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**JULY 27, 2025**

**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

*Panteleimon the Great Martyr  
Nicholas of Novgorod*

**ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.**

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

**DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.**

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## HYMNS OF THE DAY

### ***RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE PL. 2. (BEFORE ENTRANCE)***

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Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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### ***FOR THE SAINT. MODE 3.***

Holy medaled Martyr and healer St. Panteleimon, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls remission of offenses.

Ἀθλοφόρε ἅγιε, καὶ ἱαματικὲ Παντελεῖμον, πρέσβευε τῷ ἐλεήμονι Θεῷ, ἵνα πταισμάτων ἄφεσιν, παράσχη ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν.

### ***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. GRAVE MODE.***

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταί σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

## ***EPISTLE READING***

**St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10**

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode**

**Psalm 63.11,1**

**The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.**

**Verse: Oh God, hear my cry.**

**The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10**

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

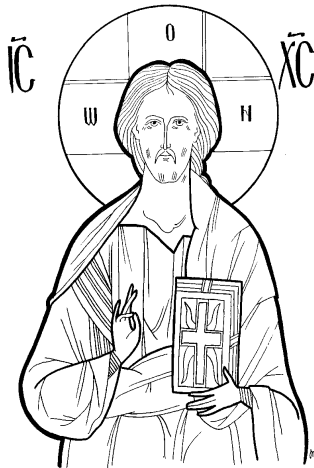
# ***GOSPEL READING***

## **The Gospel According to Matthew 9:27-35**

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



**Order for Holy Communion** (*Only Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christians*). Please allow ushers to dismiss you row by row in an orderly fashion.



**Today's coffee hour fellowship will be hosted by** Philoptochos

**Weekday Divine Services for the Month of August**  
(*[saint-anthonys.org/calendar](http://saint-anthonys.org/calendar)*)

<b>Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Great Paraklesis to the Theotokos – 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Small Paraklesis to the Theotokos – 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Great Vespers for the Transfiguration – 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Transfiguration of the Lord 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy.</b>
<b>Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Small Paraklesis to the Theotokos – 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Small Paraklesis to the Theotokos – 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Great Paraklesis to the Theotokos – 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Small Paraklesis to the Theotokos – 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Great Vespers of Dormition <u>in Long Beach</u> –7:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dormition of the Theotokos - 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy.</b>



## GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL

Prot. No. 336/2025

### Archepiscopal Encyclical on the Day of Remembrance of Hagia Sophia

July 24, 2025

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Sacred Archdiocese of America:

*Ἡ Σοφία γὰρ ἀληθῶς τοῦ Πατρὸς ἀνφοδόμησεν  
ἐαυτῇ σαρκώσεως οἶκον,  
καὶ ἐσκήνωσεν ἐν ἡμῖν ὑπὲρ νοῦν....  
(Κοντάκιον Ἐγκαινίων τῆς Ἀγίας Σοφίας 562 μ.Χ.)*

*For truly the Wisdom of the Father built for  
Herself a House of Incarnation  
and tabernacled among us beyond understanding ....  
(Reconsecration Kontakion of Hagia Sophia 562 A.D.)*

My beloved sisters and brothers in Christ,

This fifth year since the re-conversion of the Great Church of Holy Wisdom to a mosque should remind us all how — in our world of increasing conflict — the inversion of Her purpose has become almost matter-of-fact. The great dome of Hagia Sophia, which for centuries was the largest the world had ever known, was designed to manifest the pleroma of God's creativity and the possibility for humanity to conceive within ourselves

and within our society the grace of transformation, of theosis. After 1453, Her dome was reduced to mere architecture and then replicated throughout the Ottoman world as a sign of heavenly beauty, but a beauty hollowed out by lack of understanding.

The Great Church, as She was rightly called, is an image of the Incarnate Lord Jesus Christ, Who, in the fulness of the Divine Plan for Salvation (*οἰκονομία*), came forth as a perfect Human Being from the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, uniting and perfecting both male and female — Logos and Sophia — in Himself, the Theanthropos, Jesus Christ. Hagia Sophia did, and still does — despite the alien function to which She is now subject — manifest the “House of Incarnation,” bearing witness to the embodiment of God Who recapitulates in Himself all the potentiality and capacity of humanity for Divinity, so that we, as Saint Peter says, “might be partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4).

Our Day of Remembrance for Hagia Sophia remains a bittersweet reality for all Orthodox Christians, and indeed for every Christian of any historical awareness. The day and memory are bitter because spiritual error and lack of consciousness fail to ascribe Her full meaning. And yet sweet, because we have the Great Church incarnate in our Venerable Ecumenical Patriarchate, which abides as a spirit-filled space leading the Faithful to embody in their own lives the Mystery of the Incarnation and the reality of God. May the Great Church continue to always give birth to Her spiritual children throughout the world, so that the Tabernacle of Holy Wisdom continues to proclaim the glory of Logos and Sophia, our Savior Jesus Christ.

