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MARCH 9, 2025 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

40 Martyrs at Lake Sebaste Caesarios the Righteous

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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WE WILL CONTINUE TO BROADCAST ALL SERVICES VIA LIVE-STREAM (CLICK THE LINKS BELOW):

SAINT-ANTHONYS.ORG/LIVESTREAM FACEBOOK.COM/STANTHONYSPASADENA YOUTUBE.COM/CHANNEL/UCXSG4uJFWmElsOEIjx96pCA **APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. MODE 2.** (Before the 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, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ηὐδόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὓς ἔπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαρᾶς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 4. (After the entrance) When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀποἰρἰψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον. Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῷ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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APOLYTIKION FOR THE SAINTS. MODE 1

The holy martyrs suffered painful tortures for Your sake, O Lord; be compelled by what they endured, and heal our every pain, we entreat You, O only benevolent God.

Τὰς ἀλγηδόνας τῶν Ἀγίων, ἃς ὑπὲρ σοῦ ἔπαθον, δυσωπήθητι Κύριε, καὶ πάσας ἡμῶν τὰς ὀδύνας, ἴασαι φιλάνθρωπε δεόμεθα.

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 ἘΗλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῆ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἑπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καί τήν 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.

Τῆ ὑπερμάχῷ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ώς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἱνα κράζω σοι Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.



SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1 Psalm 11.7,1 You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us. Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-10

BRETHREN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father.



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."

Divine Services for March 2025

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

Wednesday, March 12 th	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm
Friday, March 14 th	Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm
Wednesday, March 19 th	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm
Friday, March 21 th	Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm
Tuesday, March 25 th	Annunciation of the Theotokos Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Wednesday, March 26 th	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm
Friday, March 28 th	Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm

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.

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.

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

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

<u>Tenth Session – April 07th</u> Holy Week



<u>USHERS:</u>

Perry Vidalakis, Nikole Zoumberakis, and Pete Katsafados



Today's coffee hour fellowship will be hosted by Philoptochos

<u>G.O.Y.A. basketball game this Sunday, March 9:</u>

St. Anthony - @ St. Basil San Juan Capistrano Community Gym 25925
Camino del Avion, San Juan Capistrano
3:00 Jr. Girls
4:00 Sr. Boys
Questions contact:
Pana Gelt 626-278-2808 - Anthia Drulias Lucas 626-274-6133

Sunday. March 16: St. Sophia @ St. Anthony

Duarte High School - 1565 Central Avenue, Duarte 2:00 Jr. Girls 3:00 Sr. Girls 4:00 Sr. Boys

Sunday, March 23: St. Katherine @ St. Anthony

Duarte High School 1565 Central Avenue, Duarte 2:00 Sr. Girls 2:00 Sr. Girls 3:00 Sr. Boys

<u>St John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival NEW DATE- Sunday</u> <u>March 16, 2025</u>

Our annual Parish St John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival for all 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade Sunday School Students will be held on Sunday, March 16 at noon in the Church.

On 2/23 all the students in attendance received the list of the 2025 topics and writing tips, the link for research & more helpful information, a registration form, and they began writing their speeches in Sunday School. Please review the topics with your children and encourage them as they write and practice their 3-5 minute speech. Those who are interested in competing officially with a chance to advance to the next level, please follow the link and register online at goarch.org/oratorical.

2025 Oratorical Festival Calendar:

3/9 Practice Session

3/16 Parish Oratorical Festival - St. Anthony, Pasadena

3/30 District Oratorical - Assumption of the Theotokos, Long Beach

5/10 Metropolis Oratorical Festival - St Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center, Dunlap, CA

5/30 - 6/1 National Oratorical Festival - St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

We look forward to hearing all our young people share their thoughts and their faith. They are our future.

HCHC ORATORICAL FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

Participants of the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival are eligible to receive a scholarship to Hellenic College when enrolling in a BA program. Those that win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place at the parish, district, metropolis, or national levels, will be awarded a scholarship. https://enrollment.hchc.edu/chrysostom-scholarship

<u>St. Anthony's 2025 Pledged Stewards (Members)</u> (as of March 6, 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 Arviso, Ange Athanasoulis, Chris & Tina Athans, Tesi & Craig Lareau Athans, Tina & Dean P. Athenson, Alex & Cynthia Sigler Attalla, Philip "Ted" & Michelle Reagan Floutsis, Penny & Ted 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 Caire, John. Christodoulelis Family, Jimmy Christodoulelis, Tanya Mallis Christodoulides, Loucas & Andri

