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JANUARY 4, 2026
SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY

Synaxis of the 70 Apostles
Theoctistos the Righteous

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ 9:45 A.M.

Despina Katsaros – 40 days

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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FOR THE FOREFEAST. MODE 4.

O Zabulon, prepare, and be ready, Nephthalim. * Jordan River, hold your course, and exultantly receive * the Master who is coming to be baptized. * Adam leap for joy with Eve the Foremother. * No longer hide yourselves, as once in Paradise; * for having seen you naked He has appeared * to clothe you in your former vesture. * The Christ has appeared, wishing to renew * the entire creation.

Ἑτοιμάζου Ζαβουλὼν, καὶ εὐτρεπίζου Νεφθαλεὶμ. Ἰορδάνη ποταμέ, στήθι ὑπόδεξαι σκιρτῶν, τοῦ βαπτισθῆναι ἐρχόμενον τὸν Δεσπότην. Ἀγάλλου ὁ Ἀδὰμ σὺν τῇ Προμήτορι· μὴ κρύπτετε ἑαυτοὺς, ὥς ἐν Παραδείσῳ τὸ πρὶν· καὶ γὰρ γυμνοὺς ἰδὼν ὑμᾶς ἐπέφανεν, ἵνα ἐνδύσῃ τὴν πρώτην στολήν. Χριστὸς ἐφάνη, τὴν πᾶσαν κτίσιν, θέλων ἀνακαινίσαι.

MEMORIAL HYMN. MODE PLAGAL 4.

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin she has 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 τῆς δούλης σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτεν συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τῇ μεταστάσει 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.

To the flowing streams today * of River Jordan * comes the Lord and cries aloud * to John the Baptist, and He says, * “Be not afraid to baptize me now; * for I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man.”

Ἐν τοῖς ρείθοις σήμερον τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, γεγωνὼς ὁ Κύριος, τῷ Ἰωάννῃ ἐκβοᾷ· Μὴ δειλιάσης βαπτίσαι με· σῶσαι γὰρ ἤκω, Ἀδὰμ τὸν πρωτόπλαστον.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2

Psalm 27.9,1

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8

TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.

For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John was baptizing in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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):

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 The Katsaros Family in memory of Despina Katsaros.

Stewardship 2026: *Pledge cards for 2026 are available in the Narthex.*

Stewardship is a yearly commitment from January to December.

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.

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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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.

Reminder:

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