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The Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great and the Twelfth Sunday of Luke

Anthony the New, ascetic of Berrea in Macedonia;
New-martyr George of Ioannina

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Tone 7; Eothinon 10

Apolytikion of the Resurrection (Tone 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of St. Anthony the Great (Tone 4)

Thou didst become like the zealous Elijah in his condition, and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways, becoming a dweller in the wilderness and an establisher of the universe by thy prayer, O Father Anthony. Wherefore, intercede thou with Christ God to save our souls.

Apolytikion of our Patron the Archangel Michael (Tone 4)

O ye foremost of the heavenly hosts we beseech thee, though we are unworthy, pray that we may be encompassed with a shadow of Thy unearthly glory, preserving us who kneel and cry endlessly: deliver us from oppression since ye are the prince of the Highest Power.

Kontakion of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Tone 1)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Daily Readings

THE EPISTLE (for St. Anthony the Great)

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (13:17-21)

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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL (for the Twelfth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading of the Holy Gospel is according to St. 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' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "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."

The Synaxarion

On January 17 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great.

Verses

Heaven hath somewhat greater even than Angels, Anthony, that is, the
exarch of ascetics.

They took Anthony hence the seventeenth.

Anthony was an Egyptian, born about the year 250 in the village of Koman near Herculea. Following the deaths of his noble and wealthy parents, he divided the inherited estate with his sister, who was a minor, and provided for her with some relatives. Anthony distributed his half of the estate to the poor and, he, in his twentieth year, dedicated himself to the ascetical life for which he yearned from his childhood. Anthony withdrew into the wilderness on the shore of the Red Sea. There, he spent twenty years as a recluse not associating with anyone except with God through constant prayer, reflection and contemplation, patiently enduring unspeakable temptations from the devil. His fame spread throughout the entire world and many disciples gathered around him whom he placed on the path of salvation by his example and words. When certain Greek philosophers tempted Anthony with literary wisdom, he shamed them with the question: “Which is older, the understanding or the book? Which of these two was the cause of the other?” Filled with many years of great works, Anthony died in the Lord in 355.

On this day, we also commemorate Anthony the New, ascetic of Berrea in Macedonia; and New-martyr George of Ioannina. By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

[Note: Wednesdays and Fridays are observed as days of fasting]

The Feast of St. Timothy the Apostle – Friday, January 22

The Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost and the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

Saturday, January 23th – Great Vespers, 5 p.m.

Sunday, January 24th – Orthros, 8:45 a.m.,

Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.

GLOSSARY: Apolytikion (ah-poh-lee-tee-key-on); *plural*, Apolytikia: A brief poem in accentual metre, expressing the theme of a feast. Kontakion (kon-tah-kee-on); *plural*, Kontakia: A special kind of Troparion that expresses the teaching of a Feast. It

summarizes and applies the meaning of a feast of day. Orthros (*Or-thros*): The word literally means *early morning*. It is the name of the service, which by some has been called *Matins*, and still by others, *Lauds*, though it does not correspond exactly to either of the Western Services. Eothinon (*ee-oh-thee-non*): meaning – *pertaining to the dawn*. They are the eleven assigned readings of the Gospel during the Orthros Service, pertaining to the eleven appearances of our Lord to His Disciples after the Resurrection. Synaxis (*see-nax-sees*) “the gathering or coming together” as it pertains to a celebration of a commemoration or feast. Following a major Feast a “Synaxis” commemorates the “co-stars” of the Feast, i.e., following the Feast of the Presentation of Christ (Ss. Simeon and Anna), following the Feast of the Birth of Christ (the Holy Virgin Mary), following the Feast of Holy Theophany (St. John the Baptist), etc. Synaxarion (*see-nax-sah-ree-on*) the summary of a Feast, describing a historical significance and meaning of a commemoration.

A Note Regarding Holy Communion

Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, *only* those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and recent Confession may participate in Holy Communion. (We invite all, however, to partake of the blessed bread which is distributed at the dismissal.) Please see the Pastor for inquiries on how to become a member.

