



SAINT ANTHONY
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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(Closed Saturday and Sunday)

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

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

February 25th, 2018 – Sunday of Orthodoxy

Orthros ~ 8:45 a.m.

Memorial ~ 9:45a.m.

Vasiliki Gizas, 2 years. Argyrios Gizas, 10 years.

Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 a.m.

Today's Social Hour will be offered in memory of Vasiliki and Argyrios Gizas by their family.

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.

St. Anthony Pasadena Young Adults: The Great Lent 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 mcabifarah@gmail.com or frchris@saint-anthonys.org by Feb. 28th.

Our weekly Bible Study classes have returned every Tuesday morning at 10:00am. Please come and join us as we are enlightened with the Word of God together!

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.

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

Wednesday, Feb. 28th – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (6:00pm) followed by *Studies in the Faith*

Friday, March 2nd – Salutations to the Theotokos (7:00pm)

Wednesday, March 7th – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (6:00pm) followed by *Studies in the Faith*

Friday, March 9th – Salutations to the Theotokos (7:00pm)

Wednesday, March 14th – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (6:00pm) followed by *Studies in the Faith*

Friday, March 16th – Salutations to the Theotokos (7:00pm)

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, Kourambiethes, 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.

Philoptochos Membership Drive: St. Anthony Philoptochos is currently holding its Membership Drive. Membership renewal forms have just been mailed to all existing members. Please, be on the look out for your packet and return it at your earliest convenience. We will have a table as you exit church on Sunday to expedite your renewal and for your convenience. We welcome all who would like to join us in helping to provide support for those in need to become a member of Philoptochos.

Philoptochos general meeting will take place Tuesday, Feb. 27th at 7 pm in the Trinity Ballroom. “Everything you wanted to know about Great Lent but never asked!” Father Peter will join us to answer questions and to help us with our personal journey through Great Lent. We will serve a light Lenten supper with recipes to take home and will discuss our Lenten outreach project, *Kids'N' Cancer*, the recipient of the proceeds from our Pascha Bake Sale. All are welcome and bring a friend!

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) Apolytikion for Sunday of Orthodoxy. Mode 2.

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offences, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου, προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠυδόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύση οὖς ἐπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαρᾶς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

(AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE)

(2) Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode Plagal 1.

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείρει τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

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(4) 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.

(5) 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 οἰκιστῆς, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

(6) Seasonal Kontakion. Mode Plagal 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.

Τῆ 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.

READINGS OF THE DAY

Orthros Gospel Reading

Fifth Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to Luke 24:13-35

At that time, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and

those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Gospel Reading

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The Gospel According to John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."