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FEBRUARY 23RD, 2020 – JUDGEMENT SUNDAY

Saint: Polycarp the Holy Martyr and Bishop of Smyrna

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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

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

Saturday, February 29th:

Saturday of Souls (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

Sunday, March 1st: AT ST. KATHERINE'S REDONDO BEACH

Forgiveness Vespers (*6:00pm*)

Wednesday, March 4th:

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (*6:00pm*)**Followed by Studies in the Faith*

Friday, March 6th:

Salutations to the Theotokos (*7:00pm*)

Saturday March 7th:

Saturday of Souls (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 3 (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

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

SEASONAL KONTAKION. MODE 1.

When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.

Ὅταν ἔλθῃς ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης, καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμὸς δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἔλκη, καὶ βίβλοι ἀνοίγωνται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτὰ δημοσιεύωνται, τότε ῥῦσαί με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου, καὶ ἀξίωσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου μὲ στήναι, Κριτὰ δικαιοσύνη.

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: Great is our Lord, and great is his power.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

The Gospel According to Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We will be recognizing our Greek Dance groups today during the Social Hour.

Weekly Bible Studies will begin on Tuesday March 17th at 10:00am.

Philoptochos Membership: St Anthony Philoptochos is holding its annual membership drive now. By becoming a member, you will help to provide much needed assistance to our community. Philoptochos helps our community and beyond by providing Bad Weather Shelter, hot meals for the homeless, support to Kids n Cancer, school supplies for at risk youth and so much more. Please become a member today. ALL are invited, both men and women. Suggested stewardship \$50.

Philoptochos General Meeting: Bring your apron and join us in the kitchen! On Wednesday, February 26 at 6:45pm we will be making Lenten treats – some to keep for fellowship hour during Great Lent and some for you to take home. No experience necessary and all are welcome. Please call Lisa Xanthos 626-445-6645 if you have any questions.

2020 Stewardship Financial Commitment. Please return your completed commitment card to church if you haven't done so already. To fully cover our operating expenses, our goal is to have our average stewardship be \$2,000 per family or above. Contact the Church office to set up easy recurring electronic payments, -OR- set up your own recurring giving at **saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com**

St. Sophia Philoptochos Debutante Presentation Ball 2021: Plans are underway for the St. Sophia Philoptochos Debutante Presentation Ball to be held on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at the Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Interested young ladies who will be high school juniors (aged 16) and older should contact the Presentation Ball Chair, Trish Mentas (562) 472-7485 or email: saintsophiadebball@gmail.com. An informational meeting will be held at Saint Sophia Cathedral Huffington Center Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 12:30pm

Metropolis Young Adult Lenten Retreat: Calling all Young Adults! Join us for the Metropolis Young Adult Lenten Retreat at St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center, April 3 - 5, 2020. This retreat is open to all Orthodox young adults ages 18-30's from across the Archdiocese. Please share this with your friends and encourage them to register as well! gosfyouth.org/young-adult-lenten-retreat

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GOYA Basketball Games begin THIS Saturday, February 29 at Assumption Long Beach. 11:00 Jr. Girls, 12:00 Jr. Boys, 1:00 Sr. Boys.

Sign up this today after church. Bring your forms filled out and signed and checks payable to St. Anthony for \$80 per player. All Girls ages 12 – 21 and Boys ages 12 – 19 are welcome and eligible to play! Questions contact: Patricia Paziouros ppaziouros@yahoo.com; John Paziouros johnpaziouros@gmail.com; Pana Gelt pgelt3@gmail.com; Anthia Drulias Lucas adljsl02@yahoo.com.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS will be available for pick up in a basket outside the church office. If you or your child left anything behind at one of our ministries or events, please be sure to check the lost and found.

Our Lenten schedule of services are now available. Be sure to pick one up in the Narthex or Trinity Ballroom to know when our Lenten services are! Available also at saint-anthonys.org/lent2020. As always, our church calendar has services up to date at saint-anthonys.org/calendar.

Union Station Homeless Services - There is a sign up poster in the entrance of Trinity Ballroom. 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.

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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Polycarp the Holy Martyr and Bishop of Smyrna (Feb. 23rd)

This apostolic and prophetic man, and model of faith and truth, was a disciple of John the Evangelist, successor of Bucolus (Feb. 6), and teacher of Irenaeus (Aug. 23). He was an old man and full of days when the fifth persecution was raised against the Christians under Marcus Aurelius. When his pursuers, sent by the ruler, found Polycarp, he commanded that they be given something to eat and drink, then asked them to give him an hour to pray; he stood and prayed, full of grace, for two hours, so that his captors repented that they had come against so venerable a man. He was brought by the Proconsul of Smyrna into the stadium and was commanded, "Swear by the fortune of Caesar; repent, and say, 'Away with the atheists.'" By atheists, the Proconsul meant the Christians. But Polycarp, gazing at the heathen in the stadium, waved his hand towards them and said, "Away with the atheists." When the Proconsul urged him to blaspheme against Christ, he said: "I have been serving Christ for eighty-six years, and He has wronged me in nothing; how can I blaspheme my King Who has saved me?" But the tyrant became enraged at these words and commanded that he be cast into the fire, and thus he gloriously expired about the year 163. As Eusebius says, "Polycarp everywhere taught what he had also learned from the Apostles, which also the Church has handed down; and this alone is true" (Eccl. Hist., Book IV, ch. 14,15).

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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.