OFFERINGS

Holy Bread is being offered this morning by Phyllis Grates with prayer for her daughter, Tonya Anne, celebrating her birthday on January 20. May God grant her many years!

Special offerings and requests for prayer are being made . . .

for the repose of the newly-departed servant of God, Michael Glendon (+14 January, 2021), of Hilo, Hawaii, the great nephew of Father Timothy
Memory eternal.

for the repose of the newly-departed servant of God, Jeff Matarese (+14 January, 2021), beloved uncle. Memory eternal.

for the repose of the new-departed servant of God Paul Prybla (+10 January, 2021) beloved husband of Manya Prybla and family.
Memory eternal.

for the repose of the newly-departed servant of God, Heather Simon,
beloved wife of Daniel Simon and family. Memory eternal.

for the repose of the newly-departed servant of God, Lucy Aboid
(+5 January, 2021), dear friend of Ramona Darmour. Memory eternal.

for the repose of the newly-departed servant of God, Hank Roum
(+4 January, 2021) beloved father of Dr. James Roum, Claudia Hapip
and their families. Memory eternal.

for the repose of the newly-departed servants of God, David & Millie
Castro (+29 and +30 December), beloved uncle and aunt of
Adam Aparicio and family. Memory eternal.

for the repose of the newly-departed servant of God, Georgette Al-Adaas
(+25 December, 2020), beloved mother of Marie Moujaes and
grandmother of Waleed Moujaes and family. Memory eternal.

by John & Katrina Tambouras for the repose of Gregory Habib
(+18 January, 2019), beloved brother, brother-in-law and uncle.
Memory eternal.

Calendar for:	2021	2022	2023
First Day of Great Lent	March 16	March 07	February 27
Holy Pascha	May 02	April 24	April 16
Western Easter	April 04	April 17	April 09
Feast of Theophany	Wednesday		January 6, 2021
Meat Fare Sunday	Sunday		March 15, 2021
Feast of the Annunciation	Thursday		March 25, 2021
Feast of the Ascension	Thursday		June 10, 2021
Pentecost	Sunday		June 20, 2021
Feast of the Nativity	Saturday		December 25, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House Blessings

Father Timothy has postponed the scheduling the blessing of homes. Visits to your home and house blessings may occur at **any day of the year**,

Church Attendance and Guidance for COVID-19 Testing

We are currently limiting attendance at our church services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Parishioners must sign-up by informing Father Timothy to attend our services. If you have been in contact with someone who is diagnosed with the COVID virus you should be tested and self-quarantine at home for seven (7) to ten (10) days, especially if you have no symptoms. Should your results show that you are “negative” but develop symptoms during your quarantine, you should be retested. Questions will be answered by Father Timothy by e-mail at: [<frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org>](mailto:frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org).

Holy Water Available for Distribution

Holy Water will be available to all at the end of the service on January 6. There is no prohibition to anyone receiving or drinking Holy Water. Plastic bottles will be available for Holy Water distribution by contacting Subdeacon Richard Ajalat. Please provide an offering to help cover the cost of the bottle. Thank you.

Virtual Annual Parish Meeting, Report Booklet

The Virtual Annual Meeting of the Voting Membership will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2021, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. In the best interest of time, a Report Booklet is being prepared for distribution to our membership prior to the Annual Meeting. All Council officers, Standing Committees and Subsidiary Organizations are reminded that their single page reports are past due. An Annual Report booklet is being compiled and will be available for distribution on January 24, 2021.

Zoom Meeting Virtual Bible Study

Bible Study with Father Timothy — will meet this Tuesday, January 19th at 7 p.m. A Zoom link and security password provided in a weekly parish e-mail. Each study is limited to one hour. We will continue our study of chapter 1-3 of the Book of Romans. An “Orthodox Bible Study” provides a broad and complete study of the full context of Holy Scripture (Old and New Testament) It is a comprehensive approach to understanding God’s

Word from Holy Tradition that includes: The Apostolic writings, Church Councils, the Canonical Texts, Patristic Sources, Liturgical Texts of Services and the experience of saints who have given testimony through their life as witnesses of the faith through the centuries.

