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**JANUARY 25, 2026**

**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople

**ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.**

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**MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ 9:45 A.M.**

*Antonios Gregoriades – 34 years*

*Aris Gregoriades – 36 years*

**DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.**

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## HYMNS OF THE DAY

### ***RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. GRAVE MODE PL 4. (BEFORE ENTRANCE)***

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### ***FOR THE SAINTS. MODE 1.***

The shepherd's pipe of your theology overpowered the horns of the orators. For the more you plumbed the depths of the Spirit, ever greater eloquence was bestowed on you. O Father Gregory, intercede with Christ God, entreating Him to save our souls.

Ὁ ποιμενικὸς αὐλὸς τῆς θεολογίας σου, τὰς τῶν ῥητόρων ἐνίκησε σάλπιγγας· ὥς γὰρ τὰ βάθη τοῦ Πνεύματος ἐκζητήσαντι, καὶ τὰ κάλλη τοῦ φθέγματος προσετέθη σοι. Ἀλλὰ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, Πάτερ Γρηγόριε, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### ***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 1.***

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

## *SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY*

### *EPISTLE READING*

Prokeimenon. Mode 1

Psalm 48.3,1

My mouth shall speak wisdom.

Verse: Hear this, all you nations.

#### **St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2**

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

### *GOSPEL READING*

#### **The Gospel According to Luke 19:1-10**

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

## **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 19<sup>th</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto: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

~~Second Session—Monday January 26<sup>th</sup>~~ **CANCELLED**  
~~Chapter One: "Sources of Christian Doctrine" (cont.)~~

Third Session – Monday February 02<sup>nd</sup>

Chapter Two: “The Symbol of Faith”

Fourth Session – Monday February 09<sup>th</sup>

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

Fifth Session – Monday February 16<sup>th</sup>

Chapter Three: “The Holy Trinity”

Sixth Session – Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

Seventh Session – Monday March 02<sup>nd</sup>

Chapter Four: “The Bible”

Eighth Session – Monday March 09<sup>th</sup>

Chapter Five: “Old Testament”

Ninth Session – Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>

Chapter Six: “New Testament”

Tenth Session: -- Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Chapter Seven: “Salvation History”

Eleventh Session: -- Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>

Chapter Eight: “Great Week and Pascha”

## **Divine Services for the Months of January and February 2026**

(*[saint-anthonys.org/calendar](http://saint-anthonys.org/calendar)*):

Friday, Jan. 30	SYNAXIS OF THE THREE HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.	
	Orthros	9:00 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 2	THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD	
	Orthros	9:00 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Saint Anthony Dance Program: FDF Preview Luncheon** right after church in the Trinity Ballroom, with performances by Bouboukakia, Aterakia and Filarakia.

Tickets available at the door with suggested donation:  
\$15 Adults and \$10 Children (Unver 10)

### Upcoming Memorials:

Sunday Feb. 1, 40 days - Eleni Christodoulelis  
30 years - James William Manos



## **2026 Parish Council**

President: Pete Gallanis

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Joe Akrotirianakis

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Perry Vidalakis

Secretary: Kostantinos Papavasiliou

Treasurer: Tashia Vagenas

Assistant Treasurer: Christos Vagenas

Council member: Christian Balas, Tom Grafos, Louis Kades, Pete Katsafados, Jonathan Nassos, James Pappas, Constandinos Vagenas, Vincent Zarian and Nikole Zoumberakis.

**The deadline for submitting information to be included in the weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.**

## ***METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS***

### **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](http://www.gosfyouth.org).

**Stewardship 2026: Pledge cards for 2026 are available in the Narthex. ALL last year, and new stewards, please complete a Steward Financial Commitment card (offering/pledge Card) and return it to the Church office as soon as possible.**

***Stewardship is a yearly commitment from January to December.***

Please email the Church office at [alma@saint-anthony.org](mailto:alma@saint-anthony.org) if you have any questions.

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**SAINT ANTHONY GREEK DANCE PROGRAM  
FDF PREVIEW LUNCHEON**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**

**RIGHT AFTER CHURCH  
IN THE TRINITY BALLROOM**

**PERFORMANCES BY:**



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A photograph of two young basketball players in action. The player on the left is wearing a black jersey with orange trim and the number 23. The player on the right is wearing a white jersey with the number 3. They are both jumping high, reaching for an orange basketball that is suspended in the air between them. The background is a blurred indoor basketball court.

