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AUGUST 23, 2026

12TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Apodosis of the Dormition

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

(ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE)

MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ 9:45 A.M.

Kyriakou Demetri – 3 years

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

APOLYTIKION. MODE 1. (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

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Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, Μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρομένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 3. (AFTER ENTRANCE)

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιásthω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ᾄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. MODE 1.

You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

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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 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. 2.

The Theotokos is undying in intercession.* Immovable is our hope in her for protection.
* Neither death nor burial prevailed over her. * As she is Mother of Life, she was removed to life by Him, * the Lord who lived in her ever virgin womb.

Τὴν ἐν πρεσβείαις ἀκοίμητον Θεοτόκον, καὶ προστασίαις ἀμετάθετον ἐλπίδα, τάφος καὶ νέκρωσις οὐκ ἐκράτησεν· ὥς γὰρ ζωῆς Μητέρα, πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν μετέστησεν, ὁ μήτραν οἰκήσας ἀειπάρθενον.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Mode 3

Psalm 46.6,1

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast -- unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I

also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος γ'

ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 46.6,1

Ψάλατε τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν, ψάλατε.

Στίχ. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη κροτήσατε χεῖρας.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 15:1-11 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, γνωρίζω δὲ ὑμῖν, ἀδελφοί, τὸ εὐαγγέλιον ὃ εὐηγγελισάμην ὑμῖν, ὃ καὶ παρελάβετε, ἐν ᾧ καὶ ἐστήκατε, δι' οὗ καὶ σώζεσθε· τίνι λόγῳ εὐηγγελισάμην ὑμῖν, εἰ κατέχετε, ἐκτὸς εἰ μὴ εἰκῇ ἐπιστεύσατε. Παρέδωκα γὰρ ὑμῖν ἐν πρώτοις, ὃ καὶ παρέλαβον, ὅτι Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν ὑπὲρ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν κατὰ τὰς γραφάς· καὶ ὅτι ἐτάφη· καὶ ὅτι ἐγήγερται τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ κατὰ τὰς γραφάς· καὶ ὅτι ὤφθη Κηφᾶ, εἴτα τοῖς δώδεκα· ἔπειτα ὤφθη ἐπάνω πεντακοσίοις ἀδελφοῖς ἐφάπαξ, ἐξ ὧν οἱ πλείους μένουσιν ἕως ἄρτι, τινὲς δὲ καὶ ἐκοιμήθησαν· ἔπειτα ὤφθη Ἰακώβῳ, εἴτα τοῖς ἀποστόλοις πᾶσιν· ἔσχατον δὲ πάντων, ὡς περὶ τῷ ἐκτρώματι, ὤφθη καί μοι. Ἐγὼ γάρ εἰμι ὁ ἐλάχιστος τῶν ἀποστόλων, ὃς οὐκ εἰμὶ ἱκανὸς καλεῖσθαι ἀπόστολος, διότι ἐδίωξα τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ Θεοῦ. Χάριτι δὲ Θεοῦ εἰμι ὃ εἰμι, καὶ ἡ χάρις αὐτοῦ ἡ εἰς ἐμέ οὐ κενὴ ἐγενήθη, ἀλλὰ περισσότερον αὐτῶν πάντων ἐκοπίασα, οὐκ ἐγὼ δέ, ἀλλ' ἡ χάρις τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡ σὺν ἐμοί. Εἴτε οὖν ἐγώ, εἴτε ἐκεῖνοι, οὕτως κηρύσσομεν καὶ οὕτως ἐπιστεύσατε.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 19:16-26 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, νεανίσκος τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ, γονυπετῶν αὐτόν, καὶ λέγων· Διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ἀγαθὸν ποιήσω ἵνα ἔχω ζωὴν αἰώνιον; Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. εἰ δὲ θέλεις εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὴν ζωὴν, τήρησον τὰς ἐντολάς. λέγει αὐτῷ· ποίας; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπε· τὸ οὐ φονεύσεις, οὐ μοιχεύσεις, οὐ κλέψεις, οὐ ψευδομαρτυρήσεις, τίμα τὸν πατέρα καὶ τὴν μητέρα, καὶ ἀγαπήσεις τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτόν. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ νεανίσκος· πάντα ταῦτα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου· τί ἔτι ὑστερῶ; ἔφη αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· εἰ θέλεις τέλειος εἶναι, ὑπάγε πώλησόν σου τὰ ὑπάρχοντα καὶ δός πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι. ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ

νεανίσκος τὸν λόγον ἀπῆλθε λυπούμενος· ἦν γὰρ ἔχων κτήματα πολλά. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι δυσκόλως πλούσιος εἰσελεύσεται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τῶν οὐρανῶν. πάλιν δὲ λέγω ὑμῖν, εὐκοπώτερόν ἐστι κάμηλον διὰ τρυπήματος ραφίδος διελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. ἀκούσαντες δὲ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐξεπλήσσοντο σφόδρα λέγοντες· τίς ἄρα δύναται σωθῆναι; ἐμβλέψας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· παρὰ ἀνθρώποις τοῦτο ἀδύνατόν ἐστι, παρὰ δὲ Θεῷ πάντα δυνατὰ ἐστι.

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.

*The ushers will release you by pew from Front to Back.

*Please cooperate with our ushers. Do not ask to be allowed through ahead of others.

*If you are not seated when Holy Communion begins, please take a seat in the back rows, quietly.

*Please do not attempt to send your children down the side aisles to the front alone or down the center aisle.

