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NOVEMBER 9, 2025

7TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Nektarios the Wonderworker

Onesiphoros and Porphyrios

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ 9:45 A.M.

Ekaterina Popova – 40 days

Peter Henri Dragonas – 1 year

Denis Dragonas -1 year

Athanasios Manos – 1 year

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

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FOR THE SAINTS. MODE 1.

That son of Silybria and guardian of Aegina * was an ardent lover of virtue * and a saint of the modern age, * that God-inspired servant of Christ, * Nektarios. So let us honor him. * He pours out all kinds of healing to those who pray * with faith and cry out reverently, “Glory to Christ who glorified you; * glory to Him for your miracles; * glory to Him who through you gives cures and healing to all.”

Σηλυβρίας τὸν γόνον καὶ Αἰγίνης τὸν ἔφορον, τὸν ἐσχάτοις χρόνοις φανέντα, ἀρετῆς φίλον γνήσιον, Νεκτάριον τιμήσωμεν πιστοί, ὡς ἔνθεον θεράποντα Χριστοῦ· ἀναβλύζει γὰρ ἰάσεις παντοδαπὰς, τοῖς εὐλαβῶς κραυγάζουσι· δόξα τῷ σὲ δοξάσαντι Χριστῷ, δόξα τῷ σὲ θαυμαστώσαντι, δόξα τῷ ἐνεργοῦντι διὰ σοῦ, πᾶσιν ἰάματα.

MEMORIAL HYMN. MODE PLAGAL 4.

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

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 4.

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

Ὁ καθαρώτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι Θείῳ· ἦν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.

Psalm 115.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His holy ones

Verse: What shall we give back to the Lord for all He rendered to us?

The reading is from Ephesians 5:8 – 19

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.



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

CHAPTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

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”



Today's coffee hour fellowship will be hosted by Vera Stoykova in memory of her mother Ekaterina Popova

Divine Services for the month of November

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

Friday, Nov. 21 – Entrance of the Theotokos (*Orthros 9:00, Liturgy 10:00*)

The St. Anthony Fall Parish Assembly will be on Sunday, November 16, 2025, In the Trinity Ballroom following Divine Liturgy (roughly 12:00 Noon).

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

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(as of October 30, 2025)

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Duncan, Jan & Stephanie
Dupas, Christina
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Makris, Ted & Maria
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Malisos, Samantha A
Manos, Demetrios & Katie
Manos, Katarina
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Tsouvalas, Charles
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Vagenas, Christina
Vagenas, Christos & Eleni Attard
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Vagenas, Dino & Krystina
Vagenas, George & Polly
Vagenas, Janet
Vagenas, John & Georgia
Vagenas, Niko
Vagenas, Nikolitsa
Vagenas, Pete & Mindy
Vagenas, Sophia
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Varvitsiotis Varvas, Fotiny
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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 or alma@saint-anthonys.org for any questions.

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) and return it to the Church office as soon as possible.

Pledge cards are available in the Narthex, or contact the Church office, Stewardship is a yearly commitment from January to December.



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For **Information** and **Reservations**, contact

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*(Online reservations are also available for purchase on our event website beginning Nov.
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For **Donations** to the Star Program, contact

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

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Nektarios the Wonderworker

November 9

Saint Nektarius was born in Selyvria of Thrace on October 1, 1846. After putting himself through school in Constantinople with much hard labour, he became a monk on Chios in 1876, receiving the monastic name of Lazarus; because of his virtue, a year later he was ordained deacon, receiving the new name of Nektarius. Under the patronage of Patriarch Sophronius of Alexandria, Nektarius went to Athens to study in 1882; completing his theological studies in 1885, he went to Alexandria, where Patriarch Sophronius ordained him priest on March 23, 1886 in the Cathedral of Saint Sabbas, and in August of the same year, in the Church of Saint Nicholas in Cairo, made him Archimandrite. Archimandrite Nektarius showed much zeal both for preaching the word of God, and for the beauty of God's house. He greatly beautified the Church of Saint Nicholas in Cairo, and years later, when Nektarius was in Athens, Saint Nicholas appeared to him in a dream, embracing him and telling him he was going to exalt him very high. On January 15, 1889, in the same Church of Saint Nicholas, Nektarius was consecrated Metropolitan of the Pentapolis in eastern Libya, which was under the jurisdiction of Alexandria. Although Nektarius' swift ascent through the degrees of ecclesiastical office did not affect his modesty and childlike innocence, it aroused the envy of lesser men, who convinced the elderly Sophronius that Nektarius had it in his heart to become Patriarch. Since the people loved Nektarius, the Patriarch was troubled by the slanders. On May 3, 1890, Sophronius relieved Metropolitan Nektarius of his duties; in July of the same year, he commanded Nektarius to leave Egypt.

Without seeking to avenge or even to defend himself, the innocent Metropolitan left for Athens, where he found that accusations of immorality had arrived before him. Because his good name had been soiled, he was unable to find a position worthy of a bishop, and in February of 1891 accepted the position of provincial preacher in Euboea; then, in 1894, he was appointed dean of the Rizarios Ecclesiastical School in Athens. Through his eloquent sermons his unwearying labours to educate fitting men for the priesthood, his generous alms deeds despite his own poverty, and the holiness, meekness, and fatherly love that were manifest in him, he became a shining light and a spiritual guide to many. At the request of certain pious women, in 1904 he began the building of his convent of the Holy Trinity on the island of Aegina while yet dean of the Rizarios School; finding later that his presence there was needed, he took up his residence on Aegina in 1908, where he spent the last years of his life, devoting himself to the direction of his convent and to very intense prayer; he was sometimes seen lifted above the ground while rapt in prayer. He became the protector of all Aegina, through his prayers delivering the island from drought, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Here also he endured wicked slanders with singular patience, forgiving his false accusers and not seeking to avenge himself. Although he had already worked wonders in life, an innumerable multitude of miracles have been wrought after his repose in 1920 through his holy relics, which for many years remained incorrupt. There is hardly a malady that has not been cured through his prayers; but Saint Nektarius is especially renowned for his healings of cancer for sufferers in all parts of the world.

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