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# FEBRUARY 9, 2025 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE TRIODION BEGINS

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

# **APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. MODE 1.** (Before the entrance)

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# **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE PL 4.** (After the entrance)

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

Έξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ Εὔσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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# 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.

Ό μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῷ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

# EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4
Psalm 75.11.1

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

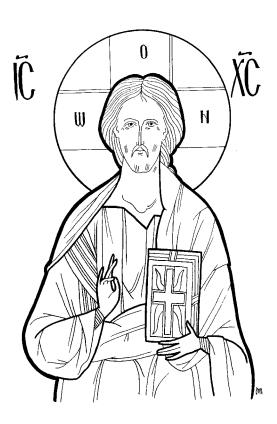
# The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

# GOSPEL READING

# The Gospel According to Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."



# **METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **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

**<u>2025 SUMMER CAMP DATES</u>** 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. <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a>

# **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! <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a>

# 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.



# **Divine Services for February and March 2025**

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Souls

Orthros (9:00am), Divine Liturgy (10:00am)

Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Souls

Orthros (9:00am), Divine Liturgy (10:00am)

Saturday, March 8th The Commemoration of the Miracle of Koliva

Wrought by St. Theodore the Tyro.

Orthros (9:00am), Divine Liturgy (10:00am)

**BRING KOLIVA** 

Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm

Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm

Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 19th Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm

Friday, March 21<sup>th</sup> Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Annunciation of the Theotokos

Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm

Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm

# STUDIES IN THE FAITH

# Spring Session, 2025 Feb 03<sup>rd -</sup> April 07<sup>th</sup>

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

# Second Session – Monday Feb 10th

Chapter Two: "The Sacraments"

# Third Session – Monday Feb 17th

Chapter Two continued: "The Sacraments"

# Fourth Session – Monday Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

Chapter Three: "The Daily Cycle of Prayers"

# Fifth Session – Monday March 03<sup>rd</sup>

Chapter Four: "The Church Year"

# Sixth Session – Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>

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:**

# Louie Kades, Tashia Vagenas and Kosta Papavasiliou



<u>Today's coffee hour fellowship will be hosted by</u> St. Anthony Bowling League.

<u>Sunday School Fellowship Ministry:</u> 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.

# **Greek wine event:**

"The St Anthony Speaker Series Greek Wine event is now on Thursday, February 20th at 6:00pm in the St Anthony church hall. Our own wine expert Liam McCann will discuss the fascinating grapes and regions that make Greek wine so wonderful. The talk is free. If you'd like to sample wines it's only \$20 per person. Please email Alma at the Church office if you would like to attend so we can have an accurate headcount at alma@saint-anthonys.org. Hope to see you there!"

# **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!

# St. Anthony's 2024 Pledged Stewards (Members)

(as of January 31, 2025)

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

Athanasoulis, Chris & Tina

Athans, Tesi & Craig Lareau

Athenson, Alex & Cynthia Sigler

Attalla, Philip "Ted" & Michelle

Reagan

Balas, Argiro Julie & Dino

Becronis, Christina

Bissias, Peter

Blosiu, Julian O. & Catalina E.

Bonorris, Donna & Pete

Boukidis, Katherine

Brown, Niki

Bryant, Dan & Karen

Buickians, Gagik & Jacqueline

Burkard Jr., Frank J. & Penelope

Buzas, John & Pamela

Buzas, Nicholas & Danielle

Caire, John.

Christodoulelis Family, Jimmy

Christodoulides, Loucas & Andri

Christopoulos, Tony and Lynnette

Coccia, Tina & Ginseppe

Damilatis, Eleni

Dewar, Mary & Andrew

Dimopoulos, Antonios

Dupas, Christina

Dupas, George

Dupas, Theodore & Evangeline

Efstathiou, Teddi & Dean

Floutsis, Penny & Ted

Frousakis, Georgia

Fuerst, Billy

Fuerst, Nicolette & Jay

Gallagher, Eleni & Matthew

Gallanis, Pete & Danica

Gavalas, Cleola & George

Gittings, Brian & Maria Katsas

Grafos, Thean

Halias, Joanne & John

Haralambos, Anthony & Kathleen

Harrison Helen

Horaites, George & Olympia Hronas, Maria & James W.