Christopoulos, Tony and Lynnette Coccia, Tina & Ginseppe Constantinou, Dimitris & Katerina Damilatis, Eleni Demetriades, Demetrios & Elizabeth Demopulos, Elizabeth & Andrew Demopulos, Michael & Patricia Dewar, Mary & Andrew Dimopoulos, Antonios Duncan, William & Stephanie Dupas, Christina Dupas, George Dupas, Katherine Dupas, Theodore & Evangeline Efstathiou, Teddi & Dean Frangeskou, Yiorgos & Xenia Frousakis, Georgia Fuerst, Billy Fuerst, Nicolette & Jay Gallagher, Eleni & Matthew Gallanis, Mary Gallanis. Pete & Danica Gavalas, Cleola & George Georgakopoulos, Eleni & George Gittings, Brian & Maria Katsas Grafos, Thean Halias, Joanne & John Haralambos, Anthony & Kathleen Harrison Helen Horaites, Anthony M. Horaites, George & Olympia Hronas, Maria & James W. Ioannou, Christos & Elleni Kalivas, Pota Kallas, Mark & Debra

Kamar, April Kaparos, Stefanos Karaioannoglou, Phaedon & Jeanne Karamaras, Andriana Karvelas, Kosta & Marina Kasdagli, Dimitra & Mark Nastri Katsas, Asimina & Alexandra Kefalas, Evelyn Kefalas, Kellie Kefalas, Mike J. Kefallinos, Vicki & Nick Kevorkian, Levon Kiotas, Stavroula Kokoris, Maria & Nicholas Kolokotrones, Carolyn & James A. Kouis, Peter & Elizabeth Koulakis, John and Gisele Koutsoukos, Lin & George Kouvara, Bessie & Dana Roberts Kypreos, Maria & James Lappas, Virginia Leontas, Angela & Andrew Murrell Loutsos, Anna & Georgia & John Grajeda Lubian, Daniel & Stephanie Macris, Catherine & George Makris, Ted & Maria Malisos, Samantha A Manos, Demetrios Manos, Katarina Martin, Sam & Debbie Maslen, Larissa & Mark Carpenter McCann, Liam McClain. Anastasia McGregor, Richard & Kristen McNulty, Jennie & Chris Mechalas, Bess Metry, Sam and Gemalyn Mitis, Nick & Maria Prantzikou Mitropoulos, Eleni & Bill Balntas

Mitropoulos, Nick & Venetia Mitsinikos, Emmanuel & Natalia Mobayen, Chrissa & Syrus Molinari, Yngrid Moutzouridis, Vasiliki & Peter Murad, Mark & Evangeline Goulas Nassos, Jonathan & Jenni Pulos Nichols, James & Joyce O'Dowd, Paula Otis, Robert & Denise Panagiot, Harry & Anastasia Papavasiliou, George & Stacy Papavasiliou, Kostantinos Pappas, Dr. Alex P. Pappas, Dr. James P. Pappas, Dr. Peter A. Pappas, Maria E. Pappas, Steven & Christine Pappas, Tony & Stergiani Paras. Gus Pastis, Leah Pastis, Patricia Patzakis, Dr. Michael Patzakis, John & Andrea Pirovolos, Nicholas & Anna Plumtree, Martha & Wayne Pollalis, Dino J. Polwrek, Joseph & Jennifer Poulos, Yiota Rafeedie, Linda S. Reese, Helen Rodriguez, Dennis Saigh, Mara R. Suchy Scordelis, Alexander & Melissa Sherwood, Symone Sideris, Athanasios & Anastasia Sipsas, Pantelis & Nafsika Skandale, Elizabeth Skandale, Helen Smith. Herman & Helen

Soewers, Alexander Soewers, Randy Stamos, Andy & Mary Stamos, Nikos A. Stavropoulos, Tina Stephens, Kenneth & A. Maria Plumtree Tarazi, Ellie Tarazi, Ted & Panagiota Angelos Treantafelles, Andreas & Georgia Treantafelles, Helen Treantafelles, Stan & Vivian Tripodes Zacharias N. Tripodes, Dena Tripodes, Georgia E. Tripodes, Marika Tripodis, Ioannis & Helene Tsianos, George & Andria **Tsouvalas**, Charles Tsouvalas, James Tsouvalas, John & Jenny

Tsudis, Mara and RJ Thieneman Tsudis. Peter and Carol Udria, Juan & Mary Vagenas, Alex & Tashia Vagenas, Diana Vagenas, George & Polly Vagenas, Janet Vagenas, Nikolitsa Vagenas, Pete & Mindy Vagenas, Vasilios Vavoulis, Ted & Esther Vezzuto, Christopher & Celka Vezzuto, Robert Vidalakis, Nancy Vleisides. Tim 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 or contact the Church office. 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



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 \$9.60/week OR \$42/month & below FRIEND: \$500 - \$999 \$9.60-\$19/week OR \$42-\$83/month

SUPPORTER: \$1,000 - \$1,999 \$19-\$38/ week OR \$83-\$167/ month

* FAITHFUL: \$2,000 - \$3,999 \$38.\$77/ meek 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 & np 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 <u>saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com</u>

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

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

23rd Annual St Anthony's Golf Tournament

We will have our much anticipated event this year on **Friday May 2nd**. Please join us for a festive day of golf dinner and fellowship.