Divine Services for the month of August 2026

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar)

Thursday, August 27th

Phanourios the Great, Doxology/Divine Liturgy at 9:00am – Bring your Phanouropites to be Blessed

Saturday, August 29th

Beheading of John the Baptist, Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Coffee hour fellowship is hosted by Philoptochos

Greek Dance Practice is Starting TODAY!

The Saint Anthony Greek Dance Program is getting ready for Festival with practices on Sunday, August 23, August 30 and September 13. The Sunday schedule through Festival is as follows:

- **Bouboukakia** (K-1st Grade) - 12:15pm-1pm in the nursery
- **Asterakia** (2nd - 4th Grade) - 1pm-2:30pm - Meet in the Ballroom
- **Filarakia** (5th - 8th Grade) - 1pm-3pm - Meet in the Ballroom
- **Pyrkagia** (10th - 12th Grade/College) - 3pm-5pm in the Ballroom
- **Panegiri** (25+) - 5pm-8pm in the Ballroom

All are welcome to join! If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Nikole Zoumberakis at nikoula@gmail.com.

Sunday School & Youth Ministry Registration

First Day of Sunday School, Blessing of Backpacks, + Youth Ministry Registration
Sunday, August 30th

We hope to see all the wonderful children who make up our Sunday School + Youth Ministry there! More information to come. Questions: sundayschool@saint-anthonys.org

Save the Date

September 18 – 20, 2026 – St. Anthony Greek Festival

The deadline for submitting information for the Sunday Bulletin is every Wednesday. Please send it to office@saint-anthonys.org

STUDIES IN THE FAITH

Fall Session, 2026
October 05th – Nov. 23rd

Our text for the 2026 Studies in the Faith class will be, *The Orthodox Faith, “Worship” Volume 2*, by Fr. Thomas Hopko. Our class for this fall, will be taught over 8 class sessions, meeting on Monday evenings 6:30 – 7:45pm.

These informative classes will serve as an excellent introduction to the Orthodox Faith for those interested in learning about 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 Find a Book tab at the top right of page, and type in: Volume 2, *Worship*. The cost of the book is approximately \$23. (Please order your copy as soon as possible and begin reading).

CHAPTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

Introductory Session – Monday October 05th

Chapter One: “*The Church Building*”

Second Session – Monday October 12th

Chapter Two: “*The Sacraments*”

Third Session – Monday October 19th

Chapter Three: “*The Sacraments*” continued

Fourth Session – Monday October 26th

Chapter Four: “*Daily Cycle of Prayers*”

Fifth Session – Monday November 02nd

Chapter Five: “*Daily Cycle of Prayers*” continued

Sixth Session – Monday November 09th

Chapter Six: “*The Church Year*”

Seventh Session – Monday November 16th

Chapter Seven: “*The Church Year*” continued

Eighth Session – Monday November 23rd

Chapter Eight: “*The Divine Liturgy*”



COOKING SCHEDULE

Please join us to cook & bake for this year's festival!
Cooking will begin at **9AM** unless listed otherwise.
Lunch will be provided!

Date:	Food Item:
Tues, Jul 28	Moussaka
Wed, July 29	Moussaka
Wed, Aug 26	Galaktoboureko
Sun, Aug 30	Dolmades (<i>after liturgy</i>)
Tues, Sept 1	Koulourakia
Wed, Sept 2	Kourambiethes
Thurs, Sept 3	Floyeres
Fri, Sept 4	Kataifi & Paximadia
Tues, Sept 8	Diples
Wed, Sept 9	Baklava
Thurs, Sept 10	Melomakarona
Fri, Sept 11	Pasta Flora
Mon, Sept 14	Meloma (<i>after liturgy</i>)

Attend the Parking Lot Hearing!

**After Two Years of Work
This is Our Chance**

Date: Wednesday September 2nd, 2026

Time: 9:00am

**Location: LA County Hall of Records
Building in Downtown LA**

320 W. Temple Street, LA CA, 90012

**The hearing room is room 150 on the
first floor**

**We Need Your Help!
Please Attend**

Questions? Perry Vidalakis: pvidalakis@me.com

2026–2027 GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the 2026–2027 Greek School year! We welcome both new and returning Adult and Youth students. Registration forms are available on the church website. Please follow the instructions provided on the registration forms and refer to the attached class schedule for course offerings.

2026-2027 - St. Anthony's Greek Language School Youth and Adult classes (30 class sessions)	
	
Youth Mondays (4:30pm-6:30pm)	Starting October 5th Ellinomatheia B1 Beginners 1B3/1B4 
Youth Tuesdays (4:30pm-6:30pm)	Starting October 6th Beginners 1A 
Youth Wednesdays (4:30pm-6:30pm)	Starting October 7th Pre-k, K 1,2,3 
Youth Thursdays (4:30pm-6:30pm)	Starting October 1st Beginners 1B2/1B3 Intermediate 
Adult Virtual and in Person 	Starting week of October 5th Beginner I – TBD Beginner II - TBD Intermediate III - TBD Advanced - TBD

You Are Invited To

GREEK HERITAGE CELEBRATION



SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

TOGETHER WITH THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE IN LOS ANGELES

PREGAME GREEK FESTIVAL

STARTS @ 4:30PM

- **GREEK FOOD, GREEK DJ , GREEK VENDORS**
- **KARINA ELENi PERFORMS THE NATIONAL ANTHEM - KICKOFF - 7:30PM**



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Apodosis of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary – August 23rd



Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the

ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulchre, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

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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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