Ioannou, Christos & Elleni

Kalivas, Pota

Kallas, Mark & Debra

Kamar, April

Kaparos, Stefanos

Karaioannoglou, Phaedon & Jeanne

Karvelas, Kosta & Marina

Kasdagli, Dimitra & Mark Nastri

Kefalas, Kellie

Kefalas, Evelyn

Kefalas, Mike J.

Kefallinos, Vicki & Nick

Kokoris, Maria & Nicholas

Kouis, Peter & Elizabeth

Koulakis, John and Gisele

Koutsoukos, Lin & George Pastis, Patricia Kouvara, Bessie & Dana Roberts Patzakis, Dr. Michael Kypreos, Maria & James Patzakis, John & Andrea Lappas, Virginia Pirovolos, Nicholas & Anna Leontas, Angela & Andrew Murrell Plumtree, Martha & Wayne Loutsos, Anna & Georgia & John Pollalis, Dino J. Grajeda Polwrek, Joseph & Jennifer Lubian, Daniel & Stephanie Polwrek, Joseph & Jennifer Macris, Catherine & George Poulos, Yiota Makris, Ted & Maria Rafeedie, Linda S. Malisos, Samantha A Saigh, Mara R. Suchy Mallis, Tanya Scordelis, Alexander & Melissa Manos, Demetrios Sherwood, Symone Manos, Katarina Sipsas, Pantelis & Nafsika Martin, Sam & Debbie Skandale, Elizabeth Maslen, Larissa & Mark Carpenter Soewers, Alexander McCann, Liam Soewers, Randy McNulty, Jennie & Chris Stavropoulos, Tina Mechalas, Bess Stephens, Kenneth & A. Maria Plumtree Metry, Sam and Gemalyn Stratos, Fr. Peter/Pres. Aida Mitsinikos, Emmanuel & Natalia Treantafelles, Andreas & Georgia Mobayen, Chrissa & Syrus Treantafelles, Helen Moutzouridis, Vasiliki & Peter Tripodes Zacharias N. Tripodes, Dena Murad, Mark & Evangeline Goulas Nichols, James & Joyce Tripodes, Georgia E. O'Dowd, Paula Tripodes, Marika Tripodis, Ioannis & Helene Otis. Robert & Denise Panagiot, Harry & Anastasia Tsouvalas, Charles Papavasiliou, George & Stacy Tsudis, Mara and RJ Thieneman Papavasiliou, Kostantinos Tsudis. Peter and Carol Pappas, Dr. Alex P. Udria, Juan & Mary Pappas, Dr. James P. Vagenas, Alex & Tashia Pappas, Dr. Peter A. Vagenas, Diana Pappas, Maria E. Vagenas, Nikolitsa Pappas, Tony & Stergiani Vagenas, Pete & Mindy

Vagenas, Vasilios

Vavoulis, Ted & Esther

Pappas, Steven & Christine

Paras, Gus

Vezzuto, Christopher & Celka Vezzuto, Robert Vidalakis, Nancy Vleisides, Irene & Mark Vorgias, Demetrios Vorgias, Zacharias & Alma Voyagis, Eleftherios & Pauline Webster, John & Jennifer Zarifes, Peter & Tina Ziska, Antonia

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this stewardship list. Please forgive us if there are any errors or omissions. Contact Alma at the church office 626-449-6943 for any questions or corrections.

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 saintanthonys.churchgiving.com to make your offering and schedule your regular stewardship giving.

Church office will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of President's Day.

