SYNAXARION: Anthony the Great; Anthony the New of Veria; George the New Martyr of Ioannina; Theodosius the Emperor

Resurrectional Apolytikion (Grave Mode): Lord by Your sacred cross You abolished death, and granted to the thief blessed paradise. The myrrh-bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy; the apostles did preach the good news at Your command that You are risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore.

Apolytikion of St Anthony (4th Mode): 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.

Apolytikion of St. John the Baptist: The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you O Forerunner the witness of the Lord is sufficient. You have proved to be truly more venerable than the prophets. Since you were granted to baptize in the river, the One Whom they proclaimed. Therefore, you strove for truth, proclaiming with joy the Good News, even to those in Hades: that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sins of the world, and grants to us His great mercy.

Kontakion: O You Who sanctified by Your birth a Virgin womb, and blessed the hands of Simeon as seemed most appropriate, You came indeed to save us all, O Christ our God. Wherefore bring peace to our nation in time of hostility, and secure in strength, the rulers You have truly loved, as the only one Who loves mankind.

Trisagion Service: Stamatina San Filippo (5 years)
Epistle Reading is from 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading is from 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."

Answer these thought provoking questions about today’s Gospel Reading in the adult and teen Sunday school lesson. Click HERE.

Happy Birthday and Happy Nameday!

If you want to make sure we have your birthdate on file, please call the office.

Birthdays
- William Yotis—Jan 17
- Michael Kwasny—Jan 18
- Niko Bavaro—Jan 19
- Aris Rogers, Sr.—Jan 19
- Maggie Trakas—Jan 20
- Sophia Garcia—Jan 21
- Olive Dumphy—Jan 22
- Hunter Perry—Jan 23

Namedays
- Anthony, Theodosios - Jan 17
- Athanasios, Cyrillos, Theodotula, Efraia — Jan 18
- Makarios — Jan 19
- Eifamios, Fabianos, Thyrsi — Jan 20
- Agnes, Evgenios, Maximos, Neophyto, Patroklos — Jan 21
- Anastasios, Timothy — Jan 22
- Agathangelos, Dionysius — Jan 23

Click here to Download this Week’s Children’s Word from MyOCN.
### Upcoming Services & Events

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### Stewardship 2021 Update

**As of Friday, January 15, we have received 189 stewardship forms, with a pledged amount of $337,223.00 for 2021.**

Don’t forget to fill out your form and send it into the office!

### Orthodoxy 101 Class will begin in February

Fr. Stavros offers this class two times per year, in the spring and in the fall. This will be a Four-week course of study on Monday nights to make people aware of the basics of being an Orthodox Christian. The classes will be part lecture, part discussion, with lots of time for questions and answers.

The four sessions will be done as follows:
- **Monday, February 8 - A Tour of the Orthodox Church**
- **Monday February 15 - Orthodox Spirituality, Introduction to Sacraments**
- **Monday, February 22 - The Divine Liturgy, A Teaching Liturgy**
- **Monday, March 1 - Orthodox Traditions**

### Sunday School Opens In Person on January 24

On January 24th, we are starting IN PERSON Sunday School for our Toddler 2’s—6th Grade. These classes will be conducted AFTER Holy Communion, every Sunday, for the remainder of the School Year! We will also continue to send out our VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL lessons every week. Students and teachers will wear masks in their classrooms and we will do the best we can to social distance. We will have hand sanitizers in each room and the rooms will be cleaned regularly. We will not have classes for our Middle and High Schoolers, but we do expect them to attend church in person or virtually, compete the weekly lesson on the Gospel Reading provided by Fr. Stavros, and attend GOYA meetings.

The classes will be broken up as follows:

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### Fifty-Two Verses in Fifty-Two Weeks: The Bible Project

#### January 17—23

*Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*

*Ephesians 4:22-24*

This week’s verses also talk about our old nature and putting on a new nature. In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul tells us that to follow after Christ is life-changing. It does, and it should, change our lives. To follow after Christ is a choice, and it requires following, which requires clearing things out of our path that inhibit us from following. For instance, we can’t follow Christ if we can’t see Him. So the things that “blind us” spiritually need to be removed from our lives. Looking at things that are inappropriate will blind us spiritually. They will not allow us to see Christ. Dwelling on certain things in our minds will block our minds from focusing on Christ. It is important to reflect on what our eyes are seeing consistently and what our minds are thinking consistently, and if necessary, to change the things we gaze upon and the things we think about so that these things are more in line with Christ. We need to clean up our “former manner of life,” (sinful habits we have in our lives), which becomes corrupted “through deceitful lusts” and renew our minds to focus on Godly things. In this way, we will put on a new nature, which reflects the likeness of God and is defined by “true righteousness and holiness.” Evaluate what you see each day and the thoughts that dominate your minds. If 90 percent of our stimulation is taken in visually, cleaning up what our eyes see will go a long way to cleaning up our eyes as well as our minds, which dwell on the things we see. Putting holy things in front of our eyes, will bring holy things to our minds, which will lead us to righteousness (what is right in the eyes of God) and holiness (being set apart for the things of God).
**Update and Announcements**

**Sunday School Opens Up** — Join us January 24 for our In Person Sunday School! We will continue to offer virtual Sunday School in addition for those unable to participate in person, and encourage to work with the provided materials in each bulletin. See our e-mail for further details.

**Click here for the lesson and challenge for today!**

**Looking for Ushers** — We are looking for more ushers to help at the Divine Services of our church. If you are interested, please email Fr. Stavros at frstaw@gmail.com.

