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Message from your Priest

Ants are one of the most fascinating of several groups of social insects. Yet, I have never ceased to admire them. From time immemorial they have survived through all wars, floods, and physical upheavals, still building their wonderful ant cities all over the world from the tropics to the arctic. An anthill is organized almost as well as any human city. One striking thing about a community of ants is that everyone has a job to do, and does it. There are worker ants, soldier ants, nursemaid ants, and even ants that keep other insects and “milk” them for honeydew to feed the colony. Each has been assigned for a particular task and goes about it industriously.

God has also provided a task for each believer. He will guide us to it as we trust Him. Saint Paul the great Apostle to the nations wrote to Corinthians: “There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to everyone for their service” – I Cor. 12:6.

Ants do their tasks automatically – they have been doing the same thing for thousands of years. God wants us to do ours voluntarily, because we love Him and He in return bestows upon us abundantly His blessings. There is an array of different kinds of work for us to do, and God will place each one of us for the work to which He calls

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us. In our beloved parish of Saint Anthony God calls us to take actively and resolutely part in the mission of the Church, in the diakonia of our parish.

The Church of Jesus Christ suffers from good things that her members ought to do, yet do not do them. The Church is the family of God. The Church is not only a gathering of people who are seeking to satisfy their needs of belonging somewhere. It is much more than that! The Church is a place that moves people to commit time, talent, finances in order to help fulfill her diakonia. Diakonia is serving God's people in a Godly way! The Church is a place of prayer, a holy place that helps people to be transformed in the image and likeness of God.

The devil once was holding a conference with his imps. They were trying to decide how to stop people from being involved in God's enterprise. There were the usual answers: tell them that God isn't real, that the whole notion is a myth. "Don't do that," said Satan, "they will never believe it. Tell them it's all true and that his work needs to be done. But tell them also that there is no hurry." Satan had a point.

It is very scary, when we all say there is no hurry. When Saint Paul was preaching to the Thessalonians, he was accused of "turning the world upside down." There was an urgency and zeal as the early Church moved out into a hostile pagan world. And, today? Urgency? Zeal? True commitment? Appreciation of the gifts we receive from God? Appreciation of the opportunities that the Church gives to us as individuals and to our families? Procrastination is the most destructive force the Church has ever experienced. Indifference and apathy towards the meaning of the Holy Sacraments and Holy Services, particularly the Divine Liturgy are those dark forces that will affect the effectiveness of the Church.

As Orthodox Christians and as children of God, we must reach out to let people know about us. "Contemporary America needs to hear a true message from our Church. We, the clergy and laity, are compelled to consider what we will offer to contemporary America, particularly in the wake of our tragic experience of September 11, 2001.

Wait no longer! Come to attend the beautiful Divine Liturgies. Prepare yourself and your children to receive often the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Share the gifts of God's love now! Share your constructive ideas for strengthening Saint Anthony's parish. Tomorrow may be too late for you and your children!

A final word on our shared responsibilities: together we can accomplish any dream that we have dreamed, any plan that we have planned, and fulfill any hope that we have hoped and cherished. If an anthill is so well organized, how much more and better can our parish be organized and how much more effective will the Church of Christ be in touching our hearts, capturing our minds, strengthening our hopes and our will in a world that is in great danger to be dominated by the forces of evil, which can literally destroy us. If we have no vision to hear clearly and irrevocably inside us the voice of God and feel His presence in our lives, then we face the risk of being destroyed.

When every Sunday morning or throughout the week, I see parents and children coming to Saint Anthony's Church with hearts aflamed, with great enthusiasm or going out in the community to serve those who need help or they are giving generously out of love for the Church to support and to strengthen her diakonia to the world, I feel deeply grateful to Almighty God for keeping us together in doing His work and I fervently pray to Him for each one of you, I thank Him and glorify His Holy Name, because He made you good stewards and His effective coworkers.

May I express my deep appreciation to each one of you for your faithfulness. May I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving. I pray that God the Merciful will bless you in a very special way.

With the love of Christ our Lord,

Father Efstathios V. Mylonas
Protopresbyter

Holy Sacraments and Services

Baptisms

Alexia Nicole, daughter of Nicolas A. and Patricia Chernin , August 25, 2002.
Godparents: Erica Thorsen and Sandra Thorsen Scholz.

