

St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

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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](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

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL is celebrated today and every Sunday during Great Lent. You will notice that some of the prayers said by the priest "quietly" are a bit lengthier than the Liturgy of St. John. If you're following along in the Divine Liturgy book, at page 21, we jump to page 37.

BREAD OF OBLATION is offered by Randa Nassif

MEAL OF MERCY in lieu of Coffee Hour is provided by the Asrawi Family in memory of +Siham and +Wael Kassees

MEMORIAL in memory of +Siham Kassees and +Wael Kassees, the mother and brother of our sister in Christ Faten Ashrawi, will take place immediately after today's Divine Liturgy. May their memory be eternal.

FISH FRY TICKETS ON SALE TODAY! Tickets for our Annual Palm Sunday Fish Fry are on sale today in the narthex following Divine Liturgy. Suggested minimum donation is \$10 per plate.

GARAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Our annual Garage Sale is next Saturday! Help is needed organizing items on Tuesday-Friday, March 20th-23rd 9:30am-3pm. Volunteers will also be needed for shifts for the Garage Sale on Saturday, March 24th from 6-8am, 8-10a, and 12-3p. If you can help, please contact Barbara Aiello at 727-667-7989 or [baiello116@aol.com](mailto: baiello116@aol.com).

LAST DAY FOR GARAGE SALE DONATIONS is this Thursday, March 22nd.

SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Monday, Mar. 19	7:00 p	Great Compline
Wednesday, Mar. 21	7:00 p	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy <i>(followed by Lenten potluck)</i>
Friday, Mar. 23	7:00 p	5 th Akathist to the Mother of God "Madayeh"
Saturday, Mar. 24	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession <i>(or by appointment w/Fr. Anthony or Fr. John)</i> Great Vespers
Sunday, Mar. 25	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy ~ <i>Feast of the Annunciation</i> ~

UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY is served each Wednesday of Lent at 7p, followed by a potluck. All are encouraged to participate and bring a Lenten dish to share (no meat, dairy, fish, wine or oil should be used).

SPAGHETTI LUNCH will be this Thursday, March 22nd, from 11 AM to 2 p. Join us for this weekly event for great food and fellowship! Meatless sauce is available. Cost is \$8 per plate.

ARABIC CHOIR PRACTICE will be on Friday, March 30th at 7:30p.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT will be heard on Saturday evenings before Vespers, or schedule an appointment with Fr. Anthony or Fr. John. Please make every effort to schedule your confession before Holy Week.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY Every year our Archdiocese distributes "piggy bank" boxes to every parish as an aid for us to teach our children the importance of alms-giving, especially during the Lenten season. Boxes are available in the narthex and hall. Please make one check for the total amount you collect and submit to the Treasurer by Palm Sunday, April 1st.

STRIVE TO TITHE Our General Pledge Fund Drive for the coming year has commenced. The goal is for each of us to offer the Biblical tithe (or 10%) of our income. Understandably, giving a tithe can be difficult, financially burdensome and maybe even impossible, but we can certainly strive for it little by little. Pledge forms are available in the narthex and on the information table in the Hall. As of March 6th, there are 59 pledging families for 2018.

USHERS NEEDED! Please consider regular service as an usher for our church. Ushers provide a variety of services: greeting everyone, distributing bulletins, assisting those in need, answering questions, helping a "new face's" arrival - generally practicing the Lord's second commandment "to love your neighbor." Ushers also assist in passing the collection baskets, and during communion. Please consider volunteering! There is a signup sheet in the Narthex or email Mark Enterline at [menterline@gmail.com](mailto: menterline@gmail.com).

BUSINESS DIRECTORY Are you a doctor? How about an accountant? Electrician? Our Church is blessed to have so many gifted vocations and many parishioners don't even know it! If you would like to be included in a business directory by sharing what you do, please send an email to Penny Bradley ([pennykbradley@gmail.com](mailto: pennykbradley@gmail.com)) with your trade and contact information.

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

2018 PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY is available for purchase for \$10. If you would like a copy, please see Bonnie. Please note the directories will only be available to parishioners of St. Anthony.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE BOOKS Are you interested in purchasing the book for the Services of Great and Holy Week and Pascha? If so, please contact Bonnie at the Church Office. Price is \$35.00.

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE ~ June 13-16 hosted by Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Santa Fe, New Mexico. For more information and registration, visit www.SantaFePLC.org.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD(REN)? So far, we have 40 kids registered for Camp St. Raphael! This number will likely grow so DO NOT DELAY in registering your child(ren)! Our church will take a bus 3rd Session (July 8-14). Go to www.CampStRaphael.org today!

CREATIVE ARTS The deadline for children in 1st - 12th grade to submit Creative Arts entries is March 25th! Children can submit art, poetry, photography, film, and creative writing on this year's topic: "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42) If you have any questions, contact Adella.

LAZARUS SATURDAY All children are invited to make palm crosses in preparation for Palm Sunday after Lazarus Saturday (March 31st) Liturgy.

PASCHA EGG HUNT will be Sunday, April 8th for 6th graders and younger. Teens are needed to help with the egg hunt. We plan to have even more eggs and more prizes this year!

