



SAINT ANTHONY
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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

March 11th, 2018 – Sunday of the Holy Cross
GODPARENTS SUNDAY

Orthros ~ 8:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 a.m.

Today is Godparent Sunday! Church school classes will not meet so that Godparents and Godchildren can pray together and receive Holy Communion together. Please join us in the Trinity Ballroom for a Lenten Godparent Sunday luncheon!

Church School: Youth Confessions: The last reserved date is THIS FRIDAY, March 16, from 3:30-6:30 pm. Sign up your children at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945afad2ca57-youth2>.

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. Information will be provided by email to the families of eligible students. Please contact Maria Grover at mag@kpclegal.com or (818) 522-4225. Find the topics, rules, guidelines, and prize information at goarch.org/oratorical.

Sunday, March 25th: Greek Independence Day Celebration and Greek School Fundraiser. Please join us right after the Divine Liturgy in the Trinity Ballroom, for a delicious

lunch, a wonderful program and a dance performance by the first place winners, Neolea. Tickets are \$10 per adult.

Myrrh Bearers will meet on Saturday of Lazarus, March 31 following Divine Liturgy. Bring books you are donating to fill our book bags, pre-kindergarten to sixth grade reading level. The books you loved to hear and read will bring joy to other children.

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 lookout 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.

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.

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 21st – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (6:00pm) followed by *Studies in the Faith*

Friday, March 23rd – Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos (7:00pm)

Saturday, March 24th – Great Vespers of Annunciation (6:00pm)

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

Saturday, March 31st – Saturday of Lazarus (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

HOPE & JOY-Participants demonstrated their engineering talents constructing buildings and towers with marshmallows and toothpicks. A favorite game of a snowball challenge without snow was enjoyed by everyone. **Community outreach project:** every participant was given a pair of socks to be filled with needed health items. These will be donated to Unity Foothill Center fulfilling our theme doing good and helping the poor. April meeting will be on Saturday of Lazarus, attend Divine Liturgy, breakfast and making palm crosses. May we will go bowling. June TBA.

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. Held on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:15, after the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy.

“The Passion of Christ Through the Eyes of the Theotokos” His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas will offer a discussion on this topic following the 7:00pm service of the Salutations to the Theotokos on Friday March 16th. A Lenten meal will be provided.

Attention High School Seniors – Philoptochos of Saint Anthony scholarship applications are now available. Contact Irene Albeck at mcmg2a@aol.com or Fontaine Malisos at fontaineachilles@gmail.com for information or application.

GOYA BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY AWAY @ St. John Anaheim (East Anaheim Gymnasium):

Games will begin at 3:00pm at East Anaheim Gymnasium, 8165 East Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim, CA 92808. Junior Boys-3 pm; Senior Boys-4 pm; NO Junior or Senior Girls game

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!

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.

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

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 of the Cross. Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

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(AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE)

(2) Resurrectional Apolytikion. Grave Mode.

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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(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 Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστής, καί τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

(5) 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.

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

Trisagion Hymn (Instead of Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal)

We venerate Your Cross, O Master, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection. (3)

Τὸν Σταυρόν σου προσκυνοῦμεν, Δέσποτα, καί τὴν ἀγίαν σου ἀνάστασιν δοξάζομεν. (ἐκ γ')

READINGS OF THE DAY

Orthros Gospel Reading

Seventh Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to John 20:1-10

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel Reading

Sunday of the Holy Cross

The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."