Dimitri Nicolas, son of Nicolas and Patricia Chernin, August 25, 2002. Godparents:
Erica Thorsen and Sandra Thorsen Scholz.

Alexia Tamar, daughter of Richard M. A. and Angeliki P. Rosenberg, September 8,
2002. Godparents: Paula Darlas and Robin A. L. Rosenberg.

Wedding

Gregory D. Dallas and Petra Barak, September 16, 2002. Best man: Andrew
Vournas.

Funerals

Irene Kafteranis of Los Angeles, CA on August 7, 2002.

Byron M. Nicholson of Pasadena, CA on September 12, 2002.

Father Stathis attends both the dedication of the new Catholic Cathedral and the
Ecumenical Service for the victims of the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001

Ecumenical Service for September 11 Victims

Father Stathis was invited by His Eminence Cardinal Roger Mahoney Archbishop of
Los Angeles to attend on September 4, 2002 the impressive dedication ceremonies of
the new magnificent Roman Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. On
September 11, 2002 our Priest was part of a solemn Ecumenical Service at the same
Cathedral for the tragic victims of the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001.

Greek Fest 2002

We would like to thank all those who helped bring our Greek Festival to the St.
Anthony's Church grounds. We are thankful for the time and effort of the festival
workers, particularly our young people and most of all Pan and Lisa Xanthos for
leading our festival team in putting on a successful and joyous event.

Deanna Winkler's Thank You Letter

Dear Father Mylonas, Thank you for giving our family the opportunity at your Greek
Festival, 2002 to find a matching bone marrow donor. Twenty-two people gave
blood samples to City of hope staff on Saturday and eleven completed forms on
Sunday. Our heartfelt thanks to each of them,

Dianna Winkler & Vickie Schwartz

**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.

**Bishop Panteleimon of Ghana,
Africa is coming to St. Anthony's**

On Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30, all of our youth; Sunday School, Altar Boys, GOYA, JOY, Vacation Bible School, and their family and friends, are invited to a dinner with Bishop Panteleimon. Bishop Panteleimon will be giving a presentation on the mission Church community he is building in Ghana. He is here in America with hopes to raise funds for the mission in Africa.

**“Hope Amid Hostility:
A Palestinian Christian Looks at
Life in the West Bank”**

IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities and The Los Angeles County Metropolitan committee cordially invite you to a presentation by Nora Kort, I.O.C.C. Head of Office, Jerusalem. Hosted by St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church located at 16643 Vanowen St., Van Nuys, 91406 on Sunday, November 10, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets are available and are free of charge. A tax-deductible donation is appreciated. Please make checks payable to I.O.C.C. for more info, contact Johnny Yoo at (626) 568 – 8725 or Kristi Silva at (562) 693 – 8230.

**Pasadena AHEPA Family
Halloween Glendi**

Saturday, October 26, 2002 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dancing will begin at 8:00 p.m. Featuring our delicious dinner of Chateaubriand (Roast of Filet Mignon). Dinner & Dance \$30 for

adults and \$15 for children or hot dog plate for children \$10. Prizes for Best Costumes. Giant Goodie bag of Treats for all Children. Half of the net proceeds to Benefit St. Anthony's Church. Sponsored by the Pasadena Ahepa Family and St. Anthony's Community. For Reservations Call: (626) 449 – 0966 or (626) 355 – 2786. Limited to 200 tickets!
Paid Reservation Recommended.

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Greek Traditions and Customs
In America**

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**Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
Video news Magazine**

“Illuminations,” Greek Orthodox Archdiocese News Magazine – 2nd edition: Announcing the release of the second program in the series ILLUMINATIONS, a quarterly video magazine sent directly to dioceses and parishes. Produced by the Dept. of Administration and Communications, and sponsored by the Leadership, ILLUINATIONS is designed to inform the faithful about the work of the Archdiocese, dioceses and ministries. communications@goarch.org

Philoptochos

PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD MEETINGS are scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month, and **GENERAL MEETINGS** are schedule 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.