SOYO SCRAPBOOK If your teen would be interested in participating in the Diocese SOYO Scrapbook Competition, please see Adella!

ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY FISH FRY

TICKETS ON SALE TODAY!

April 1st, 2018

~ Minimum suggested donation \$10 per plate ~

All proceeds go to bus transportation for our Camp St. Raphael campers!



Pascha Basket Sale

All proceeds will benefit our Camp St. Raphael campers.

\$25 BASKET

Individual Basket

- Summer sausage
- Cheese
- Butter Crackers
- Pascha Candle
- Candy
- Cookies
- St. Anthony Water Bottle

\$50 BASKET

Family Basket

- Summer sausage
- Butter Crackers & Pretzels
- Cheeses
- Jam
- Chocolates & Candy
- Cookies
- Decorated Pascha Candle
- St. Anthony Backpack

Indicate any modifications here:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Number of Baskets: Individual _____ Family _____ Total Cost: _____

Cash: Check: CC: (\$1.00 fee for CC processing)

Make checks payable to St. Anthony the Great Church

Baskets will be ready for pick-up:

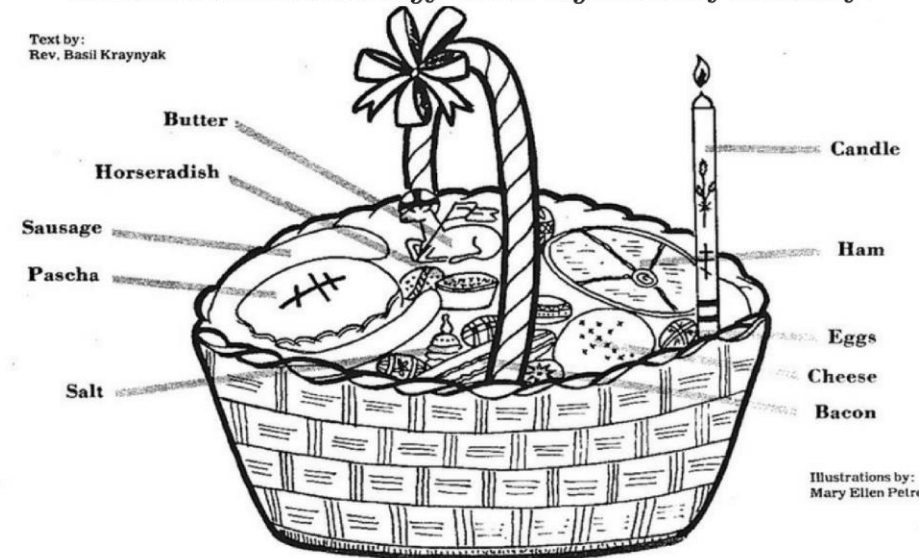
- Holy Friday (4/6) after services
- Holy Saturday (4/7) by noon
- After Pascha Divine Liturgy (~ 12:30am - It is tradition to have Pascha Baskets blessed at this service)



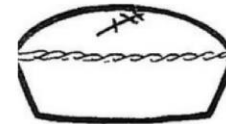
Build Your Own Basket

If you would like to make your own basket or add to your purchased basket, see the information below. Baskets are traditionally filled with treats (meats, cheeses, candies, wine, etc.) to celebrate Pascha, brought to the church and blessed at the Pascha Rush Service and Divine Liturgy on the night of Holy Saturday.

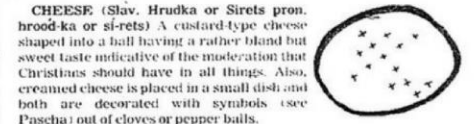
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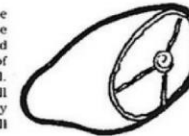


PASCHA - The Easter Bread (pron. pá-ska.) A sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a symbol indicative of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Slavonic for Christ is Risen.

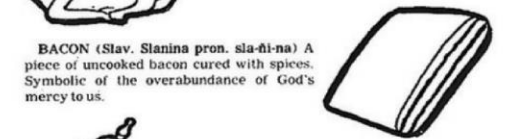


CHEESE (Slav. Hrudka or Sirets pron. hrood-ka or si-réts) A custard-type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also, creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols (see Pascha) out of cloves or pepper balls.

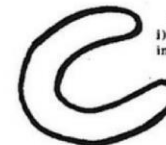
HAM (Slav. Šunka - pron. shoon-ka.) The flesh meat popular with the Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer Lamb or Veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats so that the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.



BUTTER (Slav. Maslo pron. má-slo) This favorite dairy product is shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.



BACON (Slav. Šlanina pron. sla-ŋi-na) A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.



SAUSAGE (SLAV. Kolbasi - pron. kol-bu-si) A spicy, garlicky sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity.

EGGS (Slav. Pisanki pron. pi-sún-ki) Hard-boiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax. Indicative of new life and resurrection.



SALT (Slav. Sol' pron. sol') A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.

These articles are placed in a wicker basket and a ribbon or bow is tied to the handle. A decorated candle is placed in the basket and is lit at the time of blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the food when brought to the Church.



HORSERADISH (Slav. Chrin pron. khrin) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets. Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.