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JANUARY 26, 2025
15TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

*Xenophon & his Companions
Symeon the Elder*

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ 9:45 A.M.

Konstantinos Vagenas – 5 years

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DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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



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HYMNS OF THE DAY

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE PL. 2. (Before the entrance)

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MEMORIAL HYMN. MODE PLAGAL 4.

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have 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 τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι 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, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

KONTAKION. MODE 1.

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.



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 First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Archbishop to VISIT Los Angeles

In response to the devastating fires impacting local communities, the Greek Orthodox Archbishop of America, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, based in New York, is visiting Los Angeles. During his visit, His Eminence is leading a delegation representing the diverse ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America to offer Arch-pastoral support and preside over The Blessing of the Waters Ceremony, which is taking place on the westernmost side of the Santa Monica Pier at 3:00 PM on Monday, January 27, 2025.

METROPOLIS SUMMER CAMP 2025

This July, the Metropolis invites youth ages 8-18 to join us for the Metropolis Summer Camp at St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA. This exciting experience offers a chance to make new friends, reconnect with old ones, and deepen your faith. Online camper registration opens on February 1, and spots will fill up quickly!

METROPOLIS SUMMER CAMP

WEBSITE: <https://gosfyouth.org/summer-camp>

2025 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Session 1: July 6 - 12

Session 2: July 13 - 19

Session 3: July 20 - 26

CAMPER REGISTRATION

\$725 Early Registration (February 1 – February 8)

\$750 Regular Registration (February 9 – March 31)

\$775 Late Registration (April 1 or later)

**A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to register. Payment plans are available.*

CAMPER AGES

The youngest campers will be 8 years old (or entering 3rd grade in Fall 2025) and the oldest will be 18 years old (or will be graduating High School in Spring 2025).

SESSION 1 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BUS

If you are from Southern California and attending during Session 1, there is a bus that will be making three stops at parishes along the way to St. Nicholas Ranch.

More information: [CLICK HERE](#)

SUMMER CAMP STAFF

The Metropolis is seeking passionate, faithful, and dedicated young adults (19+) to join the camp staff. Additionally, they are looking for medical and lifeguard personnel. If you know someone who would be a great fit for the Metropolis Staff, please encourage them to apply! Applications are open until March 1 on our website. [CLICK HERE](#)

MEDICAL STAFF

The Metropolis is in need of summer camp medical staff. If you are a licensed medical professional or know someone who is, please encourage them to apply on the camp website [CLICK HERE](#). We especially love having MD's, NP's, and RN's!

AMAZON WISH LIST

Help us keep the cost of camp down and make a donation from our Amazon Wish List [HERE](#).

CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THOSE IN NEED

With the generous support of both the Archbishop Elpidophoros Summer Camp Scholarship Fund and Leadership 100, the Metropolis will be able to offer camp scholarships to assist families experiencing financial challenges. Before you apply for a scholarship, we ask that you first ask your parish if they have any summer camp scholarships available. As you wait to hear about parish camp scholarships or hear back from the Archdiocese, we highly suggest registering now by paying the \$100 deposit to secure a spot as we will quickly fill up! [CLICK HERE](#)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Services for January 2025

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

Thursday, Jan. 30 SYNAXIS OF THE THREE HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT,
GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.
Orthros.....9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy.....10:00 a.m.

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.**

STUDIES IN THE FAITH

Spring Session, 2025
Feb 03rd – April 07th

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 with 10 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

First Session – Monday Feb 03rd

Chapter One: “The Church Building”

Second Session – Monday Feb 10th

Chapter Two: “The Sacraments”

Third Session – Monday Feb 17th

Chapter Two continued: “The Sacraments”

Fourth Session – Monday Feb 24th

Chapter Three: “The Daily Cycle of Prayers”

Fifth Session – Monday March 03rd

Chapter Four: “The Church Year”

Sixth Session – Monday March 10th

Chapter Four continued: “The Church Year”

Seventh Session – Monday March 17th

Chapter Five: “The Divine Liturgy”

Eighth Session – Monday March 24th

Chapter Five continued: “The Divine Liturgy”

Ninth Session – Monday March 31st

Great Lent

Tenth Session – April 07th

Holy Week

USHERS:

Tom Grafos, Pete Gallanis and Tony Christopoulos



Today’s coffee hour fellowship will be hosted by the Greek Dancer Groups.