Wine & Cheese in the Garden: Bishop Panteleimon from Ghana, Africa will join us at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Mallis. Please come help raise funds for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center's Program in Africa. 3 – 5 p.m., Sunday, October 27, 2002.

Philoptochos Food Drive: Please support The Philoptochos Annual Food Drive. Donations will be distributed to "Friends in Deed" and "Monrovia Unity Center." Please bring non perishable food items to Church on Sundays. For more information, contact Connie Becker.

Sunday School

October is Missions Month: The Sunday School will be learning about and participating in missions during the month of October. All of the Sunday School along with their families are invited to a dinner with Bishop Panteleimon of Ghana, Africa on Tuesday evening, October 15 2002. Bishop Panteleimon will be presenting his mission work to the children and adults from St. Anthony's.

Missions Dinner with Bishop Panteleimon: Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church hall. All Sunday School students and their families along with JOY, GOYA, Altar Boys and everyone from Vacation Bible School, please join us for a dinner with Bishop Panteleimon and a presentation on The Bishop's mission to build a Church community in Ghana, Africa.

Turkey Raffle Luncheon: Sunday, November 24, 2002. Join us for a delicious luncheon following Church Services. All proceeds benefit the Sunday School Program.

GOYA Fall 2002

October 27, Sunday – 1st GOYA Meeting of the year in the meeting room upstairs after Church. We will chose officers and discuss the Knott's trip and a winter retreat.

Nov. 1, Friday - Knott's Scary Farm. We will leave from St. Anthony's Church at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person.

Nov. 17, Sunday - GOYA meeting after Divine Liturgy upstairs in Meeting room.

Nov. 29, Friday – GOYA holiday party hosted by St. Johns. Invitations will be sent out.

Dec. 4, Wednesday - Serving those less fortunate Union Station. We will leave from Church at 6:00 p.m. and go to Union Station in Pasadena.

Dec. 7 - Bible Bowl & Christmas Party. This year's Bible Bowl will have a Christmas party following the

competition. St. Luke's in Garden Grove will host this year's Bible Bowl.

Dec. 28 – 30 – Winter Camp at St. Sophia Camp. The bus will leave for camp from St. Sophia Cathedral on Saturday morning. Campers will return in the early evening on December 30th. For more info, contact Bill Tragus at St. Anthony's Church.

YAL Fellowship

Oct. 17 - Thursday - Our first YAL event will be an evening with Bishop Panteleimon of Ghana, Africa. He will speaking at the "Life Giving Spring Bookstore" Time: Thursday, Oct. 27, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. He is here to build awareness about missions in Africa. He will be accepting donations from anyone inspired to give.

Oct. 26 - Saturday Night After Hours Halloween Party Time: 10:00 p.m. Place: St. Anthony's. D.J. w/ Greek & American Music.

Nov. 3 - 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

Dec. 1 - 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

Dec. 7 - Saturday Night - Christmas Party - Cost: \$20 per person Dinner & Drinks will be served. All profits will go towards St. Anthony's YAL program and Iconography program. Location: 1351 San Marino Ave., San Marino.

AHEPA

October 1: AHEPA Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's upstairs in the AHEPA Meeting room.

Halloween Glendi Dinner Oct 26: Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. \$30 for adults, \$15 Children, \$10 hot dog plate, \$10 dance only. For reservations please call Steve Tripodes

at (626) 449 – 0966 or Victoria Randall at (626) 355 – 2786. Reservations limited to 200 paid.

November 6: AHEPA Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's upstairs in the AHEPA meeting room.

AHEPA Christmas Party: December 11th at Beckman Grill. Dinner will be served. Cost will be \$50 per person. For reservations please call Steve Tripodes at (626) 449 – 0966 or Victoria Randall at (626) 355 – 2786.

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)

Philanthropia Ministry: In November, City of Hope Memorial Hospital in Duarte, CA will host a memorial service for the children who have died of cancer. The parents are asked to prepare a full page with one or two candid color photographs of their child, as well as a favorite prayer or poem, and a personal letter to their child. Each page is to be designed and prepared by the parents to help them continue on the family's journey of healing. Philanthropia is looking for anyone who would like to make an offering towards the preparation of these color memorial booklets. To help, call Father Lambert at (818) 345 – 4724

I Need a bone morrow Transplant

Deanna Winkler is a loving mother and grandmother. She was diagnosed on Mother's day with leukemia. Her best chance of survival is a bone morrow transplant. None of her family members match her bone morrow type. Because She is from Bulgaria, she is searching for a donor from a similar ethnic background. Perhaps you might match Deana or another patient in

need. Please call City of Hope at (800) 535 – 7119.

