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Church office hours: Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Closed Saturday and Sunday)

St. Anthony's calendar link: <http://saint-anthonys.org/calendar>

*For **pastoral emergencies** please call 626-855-3640*

February 18th, 2018 – Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)

Leo, Pope of Rome

Orthros ~ 8:45 a.m.

Memorial ~ 9:45a.m.

Arry Pastis, 40 days. John Machas, 1 year. Chris Karatzas, 1 year.

Nikolas Kalambakas, 4 years. Jack Becronis, 25 years.

Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 a.m.

Today's Social Hour will be offered by Leah Pastis and family in memory of Arry Pastis.

No Church School today!

Our 2018 Parish Oratorical Festival will take place on Sunday, March 18. Please encourage your young people to participate. The festival is open to grades 5 through 12, and is broken into three divisions: Elementary, Junior and Senior. Information will be provided by email to the families of eligible students. However, if you have a student who is interested in speaking or if you would like to assist in this worthy project, please contact Maria Grover at mag@kpclegal.com or (818) 522-4225. Find the topics, rules, guidelines, and prize information at goarch.org/oratorical.

Young Adult Cookout @ Fr. Chris's house! Saturday, March 3rd, 1:30pm. Fr. Chris wants to rally all the young adults together for fun day of food, fellowship, and light discussion, but also to hear more from YOU, the young adults! All college students and young adults ages 18-35 are welcome to attend. Cost: \$0, RSVP to frchris@saint-anthonys.org by Feb. 28th.

Our weekly Bible Study classes are returning every Tuesday morning, starting Tuesday Feb. 20th at 10:00am. Please come and join us as we are enlightened with the Word of God together!

Divine Services for the month of February (*saint-anthonys.org/calendar*):

Friday, Feb. 23rd – Salutation to the Theotokos (7:00pm)

Wednesday, Feb. 21st – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (6:00pm)

Saturday, Feb. 24th – Saturday of the Souls (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

Wednesday, Feb. 28th – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (6:00pm)

Easter bake sale. Philoptochos is currently taking orders. Order early, deadline is March 25. All proceeds will benefit Kids n' Cancer, Camp Agape a Metropolis ministry of Philoptochos. Tsoureki, Kourambietes, chocolate dipped koulouria, traditional koulouria and dyed red eggs will be available. Pick up date will be Palm Sunday, April 1. For more information contact: Kathy Lucas: klsjl@me.com or 626-447-8336 or Yiota Poulos at 626-448-5034.

Studies in the Faith: A Lenten Journey through the Holy Land Feb. 21st – March 28th: These classes will give the participant a better understanding of the importance of the Holy Land as it relates to our Greek Orthodox Faith. This is a series for six weeks, held on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:15, after the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. This Bible Study with an emphasis on the Holy Land will be held from Feb. 21st to March 28th. Participation in the discussions is encouraged to ensure that the Bible Study will become an exciting and meaningful experience for all.

HOPE & JOY – Our first meeting went very well thanks to parent helpers. We will meet March 5-cardboard challenge, don't ask, just come and enjoy the fun! No meeting in April-families will be celebrating Pascha. May 6-Theme to be announced, June-Vacation Bible School. Dates for July, August and September to be announced. Youth volunteers are welcomed, contact Mary Udria, mary.udria@gmail.com or Irene Albeck, mcmg2a@aol.com

Save the date: GOYA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT - May 12, 2018.

Union Station Homeless Services Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program by volunteering your time to serve the homeless. USHS staff and clients are always happy to see our group from Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church. This coming year 2018 we continue to provide nutritious hot meals and serve those less fortunate. Contact Sophia Angelos at sangelos2000@gmail.com, Irene Albeck at mcmg2a@aol.com or Stephanie Soewers at szanglis@aol.com.

Parish Pay (WeShare) is an easy method to make donations to Saint Anthony Church. To sign up, please either: Visit ParishPay.com or call (800) 950-9952 and enroll over the phone. If weekly envelopes are not your preference, Parish Pay is an easy alternative for all your donations.

Order for Holy Communion (for Baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians): *The acolytes, choir, and chanters receive Holy Communion first. Next, the parishioners from the front pew, one pew at a time should approach the chalice. Please allow the ushers to dismiss you.*

HYMNS OF THE DAY

(DURING SMALL ENTRANCE)

(1) Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 4.

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(3) Memorial Hymn. Mode Plagal 4.

Remember your servants O good and loving Lord, and forgive every sin they may have committed in life, for no one is without sin. O mighty one grant your departed servants who has fallen asleep, everlasting rest.

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.

(4) Apolytikion of Saint Anthony. Mode 4.

Emulating the ways of Elijah the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you made the wilderness a city, and did support the world by your prayers. Wherefore 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.

(5) Seasonal Kontakion. Mode Plagal 2.

O guide to wisdom, provider of prudence, disciplinarian of fools, and defender of the poor, fortify and discipline my heart, O Master; You, give me a word, O Word of the Father. For behold, I will not hinder my lips from crying to You: O merciful Lord, have mercy on me who have fallen.

Τῆς σοφίας ὀδηγέ, φρονήσεως χορηγέ, τῶν ἀφρόνων παιδευτά, καὶ πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστά, στήριξον, συνέτισον τὴν καρδίαν μου Δέσποτα. Σὺ δίδου μοι λόγον, ὁ τοῦ Πατρὸς Λόγος· ἰδοὺ γὰρ τὰ χεῖλη μου, οὐ μὴ κωλύσω ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἐλεῆμον, ἐλέησόν με τὸν παραπεσόντα.

READINGS OF THE DAY

Orthros Gospel Reading

Fourth Orthros Gospel
The Gospel According to Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered in to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home wondering at what had happened.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

Gospel Reading

Forgiveness Sunday

The Gospel According to Matthew 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. "And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."