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.

Byzantine Chant Lenten Journey

Our chanters will be hosting a free series of Byzantine Chant classes, starting the first week of the Triodion and continuing through Holy Week.

This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone—young and old, current and future Orthodox Christians—to explore the rich musical tradition of the Greek Orthodox Church.

- **When:** Wednesdays at 7pm (or immediately following the Pre-Sanctified Liturgies during Lent)
- **Where:** Inside the Church

Anyone can attend! If you simply want to learn and listen, feel free to observe. But if you might be interested in chanting during the Orthros or Liturgy services, we especially encourage you to join!

No prior experience of Byzantine Chant, the Greek language, or any form of musical performance is required! Open to all ages — children, teenagers, young-adults, adults, seniors. You will need to be an Orthodox Christian to participate in the services, but these classes are open to all — even those not yet baptized or chrismated.

Our short-term goal is to offer an introductory level knowledge of this rich musical tradition with our parish, and encourage the ability to participate in the services by the time we arrive at Pascha. Our long-term hope is to possibly establish the first Byzantine Chant Choir in the Los Angeles area.

Whether you're musically inclined or simply curious about this sacred tradition, we welcome you on this Lenten journey.

Questions or to Sign Up:

Simply attend the first session on Wednesday, February 5th at 7pm! For more information or with any questions, email the church office, or speak with either Michael Kontaxis or Liam McCann in the Church hall on any Sunday!

Please return your completed stewardship pledge card to Church by January 31



2025 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)

2025

LAST NAME

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

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PREFERRED PHONE

OTHER/SECOND PHONE

E-MAIL

SIGNATURE

DATE

[For office use only]

ST. ANTHONY GIVING LEVELS:

CONTRIBUTOR: \$499 & below
\$9.60/week OR \$42/month & below

FRIEND: \$500 - \$999

\$19-\$38/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, 2025

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

In response to God's blessings, I/we pledge a 2025 offering of:

My Total Commitment for 2025: \$ _____

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***

MAKE SURE YOU ARE A REGULAR SUPPORTER OF OUR CHURCH!

If you want to become a Steward/member of our Church, please complete the Steward Financial Commitment card (pledge Card), included above or they are available at the announcement table in the narthex,

Weekly stewardship weekly envelopes are available. Please contact the church office if you would like to have them for the 2025 stewardship contributions.

Please visit saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com or scan the QR code below to make your one time or recurring offering.

How do I set up WeShare?

5 easy steps in less than 5 mins

1. Scan QR Code
(use camera on your device)



2. Click sign in (top right)

3. Under Don't have an account click - Create One

4. Follow prompts

5. Name, email, set up password, account info



Scan QR code for Candle / Tray Donation



Scan QR code to follow
service on your phone or iPad



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.

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.**

Xenophone & his Companions

January 26, 2025

This Saint, a wealthy nobleman of Constantinople, was filled with piety toward God. He had two sons, Arcadius and John, whom he sent to Beirut to study law. But they were shipwrecked during their voyage; barely saved, they forsook all things and departed for Palestine. Saint Xenophon and his wife Mary, ignorant of what had happened, went in search of their sons. On finding them in Jerusalem, dressed in the habit of monks, they also took up the monastic life. And thus, having completed their lives in holiness, they departed for the Lord about the beginning of the sixth century. Saint Xenophon and his sons reposed at Saint Sabbas Monastery, and Mary at the Monastery of Saint Theodosius.

The deadline for submitting information for the Sunday Bulletin is every Wednesday. please send it to office@saint-anthonys.org

THREE HIERARCHS

