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AUGUST 31, 2025

12TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

The Placing of the Honorable Sash of the Most Holy Theotokos
Cyprian the Hieromartyr & Bishop of Carthage

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

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FOR THE THEOTOKOS. MODE PL. 4.

Ever-virgin Theotokos, the shelter of mankind, you have given to your City as a protective wall the clothing and garment that you wore on your immaculate body. By your seedless childbirth, they have remained incorrupt. For in you both nature and time are made novel. Therefore we implore you, grant peace to your commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

Θεοτόκε ἀειπάρθενε, τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἡ σκέπη, Ἐσθῆτα καὶ Ζώνην τοῦ ἀχράντου σου σώματος, κραταιὰν τῇ πόλει σου περιβολὴν ἐδωρήσω, τῷ ἀσπόρῳ τόκῳ σου ἄφθαρτα διαμείναντα· ἐπὶ σοὶ γὰρ καὶ φύσις καινοτομεῖται καὶ χρόνος· διὸ δυσωποῦμέν σε, εἰρήνην τῇ οἰκουμένῃ δωρήσασθαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 PL. 2.

The precious garment that you wore about your body * that hosted God, O all-blessed Theotokos, * truly is power unassailable * for your City and a treasure whose blessings are perpetual, * O only Ever-virgin who bore a child. [

Τὴν θεοδόχον γαστέρα σου Θεοτόκε, περιλαβοῦσα ἡ Ζώνη σου ἡ τιμία, κράτος τῇ πόλει σου ἀπροσμάχητον, καὶ θησαυρὸς ὑπάρχει, τῶν ἀγαθῶν ἀνέκλειπτος, ἡ μόνη τεκοῦσα ἀειπάρθενος.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7

Prokeimenon. Mode 3

Luke 1: 46-48

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has regarded the humility of his servant.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7

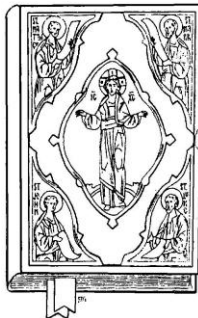
BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."



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.



Today's coffee hour fellowship will be hosted by Philoptochos

**The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1st
in observance of Labor Day.**

STUDIES IN THE FAITH

Fall Session, 2025
October 06th – Nov. 24th

Our text for the 2025 Studies in the Faith class will be, *The Orthodox Faith, "Spirituality" Volume 4*, by Fr. Thomas Hopko. Our class for this fall, will be taught over 8 class sessions, meeting on Monday evenings: 6:30 – 7:45pm.

These informative Zoom classes will serve as an excellent introduction to the Orthodox Faith for those interested in learning about 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 fall's class please email Fr. Peter at this address: frpeter@saint-anthonys.org (I will then, send you the Zoom link to logon).

* Google SVS Press, go to the Find a Book tab at the top right of page, and type in: Volume 1 Doctrine and Scripture. The cost of the book is \$23. (Please order your copy as soon as possible and begin reading).

CHAPTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

Introductory Session – Monday October 06th

Chapter One: “Orthodox Spirituality”

Second Session – Monday October 13th

Chapter Two: “The Beatitudes”

Third Session – Monday October 20th

Chapter Three: “The Virtues”

Fourth Session – Monday October 27th

Chapter Four: “The Greatest Virtue is Love”

Fifth Session – Monday November 03rd

Chapter Five: “Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving”

Sixth Session – Monday November 10th

Chapter Six: “Sexuality, Marriage, and Family”

Seventh Session – Monday November 17th

Chapter Seven: “Sickness, Suffering, and Death”

Eighth Session – Monday November 24th

Chapter Eight: “The Kingdom of Heaven”

Special Events hosted by VIPS

Sunday, September 7th Author Event Invitation: join the VIPS for a special opportunity to meet **Kyriacos Vidalakis**, author of *Murky Waters* after coffee hour, upstairs in one of the classrooms.

We'll reflect on the idea that discovering what you naturally do can be a meaningful step toward finding your purpose. Through shared reading and open conversation, we'll support one another in exploring our strengths and stories. It's a welcoming space to connect, grow and be inspired.

This event is optional and will follow our ongoing **VIP monthly gatherings**, held on the **second Tuesday of each month**, where we explore meaningful topics through reading and discussion.