# **GOYA BASKETBALL**

## **CALLING ALL PLAYERS!**

*Boys ages 12-19,  
Girls ages 12-21.  
All levels welcome.*

**DEADLINE:  
JANUARY 31st!**

*Practices start:  
Friday, Jan 23  
Season begins:  
Sunday, Feb 22*

**Call or Email Now!**  
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## WELCOME!



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

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**NOTICE**  
**No food or drinks allowed in the Church**  
**at any time.**

# Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople

## January 25

This great Father and Teacher of the Church was born in 329 in Arianzus, a village of the second district of Cappadocia, not far from Nazianzus. His father, who later became Bishop of Nazianzus, was named Gregory (commemorated Jan. 1), and his mother was named Nonna (Aug. 5); both are among the Saints, and so are his brother Caesarius (Mar. 9) and his sister Gorgona (Feb. 23). At first he studied in Caesarea of Palestine, then in Alexandria, and finally in Athens. As he was sailing from Alexandria to Athens, a violent sea storm put in peril not only his life but also his salvation, since he had not yet been baptized. With tears and fervour he besought God to spare him, vowing to dedicate his whole self to Him, and the tempest gave way to calm. At Athens Saint Gregory was later joined by Saint Basil the Great, whom he already knew; but now their acquaintanceship grew into a lifelong brotherly love. Another fellow student of theirs in Athens was the young Prince Julian, who later as Emperor was called the Apostate because he denied Christ and did all in his power to restore paganism. Even in Athens, before Julian had thrown off the mask of piety; Saint Gregory saw what an unsettled mind he had, and said, "What an evil the Roman State is nourishing" (Orat. V, 24, PG 35:693).

After their studies at Athens, Gregory became Basil's fellow ascetic, living the monastic life together with him for a time in the hermitages of Pontus. His father ordained him presbyter of the Church of Nazianzus, and Saint Basil consecrated him Bishop of Sasima (or Zansima), which was in the archdiocese of Caesarea. This consecration was a source of great sorrow to Gregory, and a cause of misunderstanding between him and Basil; but his love for Basil remained unchanged, as can be plainly seen from his Funeral Oration on Saint Basil (Orat. XLIII).

About the Year 379, Saint Gregory came to the assistance of the Church of Constantinople, which had already been troubled for forty years by the Arians; by his supremely wise words and many labours he freed it from the corruption of heresy, and was elected Archbishop of that city by the Second Ecumenical Council, which assembled there in 381, and condemned Macedonius, Archbishop of Constantinople, the enemy of the Holy Spirit. When Saint Gregory came to Constantinople, the Arians had taken all the churches and he was forced to serve in a house chapel dedicated to Saint Anastasia the Martyr. From there he began to preach his famous five sermons on the Trinity, called the Triadica. When he left Constantinople two years later, the Arians did not have one church left to them in the city. Saint Meletius of Antioch (see Feb. 12), who was presiding over the Second Ecumenical Council, died in the course of it, and Saint Gregory was chosen in his stead; there he distinguished himself in his expositions of dogmatic theology.

Having governed the Church until 382, he delivered his farewell speech - the Syntacterion, in which he demonstrated the Divinity of the Son - before 150 bishops and the Emperor Theodosius the Great; in this speech he requested, and received from all, permission to

retire from the see of Constantinople. He returned to Nazianzus, where he lived to the end of his life, and reposed in the Lord in 391, having lived some sixty-two years.

His extant writings, both prose and poems in every type of metre, demonstrate his lofty eloquence and his wondrous breadth of learning. In the beauty of his writings, he is considered to have surpassed the Greek writers of antiquity, and because of his God-inspired theological thought, he received the surname "Theologian." Although he is sometimes called Gregory of Nazianzus, this title belongs properly to his father; he himself is known by the Church only as Gregory the Theologian. He is especially called "Trinitarian Theologian," since in virtually every homily he refers to the Trinity and the one essence and nature of the Godhead. Hence, Alexius Anthorus dedicated the following verses to him:

Like an unwandering star beaming with splendour,  
Thou bringest us by mystic teachings, O Father,  
To the Trinity's sunlike illumination,  
O mouth breathing with fire, Gregory most mighty.

## **Reminder:**

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