The deadline for submitting information for the Sunday Bulletin is every Wednesday. please send it to <a href="mailto:office@saint-anthonys.org">office@saint-anthonys.org</a>



\*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

# 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)

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ST. ANTHONY GIVING LEVELS: CONTRIBUTOR: \$499 & below		stewardship commitment prayerfully, consider what you offer to Christ's Church in comparison to your monthly utility/ service payments.			
\$9.60/week OR \$42/month & below FRIEND: \$500 - \$999 \$9.60-\$19/week OR \$42-\$83/month SUPPORTER: \$1,000 - \$1,999	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:				
\$19-\$38/week OR \$83-\$167/month	My Tota	My Total Commitment for 2025: \$  I will fulfill and pay my pledge: (CHECK ONE)			
* FAITHFUL: \$2,000 - \$3,999 \$38-\$77/ week OR \$167-\$333/ month	I will				

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

☐ Monthly at \$\_\_\_\_/month

☐ Weekly at \$ /week

Contact the Church office to set up easy recurring electronic payments

-OR- set up your own recurring giving at saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com

☐ Annually

# Please return your completed stewardship pledge card to Church as soon as possible

#### 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 <u>saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com</u> 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.

# St. Anthony GOYA Basketball Information and Registration

St. Anthony GOYA Basketball practices began on January 24th 6:30-8pm at Mayfield Senior School 500 Bellefontaine Street, Pasadena. Practices will be every Friday with the exception of 2/14, 3/7 and 4/18.

We invite all youth ages 12-19 to join this 51-year Ministry sponsored by, The Greek Orthodox Basketball League (GOBL) comprised of the following parishes: St. Anthony; Assumption, of Long Beach, St. Basil; San Juan Capistrano; St. George, Downey, St. John, Anaheim; St. Katherine, Redondo Beach; St. Nicholas, Northridge; St. Sophia, Los Angeles.

We need all participants to register on TeamSnap and use the link provided to do so. Uniforms will be available after church and will be issued once players have been rostered on the TeamSnap App. Registration costs are \$100.00 per player for the entire season. This includes, all practices, and games.

# The game schedule is:

February 23: Away @ St. Nicholas Church Northridge March 2: Home vs. St. John: Duarte High School

March 9: Away @ St. Basil San Juan Capistrano Community Center

March 16: Home vs. St. Sophia: Duarte High School
March 23: Home vs. St. Katherine: Duarte High School

March 30: Away vs. St. George (LocationTBD)

April 6: Home vs. Assumption: Duarte High School
April 26 and 27: Quarter and Semi Finals: St. Sophia Cathedral

May 4: Finals: St. Sophia Cathedral

May 10: Volleyball Tournament: Victory Park and St. Anthony

Please contact Pana Gelt, or Anthia Lucas if you have any questions or if you know of anyone that wants to play!

Pana 626-278-2808 - Anthia 626-274-6133



# St. Anthony Speaker Series a new talk every other month (or so)

**February Talk:** 

# Wines of Greece

Learn about the Great Grapes and Wine Regions of Greece Have an Opportunity to Taste the Wines and Purchase Bottles!



Thursday February 20th, 2025 at 6:30pm St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church Hall 778 S. Rosemead Blvd, Pasadena, CA

Speaker:

# Liam McCann

Wine Expert

Light Refreshments will be Served

All Talks in this Series are Free but there is a \$20 per Person Fee to Taste the Wines RSVP to Alma in the Church Office: (626) 449-6943 or <a href="mailto:alma@saint-anthonys.org">alma@saint-anthonys.org</a>

PLEASE RSVP SO WE HAVE AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT



#### Next Talk:

#### Consul General of Greece

Get Answers about Passports, Visas, and More Date TBA St. Anthony Church Hall

# PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 2025 Philoptochos Membership

Our Philoptochos chapter is growing and we invite you to renew and encourage every woman in our parish, 18 years of age or older, to become a member. Men and non-Orthodox women are also welcome to join as an Associate.

Please join us on Sunday, February 9 following liturgy for fellowship and to learn more about Philoptochos and the importance of being part of this wonderful ministry.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping make a difference in our community. When we combine our strengths and skills, great things can happen!