Note: Father Timothy would also welcome scheduling a Zoom Meeting with you and your family at any time by appointment. Simply e-mail him at <frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org>.

Note to Coffee Hour hosts: coffee and paper goods will be provided each week.

Holy Bread Offering List

Jan 24 - the Milkie Family
and the Namay family
Jan 31 - open
Feb 07 - open
Feb 14 - open

Coffee Hour Hosts Calendar

Note: There are no Coffee
Hours scheduled

Please contact Fr. Timothy (818/219-3761; pastor@stmichaelvannuys.org) to sign-up to offer Holy Bread.

Parish Council Virtual Meeting – tomorrow, Mon., January 18th, 5 p.m.

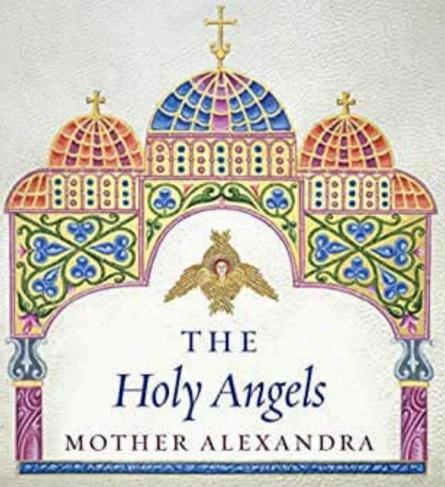
Holy Water Available for Distribution

Plastic bottles have been purchased for Holy Water distribution and will be available at the front of the church at the end of the Liturgy after the veneration of the Holy Cross. Please provide a donation should you want to take a bottle with you. Thank you.

Antiochian Women's Book Club - January 20 at 7 p.m.

The book selected for AW across our Archdiocese is "The Holy Angels" by Mother Alexandra -- a flyer is attached with more information on this book. Contact President Charmaine Darmour for more information and any questions you may have: cdarmour@sbcglobal.net.

Antiochian Women's Book Club Selection 2020-21



First published in 1981 and long out of print, *The Holy Angels* has yet to be surpassed as a comprehensive and comprehensible account of the nature of the angels and their role in our salvation. In layperson's terms, Mother Alexandra presents the essence of everything the Church has to teach us about the angels, beginning with the Old Testament, continuing through the New Testament, and concluding with the Tradition of the Church as expressed in her theology, hymnography & iconography. For those who long to become better acquainted with these holy servants of God and to understand their role in our lives, this book is a great place to start.

Available from St Vladimir's Seminary & Amazon

Upcoming Events

20th Annual Youth Directors Virtual Conference
January 28-29, 2021

St. Michael Annual Virtual Meeting of the Voting Membership
Sunday, January 31, 2021

Antiochian Clergy Diocesan Virtual Seminar
Monday, February 8, 2021

The 57th "Sweetheart Ball" - Universal Hilton
(tentatively scheduled on: **March 6, 2021**)

2021 Diocesan Parish Life Conference - **July 1-4, 2021 (TBD)**
Host: Ss. Mark and Barnabas Church (Orange County)

Personal Tours of Our New Church Sanctuary

Personal tours or Zoom meetings are being scheduled by appointment for all who are interested in designated "sponsorships" or "dedications" of various parts of the new church sanctuary that are available. The tour will also provide answers to questions. Please contact Father Timothy for more information at: frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org

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*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things,
at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
(II Corinthians 9:8)*

Dear Members of St. Michael,

Our Parish Council is preparing to provide us with our 2021 Annual Budget at our upcoming Annual Meeting on January 31, 2021. A parish cannot solely rely upon the income of Sacramental offerings because we would not be able to meet our month-to-month expenses based upon anticipating baptisms, weddings, or funerals that takes place each year. Nor can we adequately pay for our ongoing property maintenance without the shared responsibility and the help of volunteers of our membership. Our parish is able to provide its clergy and facilities, the prayer services of the church and its Sacraments because of our faithful parishioners who help to financially support the salaries and the operational costs of our church property.

