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SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2019 – NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 a.m.

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 a.m.

TODAY'S SOCIAL HOUR will be hosted by Nick and Athena Kleissas.

UPCOMING DIVINE SERVICES: (*saint-anthonys.org/calendar*):

Friday, Sept 13th:

Great Vespers for the Holy Cross (6:00pm)

Saturday, Sept 14th:

Exaltation of the Holy Cross (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

Thursday, Sept 26th:

St. John the Theologian (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

HYMNS OF THE DAY:

(1) APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS. MODE 4. (DURING SMALL ENTRANCE)

Your Nativity, O Theotokos, imparted joy to the entire earth, for out of you has risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He nullified the curse and instead gave His blessing; and causing death to be neutralized, He granted us eternal life.

Ἡ γέννησίς σου Θεοτόκε, χαρὰν ἐμήνυσε πάση τῇ οἰκουμένῃ· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ λύσας τὴν κατάραν, ἔδωκε τὴν εὐλογίαν· καὶ καταργήσας τὸν θάνατον, ἔδωρήσατο ἡμῖν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον.

(2) RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 3. (AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE)

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

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

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(4) SEASONAL KONTAKION. MODE 4.

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Ἰωακεῖμ καὶ Ἄννα ὀνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὕα, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγία γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἐορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

Orthros Gospel Reading

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
The Gospel According to Luke 1:39-49, 56

In those days, Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name." And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision,

but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Sunday before Holy Cross

The Gospel According to John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Church School: Today is Registration Sunday! Parents, please go to the Parish Center right after Holy Communion to register your children for Church School! All children, 4 years old (as of September 1, 2019) through Grade 12, should be registered today. After completing your registration forms, you can also get information about other opportunities available to your children by visiting the other youth ministry tables. See you there!

September 15: First Day of Church School!—Lessons, class pictures, group picture, and a Church School blessing will take place next Sunday! We can't wait to see all our students in class!

Philoptochos General Meeting: Our first general meeting of the new Ecclesiastical year is Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 7:15pm in Trinity Hall. More information about the meeting will be provided in future bulletins as well as emails and paper invitations. If you are not receiving emails but would like to, email Maria Grover at mag@kpclegal.com

Alice in Wonderland Mad Hatter tea party. Everyone is invited to a happy unbirthday party tea. All ages of girls and boys, moms and dads, yiayias and pappous. Please join us for a fellowship tea. Saturday October 5 at 1:00 You can wear your favorite Mad Hatter hat. Tea party, photo booth, and a craft. Adults \$25.00. Children \$15.00. Rsvp Jeanne Karaioannoglou 626 437-6078

CHANGE OF DATE: Loukoumades Sunday September 15th! Immediately after church on Sunday *September 15th* we will have loukoumades available for social hour. The only cost is to sign up to volunteer for our festival!

Financial Peace University Are you tired of money stress? Then you're ready to join more than five million people whose lives have been changed by Financial Peace University (FPU)! Starting Sunday evening September 8th at 7 pm, this nine-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey, Chris Hogan and Rachel Cruze helps you work a plan to nail a budget, defeat debt, and free yourself from money worries! You'll join a small group for discussions and lessons—all rooted in biblical wisdom and common sense. For more info see class coordinator Nick Kleissas at social hour

St. Anthony Bowling League is starting again! The league will begin September 3 and go thru November 19 every Tuesday 7:00-9:00pm at Bowlmor Lanes in Pasadena. Join the group! To sign up contact Pana Gelt pgelt@socal.rr.com or 626-293-7588. Open to all levels.

Greek school: 2019-2020 Greek Language and Theater classes will be starting on Friday September 13th and Monday September 16th. Early registration with a discounted rate will end on September 12th. This year we are offering a new Theater class on Fridays from 6:00pm - 7:00pm for ages 7 and older. Registration forms, yearly schedule and curriculums can be found at: saint-anthonys.org/ministries/greek-language-school. For information contact Anastasia at anastasia.sarantopoulos@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed for Union Station Homeless Services – Three or four people per team is needed to serve and clean up. Approximate time needed is one and a half hour (6:45pm to about 8:30). Dates for 2019 are: September 7, October 2, November 6, and December 4. This service to the needy would be a nice way to celebrate a name day, birthday, or an anniversary.

2019 GREEK FESTIVAL FOOD PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Cooking will start at 9am and lunch will be provided. Ending times vary depending on the items being prepared and the number of volunteers that attend. Please join us, even if you only have a couple of hours. We can't do it without you! We look forward to seeing you.

Monday, September 9	Floyeres/Paximadia
Tuesday, September 10	Baklava
Wednesday, September 11	Diples
Thursday, September 12	Pasta Flora/Kataifi
Friday, September 13	Meloma

Hospital/Shut-in visitations: It is a priority for our priests to visit and minister to our loved ones in need, and we are not aware of parishioners in need unless we are directly notified. If you, or a loved one, are in the hospital, rehab center, assisted living, or hospice care, please contact the church office for a pastoral visit.

Order for Holy Communion (*only Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christians*): Please allow ushers to dismiss you row by row in an orderly fashion.

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WELCOME!



We hope you enjoy your time with us today and that your worship experience is inspirational and uplifting.

If you are a visitor to our parish, please join us for our social hour in the community center and introduce yourself to the pastors and people. 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.

Contact our office at 626-449-6943 or office@saint-anthonys.org to receive more information about our parish or the Orthodox Christian faith.