

St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday 9:00a-3:00p ~ Office is closed on Mondays

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS If you would like to receive our weekly email of events and services, please complete the Welcome Card located in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering tray or give it to one of the ushers. You are welcome to join us next door for coffee and fellowship following the service.

RECEIVING COMMUNION While only Orthodox Christians who have spiritually prepared themselves by fasting, prayer and confession may receive Holy Communion, all are welcome to venerate the Cross and receive the blessed bread at dismissal.

CELL PHONES and all other electronic devices should be shut off during Divine Liturgy.

BULLETIN DEADLINE To include information in the bulletin, please notify the Church Office by 9:00AM Wednesday at OfficeOfStAnthony@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS To be included on the prayer list, or to join the parish prayer chain, please contact the Church Office.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAD OF OBLATION is offered by Sana Fakes

COFFEE HOUR is sponsored by Randa Nassif, Deanne Nassif, and Bonnie Kokkinis

1-YR MEMORIAL for +Angelos Kokkinis, father of our brother in Christ James Kokkinis, will follow today's Divine Liturgy. May his memory be eternal.

BLESSING OF FELLOWSHIP HALL (RESCHEDULED) for Friday, November 10th. If you have already RSVP'd, but cannot attend due to the different date, please email Bonnie at the Church Office and let her know. For the folks have not RSVP'd, please make your reservations as soon as possible.

SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesday, Nov. 1	12:00 p	Sixth Hour Prayer Service
Saturday, Nov. 4	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/Fr. Anthony) Great Vespers
Sunday, Nov. 5	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy

*** Friday, November 10th 6:30p Vespers with His Grace Bishop BASIL
(Followed by Blessing of the Hall and Reception)**

UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

MAM LADIES SOCIETY will meet this Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30PM. All ladies are encouraged and invited to attend!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for Thursday, November 9th at 7:15PM. Unless stated otherwise, all Parish Council meetings are open to the parish.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST EMMELIA HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE & PARENTING RETREAT Registration for the SOUTH St. Emmelia Homeschool Conference & Parenting Retreat is NOW open! Registration is limited to 125 adults, with the wonderful speakers invited, we expect to sell out. (January 2018) **Register TODAY** at <https://saintemmeliakonferences.com/>

ADULT EDUCATION AND CATECHISM CLASS led by Deacon Photios begins after everyone has received Holy Communion and meets in the old Fellowship Hall.

2018 GENERAL FUND PLEDGE DRIVE is underway. Each year we ask the non-tithing pledging families to prayerfully consider increasing their current pledge by 10%. On average, the non-tithing family pledges 3% ~ through prayer and careful discernment, our parish can reach the Biblical standard of 10% if we work together. Pledge forms are available in the narthex and on the information table in the Hall.

BAKLAVA NOW FOR SALE! To order your baklava, please use the form in this bulletin. Additional forms are in the narthex and hall. Don't miss your opportunity to enjoy this sumptuous treat. It's also great for gift-giving! See the order form in this bulletin. **Supplies are limited.**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A PARISH OUTREACH? Continuing education/growing and learning in our faith can't be limited to church attendance on Sundays or listening to a 10-minute sermon. "Ask Abouna" (*Ask the Priest*) is an opportunity we provide at camp for the kids to ask questions about their faith, but why only at camp? If this is something that would be of interest to you, and/or you'd like to host this informal event at your home, minimal needs are required: space mainly and definitely coffee. Contact Fr. Anthony!

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HURRICANE RELIEF GALA will be Saturday, November 18th at 8:00PM at St. George Orthodox Christian Church (5311 Mercer St.). Visit I OCC.org/Houston for more details and tickets.

TEEN SOYO WINTER CAMP is tentatively scheduled for January 12-15 2018. Mark your calendars! Registration will open soon and spaces fill up quickly!

The Nativity Fast begins Wednesday, November 15th and continues through Sunday, December 24th.

This fast is divided into two periods:

November 15th – December 19th we follow traditional fasting practice and abstain from meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and olive oil on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Wine and olive oil is allowed on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and fish, wine, and olive oil on Saturdays and Sundays.

For the Forfeast, December 20th – 24th, the traditional fasting discipline is observed Monday through Friday, with wine and olive oil on Saturday and Sunday.

2018 PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Would you like to be included in our 2018 Parish Photo Directory? A table is set up in the parish hall.

All you need to do is:

1. Take a family "selfie"
2. Fill out the information card
3. Give both to Bonnie, or send to:

OfficeOfStAnthony@gmail.com



Great holiday gifts for your company, loyal customers, vendors, family and friends.

Last Day to Order is December 3, 2017, based on availability.
 Orders must be picked up at St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church, 7202 FM 2920 in Spring, Texas.
 Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 For questions, please contact Randa Nassif @ 281-655-0070 or the church office @ 281-251-6000.

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Please make a copy for your records.

Company Name / Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Contact Person _____

Number of boxes _____ X \$16.00 per box = Total \$ _____

Preferred Pick up Date _____ Preferred Pick up Time _____

Cash, Check or Credit Card Payment is due on pick up of orders.

Mail this Order Form to:
St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church
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 Spring, TX 77379



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Entrance Hymn of Ordinary Sundays

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion of our Patron, St. Anthony

Thou didst become like the zealous Elijah, and didst follow John the Baptist in his upright ways, as a dweller in the wilderness, thou didst steady the world by prayer, O Father Anthony, intercede with Christ our God for our soul's salvation.

Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays (Tone 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

The reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

2017 CHRISTMAS CARD SIGN-UP FORM

To Benefit the "Bishop BASIL Mission Endowment Fund"

The Christmas Card will be sent to His Grace Bishop BASIL and to all of the parishioners of St. Anthony. This annual fundraiser, fulfilled by all of the parishes of this Diocese, is gifted to the Endowment Fund which benefits the Mission Churches of our Diocese.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Amount \$ _____ Cash or Check

Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Orthodox Church, earmark "BB Fund" and submit to the Treasurer's Office.

Deadline:

SUNDAY, December 10, 2017

ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**BLESSING OF
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

By His Grace Bishop BASIL



NEW DATE!
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017

6:30pm ~ Great Vespers

7:30pm ~ Blessing of the Fellowship Hall

Dinner Reception to follow

Free-will offerings are appreciated, and seating is limited.

RSVP with the Church Office at 281-251-6000

Or OfficeOfStAnthony@gmail.com by November 5th.