**Sunday, January 17, St. Anthony** — St. Anthony is recognized as one of the fathers of monasticism. He lived in the late 3rd and early 4th centuries. He founded a monastery in Egypt which still exists to this day. He authored many of the monastic rules that are still in practice today. He also was a major contributor to the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea in 325, where the Nicene Creed was first authored. He was one of the leaders against the heresies of Arianism.

**Monday, January 18, St Athanasios and Cyril** — St. Athanasios was born in 297 and ordained a priest in 319. At the age of 28, he was one of the leaders of the First Ecumenical Council in 325 in Nicea, and defended the Faith against the heresies of Arius. He contributed to the development of the Nicene Creed authored in 325 and edited in 381 at the second Ecumenical Council. St. Athanasios became a bishop and later Patriarch of Alexandria. St. Cyril was born after the death of St. Athanasios, so even though they are depicted and celebrated together, they never met one another. Saint Cyril was also Patriarch of Alexandria and presided over the Third Ecumenical Council in 431.

**Monday Night Bible Study** — with Charlie will be held on Mondays, January 18 and 25, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bible study is held via Zoom. If you are not part of the Monday night Bible study and would like to join in, please contact Charlie at chambos@stjohntpa.org and he will add you.

**Women's Bible Study will meet in January on Tuesday, January 19 and Tuesday, January 26** — We are studying the Epistle of St. James. We meet via ZOOM. Fr. Stavros leads this group. If you would like to join our women’s Bible study group, please contact Fr. Stavros at frstaw@gmail.com and he will add you to the Zoom link. At some point, we will be resuming in person, however when we do, there will continue to be a zoom option.

**When God Is Not There, a Book Study on Suffering, January 26** — “The world we live in has been called a ‘vale of tears’, a ‘place of weeping’ — perhaps with good reason. This book records simple events and conversations, all the while grappling with difficult questions. Its aim is to convey the sense of the discreet yet persuasive presence of the true God precisely in situations where He is not visible: in pain, in disability, in the tragedies of life, in inexorable death, as this comes across in true events and is reflected in the lives of real people.” Alex Limberatos will be hosting a Zoom Book Study on Tuesday Nights at 6:30 p.m. starting January 26 in six sessions. If you are interested in joining, please e-mail Alex at alex@stjohntpa.org or call the office phone. Books will be provided.

**Paraklesis Services Resuming each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** — We are going to resume our weekly Paraklesis Service this Wednesday (and on each Wednesday) from 6:00-7:15 p.m. We will continue to pray for each person in our community by name.

**GriefShare Ministry Starting on Thursday, January 21** — It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you’ve lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you’ve probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions. “Going to GriefShare feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you’re shivering.” GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements: Video seminar with experts, support group discussion with focus, and personal reflection. We will be offering hybrid meetings both in person in the Administration Building and via Zoom from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays, starting January 21 for 13 weeks, ending on Thursday, April 22. If you are interested, please contact either the church office (813-876-8830 or office@stjohntpa.org) or Donna Hambos (813-843-8412 or dhambos@msn.com). For January, GriefShare will meet January 21 and 28. For more information please contact Donna Hambos at 813-843-8412 or dhambos@msn.com. Books for the program will be provided. Donation for the book suggested but not required. Open to all family and friends. GriefShare remains open enrollment with support towards healing and hope. You can begin at any time. If you attended last semester and missed a day or two, you can come for those days or repeat the whole thing.

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**Prayer List:** Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Gilda Parascandola, Kathy & Andrew Bouzinekis; Anastasia; Amanda, Andrew, Colton, Miranda, Charlotte Elizabeth, Nuha, Nabeel, Michael, Amal, John, Elaine, Olga, Virginia Georgiou, Ron Myer, Toula Tsaros, Fr. Pat Legato, Nellie Pringle, Yolanda Webb, Angela Bougas, Tony Ekonomou, Tony, John, Angela, Joey, Christine Scourtes, Steven, Matthew & Family, Phyllis, John Zelatis, Reagan, Peter Zaharis, Alexandra Ferravalis, Leon & Despina Botham, Cindy Xenick, Mary Ellen Evdemon, Marie Sofia Panagopoulos, Maria Hursey, Chris Vamvakias, John Myer, Mike Trimis, Robert and Alice Stoccardo, John Alexander, Michael Romero, George Hambos, Dean Kondilis and Family, Bill and Nancy Manikas, Patricia Costello, Anastasia Smyrnakis, Ekaterina & Anna Shushaalykova, Dora Koudouna, Ana Mauzer, Debbie Phelps, Mary Voykin, David Voykin, Anne Sakellaris, Denise Badrane, Sia Blankenship, Don Payne, Zbana Temelkova, Stanislava Terzieva, James, Jude and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.
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APPLY ONLINE at www.ahepaATLscholarship.org
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ACADEMIC and ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

• Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 or 83 out of 100 and be planning to be enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university for the 2021-22 academic year to be eligible.

AREA OF CONSIDERATION and RESIDENCY / OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Note that students attending college in the designated areas listed below but who are not from these locations are considered “out of area” and are ONLY eligible to apply for the Johnny N. Economy Scholarship which has no residency requirement.

• Three scholarships are available for students attending Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Applicants must reside in the geographical area within the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta and plan to attend Holy Cross School of Theology.

• The Johnny N. Economy Scholarship is available to all students. Applicants must submit an additional essay on a topic of their choosing regarding Hellenism. This scholarship has no residency requirement.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: applications@ahepaATLscholarship.org

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