There are many ways for you to support this year's charitable event. If you aren't a golfer join us for our all day Taverna on the Green mezethes and souvla.

At night sign up for dinner complete with silent auction and one of a kind live auction items. If you absolutely can't make it, please make a tax-deductible donation directly to the church office.

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philoptochos Scholarship for Graduating High School Seniors

The Applications and Rules & Regulations Sheets for the Philoptochos Scholarship for Graduating High School Seniors are available at the Community Center Foyer table next to the Church Office.

Please note that the deadline for submission of applications and recommendation letters is April 11, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Presvytera Aida at presaida7@gmail.com

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. The suggested membership fee is \$50. Memberships can be renewed online by visiting the Philoptochos square site: Stanthonyphiloptochos.square.site

or, mail in your check payable to Philoptochos at St Anthony's Philoptochos, 778 South Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107 (see enclosed form) or see us at the membership table on Sundays following liturgy.

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!



PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF SAINT ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH PANAGIA CHAPTER

PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

2025 Philoptochos Membership	2025 Associate (Men / Non-V		te
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His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos cordially invite you to attend

Visit www.sfphiloptochos.org to make a secure donation TODAY!

Camp Agape is dedicated to providing support for children afflicted with cancer and their families. This beloved ministry offers a compassionate and caring environment, exemplary of Christ's unconditional love, along with an opportunity to shape meaningful friendships and create precious memories.

To benefit our Kids 'n' Cancer Ministry

Sunday, April 27, 2025 2:00 p.m. PDT

Newport Beach Country Club One Clubhouse Drive I Newport Beach, CA 92660

RSVP Date: April 20, 2025

While enjoying an afternoon of fabulous music, delectable food, and good friends, guests will have



Whoever received one little child like this in My name receives Me." Matthew 18:5

the opportunity to purchase Mystery Hat Boxes filled with exciting gifts and participate in an Opportunity Drawing!

Register at www.sfphiloptochos.org or by calling 415-431-2600 by April 20, 2025

Opportunity Drawing The Louis Vuitton Neverfull MM Tote Bag

Cost: \$100 person



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco

invites you to



PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS



SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025 AT 6:30 PM St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church 4949 Alton Parkway, Irvine

Celebrating Our Failh & Honoring

His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco and the West

All of the faithful are invited to join the surrounding Southern California Orthodox Hierarchs and Clergy for Vespers and the Procession of Icons, sung by a Pan-Orthodox Choir. A Lenten reception will follow services. Saint George Greek Orthodox Church of Downey, CA Presents:

THE SAINT ANASTASIA FELLOWSHIP

Presentation and disussion on a parish-based initiative that confronts addiction.

Led by:

Rev. Fr. Nikolas Delaveris, Director of Development for the Archdiocesan District Addictions Minsitry

MARCH 11, 2025 - 6:30PM PARAKLESIS TO FOLLOW

For addictional information, visit our Facebook page, website, or contact: office@stgeorgedowney.org



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 6th - 12th 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

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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>)

Sunday of Orthodoxy - March 9

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.

40 Martyrs at Lake Sebaste - March 9

These holy Martyrs, who came from various lands, were all soldiers under the same general. Taken into custody for their faith in Christ, and at first interrogated by cruel means, they were then stripped of their clothing and cast onto the frozen lake which is at Sebastia of Pontus, at a time when the harsh and freezing weather was at its worst. They endured the whole night naked in such circumstances, encouraging one another to be patient until the end. He that guarded them, named Aglaius, who was commanded to receive any of them that might deny Christ, had a vision in which he saw heavenly powers distributing crowns to all of the Martyrs, except one, who soon after abandoned the contest. Seeing this, Aglaius professed himself a Christian and ioined the Martyrs on the lake, and the number of forty remained complete. In the morning, when they were almost dead from the cold, they were cast into fire, after which their remains were thrown into the river. Thus they finished the good course of martyrdom in 320, during the reign of Licinius. These are their names: Acacius, Aetius, Aglaius, Alexander, Angus, Athanasius, Candidus, Chudion, Claudius, Cyril, Cyrion, Dometian, Domnus, Ecdicius, Elias, Eunoicus, Eutyches, Eutychius, Flavius, Gaius, Gorgonius, Helianus, Heraclius, Hesychius, John, Lysimachus, Meliton, Nicholas, Philoctemon, Priscus, Sacerdon, Severian, Sisinius, Smaragdus, Theodulus, Theophilus, Valens, Valerius, Vivianus, and Xanthias.

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

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