

# St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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## 14 October 2018

**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](mailto: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 Fadia Khoury

**40-DAY MEMORIAL** in memory of +Tasos Voulgaris will follow today's Divine Liturgy. May his memory be eternal.

**40-DAY MEMORIAL** in memory of +Alex Barrow, father of our brother in Christ Keith Barrow and brother of our brother in Christ Sammy Barrow, will follow today's Divine Liturgy. May his memory be eternal.

**COFFEE HOUR** is sponsored by the Voulgaris Family

**PC MEETING RECAP** will be given after Divine Liturgy

**TICKETS ON SALE TODAY** for the Gyros Lunch on October 28 in the narthex. Gyros, chips & drink for \$8.

**COFFEE HOUR** In an effort to gain more participation among our parishioners to sponsor coffee hour, the MAM Ladies Society voted to "scale back" expectations by offering only coffee and cookies with easy clean-up for those sponsoring. On Sundays when there are luncheons for fundraising, we will have a meal. If you would like to sign up to be a sponsor, please call the Church Office at 281-251-6000 for available dates.

**OCTOBER SCROLL AND CALENDAR** are available in the narthex.

### SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesday, October 17	6:30 p	Daily Vespers (followed by Study)
Saturday, October 20	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/Fr. Anthony or Fr. John) Great Vespers
Sunday, October 21	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy

### UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT VESPERS AND STUDY** continues this Wednesday, October 17. We will have Daily Vespers (6:30-7p) followed by a study from 7-8p with Fr. John Ballard. We are studying the Gospel of St. Mark.

**FALL FESTIVAL** Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 30! If you would like to help with planning this event, please contact Adella.

### NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IT'S BAKLAVA TIME!** See the order form in this bulletin if you would like to purchase delicious baklava baked by the Ladies of St. Anthony. It makes a great gift, too! **Supplies are limited.**

**PARISH SURVEY** has been sent out to our parishioners to conduct a "SWOT" analysis. It contains four simple questions of which your input is appreciated and welcomed: As a parish community, what are our Strengths? Weaknesses? Opportunities? and Threats? We need your input to format a plan for our parish as our parish family grows.

**BISHOP BASIL PASTORAL VISIT** is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6. Mark your calendars and make plans to be here!

**ST. EMMELIA ORTHODOX HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE** Interested in homeschooling? Are you a homeschooling family? Mark your calendars for Friday through Sunday, January 11-13, at The Saint Constantine School in Houston for "Charting & Staying the Course". Fr. John Whiteford, of St. Jonah Orthodox Church in Spring will be the keynote speaker. Registration is coming soon! Please see [www.saintemmeliaconferences.com](http://www.saintemmeliaconferences.com) for more information.

### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILDREN FOR CHURCH SCHOOL?** Church School is offered to children 4 years old to seniors in High School. Please submit your Registration Form today! Forms are in the narthex and on the information table in the hall. If you are interested in helping out with Church School this year, please contact Adella.

**ANNUAL Y.E.S. TRIP** Our annual Y.E.S. (Youth Equipped to Serve) Trip will be October 26 - 28 at St. George. This weekend of service is offered to students in 7th grade - College. For more information, see Adella.

## Food For Parish (FFP)

Thank you for your donations. Our pantry is making a difference in the lives of our parish family!

### Non-Perishable Foods

Canned soups and fruits, tuna, canned meats, cookies, Jello, pudding, chips & salsa, rice, pasta & pasta sauces  
(Other Gluten Free Items are also welcome!)

### Perishable Foods

Milk, lactose-free milk, eggs, cheese, yogurt, sour cream, cottage cheese, salad mix, butter, bread, sausage, chicken, hamburger, hot dogs, lunch meats, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, juices

### Drop Off Schedule

Sunday, October 14th ~ Non-Perishables

Sunday, October 28<sup>h</sup> ~ Perishables

Any St. Anthony parishioner who is in need is invited to set a confidential appointment with our Church Secretary, Bonnie (281.251.6000) or Fr. Anthony for pickup.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact a committee member:  
Eve Lapp (713) 825.0841, Theresa Allen (832) 335.2213, Betsy Andjelich, (281) 414.3362, or Barbara Maligas (281) 974.9629

# **SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

## **Entrance Hymn of Ordinary Sundays**

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

## **Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3)**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

## **Troparion of The Holy Fathers (Tone 8)**

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

## **Troparion of St. Anthony, our Patron (Tone 4)**

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 of 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**

*Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.*

*For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.*

## **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)**

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

## **THE GOSPEL**

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



**Sunday, October 28**

Following Divine Liturgy

What's on the menu: Gyros, Chips & Drink

All for \$8!



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

Last Day to Order is December 9, 2018, 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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