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Message from our Priest

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter another year of God's goodness, I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to each of you, the faithful and dedicated stewards of Saint Anthony's Church.

Your continuing support not only by financially supporting the missions of the Church stewards, but also by generously giving towards our special projects clearly indicate the measure of your commitment to our Savior Jesus Christ. Christians should give to the Church generously according to the Christian spirit and to the vision of life as revealed by Christ our Lord. "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously..." (II Corinthians 9:6)

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Christine Pappas

Because of your committed Christian support, given wholeheartedly to all of our ministries at Saint Anthony's Church, today we can say with deep satisfaction and gratitude to God that we are fulfilling His will to serve His people.

However, we all feel the need for something more. For quite some time, our parish's dream has been to build a multi-purpose community center. It is a noble and practical dream. "First we shape our buildings and then our buildings shape us." This frequently quoted statement by Winston Churchill highlights the issues facing anyone concerned with creative Church planning.

It is the same issue that we faced more than a generation ago, when our faithful parishioners were deciding to build the Hellenic Cultural Center and Church edifice.

Today, we need more room to effectively serve our families. It is imperative, therefore, as stewards to seriously consider this noble goal and to make every effort to achieve it. Together, we can make our vision for Saint Anthony's Church a reality.

You and your families are always in our prayers. May the Lord Jesus Christ bestow upon you His richest blessings during the new year and always for your kindness and support of His Church.

With His love,

Father Efstathios V. Mylonas
Protopresbyter

Holy Sacraments and Services

Weddings

Constantine Karvelas and Marina Maniatis on December 28, 2002 at Saint George, Palm Desert, California. Best man: Ioannis Sakkaris.

Constantine D. Pappas and Myrna Tsao on February 8, 2003. Best man: Peter Pappas

Baptisms

Nicholas, son of Dimitrios and Judith N. Antsos, November 23, 2002. Godparents: Julian and Alexia Rusinek.

Shelby Hope, daughter of Craig A. and Patricia Hedman, November 30, 2002. Godparents: Theodore Treantafelles and Andrea Treantafelles.

Melina Ellie, daughter of Michael and Christina Z. Zoumas, December 21, 2002. Godparents: Perry and Zoe Vidalakis.

Kiriaki Alkistis, daughter of Fotios A. Mitropoulos and Maria Angelopoulos, January 11, 2003. Godparent: Maria Karantza-Charoni.

Chrismation

George David Crosby, Jr. on December 1, 2002. Sponsor: Pantele Xanthos.

Funerals

Christine Kundrat of Glendale, California on October 30, 2002.

Costis Christodoulou of Pasadena, California on November 2, 2002.

Eudoxia Kitridou of Pasadena, California on December 27, 2002.

Nick Skandale formerly of La Canada, CA died on 11/3/2002 in Northern California. He was a Saint Anthony's Parish Council member for many years. The family requested donations to be given to Saint Anthony's Church, Pasadena, CA or to National Parkinson Foundation Inc., P. O. Box 414158, Miami, Florida 33141-4158.

We express condolences to the families of these dedicated to the Church people. Each one of them offered great services to the Church. May their memory be eternal.

2002 Statistical Report

Weddings	4
Baptisms	10
Chrismation	1
Funerals	9

Highlights From Father Stathis' Schedule

Father Stathis was invited by His Eminence Cardinal Roger Mahony Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles to attend on Thursday, February 6, 2003 The Twenty-Third Annual Interfaith Leadership Luncheon which took place at The California Club of Los Angeles. This year's honoree was Mr. Andrew E. Bogen of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher LLP for his many contributions to the community as trustee of the Weingart Foundation, a Southern California grant-making institution and Chairman of Saint Anne's, a Catholic charity Institution, which provides residential outreach services to unmarried teenagers (mostly from very troubled backgrounds) who are pregnant or who have new babies. Speaker was Mr. Roberto Graziano, president of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Fr. Stathis attended an Interfaith Memorial Service for the heroic crew of Shuttle Columbia on Friday, February 7, 2003 at the Catholic Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels as well as the Ecumenical Service at the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 26, 2003 at the First United Methodist Church of Pasadena, CA. Speaker was the Rev. Dr. Robert Edgar, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

Prayer of the Fifth World Conference on Faith and Order 1993

O God, holy and eternal Trinity,
we pray for your church in the world.
Sanctify its life; renew its worship;
empower its witness; heal its divisions;
make visible its unity.