We are again asking everyone to prayerfully consider making a reasonable annual financial pledge to our parish for the New Year. We look forward, by God's grace, for continued growth in the future. We are also very grateful for the commitments of those who have provided us with contributions to complete the

construction of our new church sanctuary. We encourage others who have not done so to prayerfully consider doing the same. One of our goals is to remain debt free. We are anticipating the completion of the church in the New Year. Additional information will be provided at our Annual Parish Meeting at the end of January.

May you and your family enjoy God's continued blessings throughout the New Year!

In Christ,

Subdeacon Richard Tamoush

Stewardship Chair

Frequently Asked Questions When Completing a Pledge Form

What is the reason for completing an annual parish Pledge Form?

Each year planning for budgeted receipts and expenditures are an important part of being responsible stewards of Christ's church. Some of our month-to-month expenses include: priest and staff salaries, utility and maintenance expenses, the payment of taxes on all investment (income) property (yes, churches do pay property taxes), and insurance. Moreover, it is not uncommon for these expenses increase each year. It is a goal of our Parish Council to meet these expenses with the contributions of our members. The Pastor does not receive stipends (monetary gifts) for house blessings, baptisms, weddings and funerals if a family is not enrolled as a regular contributor of the parish. The Pastor's living expenses and allowances are included the Annual Budget of the parish that will be presented at our Annual Meeting on January 31st.

What is an annual "Fair Share Commitment?"

Each parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese pays 10% of its parish income to assist with the expenses of our bishops, Archdiocesan and Diocesan departments and programs. Over one-fourth of the Archdiocese budget is dedicated to youth programs. You can see two charts that provide the financial highlights of Archdiocese receipts and expenditures provided in our Annual Report booklet. The annual payment to the Archdiocese from St. Michael Church is currently: \$25,190 or 10% of our parish income (excluding contributions received for the

Building Fund, charity collections, special Archdiocese collections, and memorial gifts). This money is collected from our parishioners from their first contribution to the church: \$50 for each adult and \$35 for each child (17 years of age or under) in a household. All additional funds pledged by our parishioners assist with the month-to-month expenses of the parish.

Our 2021 Pledge Form is available on our parish website at: <https://www.stmichaelvannuys.org/donate/>

The form may be completed and returned to the Church Office at: 16643 Vanowen Street; Van Nuys; California; 91406.

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THE VENERABLE AND GOD-BEARING FATHER ANTHONY THE GREAT AND THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

ANTHONY THE NEW, ASCETIC OF BERREA IN MACEDONIA; NEW-MARTYR GEORGE OF IOANNINA

طروبارية القيامة على الحن السابع

حطمت بصليبك الموت وفتحت للص الفردوس، وحوّلت نوح حاملات الطيب، وأمرت رسلك أن يكرزوا بأنك قد قمت أيها المسيح الإله مانحاً العالم الرحمة العظمى.

لقد ماثلت إيليا الغيور في أحواله، وتبعته المعمدان في مناهجه القويمه. فغدوت في البرية ساكناً، وللمسكونة بصلاواتك مُشدداً، أيها الأب أنطونيوس. فتشفع إلى المسيح الإله، أن يخلص نفوسنا.

طروبارية رؤساء الملائكة بالحن الرابع

أيها المتقدمون على الأجناد السماويين، نتوسل إليكم نحن غير المستحقين، حتى أنكم بطلباتكم تكتنوفوننا بظل أجنحة مجدكم غير الهولي، حافظين إيانا نحن الجائين والصارخين بغير فتور، أنفدونا من الشدائد، بما أنكم رؤساء مراتب القوات العلوية.

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، يَا مَنْ بِمَوْلِدِهِ قَدَسَ الْمُسْتَوْدَعُ الْبَتُولِي، وَبَارَكَ يَدَيَّ سِمْعَانَ كَمَا لَاقَ، وَأَدْرَكْنَا الْآنَ وَخَلَّصْنَا. إِحْفَظْ رَعِيَّتَكَ بِسَلَامٍ فِي الْحُرُوبِ، وَأَيِّدِ الْمُلُوكَ الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبْتَهُمْ، بِمَا أَنَّكَ وَحْدَكَ مُحِبٌّ لِلْبَشَرِ.