St. Anthony's Bowling League

New and Old Members are invited to be part of the St. Anthony's Bowling League. It begins on Monday, October 14 and ends in early April. The location is Bowling Square, Arcadia on Baldwin Ave., between Durante and Huntington Dr. On Monday meet at 7:30 to set up teams. The following Mondays at 8:00 p.m. Any questions call: Anthia Lucas (626) 358 – 8796 or Andrea Lappas at (626) 793 – 5673.

2002 Family Camp

October 15 – 27 at St. Nicholas Ranch. Come together for a weekend of Orthodox Christian family fellowship. Activities will include apple-picking, cider-making, pie-baking ... plus hikes, games, a campfire, a BBQ and more!!! For more info call (559) 338 – 2103 or e-mail The Ranch at info@stnicholasranch.org. Note: If your family signs up for the retreat, the **2002 Altar Boy Retreat** is free.

The 2002 Altar Boy Retreat

The Diocese of San Francisco Department of Youth Ministries is hosting The 2002 altar Boy Retreat at St. Nicholas Ranch on October 25 – 27. for more information, call Mike Tervo at (562) 338 – 2103.

St. Sophia Golf Tournament

Friday, October 11, 2002 at 12:00 Noon at the Rio Hondo Golf Club. Cost is \$130 per person and \$75 for Juniors (25 and under). Proceeds go to St. Sophia Camp. For golf and donations call Dean at (626) 969 – 7134. There will be an Awards Dinner and Raffle. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. - \$25 per person. Children under 18 for \$10. Reservations call (213) 380 – 4228.

Cretan Dinner Dance

Saturday, November 2, 2002 at St. Sophia Cathedral. 6:00 p.m. - cocktails and 7:00 p.m. - dinner. Featuring music and dance from Crete

and the Mainland by noted Cretan Musicians; Georgios Stivaktakis – Lyra and Christos Stivaktakis Laouto. Donation \$50 per person and children under 12 for \$25. Call George Skandale at (818) 790 – 5028 or Gus Alex at (310) 832 – 6100.

St. George Church New Year's Eve Gala Celebration

St. George's New Year's Eve Celebration is on December 31, 2002 at the Disneyland hotel Grand Ballroom. For more info and reservations, call the Church office at (562) 862 – 6461.

St. Paul's Retreat Saturday, Oct. 26th

St. Paul's will be hosting the well-known author and lecturer Jim Forest on the weekend of their Feast Day Celebrations. Mr. Forest will present two lectures on Saturday and will be preaching the sermon during Sunday's Divine Liturgy. The cost for the retreat, including lunch, will be \$15.00.

Cappella Romana "Passion and Resurrection"

Friday, October 11, 2002. This beautiful and moving oratio master fully weaves the story of Jesus Christ's Passion and Resurrection into a rich tapestry with ancient hymns from the Holy Week services of the Orthodox Church. Presented by St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church and the Philharmonic Society of Orange County. Info: (949) 733 – 2366.

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**

2002 Orthodoxy Conference

Nov. 29 – Dec. 1, 2002. His Grace Bishop Joseph, The Rev. Josiah Trenham and the members of St.

Andrew Orthodox Church, invite you to attend our 2002 Orthodox Conference. Address: 4700 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, CA 92507. Phone: (909) 369 – 0309.

An Important Date to Remember

The date of Fr. Stathis' 40th Anniversary celebration by our Parish of his ordination to The Holy Priesthood has been changed from November 16, 2002 to January 25, 2003. More information will be forthcoming on this event.

General Assembly

The second General Assembly in the year of the Lord 2002 will take place on Sunday, November 17, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend. This is a very important General Assembly.

Save The Date

Sunday, April 25, 2004 – 50th Anniversary. If you are interested to be on a committee, please call the Church office (626) 449 – 6943.