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DECEMBER 14, 2025

11TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, and Callinicus of Asia Minor

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 FOREFATHERS. MODE 2.

By faith You justified the Forefathers, having through them betrothed to yourself the Church that came out of the nations. The saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave birth to You, is from their progeny. At their entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Ἐν πίστει τοὺς Προπάτορας ἐδικαίωσας, τὴν ἐξ Ἐθνῶν δι' αὐτῶν προμνηστευσάμενος Ἐκκλησίαν. Καυχῶνται ἐν δόξῃ οἱ Ἅγιοι, ὅτι ἐκ σπέρματος αὐτῶν, ὑπάρχει καρπὸς εὐκλεῆς, ἡ ἀσπόρως τεκοῦσά σε. Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς 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. 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.

Ἡ 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.

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Mode 4

Daniel 3.26,27

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For You are righteous in all You did for us.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11

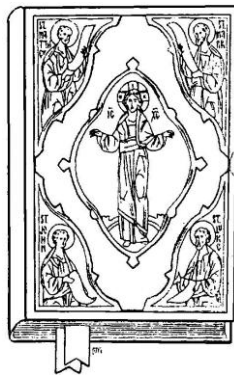
Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.



GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"



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

Winter Session, 2026
January 19th – March 30th

Our text for the 2026 Studies in the Faith class will be, *The Orthodox Faith, "Doctrine and Scripture," Volume 1*, by Fr. Thomas Hopko. Our class for this year, will be taught over 11 class sessions, meeting on Monday evenings: 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

These informative Zoom 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 this address: frpeter@saint-anthonys.org

* 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 February 13th

Chapter One: "Sources of Christian Doctrine"

Second Session – Monday February 20th

Chapter Two: “The Symbol of Faith”

Third Session – Monday February 27th

Chapter Three: “The Holy Trinity”

Fourth Session – Monday March 06th

Chapter Four: “The Bible”

Fifth Session – Monday March 13th

Chapter Five: “Old Testament”

Sixth Session – Monday March 20th

Chapter Six: “New Testament”

Seventh Session – Monday March 27th

Chapter Seven: “Salvation History”

Eighth Session – Monday April 03rd

Chapter Eight: “Great Week and Pascha”

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

Sunday, Jan. 11 Orthros 8:45 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom 10:00 a.m.
 VASILOPITA after Services, hosted by Philoptochos.

Friday, Jan. 16	EVE OF THE FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY Great Vesper Service w/ Artoklasia Dinner will follow, hosted by Philoptochos.	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17	FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY Orthros Divine Liturgy	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Coffee hour fellowship will be hosted by Philoptochos

PLEASE NOTE: No food or drinks allowed in the Church at any time.

Stewardship 2026: Please complete and return your Pledge card for 2026 by December 31, 2025 to enter in a raffle to win 2 nights at the Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel!

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 for 2026 are available in the Narthex.
Stewardship is a yearly commitment from January to December.*

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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SAINT ANTHONY'S GREEK DANCE PROGRAM

2026 NEW YEAR *Party*

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31 DECEMBER 2025

STARTS AT 8:00PM

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OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15.

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SERBANATHENA@GMAIL.COM

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

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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
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METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orthodox Parish Leadership Webinar

The Metropolis Orthodox Parish Leadership ministry is offering a webinar on **“Synergy: Strengthening Collaboration Between the Priest, Parish Council, and Parish Ministries”**. on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. PST. Learn how to cultivate a collaborative environment where the Priest, Parish Council, and Parish Ministries work together in unity, maximizing their collective impact and serving the community with greater purpose and effectiveness. Register online at: www.sanfran.goarch.org/events.

Eight Dates – Register Today!

The popular Eight Dates program is back! Offered by the Metropolis Family Wellness Ministry, all couples to participate in the upcoming Eight Dates marriage program. Presented for the fourth time in our Metropolis, these online workshops combine a Christ-centered approach with research based strategies to enhance connection, communication and conflict management skills for couples. Over 800 couples from throughout the country have already benefited from the Eight Dates programs offered by our Metropolis Family Wellness Ministry. Join us via ZOOM on Thursday evenings beginning on January 8, 2026 as we highlight these topics: Visit www.familywellnessministry.org to register today!

Young Adult Winter Retreat – Lake Tahoe

The Metropolis Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries presents the annual Young Adult Winter Retreat at a private retreat center on the shores of Lake Tahoe featuring spectacular views, delicious food, and cozy accommodations. The weekend of January 16 – 19, 2026 will be filled with fellowship, prayer, and fun winter activities, bringing together Orthodox young adults from across the Archdiocese to connect, grow, and be renewed in faith. Visit www.gosfyouth.org/young-adult-winter-retreat for more details.

Family Winter Camp

Let the spirit of the holidays continue at the Metropolis Family Winter Camp at St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA from December 27–30, 2025. This special four-day camp is open to families of all ages and stages — from those with young children to college-aged and adult children, and even couples, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and close family friends. Everyone is welcome to come and be part of our greater Metropolis family. More information online: www.gosfyouth.org/family

Metropolis Summer Camp Staff – Apply Now!

Applications are now open for the 2026 Metropolis Summer Camp at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center. This is an incredible opportunity for faithful and motivated young adults (age 19 and over) to make a meaningful impact on the lives of campers while gaining valuable leadership and teamwork experience. We're hiring for a variety of roles, including: Leadership Team Members, Cabin Counselors, Program Staff, Photographers, Lifeguards, and Medical Staff. Apply online at www.gosfyouth.org.



WELCOME!



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

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Reminder:

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FRONT OF CHURCH**

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