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**MARCH 22, 2026**

**SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS**

Basil of Ancyra  
Kalliniki & Vassilissa

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

**[\(ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE\)](#)**

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

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You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a threeday burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

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***APOLYTIKION FOR THE DEVOUT MAN. MODE PL. 4.***

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O John, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

Ταῖς τῶν δακρῦων σου ροαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστήρ, τῇ οἰκουμένην λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Ἰωάννη Πατὴρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, 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 Ἠλίαν 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 PL. 4.*

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

## *SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY*

### *EPISTLE READING*

**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4**

**Psalm 75.11,1**

**Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.**

**Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.**

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20**

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

## ***GOSPEL READING***

### **The Gospel According to Mark 9:17-31**

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

## **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

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 March and April 2026

*(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):*

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>    *Annunciation of the Theotokos*  
*Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am*  
*No Pre-Sanctified Liturgy*

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>        *The Akathist Hymn – 6:00pm*

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>      *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm*

## Holy Week Services

### SATURDAY OF LAZARUS – April 4

Orthros ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Breakfast and making palm crosses.

### PALM SUNDAY – April 5

Orthros ..... 8:45 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy (Luncheon to follow) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Service of the Bridegroom ..... 6:00 p.m.

### HOLY MONDAY – April 6

Service of the Bridegroom ..... 6:00 p.m.

### HOLY TUESDAY – April 7

Service of the Bridegroom (Hymn of Kassiani) ..... 6:00 p.m.

### HOLY WEDNESDAY – April 8

Sacrament of Holy Unction..... **3:00 p.m.**  
Service of the Bridegroom..... 6:00 p.m.

### HOLY THURSDAY – April 9

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil ..... 9:00 a.m.  
The Service of the Holy Passion (12 Gospels) ..... 6:00 p.m.

**HOLY FRIDAY – April 10**

The Descent from the Cross ..... 3:00 p.m.  
The Graveside Lamentations ..... 6:00 p.m.

**HOLY SATURDAY – April 11**

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Vigil for the Holy Resurrection ..... 11:00 p.m.  
“Come Receive the Light” – The Resurrection Service & Divine Liturgy 11:45 p.m.  
Mageiritsa Dinner follows. All faithful are cordially invited to partake.

**PASCHA/EASTER SUNDAY – April 12**

The Agape Vespers Service..... 12:00 Noon

*PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS*



**Coffee hour fellowship is hosted** by Philoptochos.

**St. Anthony’s Coffee Hour is coordinated by St. Anthony Philoptochos:**

Host a Coffee Hour and Celebrate a Nameday, Milestone Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Loved One, or for any reason. A sign-up poster has been placed in the foyer of the Parish Community Center. Please sign up on the poster or contact Athena Serban at 626- 375-9008. Thank you for your support. **Please contact the Church office if you need to schedule a Memorial.**

**St Anthony G.O.Y.A. Basketball:**

**Sunday, March 22 @ Saint Sophia** – 1324 Normandie Ave, Los Angeles  
2:00 Jr. Girls, 3:00 Jr. Boys, 4:00 Sr. Girls, 5:00 Sr. Boys.

## **TODAY- SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL**

Our speakers, essayists and judges will gather in the Nave of the Church for our Annual Parish Level Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival at 12:15pm. Speeches to begin at 12:30pm.

Dates for the District and Metropolis Level Festivals TBA.

### **Chair Aerobic Exercise Sessions Open to All**

The VIPs are happy to invite all interested parishioners to participate in a new fitness initiative sponsored by our Saint Anthony Philoptochos Chapter for the enhancement of the health and wellbeing of our members. Nicole Schulman has been recruited to lead a series of chair aerobic exercise sessions to be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am during the months of March, April and most of May 2026. With every second Tuesday of the month being a VIP meeting day, the sessions will begin at 10:20 am on those days. No classes will be held during Holy Week on April 7th and 9th. For more information, please contact Nicole Schulman at 626-497-5268 or [nicoleschul@gmail.com](mailto:nicoleschul@gmail.com).

