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DECEMBER 8TH, 2019 – 10TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Saints: Patapios the Righteous of Thebes

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

TODAY'S SOCIAL HOUR is hosted by the St. Anthony GOYA.

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

Thursday, December 12th:

St. Spyridon the Wonderworker (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

Tuesday, December 24th:

Christmas Eve (*Vespertal Liturgy 6:00pm*)

Wednesday, December 25th:

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (*Orthros 8:00am, Liturgy 9:00am*)

Tuesday, December 31st:

Feast of St. Basil the Great (*Orthros 5:00pm, Liturgy 6:00pm*)

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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, καί τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

SEASONAL KONTAKION FOR THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST. MODE 3.

On this day the Virgin Maid goes to the grotto to give birth to the
pre-eternal Word in an ineffable manner. Dance for joy, all the
inhabited earth, on hearing. Glorify along with Angels and with the
shepherds Him who willed that He appear as a newborn Child, the
pre-eternal God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται,
ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον
μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον
νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

Orthros Gospel Reading

Third Orthros Gospel

The Gospel According to Mark 16:9-20

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they sat at table; and he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon: Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the

Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Gospel Reading

10th Sunday of Luke

The Gospel According to Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Icon Clearance Sale TODAY 12/8 In case you missed our big sale earlier this year, you're in luck! There will be a special SUPER Clearance Sale on a large selection of icons in the Trinity Ball Room during Coffee Hour immediately after the Divine Liturgy today. Take an additional 50% off the sales price (already discounted) when you make your purchase on the icons in the Trinity Ball Room.

This week's Orthodoxy 101 class MOVED to Tuesday 12/10 instead of Monday the 9th. The final class will then be back on Monday 12/16.

Fellowship Evening Christmas Program – HOPE, JOY, Myrrh Bearers will perform shortly after church service on Friday, Dec 13 in church 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to help or attend. We have script, costumes, props etc. for the performance. Please bring your family and guests, all ages may participate in the performance. The story of the Nativity will help us reflect on the meaning of Christmas through the eyes of our children and church family. Please bring socks to be donated to the homeless for your free will offering. Contact Irene Albeck for further information: mcmg2a@aol.com or 626-792-8122.

Book from Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis. Our bookstore still has some copies for sale of "Let All Creation Rejoice: Reflections for Advent, the Nativity, and Epiphany."

Souper Sunday Update! We are pleased to announce the 4th Souper Sunday on Nov. 24th raised \$8,000 for the Pasadena Bad Weather Shelter. Thank you to the members of our community for your generous donations and a special thanks to our talented chefs!

Union Station Homeless Services - Make a New Year's resolution to book a month to serve in 2020. Our sign-up calendar for 2020 is open. Please contact Sophia Angelos at sangelos2000@gmail.com, Stephanie Sowers at szanglis@aol.com or Irene Albeck at mcmg2a@aol.com.

Let's ring in the New Year 2020, Tuesday December 31st, New Year's Eve Party by the St. Anthony Greek Folk Dance Groups. Adults: \$75.00, Teens/Young Adults (13-24) \$55.00, Kids 5-12 \$35.00, Under 4 FREE. RSVP by Dec. 23rd Pauline Voyagis (714) 321-5427 or pvoyagis@yahoo.com

GOYA Winter Retreat at Lake Arrowhead! Be sure to save the date and make it to our annual GOYA winter retreat, Friday Jan. 17 – Sunday Jan. 19.

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

Make a donation or update your regular stewardship giving to St. Anthony's by visiting saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com.



Christmas

Fellowship Friday

Dec.  13th

starts at 6:30pm in the church

Featuring
a children's Christmas program!

RSVP to: evite.me/98wsABR53S



Holy New Martyr Peter the Aleut (Dec. 12th)

The holy New Martyr Peter suffered martyrdom in San Francisco at the time that California belonged to Spain. An Aleut from Alaska, he and his companions were captured in California by the Spaniards. When he refused to abandon Orthodoxy to accept Latinism, which they wished to force upon him, the Spaniards submitted him to a martyrdom like that suffered by Saint James the Persian, cutting him apart joint by joint. He died from loss of blood in steadfast confession of the Faith in 1815.

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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.