Lead us, with all our brothers and sisters,
towards communion
in faith, life and witness
so that, united in one body
by the one Spirit,
we may together witness
to the perfect unity of your love.

Amen.

By the Graymour Ecumenical &
Interreligious Institute
Garrison, NY 10524-0300

Fr. Stathis offered the following prayer at Saint Anthony's Ladies Philoptochos Society Annual Benefit Luncheon on December 13, 2002:

Let us pray,

O God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ became man from the Most Holy Theotokos that we too might become Your sons: grant, we beseech You, that being made partakers of the Divine Nature of Your Son, we may be after His likeness.

May the light of Your incarnate Son, O God, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. "When joys abound or clouds we see,

when pleasure comes or grief and loss” send Your grace to us within the shelter of Your infinite love.

O Lord, lift our lives from day to day, when sunshine glows or shadows of death and hopelessness are falling upon Your world, strengthen the peacemakers, those who love and support the poor and the suffering, the Ladies of our Philoptochos who are for over fifty years Your angels of goodness and messengers of your love to those who are in need. Bless them and all those who offered with a generous heart their support.

Bless us, O Lord, and these gifts, we are about to receive from Your bounty, for glorified is Your Name. Amen.

Our Philoptochos Christmas Benefit Luncheon was a most beautiful event, the result of a great effort and much love and commitment to help those who are in need. It was well attended by hundreds of ladies from throughout Southern California.

Elections for Parish Council officers

On Tuesday, January 14, 2003 after the ratification of the Parish Council elections by His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony of San Francisco and after the Parish Council members took the oath of office, they met to elect the new officers for the year 2003. The results of the elections are as follows: Pantele Xanthos, president, Sophia Angelos, vice president, Irene Albeck, secretary, Charles Christodulelis, treasurer, Eleftheria Polychronis, assistant treasurer. Other members of the Parish Council are the following faithful and committed people: Dan Bozikis, Jim Christodulelis, Sotirios Dallas, Dean Efstathiou, Anthia Lucas, Steve Pappas, Arry Pastis, Nick Vayos, Zacharias Vorgias. We welcome the two new members of the Parish Council, Jim Christodulelis and Steve Pappas. We express deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to outgoing Parish Council member, Theodore Vavoulis for his dedication and invaluable services to the Church. Special thanks also to the past president of the Parish Council, Dean Efstathiou for his invaluable services to the community and his continuing participation in the work of the Parish Council.

Congratulations

We express our best wishes and congratulations to Paula Darlas who inducted in the FDF Hall of Fame. Paula is not only a great Greek Folk Dancer, she is also a very dedicated teacher who offers her invaluable services to St. Anthony’s young Greek Folk Dancers. She offered and still offers her invaluable services to Saint Anthony’s young Greek folk dancers. She volunteers her services and guides parents and their children with great love and commitment. We are deeply grateful to Paula.

We also express congratulations to our Olympian soccer player, Peter Vagenas whose team Galaxy won the championship of the USA Major Soccer League.

Acknowledgments

We wish to acknowledge the generosity of Nick and Irene Mitsos for their major and most valuable contribution toward the retiling of our Church’s dome. We also acknowledge the generosity of the anonymous family of our Church for their major donation toward the purchase of the most beautiful and valuable Artophorion (Tabernacle). Special thanks and gratitude to John Rellos and Tasos and Helen Karagias for their generosity toward the celebration of the annual clergy Vasilopita which was hosted by our Parish assisted by the Parish Council and Philoptochos on January, 13, 2003. His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony of San Francisco and all the Greek Orthodox clergy of Southern California and their families send a special thanks to the Ladies of the Philoptochos and to Pantele Xanthos, Lisa Xanthos, Charles Christodulelis for their help and contributions as well as donors. In the next issue of our Bulletin, we will continue our acknowledgments of people who recently donated to our Church. We are deeply grateful and appreciative for you continuing support. May God bless abundantly you and your families.

**Troparion of the Feast day of
St. Anthony – January 17**

O Father Anthony, you imitated the zealous Elijah. You followed the straight paths of the Baptist and became a desert dweller. By prayer you confirmed the universe. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony of San Francisco was present for our Great Vespers Service and The Divine Liturgy. We welcomed 10 Clergy from Southern California Greek Orthodox Parishes during our Feastday Services. We thank The President of Philoptochos, Fontaine Malisos, and the members of Philoptochos for cooking and serving a wonderful meal.