## **METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **METROPOLIS YOUNG ADULT LENTEN RETREAT 2026**

Orthodox Young Adults from across the Country are invited to join us for our Metropolis Young Adult Lenten Retreat at St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA for a weekend of prayer and fellowship. Young adults from all Orthodox traditions are welcome, even those new to Orthodoxy!

**DATE:** March 27-29, 2026

**LOCATION:** St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center, Dunlap, CA

**AGES:** Young Adults ages 18-35

**SPEAKER:** Fr. Christopher Zaferes from Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Marietta, GA.

**THEME:** “The Fragmentation of the Self and the Prayer of the Heart”

*More and more of our lives are spent in the digital world. There we are trained to consume without end. Yet the more we take in, the emptier we feel—our vision distorted and our identities fractured. Can we be made whole? How do we integrate? Might an inward turning gather what has been dispersed?*

**WEBSITE & MORE INFO:** <https://gosfyouth.org/youngadults#/young-adult-lenten-retreat>

## **GOLF TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **St. Anthony 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

Greetings everyone from the President of the Parish Council. As you know our annual golf tournament will be held this year on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Brookside golf course. Our honoree this year is Father Peter; he has faithfully served our community for 21 years, we owe him a debt of gratitude and hopefully this year will be our best.

Come help us support the golf tournament by either volunteering, donating or playing golf. We look forward to having everyone in our community participate. Invite your friends and family, recruit your businesses to participate by putting an ad, whatever it is that you can do to help.

Please make this year's golf tournament a huge success. We look forward to seeing everyone at the event.

### **St. Anthony's 2026 Pledged Stewards (Members)** *(as of March 18, 2026)*

Stratos, Fr. Peter/Pres. Aida  
Akrotirianakis, Joseph N. & Sherese  
Albeck, Irene  
Albeck, Mark Gregory  
Alex, Alysia & Kadrian Alvarenga  
Anast, Alexandra  
Andrei, Dragos & Ioana  
Andricos, Constantine  
Andros, Gus & Lorena  
Angelos, James & Sophia  
Angiuli, Joseph (Joey) & Elizabeth  
Antsos, Dimitrios & Judith Din  
Argueta, Cris & Teresa V.  
Athans, Tesi & Craig Lareau  
Athans, Tina & Dean P.  
Athenson, Alex & Cynthia Sigler  
Attalla, Philip "Ted" & Michelle Reagan  
Balas, Argiro Julie & Dino

Baliotis, Tina  
Becronis, Christina  
Begakis, Nicholas & Bronwen  
Bissias, Peter  
Bonorris, Donna & Pete  
Boone Collins, Laura  
Boukidis, Katherine  
Bowers, Connie & Terree  
Bozikis, Demetra  
Brown, Niki  
Bryant, Dan & Karen  
Buickians, Gagik & Jacqueline  
Burkard Jr., Frank J. & Penelope  
Buzas, John & Pamela  
Buzas, Nicholas & Danielle  
Caire, John.  
Cangellaris, Anna  
Chenos-Spathopoulos, Efie & Dimitrios

