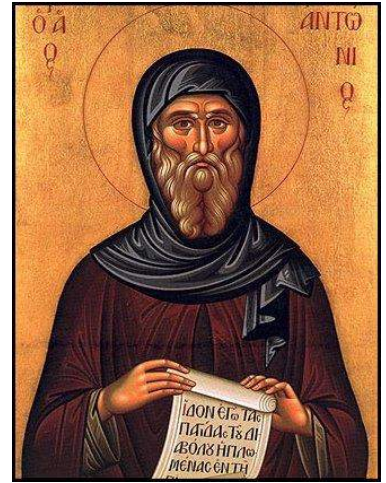


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Back to Life...Back to Reality

Fr. Anthony Baba

Remember that song? It's one that takes me back to my childhood. It's a song I can distinctly hear my mother sing (till this day) after returning home from a long trip or vacation. It's the "go-to" song when things begin to feel normal again. It seems that when the school year ends in June, and the graduation parties and events that accompany them are a just memory, July comes and goes, and before you know it, August is here and it's back to school. Back to life, back to reality. Our summer break is coming to a close, at least that's what it feels like. Spoiler alert: we still have warm (HOT) days ahead of us! As we come upon these closing days of summer, I want to take this opportunity to remind you of what else is to come.

We have much to accomplish between now and the end of summer, most notably our **12th Annual Mediterranean Night Gala** next month! If you haven't purchased your tickets or reserved your table, now is the time! You can call the Church Office or speak with someone after Liturgy from the committee who have been working tirelessly to continue to make this gala our most successful one-night event of the year!

In regards to our youth, we have been blessed by the hard work of our Youth Director, Adella Winder over the past few years. She has been working very diligently in

building up our youth programs and your help is needed – no one person can do this blessed ministry alone. Beginning with our Church School program and the entire staff, we will resume classes on Sunday, September 9th. In the meantime, registration forms are published, and we ask that you register your children so we can provide our teachers with an accurate count of students for each grade level. Forms are available in the e-blast as well as in the narthex.

There is still much more to put on the list but as the end of my writing space draws near, I want to remind you of the significance of these first two weeks that August brings to us. The Church reserves this short two-week period to spiritually reflect on the life of the Virgin Mary. During this time, the Church encourages us to fast from certain foods so that we can spiritually strengthen and better ourselves as Christians. By physically refraining and telling myself "no" to foods, I can spiritually strengthen myself by refraining from sins (gluttony, idle talk, anger...the list goes on)! I encourage you to make a concerted effort in using this time for your spiritual renewal. Before we go on with our lives signing that old song mentioned above, check the Church calendar to schedule time to be in Church on days other than Sundays.

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St. Anthony ALTAR SERVER

Retreat

Saturday, August 25

for young men ages 7 & up

10:30 am - 2:00 pm

\$15/child

Following the training, we will go to The Game Preserve in The Woodlands

If your child is unable to attend training but would like to serve, please contact the Church Office (281) 251-6000



Classes resume September 9th
Register your child(ren)!

NOTICE FOR COMMUNION:
Church School classes begin following Holy Communion. Teachers should receive first, followed by the Altar Servers, students and adults.

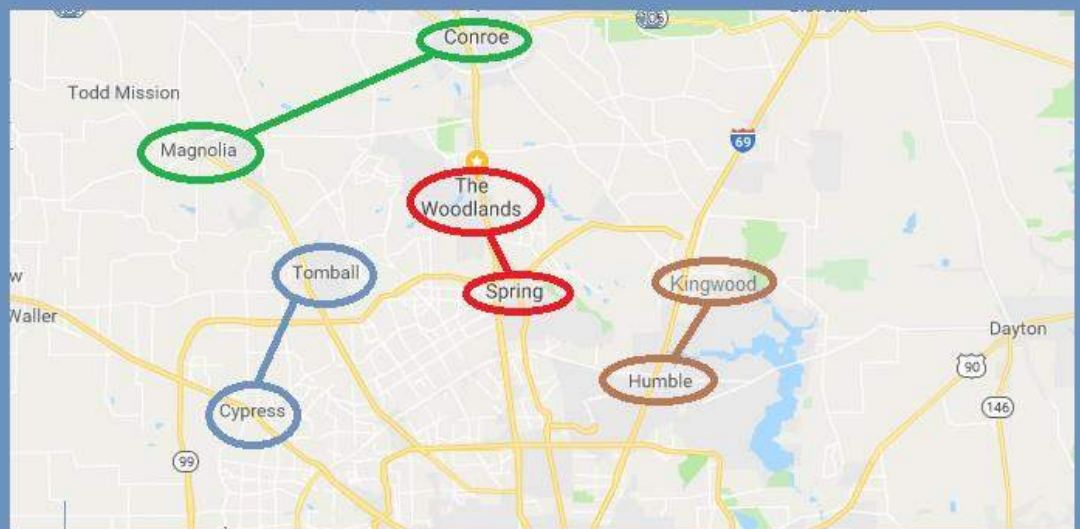
Sunday Brunch



August 19th

\$10/adult

\$5/child



Home Outreaches & Fellowship

Get to the know the people of St. Anthony Church who live in your neighborhood. A spiritual reflection will be offered by Fr. Anthony followed light refreshments and fellowship. Our first gathering will be in September at the home of Walid & Darlene Kawaja

The Feast of the Dormition of Mary

In this icon the All-Holy Theotokos is on the funeral bier, with the Apostles gathered around to venerate her all-pure body for the last time (Saints Peter and John are near her head and Saints Paul, Andrew and Simon near her feet). Our Lord Jesus Christ is depicted taking her spotless soul (symbolized by the infant in His arms) to Heaven, accompanied by a host of angels. Candles are burning and St. Peter is censering in veneration.



DIVINE LITURGY

Tuesday,
August 14th

6:30 PM

Crown them with Glory and Honor

The parish family of St. Anthony is invited to the wedding of



Sean and Rachel

on Saturday, August 18th ~ 3:00 pm

(No Gifts Please)

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CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Fr. Anthony Baba ~ *Priest*

Rev. Fr. John Ballard ~ *Attached Priest*

Rev. Dn. Photios Beekman ~ *Deacon*

Ms. Adella Winder ~ *Youth Director*

Mrs. Bonnie Kokkinis ~ *Secretary*

Mediterranean Night Gala

12TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER & BANQUET DINNER

Saturday, September 22ND

The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center

Live Entertainment ~ Dinner & Dance ~ Silent Auction

Purchase Your Tickets TODAY!