A special Thanks and deep appreciation to Andrew and May Gallanis and their son Peter for hosting His Eminence and the clergy and their Presvyteras for a luncheon at their restaurant, Cameron's.

Godparent / Godchild Sunday

February 2nd, 2003. We enjoyed a wonderful Godparent Sunday this year. We thank Irene Albeck and her helpers for their efforts.

Folk Dance Festival

Please come and support our St. Anthony's dance teams at the annual Folk Dance Festival in Anaheim. Two packages are available for those wishing to see the dance competition on Feb. 14 – 16. A 3-day pass is \$50 and a 1-day competition pass is \$20. We thank our dedicated dance teachers. They have been volunteering their time & talents to our dance program. A special thanks to: Paula Darlas, Teresa Vorgias, Nikole Varvitsiotis, Elleni Koulis, Vickie Kades: www.greece.org/FDF

Altar Boy Training Seminar

Saturday, February 22nd at 9:45 a.m. in the Church at St. Anthony's. We will have a morning snack and then begin the Altar Boy Seminar. We will go to

Ruby's in Old Town Pasadena for lunch. The basketball practices will begin late on that day so that all the altar boys can attend.

The 36th Pentahiliariko

Chrissa Mobayan, Chairperson of this year's Pente along with all the volunteers are working with great enthusiasm to make this year's Pente a success.

Please come and celebrate with us on Saturday, March 8, 2003 at The Pasadena Hilton. Please save the date, as you will not want to miss this fantastic event. If you were able to join us last year, you know what a tremendous success it was in the International Ballroom of the Pasadena Hilton, with wonderful music and the quick drawing format. Along with being one of the most memorable events of the year, the Pentahiliariko is one of the two main fundraisers for St. Anthony.

**Byzantine Iconography
Studio Art Class**

Instructor: Father Michael Courey
Location: Angels Gate Cultural Center (Building H). 3601 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro California. Saturdays: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12. Tuition and Materials: \$250

Course Description: The lessons are intended for beginning iconography students. The classes are open to teens and adults. No studio art experience is necessary. All materials required to complete one icon will be provided (paper, panel, gold leaf, acrylic paint, brushes, palette and varnish. Students will have an opportunity to complete an icon from start to finish.

Father Michael Courey
St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church, Redondo Beach, Ca 90277
(310) 540 – 2434

**St. Anthony's Parish
Oratorical Festival**

Our parish's St. John Chrysostom Oratorical will be on Sunday, March 30th in the Church after the Divine Liturgy. All of our High School and Junior High Students are encouraged to participate. For a list of topics and a bibliography of sources, contact Bill Tragus at Church.

Philoptochos

PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD MEETINGS are scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month, and **GENERAL MEETINGS** are scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of the month, except during lent when meetings are rescheduled on Tuesdays. Please join us and learn how our chapter helps our Church and community. All Orthodox women are welcome to become members.

Coffee Hour – If you are interested in hosting the coffee hour after Church. Please contact Katherine Skandale at (818) 790 – 5028. Remember, your donations for the coffee hour help our

Church. Many beautiful items for the altar have been purchased with your coffee hour donations.

Philoptochos Meeting: Wednesday, October 23, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Litsa Stavropoulos. Meet Mary Danakas from Project Mexico / St. Innocent Orphanage.

Sunday School

FDF: February 16 – No Sunday School.

March 2: Myrofores meeting, upstairs in the 4th/5th classroom.

March 16th: Sunday of Orthodoxy - 1st Sunday of Lent. Come and receive Holy Communion and bring icons for procession.

April 19: Saturday of Lazarus. Divine Liturgy and making of palm crosses after Church.

April 25: Holy Friday Retreat.

April 27: Agape Service, No Sunday School.

May 23: Memorial Day Weekend, No Sunday School.

June 8: Promotion Sunday and presentation of certificates.

**GOYA
Spring 2003
GOYA is 7th grade to
12th grade only!**

February 22 – Altar Boy Seminar: Saturday, February 22nd at 9:45 a.m. in the Church at St. Anthony's. We will have a morning snack and then begin the Altar Boy Seminar. We will go to Ruby's in Old Town Pasadena for lunch. The basketball practices will begin late on that day.