Christodoulelis Family, Jimmy  
Christodoulelis, Tanya Mallis  
Christodoulides, Loucas & Andri  
Christopoulos, Judith & Gus  
Christopoulos, Tony and Lynnette  
Coccia, Tina & Ginseppe  
Cokias, Jason & Karen  
Constantinou, Dimitris & Katerina  
Damilatis, Eleni  
Demetriades, Demetrios & Elizabeth  
Dewar, Mary & Andrew  
Dimopoulos, Antonios  
Dobbs, Nicholas & Allison  
Dupas, Christina  
Dupas, Katherine  
Dupas, Theodore & Evangeline  
Efstathiou, Teddi & Dean  
Floutsis, Penny & Ted  
Frangadakis, Steve & Samantha  
Frangeskou, Yiorgos & Xenia  
Fuerst, Billy  
Fuerst, Nicolette & Jay  
Gallagher, Alexander  
Gallagher, Eleni & Matthew  
Gallanis, Mary  
Gallanis, Pete & Danica  
Garcia, Andrew and Elizabeth  
Gavalas, George  
Gelt, Brian & Pana  
Georgiou, George & Taline  
Giakas, Vasiliki  
Giannoulis, Tony & Anna  
Goral, Despina & Adam  
Grafos, Thean  
Grafos, Tom & Tania  
Halias, Joanne & John  
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Haralambos, Anthony & Kathleen  
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Horaites, James  
Hronas, Maria & James W.  
Ioannou, Christos & Eleni  
Johal, Demetra G. & Arturo Gonzalez  
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Kalambakas, Vivian N.  
Kalivas, Pota  
Kallas, Mark & Debra  
Kamar, April  
Kaparos, Stefanos  
Karaioannoglou, Phaedon & Jeanne  
Karamaras, Andriana  
Karvelas, Kosta & Marina  
Kasdagli, Dimitra & Mark Nastri  
Katsafados, Theoni & Pete  
Kefalas, Evelyn  
Kefalas, Kellie  
Kefalas, Mike J.  
Kefallinos, Vicki & Nick  
Kirimis, Evangelia  
Kojes, Thomas  
Kokoris, Maria & Nicholas  
Kolokotronis, Carolyn & James A.  
Kouis, Peter & Elizabeth  
Koulakis, John and Gisele  
Kourafas, Christopher & Patricia  
Koutsoukos, Lin & George  
Kouvara, Bessie & Dana Roberts  
Kypreos, George & Shana  
Kypreos, Maria & James  
Lagousis, Ted & Kendra  
Lappas, Virginia  
Loutsos, Anna & Georgia & John  
Grajeda  
Lubian, Daniel & Stephanie  
Lucas, John S. & Anthia  
Macris, Catherine & George  
Makredes, Labrini & Christopher  
Malisos, Samantha A  
Manos, Demetrios & Katie  
Manos, William

Martin, Sam & Debbie  
Maslen, Larissa & Mark Carpenter  
Masouris, Vlase & Nicoleta  
McCann, Liam  
McGregor, Richard & Kristen  
McNulty, Jennie & Chris  
Metry, Sam and Gemalyn  
Mirzakhanian, Elektra  
Mitis, Nick & Maria Prantzikou  
Mitropoulos, Eleni & Bill Balntas  
Mitropoulos, Nick & Venetia  
Mitsinikos, Emmanuel & Natalia  
Mitsos, Michael & Michele M.  
Mobayen, Chrissa & Syrus  
Molinari, Yngrid  
Mora, A. J.  
Moutzouridis, Vasiliki & Peter  
Murad, Mark & Evangeline Goulas  
Nassos, Jonathan & Jenni Pulos  
Nichols, James & Joyce  
O'Dowd, Paula  
Panagiot, Harry & Anastasia  
Papavasiliou, George & Stacy  
Papavasiliou, Kostantinos  
Pappas, Steven & Christine  
Pappas, Tony & Stergiani  
Paras, Gus  
Pastis, Leah  
Pastis, Patricia  
Patsavas, Bertha  
Patzakis, Dr. Michael  
Patzakis, John & Andrea  
Paziouros, Konstantina & Nick  
Plumtree, Martha & Wayne  
Pollalis, Dino & Kim  
Polwrek, Joseph & Jennifer  
Polychronis, Thalia  
Poulopoulos, Paris & Alexia  
Poulos, Yiota  
Reese, Helen  
Roberto, Vito & Dianthe