With paternal love and  
prayerful consolation in the Lord,



† ELPIDOPHOROS  
Archbishop of America



## **METROPOLIS YAL CONFERENCE – LABOR DAY WEEKEND!**

The YAL (Young Adult League) Conference hosted by the Metropolis of San Francisco is coming up soon! Join us in Seattle, WA from August 28 – September 1, 2025 for an immersive weekend of Fellowship, Service, Worship and Witness. Young adults ages 18 – 35 will engage in a wide array of workshops that expand on the Conference theme, “RENEW”, giving them the opportunity to spiritually recharge, re-engage with their Orthodox identity, and recommit to life in the Church. Visit [www.sanfran.goarch.org/YAL2025](http://www.sanfran.goarch.org/YAL2025) to register today!



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Join Us as a Sponsor for Pasadena Greek Festival – Multiple Sponsorship Tiers Available!

We are excited to invite you to be a part of Pasadena Greek Festival, one of the most anticipated events of the year! As we prepare for the festival, we are offering a variety of sponsorship opportunities for individuals, businesses, and organizations. We have designed sponsorship packages with a range of benefits to meet your marketing and community engagement goals, while supporting the Pasadena Greek Festival.

### Sponsorship Tiers:

- **Diamond Sponsor - \$10,000**

As our exclusive Diamond Sponsor, your brand will receive exclusive visibility throughout the event, including:

- Exclusive logo placement on the Pasadena Greek Festival website (*business only*)
- Showcase your name on a booth (*personal or business*)
- Dual-page ad in the ad book (*personal or business*)
- Promotion on Pasadena Greek Festival social media (*business only*)
- 500 complimentary festival entry tickets to give to friends, family, customers, etc.

- **Gold Sponsor - \$5,000**

As our exclusive Gold Sponsor, your brand will receive top-tier visibility throughout the event, including:

- Prominent logo placement on the Pasadena Greek Festival website (*business only*)
- Showcase your name on a booth (*personal or business*)
- Full-page ad in the ad book (*personal or business*)
- Promotion on Pasadena Greek Festival social media (*business only*)
- 200 complimentary festival entry tickets to give to friends, family, customers, etc.

- **Silver Sponsor - \$2,500**

- Logo placement on Pasadena Greek Festival website (*business only*)
- Full-page ad in the ad book (*personal or business*)
- Promotion on Pasadena Greek Festival social media (*business only*)
- 100 complimentary festival entry tickets to give to friends, family, customers, etc.

- **Bronze Sponsor - \$1,000**

- Logo placement on Pasadena Greek Festival website (*business only*)
- Half-page ad in the ad book (*personal or business*)
- 50 complimentary festival entry tickets to give to friends, family, customers, etc.

- **Fest Patron - \$500**

- Quarter-page ad in the ad book (*personal or business*)
- 10 complimentary festival entry tickets to give to friends, family, customers, etc.

- **Fest Supporter - \$250**

- 1"x5" text-only message in the event program (*personal or business*)
- Name listed in the ad book

The Pasadena Greek Festival's success is driven by our sponsors and their generous donations. As your Chairman, I am most excited to work with our parishioners and sponsors towards promoting our Greek culture and our Orthodox faith. This year's Executive Committee is working hard to ensure a successful event, but we cannot do it without your support. Please let us know if you are interested in any of the sponsorship packages, and feel free to reach out if you have any questions. We look forward to partnering with you!

Christos Vagenas  
Info@PasadenaGreekFest.org  
PGF 2025 Chairman



## **SPONSOR APPLICATION**

***September 19-21, 2025***

*The Pasadena Greek Festival is the major fundraising event that supports St. Anthony's and its programs. Saint Anthony operates as a 501(c) entity and your donations are tax deductible (Tax ID#95-3764229).  
Thank you!*

### **SPONSOR INFORMATION**

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☐ Festival Patron - \$500    ☐ Festival Supporter - \$250    ☐ Other Amount

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☐ Square (refer to link)

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☐ I have read and understand the terms and conditions.

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## 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**

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\$288/week OR \$1,250/month & up

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**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'*

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

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**Please return your completed 2025 stewardship  
pledge card to the Church office as soon as possible**

## **Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer**

### **July 27th**

This Saint, who had Nicomedia as his homeland, was the son of Eustorgius and Eubula. His father was an idolater, but his mother was a Christian from her ancestors. It was through her that he was instructed in piety, and still later, he was catechized in the Faith of Christ by Saint Hermolaus (see July 26) and baptized by him. Being proficient in the physician's vocation, he practiced it in a philanthropic manner, healing every illness more by the grace of Christ than by medicines. Thus, although his parents had named him Pantoleon ("in all things a lion"), because of the compassion he showed for the souls and bodies of all, he was worthily renamed Panteleimon, meaning "all-merciful." On one occasion, when he restored the sight of a certain blind man by calling on the Divine Name, he enlightened also the eyes of this man's soul to the knowledge of the truth. This also became the cause for the martyrdom of him who had been blind, since when he was asked by whom and in what manner his eyes had been opened, in imitation of that blind man of the Gospel he confessed with boldness both who the physician was and the manner of his healing. For this he was put to death immediately. Panteleimon was arrested also, and having endured many wounds, he was finally beheaded in the year 305, during the reign of Maximian. Saint Panteleimon is one of the Holy Unmercenaries, and is held in special honor among them, even as Saint George is among the Martyrs.



## 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](mailto:office@saint-anthonys.org) to receive more information about our parish or the Orthodox Christian faith.

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