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Anthony the Great

Saint Anthony, the Father of monks, was born in Egypt in 251 of pious parents who departed this life while he was yet young. On hearing the words of the Gospel: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell what thou hast, and give to the poor" (Matt. 19:21), he immediately put it into action. Distributing to the poor all he had, and fleeing from all the turmoil of the world, he departed to the desert. The manifold temptations he endured continually for the span of twenty years are incredible. His ascetic struggles by day and by night, whereby he mortified the uprisings of the passions and attained to the height of dispassion, surpass the bounds of nature; and the report of his deeds of virtue drew such a multitude to follow him that the desert was transformed into a city, while he became, so to speak, the governor, lawgiver, and master-trainer of all the citizens of this newly-formed city.



TWELTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

On This day, we also Commemorate:

Anthony the New of the Berropas Skete;
George the New Martyr of Ioannina



DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Apolytikion for St. Raphael in the First Tone

To the offspring of Ithaca, the pride and joy of Lesvos, * monastic martyrs' glory, let us offer to Raphael our songs of praise; * for lately he appeared, and pours out cures and healings to us all. * Inexplicably he appears to believers, both in dreams and awake, who cry: * Glory to Christ who gave you His might. * Glory to Him who gave you miracles. * Glory to Him who through you fulfills our prayerful requests.

Apolytikion for St. Raphael in the Fourth Tone

Because of the finding of your holy relics, wise one, * the Island of Lesvos has been filled fully with the grace, * which God richly gave to you. * You, O devout martyr Raphael, paradoxically * appeared to many people, and you grant cures and healings. * And therefore we the faithful re-joice in all your miracles.

Apolytikion in honor of Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene

Having contended on Lesvos for the sake of Christ God, you have sanctified the island since the discovery of your sacred relics, O blessed ones; wherefore we honor you, O Godbearing Raphael, together with Nicholas and virgin Irene, as our divine protectors and intercessors with the Lord.

Singers and Chanters: Anthony Birozes, David Boyd, Marie Chapman, Maria Hagen, Lynn Lucher, Jimmy Smith, Todd Stewart

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal of the 4th Tone

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for St. Anthony in the Fourth Tone

Imitating the manners of Elijah the Zealot, and following the straight paths of John the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you colonized the desert, and you supported the Empire by your prayers. Therefore intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Seasonal Kontakion in the First Tone

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.



EPISTLE READING

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:17-21

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.

Psalm 115.15,12

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

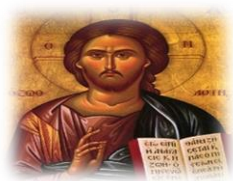
Verse: What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has given me?

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Ἀδελφοί, πείθεσθε τοῖς ἡγουμένοις ὑμῶν, καὶ ὑπέικετε· αὐτοὶ γὰρ ἀγρυπνοῦσιν ὑπὲρ τῶν ψυχῶν ὑμῶν, ὡς λόγον ἀποδώσοντες· ἵνα μετὰ χαρᾶς τοῦτο ποιῶσιν, καὶ μὴ στενάζοντες· ἀλυσιτελεῆς γὰρ ὑμῖν τοῦτο. Προσεύχεσθε περὶ ἡμῶν· πεποίθαμεν γὰρ ὅτι καλὴν συνείδησιν ἔχομεν, ἐν πᾶσιν καλῶς θέλοντες ἀναστρέφεσθαι. Περισσοτέρως δὲ παρακαλῶ τοῦτο ποιῆσαι, ἵνα τάχιον ἀποκατασταθῶ ὑμῖν. Ὁ δὲ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης, ὁ ἀναγαγὼν ἐκ νεκρῶν τὸν ποιμένα τῶν προβάτων τὸν μέγαν ἐν αἵματι διαθήκης αἰωνίου, τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦν, καταρτίσαι ὑμᾶς ἐν παντὶ ἔργῳ ἀγαθῷ εἰς τὸ ποιῆσαι τὸ θέλημα αὐτοῦ, ποιῶν ἐν ὑμῖν τὸ εὐάρεστον ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ, διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· ᾧ ἡ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.





GOSPEL READING

The Gospel according to Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."



Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσερχομένου αὐτοῦ εἰς τινα κώμην ἀπήντησαν αὐτῷ δέκα λεπροὶ ἄνδρες, οἱ ἔστησαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἤραν φωνὴν λέγοντες· Ἰησοῦ ἐπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. καὶ ἰδὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· πορευθέντες ἐπιδείξατε ἑαυτοὺς τοῖς ἱερεῦσι. καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτοὺς ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἷς δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν, ἰδὼν ὅτι ἰάθη, ὑπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν, καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ εὐχαριστῶν αὐτῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν Σαμαρεῖτης. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· οὐχὶ οἱ δέκα ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οἱ δὲ ἑννέα ποῦ; οὐχ εὐρέθησαν ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἀλλογενὴς οὗτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε.



PRAYERS BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, known and unknown. And make me worthy without condemnation to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the forgiveness of sins and for life eternal. Amen.



How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my clothing will accuse me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul and save me.

Loving Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these holy Gifts be to my condemnation because of my unworthiness, but for the cleansing and sanctification of soul and body and the pledge of the future life and kingdom. It is good for me to cling to God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation.

Receive me today, Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not reveal Your mystery to Your adversaries. Nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas. But as the thief I confess to You: Lord, remember me in Your kingdom.



CALENDAR for January – Revised 1/17/16

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jan 17 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<i>12th Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthos</i> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> Meeting with Sunday School teachers in the Library after the Divine Liturgy
Jan 19 – Tues	Noon	Ladies Fellowship meeting at Mary Milam’s home – Contact Tina Maheras at tdmaheras@comcast.net or Margaret Gasper at mmgasper@comcast.net
Jan 20, Wed	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study – (the Library) <i>Vespers</i>
Jan 21, Thurs	7:00 p.m.	Philoptochos General Meeting
Jan 22, Fri	4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Greek Language Class Greek Language Class Akathist Hymn, Part 1
Jan 23, Sat	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Greek Language Class <i>Vespers</i> Project Comfort Women’s Retreat in Hilton Head, SC January 23 – January 29
Jan 24, Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	<i>14th Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthos</i> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> <i>Faith Encouraged Live Program – www.ancientfaith.com</i> <i>Reservations Required by tomorrow for Orthodox on Purpose Seminar!</i>
Jan 27, Wed	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study – (the Library) <i>Vespers</i>
Jan 29, Fri	4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Greek Language Class Greek Language Class

Jan 30, Sat	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	BEING ORTHODOX ON PURPOSE by Father Barnabas Greek Language Class <i>Vespers</i>
Jan 31, Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. After Coffee Hour	<i>15th Sunday of Luke</i> <i>Orthos</i> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> Hope/Joy visit to The Oaks Assisted Living Home/Crafts New member meeting with Father Barnabas in the Parish Life Center after Coffee Hour. If you have been a member for two years or less, please join us!

Notes and Thank You

- Thank you to the 7 parishioners who helped with the cleanup from the Christmas holidays.
 - Please call Administrative Office to schedule your House Blessing with Father Barnabas.

Stewardship Commitment for 2016 – 43 as of 1/17/2016

Apesos, Matthew & Addy
Athenson, Sandy & Julie
Birozes, Anthony
Bowen, Deborah
Boyd, David & Michelle
Bozzuto, Kosta & Carolyn
Chapman, David & Marie
Chason, Russell & Chyrisse
Christy, Rick & Jan
Consos, John
Eifert, April & David
Farr, Quay & Trissie
Foxhall, Chris & Liz
Gilbert, Rob & Carey
Guano, Robert & Jennifer
Hatzispiros, Tasia & Fontasa
Kaloudis, Vasilis & Mary
Kefalas, Tasso & Laura
Kefalas, Thalia
Klock, Jacqueline
Levantis, Alex & Melpo
Lucher, David & Lynne
Maheras, Tina
Manos, William and Margaret
Marvos, Todd & Ann
Milam, Bill & Mary
Panos, Nicholas & Teddie
Pantazopoulos, Constantinos & Evelyn
Pappas, Gus
Patrick, John & Evon
Perry, Michele
Powell, Father Barnabas and Presvytera Connie
Powers, Pam
Ralston, Luke & Liz

Sparks II, Dennis
Sparks, Dennis & Laura
Sparks, Jacob
Stewart, Todd
Trainor, Edward & Anne
Tyre, James & Sharon
Tubbs, Brian & Jennifer
Vamvakias, Plutarch & Tina
Waldron, Rusty & Christine



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