Rosenfeld, Alexandra Patsavas  
Samaan, Yvette  
Serban, Athena & Mihai  
Sipsas, Pantelis & Nafsika  
Skandale, Elizabeth  
Skandale, Helen  
Smith, Herman & Helen  
Soewers, Alexander  
Soewers, Randy  
Soris, Kiparisia (Sia)  
Stamos, Andy & Mary  
Stamos, Nikos A.  
Stavropoulos, Ted & Georgia  
Stavropoulos, Tina  
Stephens, Kenneth & A. Maria Plumtree  
Stewart, Evan  
Svitak, Mike and Sophia  
Tarazi, Arianna Mary  
Tarazi, Ted & Panagiota Angelos  
Thompson, Caidyn & Daniel McWilliams  
Treantafelles, Helen  
Treantafelles, Stan & Vivian  
Tripodes Zacharias N.  
Tripodes, Dena  
Tripodes, Georgia  
Tripodis, Ioannis & Helene  
Tsianos, George & Andria  
Tsigkounis, Charalambos & Catherine  
Tsouvalas, Charles  
Tsouvalas, James  
Tsouvalas, John & Jenny  
Tsudis, Mara and RJ Thieneman  
Tsudis, Peter and Carol  
Turner, Daniel & Nicole Mirea  
Udria, Juan & Mary  
Vagenas, Alex & Tashia  
Vagenas, Diana  
Vagenas, Dino & Krystina  
Vagenas, George & Polly  
Vagenas, Janet  
Vagenas, John & Georgia

Vagenas, Nikolitsa  
Vagenas, Pete & Mindy  
Vagenas, Sophia  
Vagenas, Vasilios  
Varvitsiotis Varvas, Fotiny  
Vezzuto, Christopher & Celka  
Vezzuto, Robert  
Vezzuto, Robert & Stephanie  
Vidalakis, Nancy  
Vidalakis, Perry & Zoe  
Vleisides, Marika & Tim

Vorgias, Zacharias & Alma  
Webster, John & Jennifer  
Wojcik, Eleni  
Wojcik, Radoslav M. & Pamela  
Xanthos, Lisa  
Yeh H, Robert  
Zarian, Vincent & Maria  
Ziska, Antonia  
Zoumas, Michael & Christina  
Zoumberakis, Haralambos and Nikole

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 at: [alma@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:alma@saint-anthonys.org) or 626-449-6943 for any questions or corrections.





## 2026 Stewardship Financial Commitment

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's grace." (1 Peter 4:10)*

**2026**

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME(S), PLEASE INCLUDE CHILDREN UNDER 18.

STREET ADDRESS

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DATE

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### **ST. ANTHONY GIVING LEVELS:**

**CONTRIBUTOR: \$499 & below**

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*\$9.60-\$19/week OR \$42-\$83/month*

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*\$19-\$38/week OR \$83-\$167/month*

**\* FAITHFUL: \$2,000 - \$3,999**

*\$38-\$77/week OR \$167-\$333/month*

**\* DISCIPLE: \$4,000 - \$6,999**

*\$77-\$135/week OR \$333-\$583/month*

**\* GUARDIAN: \$7,000 - \$9,999**

*\$135-\$192/week OR \$583-\$833/month*

**\* ANGEL: \$10,000 - \$14,999**

*\$192-\$288/week OR \$833-\$1,249/month*

**\* ARCHANGEL: \$15,000 and up**

*\$288/week OR \$1,250/month &c up*

*Review your stewardship commitment prayerfully, consider what you offer to Christ's Church in comparison to your monthly utility/service payments.*

**Please return your completed commitment card to church by December 31, 2025**  
*Your card must be on file for you to be considered in 'Good Standing'*

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**My Total Commitment for 2026: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

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*\*To fully cover our operating expenses, our goal is to have our average stewardship be \$2,000 per family or above*

**Thank you to everyone who has returned the completed 2026 commitment card. If you have not done it, please return your completed commitment card to church as soon as possible. *If you are new to the community and want to become a member in our Church, please feel free to either take a Steward Financial Commitment card (pledge Card) from the announcement table in the narthex or contact the Church office.***

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

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4. Follow prompts
5. Name, email, set up password, account info



### WELCOME!



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

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.

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## PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **2026 Philoptochos Scholarship for Graduating High School Seniors**

Announcing the Applications and Rules & Regulations Sheets for the Philoptochos Scholarship for Graduating High School Seniors, which can be found on the Community Center entrance table.

Please note that the **deadline for submission of applications and recommendation letters** is **April 3, 2026**.

