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DECEMBER 8, 2024 - 10TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

*Forefeast Conception Theotokos
Patapios of Thebes*

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ 9:45 A.M.

Dr. Nicholas Vidalakis – 2 years

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

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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

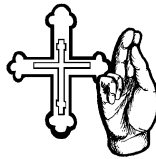
Emulating the ways of Elias the Zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you made the wilderness a city, and by your prayers Supported the entire world. Therefore, intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καί 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 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.



EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode

Psalm 28.11,1

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

he reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22

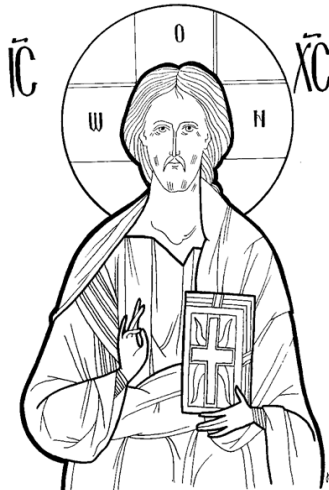
Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.



GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.



METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Winter Camp

Families 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

Summer Camp Staff Applications

Do you want to make a positive difference in the lives of youth while gaining valuable leadership and teamwork experience? Apply to be part of the Summer Camp Staff team at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center. We're hiring for a variety of roles including: Cabin Counselors, Program Staff, Photographers, Lifeguards and Medical Staff. Visit www.gosfyouth.org for application and details.

Church Music Scholarships

The Metropolis Music Ministry is offering eight scholarships up to \$500 each for the Xenia Anton Desby and Dr. Frank Desby Memorial Church Music Scholarships. Candidates within the Metropolis of San Francisco who wish to develop their musical and liturgical skills in the areas of singing, chanting, composing and organ accompanying are encouraged to apply. Guidelines posted online at www.sfchurchmusic.org. Deadline: December 15, 2024.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

USHERS:

Vince Zarian, Christian Balas, Dino Vagenas



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.

Divine Services for the Months of December 2024 and January 2025

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

DECEMBER 2024

Sunday, Dec. 22	SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom..... 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 24	THE FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil..... 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 25	THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Orthros..... 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 29	SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY Orthros..... 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom..... 10:00 a.m.

JANUARY 2025

Sunday, Jan. 5	THE FOREFEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (THEOPHANY) OF CHRIST AGHIASMOS (GREAT BLESSING OF THE WATERS) Orthros.....8:45a .m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom..... 10:00 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 6	THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (THEOPHANY) OF CHRIST AGHIASMOS (GREAT BLESSING OF THE WATERS) Orthros..... 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 7	SYNAXIS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Orthros.....9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, Jan. 12	Orthros.....8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom..... 10:00 a.m. VASILOPITA after Services hosted by Philoptochos.
Thursday, Jan. 16	EVE OF THE FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY Great Vesper Service w/ Artoklasia 6:00 p.m. Dinner will follow, hosted by Philoptochos.
Friday, Jan. 17	FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY Orthros.....9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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.

Greek Dance Fundraiser, December 15th - enjoy the taste of Greece with a frappe while watching the Sunday Christmas Program. A five-dollar donation is suggested.



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

Lost and Found Items.

All items left in the lost and found area, will be donated tomorrow Monday, December 9, 2024.

Today, December 8 is the last day to Participate and have your name listed in the Community Christmas Card. Please see Alma during coffee hour or email us by the end of the day at alma@saint-anthonys.org



Saint Anthony Community Christmas Card 2024

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 8, 2024



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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
2024 St. Anthony Community Christmas Card:

*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 or call the church office (626) 449-6943
to pay by Credit Card.*

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SAINT ANTHONY GREEK DANCE DIAKONIA PROJECT

Union Station Homeless Services Annual

Holiday Drive

Help bring some holiday cheer to our
program participants by providing
items for our Holiday Drive!

NEEDED ITEMS:

- Assortment of toys
- Books for all ages
- Gift cards for adults

We will be collecting donations till
Sunday, 12/15. Donations can be
dropped off in the Trinity Ballroom in
a box labeled Union Station, Holiday
Drive.

AMAZON WISH LIST



TARGET WISH LIST



ushs.org/holidays

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PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

“CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS” In Conjunction with Friends In Deed

Once again, Philoptochos and the St. Anthony community will help Friends In Deed to provide Christmas presents for some of Pasadena’s most vulnerable children. In some cases these gifts will be the only presents they receive this Christmas. Each child has provided a wish list of gifts. There is no minimum or maximum amount of gifts or gift cards required. It is only a guide.

Your participation in this program is very easy:

- Philoptochos will set up a Christmas Wish Tree in the foyer of the Trinity Ballroom on Sunday, December 1 and December 8.
- Select a tag with a child’s name from the Christmas Wish Tree. The listed items on the tag are suggestions; the number of gifts you would like to donate is up to you.
- Place the unwrapped gifts in a Christmas gift bag with the child’s name attached (please use the tag provided).
- Please return the filled gift bag to the church office by 3:00pm Tuesday, December 10. When possible, include a gift receipt.

If you have any questions, please call or text Liz Skandale at (626) 695-3423

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

\$ _____

Patapios the Righteous of Thebes

December 8, 2024

This Saint was from the Thebaid of Egypt and struggled many years in the wilderness. He departed for Constantinople, and having performed many miracles and healings, he reposed in peace in a mountain cave on the Gulf of Corinth, where his holy relics are found incorrupt to the present day.

The Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos

December 8, 2024

According to the ancient tradition of the Church, since Saint Anna, the Ancestor of God, was barren, she and her husband Joachim remained without children until old age. Therefore, sorrowing over their childlessness, they besought God with a promise that, if He were to grant them the fruit of the womb, they would offer their offspring to Him as a gift. And God, hearkening to their supplication, informed them through an Angel concerning the birth of the Virgin. And thus, through God's promise, Anna conceived according to the laws of nature, and was deemed worthy to become the mother of the Mother of our Lord (see also Sept. 8).

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.**