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#### **NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

#### ANDREW THE FIRST- CALLED APOSTLE

Froumentios, Archbishop of Abyssina

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.
(ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE)

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.
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#### HYMNS OF THE DAY

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#### FOR THE APOSTLE. MODE 4.

As first called of the Apostles and brother of Peter the Preeminent, O Andrew, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to our souls.

Ώς τῶν Ἀποστόλων Πρωτόκλητος, καὶ τοῦ Κορυφαίου αὐτάδελφος, τὸν Δεσπότην τῶν ὅλων Ἀνδρέα ἰκέτευε, εἰρήνην τῆ οἰκουμένη 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 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 3.

On this day the Virgin Maid \* goes to the grotto to give birth \* to the pre-eternal Word \* in an ineffable manner. \* Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. \* Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds \* Him who willed that He appear as \* a newborn Child, \* the preeternal God.

Η Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε, ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον, μετὰ ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

#### EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4
Psalm 18.4,1
His proclamation went forth into all the earth
Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

#### GOSPEL READING

#### The Gospel According to John 1:35-51

At that time, John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "Where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

The next day 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 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."

#### **HOLY COMMUNION PROCEDURE**

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.

- \*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

#### Fall Session, 2025 October 06<sup>th</sup> – December 8<sup>th</sup>

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 10 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 4 Spirituality. The cost of the book is \$23. (Please order your copy as soon as possible and begin reading).

#### **CHAPTERS TO BE DISCUSSED**

Ninth Session - Monday December 1st

Tenth Session - Monday December 8th

#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

#### 15th Annual Ecumenical Prayer Service, December 2, 2025

The Armenian Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, invites all our clergy and parishes to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecumenical Prayer Service on December 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Leon Ghevontiants Armenian Cathedral (3325 North Glenoaks Blvd. Burbank CA 91504).

Every year, Archbishop Hovnan, as host, honors a member of the Christian family who stands as an example of Christian love and fidelity. This year's honoree is our own Metropolitan Gerasimos for his exceptional and visionary leadership to the community. The choir of Saint Sophia Cathedral will also participate in the program.

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>

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

#### 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



#### WELCOME!

We hope you enjoy your time with us today and that your worship experience is inspirational and uplifting.



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#### Saint Anthony Church

### Community Christmas Card 2025



With the start of the Nativity Fast our Church has officially entered the Christmas Season. During this special time of year, we turn our hearts and minds to the Nativity of Christ and we reflect on what this means for us. Of course, we have the opportunity to give thanksgiving to God by offering a gift to our church by participating in the annual St. Anthony's Community Christmas Card. This beautiful Nativity card is being made available to the entire community, as it has been done in the past. Let our prayers turn to unity with Christ our God, who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation.

Should you wish to participate and have your name(s) listed in the Community Christmas Card, please complete and mail the form below to the church office by Sunday December 7, 2025



YES! I/We would like to participate in this year's Community Card!

Checks can be made out to: St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church Memo: Christmas Card

Mail to: 778 S. Rosemead Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91107-5613 or email us: <u>alma@saint-anthonys.org</u> or call the church office (626) 449-6943 to pay by Credit Card.

\*St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church is a 501/c/3 non-profit, All donations are tax-deductible



The Philoptochos Society of Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church Proudly Presents Our 56th Annual Benefit Luncheon

### A Timeless Christmas

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

10:30 a.m. Christmas Boutique & Santa's Kitchen 12:00 p.m. Luncheon, Entertainment & Grand Awards

> The Sheraton San Gabriel 303 East Valley Boulevard San Gabriel, California

FOR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION

stanthonybenefit@gmail.com





Join Philoptochos and friends for our Benefit Luncheon, A TIMELESS CHRISTMAS, on Saturday, December 6, 2025. Proceeds will benefit a very worthy local organization SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY helping families rebuild homes affected by the Altadena fire as well as other Philoptochos charities in our community, Metropolis and National.

We hope you support our good works by making a reservation, becoming a Star Donor, purchasing a Grand Awards raffle ticket, shopping at our amazing Christmas boutique and specialty vendors, and purchasing tasty goodies from Santa's Kitchen.

Make your reservation early since seating is limited. Fully paid tables of ten are reserved on a first come, first serve basis. .Contact Nicole Schulman, Reservation Chair to make your reservations by phone.

#### For Information and Reservations, contact

Reservation Chair - Nicole Schulman: <a href="mailto:stanthonybenefit@gmail.com">stanthonybenefit@gmail.com</a> or go to the event website link - <a href="mailto:https://stanthonybenefit.square.site/">https://stanthonybenefit.square.site/</a> (Online reservations are also available for purchase on our event website beginning Nov. 3)

For **Donations** to the Star Program, contact Star Program Chair - Mary Dewar: <a href="mailto:philostarprogram@gmail.com">philostarprogram@gmail.com</a> Or donate directly at this link <a href="mailto:The Star Program">The Star Program</a>

Reservations and Star Program deadlines are Thursday, November 20, 2025.

SAINT ANTHONY'S GREEK DANCE PROGRAM

# 2026 NEW YEAR

Party

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

#### **31 DECEMBER 2025**

STARTS AT 8:00PM
TRINITY BALLROOM
778 S ROSEMEAD BLVD, PASADENA

**DRINKS, DINNER, & DANCING** 

PRESALE RESERVATION TICKETS BEFORE 12/05

\$150 GENERAL \$75 CHILD (12 & UNDER)

REGULAR RESERVATION TICKETS

\$175 GENERAL \$95 CHILD (12 & UNDER)

DON'T WAIT—SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

TEXT OR EMAIL RESERVATIONS TO:

626-375-9008

SERBANATHENA@GMAIL.COM

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE WITH

CASH OR ZELLE:

STANTHONYSDANCE@GMAIL.COM



### "CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS" PHILOPTOCHOS & FRIENDS IN DEED

Thank you for joining Philoptochos and Friends in Deed in supporting underprivileged children in our community through this special gift-giving drive.

Each child has provided a wish list of gifts but it is simply a guide. You are not expected to purchase everything listed and there is no minimum or maximum amount for gifts or gift cards.

- Select a tag with a child's name from the Christmas tree at the Philoptochos table located in the foyer of the Trinity Ballroom on Sunday, November 23<sup>th</sup>, November 30 and December 7
- Please place the unwrapped gifts in a Christmas gift bag with the child's name attached (please use the tag provided) and return it to the church office by Monday, December 8. If possible, please include gift receipts.
- If you prefer, you may donate toward a particular child's gift and we will do the shopping for you. You can also give a general monetary donation to support the children.

If you have any questions, please call or text Judith Din at (626) 676-1240  $\,$ 

We are grateful for your support - Thank you!

Philoptochos is now taking pre-orders for Vasilopita. Last day to order is Sunday, December 14th (please see order form for information).

# Saint Anthony Philoptochos VASILOPITA PREPAID ORDER FORM

### All Prepaid Orders must be received by Sunday, December 14

### PREPAID ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP ONLY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 from 12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM

St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church, Trinity Ballroom 778 South Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena

#### To place prepaid orders:

CALL or Text: Lisa – (626) 222-4374

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Name:	Cell/Home Phone:				
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<u>ITEM</u>		COST	QUANTITY	\$ TOTAL	
	Vasilopita (1 Loaf) Traditional sweet Greek New Year's bread. Pickup on Sunday, December 21 (12:00 pm-1:00 pm)	\$20			

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#### 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 handicap</u> parking spaces.



#### Scan QR code for Candle / Tray Donation



### Scan QR code to follow service on your phone or iPad