All letters of recommendation can be mailed to the Church office or emailed to [frpeter@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:frpeter@saint-anthonys.org) and addressed: “**Attention Philoptochos Scholarship Committee**”

If you have any questions, please contact Presvytera Aida at [presaida7@gmail.com](mailto:presaida7@gmail.com)



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

## Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale

Delectable Greek pastries and our special signature treats are now available to order (please see the flyer for details and ordering information).

### **Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale**

**\*\*\*Proceeds benefit Kids 'n' Cancer, a San Francisco Metropolis Philoptochos Ministry, providing children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and their families with a stay at Camp AGAPE.\*\*\***

**Pre-Paid Orders Must be Received by Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

**ORDERS AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP ONLY:**

St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church, 778 South Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4 and SUNDAY, APRIL 5 (after Liturgy until 1:00 PM-both days)**

Place prepaid order by:

- **MAIL** – Fill out Order Form below (check payable to St. Anthony Philoptochos and mail to: St. Anthony Philoptochos, Kids 'n' Cancer Bake Sale, 778 S. Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107 or
- **ONLINE** – <https://stanthonypiloptochos.square.site> or QR CODE



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

	ITEMS	COST	QUANTITY	\$ TOTAL
	<b>Tsoureki</b> (1 loaf) Traditional sweet Greek Easter Bread.	\$22	_____	\$ _____
	<b>Koulourakia</b> (bag of 12) Butter-based cookies with sweet delicate flavor topped with egg glaze and toasted sesame seeds.	\$12	_____	\$ _____
	<b>Koulourakia, Chocolate Dipped</b> (box of 6) Butter-based with sweet delicate flavor dipped in dark chocolate <b>(Limited Quantity)</b> .	\$10	_____	\$ _____
	<b>Pastel Kourabiethes</b> (box of 12) Shortbread butter cookies without nuts covered in colored powdered sugar.	\$20	_____	\$ _____
	<b>Kourabiethes</b> (box of 12) Shortbread butter cookies without nuts covered in powdered sugar.	\$20	_____	\$ _____
	<b>Easter Oreos, Chocolate Dipped</b> (2 per pkg) Oreo cookies dipped in colorful chocolate and covered with candy sprinkles.	\$5	_____	\$ _____
	<b>Dyed Red Eggs</b> (1 dozen)	\$15	_____	\$ _____

**ORDER TOTAL**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# GREEK HERITAGE NIGHT



Join the Greek Consulate General and celebrate the 2nd Annual Greek Heritage Night on March 28th as the LA Kings take on the Utah Mammoth 6:00PM. Packages start at \$80 and includes access to pregame reception (starting at 4:30PM), LA Kings Greek Heritage Night Jersey and Post-Game Photo on the Ice! A portion of the proceeds supports Kids n' Cancer. Don't miss this special night of hockey, culture, and community. Get your tickets now!

SCAN HERE FOR INFO



SATURDAY, MAR 28 | 6:00 PM



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**St Anthony Easter Picnic  
Lacy Park, San Marino  
Sunday, April 12th 1:00pm**



**Please Sign Up at Coffee Hour - \$5 Per Person**

**Bring Your Own Food & Drinks**

**Bring Footballs, Soccer Balls, Frisbees, Etc.**

**No Alcohol or Cooking in Park**

**Lacy Park: 1485 Virginia Drive, San Marino  
Area Next to Kid's Playground**

*Tickets for the Easter Picnic will only be available at coffee hours after church. Tickets will not be sold at the park on the day of the picnic. We need to know how many people are coming ahead of time, so we know how many tables and chairs to rent.*



His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and  
the Greek Orthodox Metropolis  
of San Francisco Philoptochos  
cordially invite you to attend

# Agape

A Celebration of Love

"Whoever received one little child like this in  
My name receives Me." Matthew 18:5

Visit [www.sfphiloptochos.org](http://www.sfphiloptochos.org)  
to make a secure  
donation TODAY!

**Camp Agape** is dedicated to  
providing support for children  
afflicted with cancer and their  
families. This beloved ministry  
offers a compassionate and  
caring environment, exemplary  
of Christ's unconditional love,  
along with an opportunity to  
shape meaningful friendships  
and create precious memories.