الرسالة

كَرِيمٌ بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ الرَّبِّ مَوْتُ أَبْرَاهِ.
بِمَاذَا نَكَافِي الرَّبَّ عَنْ كُلِّ مَا أَعْطَانَا.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولَسَ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ. (21-13:17)
يَا إِخْوَةَ، أَطِيعُوا مُدَبِّرِيكُمْ وَاحْضَعُوا لَهُمْ، فَإِنَّهُمْ يَسْهَرُونَ عَلَى نُفُوسِكُمْ سَهْرَ مَنْ سَيُعْطِي حِسَابًا حَتَّى يَفْعَلُوا ذَلِكَ بِسُرُورٍ لَا آئِينَ. لِأَنَّ هَذَا غَيْرُ نَافِعٍ لَكُمْ. صَلُّوا مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، فَإِنَّا نَتَّقُ بِأَنَّ لَنَا ضَمِيرًا صَالِحًا فَتَرْغَبُ فِي أَنْ نَحْسِنَ التَّصَرُّفَ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. وَأَطْلُبُ ذَلِكَ بِأَشَدِّ الْإِحَاحِ حَتَّى أُرَدَّ إِلَيْكُمْ فِي أَسْرَعِ وَقْتٍ. وَإِلَهُ السَّلَامِ، الَّذِي أَعَادَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ رَاعِي الْخِرَافِ الْعَظِيمِ بِدَمِ الْعَهْدِ الْأَبَدِيِّ، رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ، يُكْمَلُكُمْ فِي كُلِّ عَمَلٍ حَتَّى تَعْمَلُوا بِمَشِيئَتِهِ، عَامِلًا فِيكُمْ مَا هُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ لَدَيْهِ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي لَهُ الْمَجْدُ إِلَى أَبَدِ الْأَبَدِينَ. آمِينَ.

الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ (19-17:12)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ دَاخِلٌ إِلَى قَرْيَةٍ، اسْتَقْبَلَهُ عَشْرَةُ رِجَالٍ بُرْصَ وَوَقَفُوا مِنْ بَعِيدٍ * وَرَفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَهُمْ قَائِلِينَ: يَا يَسُوعَ الْمُعْلَمَ، اِرْحَمْنَا. فَلَمَّا رَأَاهُمْ، قَالَ لَهُمْ: اامْضُوا وَأَرَوْا الْكَهَنَةَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ. وَفِيمَا هُمْ مُنْطَلِقُونَ طَهَّرُوا * وَإِنْ وَاحِدًا مِنْهُمْ، لَمَّا رَأَى أَنَّهُ قَدْ بَرِيَ، رَجَعَ يُمَجِّدُ اللَّهَ بِصَوْتٍ عَظِيمٍ * وَخَرَّ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ عِنْدَ قَدَمَيْهِ شَاكِرًا لَهُ، وَكَانَ سَامِرِيًّا * فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: أَلَيْسَ الْعَشْرَةُ قَدْ طَهَّرُوا؟ فَأَيُّنَ التَّسْعَةِ؟ * أَلَمْ يَوْجَدْ مَنْ يَرْجِعُ لِيُجَدِّدَ اللَّهَ إِلَّا هَذَا الْأَجْنَبِيُّ؟ * وَقَالَ: قُمْ وَامْضِ، إِيمَانُكَ قَدْ خَلَّصَكَ.

ملاحظة بخصوص تناول القربان المقدس

إن مفهومنا لتناول القربان يعنى عمومية المشاركة فيه لذوى العقيدة الواحدة، الا إن المشاركة في سر القربان المقدس هنا مقتصر فقط على أعضاء الكنائس الارثوذكسية والذين يحضرون أنفسهم بالصلاة والصوم والاعتراف منذ فترة قريبة (وعلى كل حال، فإننا ندعو الجميع للمشاركة في الخبز المقدس الذى يوزع عند إنتهاء مراسيم القداس). رجاء مراجعة الكاهن. إذا رغبت أن تصبح عضواً في الكنيسة الارثوذكسية.