Everyone is welcome. Contact Mrs. Albeck

Tuesday, November 11th : Legacy of Courage: A Veterans Day Celebration presented by VIPS a ministry of Saint Anthony

Join us for a tribute to our veterans at our regular meeting on Tuesday, November 11th, Veterans Day. Help us honor those who have served, and we'll revisit a moving presentation originally shared at a Philoptochos gathering.

If you or someone dear to you has served in the armed forces, we invite you to share their story. Please submit a photo and a brief biography so we can celebrate their legacy with gratitude and pride. Please submit by Sunday, October 19th.

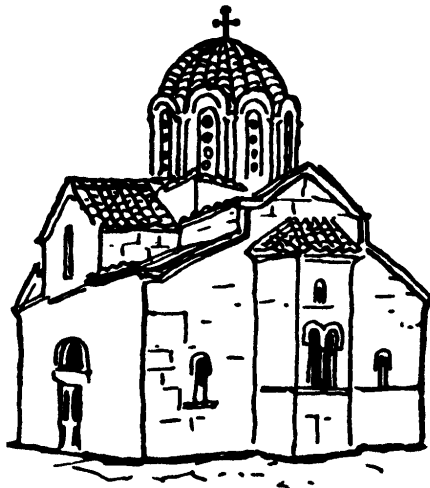
Following the tribute, we'll enjoy Thanksgiving lunch.

Defend the Future of Faith

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Sacred Mission is to “Defend the Future of Faith.” This week, two important communications were issued regarding the plight of Christians in the Holy Land. Click on the links below or go online and enter the article information:

[Greek Orthodox Nun Elucidates the Plight of Christians in the Holy Land - Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate](#)

[Archons Condemn Israel’s ‘Freeze’ of Bank Accounts of Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem - Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate](#)



2025 GREEK FESTIVAL FOOD and PASTRY PREP DATES

Tuesday, September 2	Pastries
Wednesday, September 3	Pastries
Thursday, September 4	Pastries
Friday, September 5	Pastries
Monday, September 8	Pastries
Tuesday, September 9	Pastries
Wednesday, September 10	Pastries
Thursday, September 11	Pastries
Friday, September 12	Pastries
Sunday, September 14 (tentative)	Dolmathes (after Liturgy)
Monday September 15	Pastries

Cooking will start at 9:00 am and lunch will be provided. Ending times vary depending on the items being prepared and the number of volunteers that attend. If you would like to provide lunch, please let the church office now.

Please join us, even if you only have a couple of hours. We can't do it without you! We look forward to seeing you.



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).
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Payment Options ☐ Check (payable to Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church)
 ☐ Square (refer to link)

INSTRUCTION FOR SUBMISSION

- This form, payment to Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church:

 MAIL: 778 South Rosemead Boulevard, Pasadena, CA, 91107

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- The sponsor agrees to protect the publisher against legal action based upon libelous statements or unauthorized use of photographs or other materials in connection with advertisements placed on contract.

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The Placing of the Honorable Sash of the Most Holy Theotokos

August 31

Although the historical accounts differ somewhat, the Deposition that is celebrated today took place most likely during the reign of Emperor Arcadius (395-408), when the precious Cincture of the Mother of God was brought from Zela of Cappadocia to Constantinople, and placed in the Church of the Theotokos in the section of Chalcopratia.

Cyprian the Hieromartyr & Bishop of Carthage

August 31

Saint Cyprian was born of pagan parents in Carthage of Roman Africa about the year 190. An eloquent teacher of rhetoric, he was converted and baptized late in life, and his conversion from a proud man of learning to a humble servant of Christ was complete; he sold his great possessions and gave them to the poor, and because of his zeal and virtue, was ordained presbyter in 247, then Bishop of Carthage in 248. He was especially steadfast in defending the sanctity and uniqueness of the Baptism of the Church of Christ against the confusion of those who would allow some validity to the ministrations of heretics; his writings continue to guide the Church even in our own day. Having survived the persecution of Decius about the year 250, he was beheaded in confession of the Faith during the persecution of Valerian in 258, on September 14; that day being the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, his feast is kept today.



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

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SIGNATURE

DATE

[For office use only]

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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/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***

If you are new to the community and want to become a Pledged Steward (member) in our Church. Please complete a Steward Financial Commitment card (pledge Card).

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

Pledge cards are available in the Narthex, or contact the Church office

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

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3. Under Don't have an account click - Create One
4. Follow prompts
5. Name, email, set up password, account info



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.



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WHITE ZONE IN FRONT OF CHURCH**

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the blue handicap parking spaces.**

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