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DECEMBER 28, 2025

SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY

20,000 Martyrs burned in Nicomedia

Holy Martyr Glycerus

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. MODE 4. (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

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Ἡ Γέννησίς σου Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ, τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως· ἐν αὐτῇ γὰρ οἱ τοῖς ἄστροις λατρεύοντες, ὑπὸ ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν, τὸν Ἥλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνατολήν. Κύριε δόξα σοι.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 4. (AFTER ENTRANCE)

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, “Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!”

Τὸ παιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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FOR THE ANCESTORS OF GOD. MODE 2.

Annunciate the miracles to David the ancestor of God, O Joseph. You saw the Virgin pregnant. You glorified with the shepherds. You worshipped with the Magi. And you were warned by an Angel. Entreat Christ God to save our souls. [

Εὐαγγελίζου Ἰωσήφ, τῷ Δαυὶδ τὰ θαύματα τῷ Θεοπάτορι· Παρθένον εἶδες κυοφορήσασαν, μετὰ Μάγων προσεκύνησας, μετὰ Ποιμένων ἐδοξολόγησας, δι' Ἀγγέλου χρηματισθείς. Ἰκέτευε Χριστὸν τὸν Θεόν, σωθῆναι 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 gives * birth to the Super-essential. * To the Unapproachable, * earth is providing the grotto. * Angels sing and with the shepherds offer up glory. * Following a star the Magi are still proceeding. * He was born for our salvation, a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν Ὑπερούσιον τίκτει, καὶ ἡ γῆ τὸ Σπήλαιον, τῷ ἀπροσίτῳ προσάγει. Ἄγγελοι, μετὰ Ποιμένων δοξολογοῦσι. Μάγοι δέ, μετὰ ἀστέρος ὁδοιποροῦσι· δι' ἡμᾶς γὰρ ἐγεννήθη, Παιδίον νέον, ὁ πρὸ αἰώνων Θεός.

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Mode 4

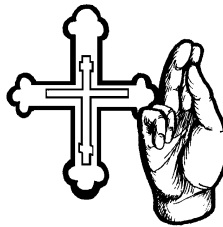
Psalm 67.35,26

God is wondrous in His saints.

Verse: Bless God in the churches.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19

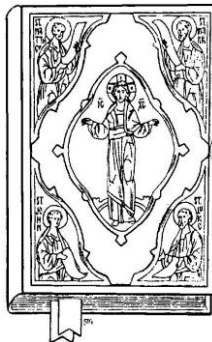
Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when God who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.



GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Matthew 2:13-23

When the magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the magi, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the magi. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."



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 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).

CHAPTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

Introductory Session – Monday January 19th

Chapter One: “Sources of Christian Doctrine”

Second Session – Monday January 26th

Chapter One: “Sources of Christian Doctrine” (cont.)

Third Session – Monday February 02nd

Chapter Two: “The Symbol of Faith”

Fourth Session – Monday February 09th

Chapter Two: “The Symbol of Faith” (cont.)

Fifth Session – Monday February 16th

Chapter Three: “The Holy Trinity”

Sixth Session – Monday February 23rd

Chapter Three: “The Holy Trinity” (cont.)

Seventh Session – Monday March 02nd

Chapter Four: “The Bible”

Eighth Session – Monday March 09th

Chapter Five: “Old Testament”

Ninth Session – Monday March 16th

Chapter Six: “New Testament”

Tenth Session: -- Monday March 23rd

Chapter Seven: “Salvation History”

Eleventh Session: -- Monday March 30th

Chapter Eight: “Great Week and Pascha”

Divine Services for the Month of January 2026

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

Sunday, Jan. 4	SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY	
	Orthros	8:45 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	10:00 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 5	THE FOREFEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (THEOPHANY) OF CHRIST AGHIASMOS (GREAT BLESSING OF THE WATERS)	
	Orthros	9:00a.m.
	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 6	THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (THEOPHANY) OF CHRIST AGHIASMOS (GREAT BLESSING OF THE WATERS)	
	Orthros	9:00 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 7	SYNAXIS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	
	Orthros	9:00 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
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	6:00 p.m.
	Dinner will follow, hosted by Philoptochos.	
Saturday, Jan. 17	FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY	
	Orthros	9:00 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Coffee hour fellowship will be hosted by Philoptochos

The Church office will be closed on Thursday January 1, 2026 for New Years Day

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*

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

31 DECEMBER 2025

STARTS AT 8:00PM

TRINITY BALLROOM

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DINNER, DANCING

VASILOPITA & CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT

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

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RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT DUE ON

OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15.

TEXT OR EMAIL RESERVATIONS
TO: 626-375-9008
SERBANATHENA@GMAIL.COM

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE WITH
CASH OR ZELLE:
STANTHONYSDANCE@GMAIL.COM



METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.**

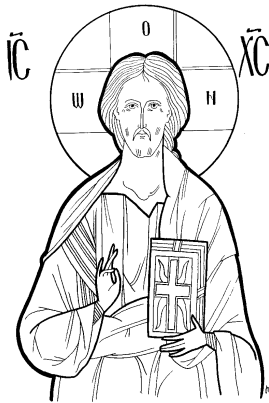
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PLEASE NOTE: No food or drinks allowed in the Church at any time.

20,000 Martyrs burned in Nicomedia December 28

All these Saints, some 20,000 in number, were burned alive in the year 303, while they were gathered in church. This came to pass during the reign of Diocletian and Maximian. According to the Synaxarion, this took place on the day of Christ's Nativity. Eusebius (Eccl. Hist. VIII, 6) says that, of the Christians then living in Nicomedia, all were slain by imperial decree - some by the sword, and others by fire, and that, because of their divine and inexpressible ardour, both men and women cast themselves into the fire. Besides those burned in church. the following, who were slain in the same Persecution, are commemorated today. Indus, Gorgonius, and Peter were cast into the sea; Glycerius the Presbyter and Mardonius were burned; Dorotheus the Prefect and Zeno were beheaded; Theophilus the Deacon was stoned; Mygdonius was buried alive; and Domna, who had been a priestess of the idols, believed in Christ, and was baptized, was beheaded and cast into the fire. See also the account of Saint Anthimus on September 3.



Reminder:

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