
Philaret the Merciful of Amnia*

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

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APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT. MODE 4

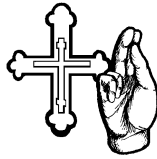
Emulating the ways of Elias the Zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you made the wilderness a city, and by your prayers Supported the entire world. Therefore, intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστῆς, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριζας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρόσβευε 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 preeternal 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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2

Psalm 27.9,1

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

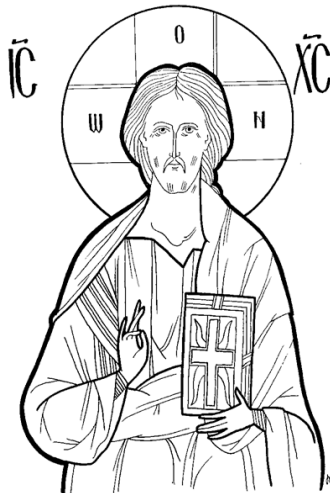
The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

Family Winter Camp Families Metropolis are invited to join us for our Metropolis Family Winter Camp at Saint Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA, from Friday, December 27 – Monday, December 30, 2024. 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! The Metropolis Winter Family Camp is open to the entire family! More information at www.gosfyouth.org/family

Young Adult Winter Retreat Registration is open for the 18th Annual Metropolis Young Adult Winter Retreat in Lake Tahoe, from Friday, January 17 – Monday, January 20, 2025. The theme for this gathering is “Be Still and Know: Listening for God’s still small voice” and will be led by Rev. Father James Kumarelas, Proistamenos from Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in San Jose, CA. Join us for this beautiful retreat, located on a private retreat center on the shore of Lake Tahoe with spectacular views, incredible food, and awesome accommodations! Details and registration online at: www.gosfyouth.org/youngadults

Greek Village Staff Applications Our Greek Village is returning in June 2025. We are seeking those who have a passion for Hellenic culture and Orthodox faith, a commitment to youth ministry, and a desire to make a lasting impact. Available positions include: Program Director, Greek Language Instructors, Counselors, Program Staff and Lifeguards. Information and applications online at: www.ourgreekvillage.com/careers

CrossRoad CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and invites them to connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition in a deep and meaningful way. There are four CrossRoad sessions to choose from. Apply early to secure your preferred location – Boston, New York, or Southern California. Session details: www.crossroadinstitute.org

St. Photios Essay Contest The Saint Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine is a living memorial to the first Greek settlers on the American continent. Each year they sponsor an essay contest for all US Orthodox students ages 13 – 19. This year’s theme is: The St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine stands as a beacon of strength and hope to the Greek Orthodox people. How can such a witness to Orthodoxy serve as an anchor and a beacon to our youth? Submission deadline: December 6, 2024. Visit www.stphotios.org for submission details.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Services for the First Week of December

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

Friday, December 6 - Services for St. Nicholas at Chapel in Rose Hills Memorial Park (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

USHERS:

Tashia Vagenas, Tom Grafos, Tony Christopoulos

HOLY COMMUNION PROCEDURE

*For the benefit of our Sunday School students, their teachers and the TIMELY start of their Sunday School Classes, the children will be receiving Holy Communion first.

***The ushers will release the children by pew from Front to Back.**

*Only parents of the smallest, youngest Sunday School children, who need assistance, should receive Holy Communion with their children.

*If you are not seated when Holy Communion begins, please take a seat in the back rows, quietly. Your children will be released in turn.

*Please do not attempt to send your children down the side aisles to the front alone or down the center aisle.

*After all children have received, the ushers will release the adults, again from the front pews.

***Please cooperate with our ushers. Please do not ask to be allowed through ahead of others.**

***Please remember this new procedure is for the benefit of our children and their Sunday School experience.**



Social hour hosted by Philoptochos

Sunday School Fellowship Ministry

All children ages 4 (by 12/31) through high school seniors are welcome in our program. Children under the age of four can join the Little Lambs parent participation class. Sunday School begins after Holy Communion and ends by 12:00 pm.

Our 3rd Annual Christmas Sing Along is on Sunday, 12/15. No class on 12/29 and 1/5.



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

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Philoptochos and friends for the 55th Annual Christmas Benefit
Candy Cane Wishes
on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at The Langham Huntington Hotel in
Pasadena.

Proceeds will benefit a very worthy local organization,
GIVE-MENTOR-LOVE, as well as other Philoptochos charities in our
community, Metropolis and National. **GIVE-MENTOR-LOVE** works
diligently to improve the lives of LA County's most vulnerable youths and
young adults in-crisis, at risk, homeless or in foster care, and victims of sex
trafficking.

We hope you support our good works by:
making a reservation,
becoming a Star Donor,
purchasing a Grand Awards raffle ticket,
shopping at our amazing Christmas boutique,
and purchasing tasty goodies from Santa's Kitchen.

Make your reservation early since seating is limited. Fully paid tables of
ten are reserved on a first come, first serve basis.

For **information**, contact the Reservation Chair Nicole Schulman:
stanthonybenefit@gmail.com or go to the event website
at <https://stanthonybenefit.square.site/> to see how you can help support this
event.

For **donations** to the Star Program, contact Star Program chair,
Mary Dewar: philostarprogram@gmail.com or make your donations directly
at this link [The Star Program](#)

Saint Anthony Philoptochos

VASILOPITA

PREPAID ORDER FORM

All Prepaid Orders must be received by
Sunday, December 15

PREPAID ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP ONLY ON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 from 12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM

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

To place prepaid orders:

- CALL or Text: Lisa - (626) 222-4374 or Helen (818) 618 -4963
or
- **ONLINE** - <https://stanthonybenefit.square.site> (select Santa's Kitchen Tab)

Name: _____ Cell/Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ E-mail: _____

ITEM

COST

QUANTITY

\$ TOTAL



Vasilopita (1 Loaf)

Traditional sweet Greek New Year's bread.

Pickup on Sunday, December 22 (12:00 pm-1:00 pm)

\$20

ORDER TOTAL

\$ _____



Santa's Kitchen

*We would appreciate donations of Christmas
baked goods such as:*

Candies

Biscotti

Fudge

Cookies

Bark

English Toffee

Caramels

Or any other special holiday item that you enjoy making.

*Items can be brought to church on
Wednesday, December 4th between 10 am and 4 pm or
Thursday, December 5th between 11 am and 1 pm.*

*Another way to support Santa's Kitchen is to donate a
monetary donation that will help cover our baking and
wrapping expenses. These donations can be sent to church.*

We thank you for your help and support.

Helena Skandale and Lisa Xanthos

Nahum the Prophet

December 1, 2024

The Prophet Nahum had Elkesaeus (Elkosh) as his homeland, and was from the tribe of Simeon; he is seventh in order among the twelve Minor Prophets He prophesied during the time of Hezekias, after the destruction of Samaria (721 years before Christ), but before the ten tribes were taken into captivity; he prophesied against Nineveh, the capital of Assyria. His name means "comforter." His book of prophecy is divided into three chapters.

Philaret the Merciful of Amnia

December 1, 2024

Saint Philaret a native of Paphlagonia in Asia Minor, was a virtuous Christian layman who lived in lawful wedlock and raised a family. He was most renowned for his generosity to all in need. With the permission of God, in a short space of time he lost the greater part of his possessions to theft and other misfortunes and was left with nothing but his family, his home, and a little livestock. Yet he continued to give generously to the poor despite the faint-heartedness of his family, who reproached him for giving alms when they were in need themselves; and God, seeing his faith, restored his prosperity to him many times over. He foresaw the day of his death, and reposed in an odour of sanctity in Constantinople in 789.

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.**