# **COME JOIN US!**

# Sip, Sparkle and Belong

Join our dynamic and growing St. Anthony Philoptochos



Sunday, February 9 (after Liturgy)

Take time to meet other members, prospective members and learn more about Philoptochos' philanthropic work

\*Please come by our Philoptochos table for more information



# PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF SAINT ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH PANAGIA CHAPTER

#### PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

2025 Philoptochos Membe	ership 2025 Associate (Men / Non-Vo		
Last Name	First Name	Spouse Name	M.I.
Street Address			
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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://stanthonyphiloptochos.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

# **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# Lenten Retreat



**APR 4-6 2025** 

# **Pali Retreat Center**

Runnings Springs, California

Organized carpools will be available from SoCal parishes.

Early Registration: \$270 Late Registration (after March 1): \$290

> Register Here



Activities
Zip lining, Archery,
Camp Festivities,
& Fun!

For more information, visit **socalgoya.com** 

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GOYA LENTEN RETREAT!

This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to come together in faith, fellowship, nature, and a lot of fun to be had!

The retreat will be held at the beautiful Pali Retreat Center in the San Bernardino Mountains near Running Springs on April 4-6. It is open to all current 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

All Southern California GOYAns are invited to participate in a wonderful retreat and getaway filled with delicious meals, zip lining, archery, hiking, basketball, volleyball, discussions, worship, Divine Liturgy, and plenty of time to play games, hang out, and get to know one another.

Registration includes: 2 nights lodging, all meals and activities (Zip Line, Archery, etc) beginning Friday evening dinner (meeting at St. George in Downey) to Sunday morning

Note: GOYAns who are participating in GOBL basketball WILL be able to be back for the games on Sunday.

This is going to be an amazing experience you don't want to miss!

We will be coordinating carpools with parishes as it gets closer. There are 60 spots left! Please register as soon as possible!

Early Registration until March 1: \$270 Late Registration March 2- 21: \$290

REGISTER HERE: <a href="https://forms.gle/HabFJXCd8BCKcdMn9">https://forms.gle/HabFJXCd8BCKcdMn9</a> PAY HERE:

https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted\_button\_id=E68RF5HFC6UP4

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Anna Teodosiadis, <u>ateodosiadis@sanfran.goarch.org</u>, Fr. Tom Felactu, Fr. Chris Retelas, Fr. Matthew Jouthas, or Stacia Counelis (<u>socalgoya@gmail.com</u>)

# Nicephoros the Martyr of Antioch February 9

This Martyr, who was from Antioch in Syria, contested during the reign of Gallienus, about the year 260. Through the working of the evil one, his friendship with a certain Christian priest named Sapricius was turned to bitter hatred. Nicephoros, repenting of his enmity, tried both through intermediaries and in person to be reconciled with Sapricius, but to no avail. Later, when the persecution broke out under Valerian and Gallienus, Sapricius was seized as a Christian. When Saint Nicephoros learned that Sapricius had been arrested by the pagans and was enduring torments for Christ, he sent intermediaries to Sapricius, begging his forgiveness; but Sapricius would not forgive him. Later, as Sapricius was being taken to beheading, Nicephoros, hoping that Sapricius, at his end, in such a holy hour, would at last forgive him, met him on the way, fell before him, and fervently asked his forgiveness; but Sapricius forgave him not. Wherefore, though Sapricius had passed through many sufferings, and the crown of martyrdom was now awaiting him, because he disdained the chief commandments of love and forgiveness, the grace of God, which had been strengthening him in his torments, departed from him, and he told his executioners he would sacrifice. Nicephoros immediately confessed Christ before them, and being himself beheaded, took the crown that Sapricius had cast away.

Should the Apodosis of the Feast of the Meeting in the Temple fall on this day the service to Saint Nicephoros is chanted on the 8th.

# **Reminder:**

# NO PARKING IN EMERGENCY WHITE ZONE IN FRONT OF CHURCH

A Handicap Placard or Handicap License Plate is required to park in the <u>blue</u> handicap parking spaces.