**Opportunity  
Drawing**  
Blue Dior Oblique Jacquard  
Medium Shopping Bag

To benefit our Kids 'n' Cancer Ministry

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**Newport Beach Country Club**

One Clubhouse Drive  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

*RSVP Date: April 12, 2026*

While enjoying an afternoon of fabulous music,  
delectable food, and good friends, guests will have  
the opportunity to purchase Mystery Hat Boxes  
filled with  
exciting gifts and  
participate in  
an Opportunity  
Drawing!



**Kids n' Cancer  
Camp Agape**



A Ministry of the  
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco  
Ladies Philoptochos Society



Register at  
[www.sfphiloptochos.org](http://www.sfphiloptochos.org) or  
by calling 415-431-2600 by April 12, 2026

**Cost: \$125 person**

**St. Anthony's Greek Language School  
Celebration and Fundraising Luncheon  
Sunday, April 19th, 2026**



Join us **right after the Divine Liturgy** in the **Trinity Ballroom** for a festive luncheon and a special performance by our Greek School students.

Tickets will be available at the ballroom entrance  
\$25 per adult, \$15 for kids under 14, free for kids under 5

The Philoptochos of Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church will host a one-day

## Trunk Treasures Rummage Sale Fundraiser

Saturday, May 16, 2026

8 AM to 1 PM

Trinity Ballroom, St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church

All funds raised from this sale will benefit the charitable works of Philoptochos.



Start your spring cleaning now! Philoptochos is requesting items from your old Trunks and boxes, any Treasures that you are ready to part with, such as:

Antiques – Artwork – Books – Tools – Small Furniture – Sporting Goods

China – Home Items – Kitchenware – Home Décor – Purses – Jewelry

Scarves – Shoes – Clothing *(clean & in excellent condition)*

**Things that you can SELL!**

All items must be in good to excellent working condition. **No** baby toys. **No** baby equipment.

Plan to bring your items and set up only on Friday, May 15, 2026. The schedule for drop-off and setup times will be posted in May bulletin and Voice newsletter.

Each participant will be responsible for pricing and setting up their items as well as removing any of their unsold items from the church property immediately after the sale closes on Saturday. Philoptochos will provide price tags and pricing stickers.

**We need volunteers for this fun event!** Volunteers are needed for item donations, cashiering, bagging, customer assistance, and truck pickups. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Christine Pappas [christinepappas2@gmail.com](mailto:christinepappas2@gmail.com) or 818-415-5176

**St. John Climacus**  
**March 22**

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on March 30, where his biography may be found. He is celebrated today because his book, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, is a sure guide to the ascetic life, written by a great man of prayer experienced in all forms of the monastic polity; it teaches the seeker after salvation how to lay a sound foundation for his struggles, how to detect and war against each of the passions, how to avoid the snares laid by the demons, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. It is held in such high esteem that it is universally read in its entirety in monasteries during the Great Fast.

**Basil the Holy Martyr of Ancyra**  
**March 22**

Saint Basil strove in martyrdom during the short reign of Julian the Apostate, from 361-363. The Saint was denounced as a Christian to Saturninus, Governor of Ancyra, who, when Basil would not deny Christ, had him hanged from a post and scraped on his sides, then beaten, and cast into prison. A few days later, when Julian himself came through Ancyra, the Saint was brought before him and was asked to deny Christ, Whom he rather confessed the more. Julian then had strips cut in his flesh, so that they were left hanging from his body in front and in back. The valiant Martyr tore one of these strips off of his body and cast it into Julian's face. At this Julian commanded that iron spits be heated fiery hot; Saint Basil's belly, his back, and all his joints were pierced with them, and he received the crown of martyrdom.

**Reminder:**

**NO PARKING IN THE EMERGENCY WHITE  
ZONE IN FRONT OF CHURCH**

**A Handicap Placard or Handicap License  
Plate is required to park in the blue handicap  
parking spaces.**



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