GOYA Basketball

February 23 – at St. George
March 2 – at St. Katherine
March 9 – St. Nicholas at St. Anthony
March 15 (Sat.) – St. Sophia at St. Anthony 11:00 a.m.
March 23 – at St. John
April 5 (Sat.) – ¼ Finals at Pasadena
April 6 – Semi Finals at Pasadena
April 13 – Finals and Banquet at St. Sophia

March 5 – Feeding those in need at Union Station: We will meet at church at 5:30 p.m. and go together. We will pick up the food and then go to union Station.

March 29 – Lenten Beach Retreat: This is the 3rd annual Lenten Beach Retreat. We will meet here at St. Anthony's at 9:00 a.m. and go to St. Katherine's in Redondo Beach together. We will begin the retreat at S. Katherine's and then walk to the beach with our lunch. Lunch is free! This is a great event. We had over 100 Goyans attend last spring.

March 30 (Sun.) - St. Anthony's Parish Oratorical Festival: All the High school and Junior High students are encouraged to participate. Our Church has graciously offered to host an outing to all those who participate in the Festival.

April 12 (Sat.)– District Oratorical Festival at St. Anthony's: We will host the District Oratorical Festival where all the winners of the Parish Festival will participate. Goyans who

are not speaking will help put on the competition.

April 19: Saturday of Lazarus: Making Palm Crosses. Come Receive Holy Communion, have breakfast and make Palm Crosses

YAL Fellowship

March 9 - Sunday Evening: YAL Fellowship & Discussion/Bible Study
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Place: "The Life Giving Spring Bookstore": 800 N. Glendale Ave. Glendale, CA 91206, (818) 551 - 0544

Pasadena AHEPA Family

We express our congratulations to the new Supreme President of AHEPA, Dr. James Dimitriou.

Tuesday, April 1st: Meeting at St. Anthony's.

St. Anthony's Golf Tournament

Friday, May 9, 2003 at Brookside Golf Course. Pasadena, California. With the goal of building a new multi-purpose center, we have planned an exciting and fun event that we hope will become an annual tradition for you and your friends.

Choir

Choir Rehearsals: There is a Choir rehearsal every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Church.

Philanthropia Ministry

The Philanthropia Ministry is a HIV/AIDS & Hospital Ministry. They have a newsletter that goes out to its supporters which includes letters, sermons and information about their ministry. To receive the Philanthropia Ministry newsletter and support their work, contact Father Peter Lambert: (818) 345 - 4724 or check out the website:
[Http://hometown.aol.com/philanthropiamin](http://hometown.aol.com/philanthropiamin)

Praxis Magazine

Praxis is a quarterly journal put out by the Department of Religious Education of the Greek Orthodox Church. Subscription rate \$15 per year. Checks, payable to: **Praxis Magazine Department of Religious Education 50 Goddard Ave., Brookline, MA 02445**

Marriage Encounter Weekend February 21 - 23, 2003

The Marriage Encounter is a positive and personal experience for a couple which offers them a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. For more information contact Father Jim and Presbytera Pappas at: St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 2219 N. Orchard St., Fresno, CA, 93703. Phone: Church (559) 439 - 8605 / Home (559) 454 - 1243.

Orthodox Lenten Retreat "The Light of Christ Shines on All" March 28 - 30, 2003

Fr. Constantine Efstathiou has serving as a parish priest for nearly forty years. He will focus upon the call to spiritual renewal that emerges as one of the most prominent themes of Great Lent. The cost is \$130 / person or \$220 / couple. March 28 - 30, 2003. St. Nicholas Ranch Conference and Retreat Center. Dunlap, CA. Phone: (559) 338 - 2103 or www.stnicholasranch.org

Greek Independence Day Celebration

Sunday, March 23rd following The Divine Liturgy the Greek School Children will present a short program in commemoration of the independence of Greece. Refreshments and snacks will be provided for all who attend.

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**Hellenic American Medical &
Dental Society of Southern
California**

Medical and dental students looking for scholarships assistance can apply by contacting George C. Emmanouilides, M.D., HAMS Scholarship Chair, 4619 Browndeer Lane, Rolling hills Estates, CA 90275; (310) 377 – 6643 or (310) 222 – 4000. Application deadline is June 30, 2003.

**Assumption Greek Orthodox
Church Dinner Dance**

The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Fifth Annual Evening to Remember. Delectable Dining, Dynamic Dancing, and Electrifying Entertainment all under the Big Top! Saturday, March 1, 2003. For more information call: (714) 220 – 0730.