



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

May 13th, 2018 – Sunday of the Blind Man

Glykeria of Heraclia

Orthros ~ 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 a.m.

Today's Social Hour is offered by the Parish in honor of Mother's day.

Attention Graduates: If you are graduating this May/June, please let us know so we can acknowledge you in the June Newsletter. E-mail Stephanie (newsletter_church@aol.com) with the following information by May 14th: Your name, graduation photo (head shot preferred), school from which you are graduating, degree, if high school grad, university you will be attending, parents' names.

St. Anthony Family Picnic on Sunday, June 3rd at 1:00 at Lacy Park in San Marino: Join us for a fun filled afternoon of music, lunch, games, kid's playground, fellowship. San Marino Fire department, Snow Cones, and the famous Tug-O-War. You must reserve a table (holds 8 adults) to attend, \$40/table. Table reservations help pay for the picnic. Additional donations also welcome to help support the picnic. You can bring your own food or pre-order a lunch (\$15 for adults/\$8 for kids under 12). We can't collect money in the park. All table reservations and lunch orders must be done ahead of time for information call the office at 626-449-6943.

St. Anthony Vacation Bible School 2018: Come sail away with us as we learn how Jesus rescues us every day in every situation! When: June 18-21, 1-4pm, St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church, ages: 4 ½-10, \$25 per child. For more information contact Sophia Syrengelas-sophiajammie@gmail.com or Mary Udria- mary.udria@gmail.com.

Adult Greek Dance lessons to be offered: 5:30-7:00pm, every Monday for five weeks. Cost \$100. Ages 22 and older. Contact Theoni Katsafados at katsafados.theoni@pusd.us or Teresa Argueta at tvargueta@gmail.com for any questions.

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

Thursday, May 17th – Holy Ascension (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

Monday, May 21st – Ss. Constantine & Helen (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

Saturday, May 26th – Saturday of Souls (Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am)

St. Anthony Dance Program, Spring 2018! Our wonderful St. Anthony dance program is offering Spring dance classes. Sessions will be offered by age groups, starting from Pre-K age 4, all the way up to college. Cost is only \$50, or free for any dancers who have already registered and paid for the 2017-18 dance program. Questions? Contact Elleni Ioannou mrselleni@yahoo.com or Nikole Zoumberakis nikoula@gmail.com. No dance experience necessary! Look for FLYERS in the Narthex and the hall!

Kickoff Meeting for Philoptochos Fashion Show 2018 – Monday, May 21 at 7pm in the hall. All existing committee members and new volunteers are highly encouraged to attend this meeting. We welcome new volunteers to help plan and organize this event; happening Dec. 8th. If you are interested in volunteering, in the planning stages or on the day of the event as an on-site volunteer, please contact Christine Pappas, christinepappas2@gmail.com, to discuss how you may get involved or plan to join us on May 21.

St. Sophia Philoptochos Debutante Presentation Ball 2019! Plans are underway for the St. Sophia Debutante Ball on Sunday, January 20th, 2019 at the Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Interested young ladies who will be high school juniors (ages 16) and older should contact Georgia Kezios (562) 822-2229 or email stsophiadebball@gmail.com. An informational meeting will be held at the Huffington Center on May 20th, 2018 at 12:30pm.

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 year we continue to provide nutritious hot meals and serve those less fortunate. Contact sangelos2000@gmail.com, mcmg2a@aol.com or 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 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 ushers to dismiss you.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

(DURING SMALL ENTRANCE)

(1) Apolytikion of Pascha. Mode Plagal 1.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶν χαρισάμενος.

(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 ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

(3) Apolytikion for St. Anthony the Great. 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 οἰκιστῆς, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

(4) Kontakion of Pascha. Mode Plagal 4.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθελγζάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

READINGS OF THE DAY

Orthros Gospel Reading

Eighth Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to John 20:11-18

At that time, Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that He had said these things to her.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And

when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Gospel Reading

Sunday of the Blind Man

The Gospel According to John 9:1-38

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this

because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.