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MARCH 22ND, 2020 – SUNDAY OF THE VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Saint: Basil the Holy Martyr of Ancyra

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

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

Tuesday, March 24th:

Great Vespers of Annunciation (6:00pm) *Followed by *Studies in the Faith*

Wednesday, March 25th:

ANNUNCIATION (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

(*NOTE: There will be NO Pre-Sanctified Liturgy this evening*)

Friday, March 27th:

Salutations to the Theotokos (7:00pm)

Wednesday, April 1st:

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

Friday, April 3rd:

The Akathist Hymn (7:00pm)

APOLYTIKION OF THE CROSS. MODE I (BEFORE ENTRANCE)

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

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. GRAVE MODE (AFTER ENTRANCE)

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

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...")

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

Τὸν Σταυρὸν σου προσκυνοῦμεν, Δέσποτα, καὶ τὴν ἀγίαν σου ἀνάστασιν δοξάζομεν. (ἐκ γ')

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

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

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."

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ALL DIVINE SERVICES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC until further notice.

TENTATIVE CHURCH SCHOOL dates to remember:

- 4-11 Saturday of Lazaros—Set the tone for Holy Week by praying at this important Divine Liturgy as a family. Then enjoy a pancake breakfast and make Palm Crosses!
- 4-12 Palm Sunday-Regular class. Students will return to church for their crosses at 12:00.

Myrrh Bearers and Parents in compliance with current crisis and directives from our Archdiocese, Metropolis and our community we will need to put a hold on our participation during the lamentation service. We will continue to collect peanut butter and jelly to help children at Friends in Deed. Food banks will be in need of any food item we can donate.

HOPE & JOY Great and Holy Friday retreat is cancelled. Lessons and activities will continue to be developed. When we are given permission to proceed with our retreat we will be renewed and will put our attention on events surrounding Great Lent.

Studies in the Faith with Fr. Peter on Wednesday nights will be rescheduled to a later date.

Weekly Bible Studies will be postponed until further notice.

Young Adult Paraklesis and Social is postponed until further notice.

Greek School Celebration and Fundraiser is cancelled.

GOYA Basketball Season Suspended. Considering current developments regarding the Covid-19 Virus, the Greek Orthodox Basketball League 2020 has been suspended. The health and safety of our players, coaches, fans, and communities is our top priority and we must take these precautions seriously.

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

St. Sophia Easter Picnic Cancelled. In the interest of mitigating a risk to our health and the health of the 1,800 guests who attend the Easter Picnic each year, the Easter Picnic committee, in conjunction with the Saint Sophia Foundation, has decided to make the difficult decision to CANCEL the 2020 Easter Picnic that was to be held at Brookside Park in Pasadena on April 19th.

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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Basil the Holy Martyr of Ancyra (March 22nd)

Saint Basil strove in martyrdom during the short reign of Julian the Apostate, from 361-363. The Saint was denounced as a Christian to Saturninus, Governor of Ancyra, who, when Basil would not deny Christ, had him hanged from a post and scraped on his sides, then beaten, and cast into prison. A few days later, when Julian himself came through Ancyra, the Saint was brought before him and was asked to deny Christ, Whom he rather confessed the more. Julian then had strips cut in his flesh, so that they were left hanging from his body in front and in back. The valiant Martyr tore one of these strips off of his body and cast it into Julian's face. At this Julian commanded that iron spits be heated fiery hot; Saint Basil's belly, his back, and all his joints were pierced with them, and he received the crown of martyrdom.

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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.