

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.

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. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM is celebrated today as it is the Feast of the Annunciation.

BREAD OF OBLATION is offered Bonnie Kokkinis

COFFEE HOUR is sponsored by the Kokkinis Family and Penny Bradley

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

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make yesterday's Garage Sale a success! It would not have been possible without our volunteers!

BRING/BUY YOUR OWN BASKET This year we encourage everyone to bring a Pascha basket to be blessed after the Paschal Divine Liturgy. You may bring your own, or purchase one to benefit our Camp St. Raphael campers! Please see informational insert and basket order form in this bulletin. **Deadline to order baskets is next Sunday, April 1st (Palm Sunday).**

SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK SERVICES Please see purple insert in this bulletin for service times.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY donations should be turned in by next Sunday, April 1st.

SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Monday, Mar. 26	7:00 p	Great Compline
Wednesday, Mar. 28	7:00 p	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy <i>(followed by Lenten potluck)</i>
Friday, Mar. 30	7:00 p	Little Compline & Canon of Lazarus
Saturday, Mar. 31	10:00 AM 4:30 p 5:00 p	Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday Confession <i>(or by appointment w/Fr. Anthony or Fr. John)</i> Great Vespers
Sunday, Apr. 1	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 p	Orthros Divine Liturgy Bridegroom Matins

~Palm Sunday~

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 29th, 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.

CHURCHING William Tate, son of Ryan and Nicole Tate, will be churching next Sunday during Divine Liturgy.

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.

MEN'S SOCIETY Any member of the Men's Society who did NOT receive an email from Mr. Mark Enterline this week, should call [832-277-3817](tel:832-277-3817) or send an email to menterline@gmail.com to have their contact information added to the roll. The working definition of a member of the Men's Society is a male adult or a mature male teenager who is affiliated with St Anthony.

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.

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 (pennybradley@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.

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 today! 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!

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 **62** pledging families for 2018.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat March 31st ~ Lazarus Saturday

Following the morning Divine Liturgy:
Prepare Palm crosses for Palm Sunday
Prepare eggs for egg hunt

Sun. April 1st ~ Palm Sunday

Fish Fry following Divine Liturgy

Friday, April 6th ~ Holy Friday

Decorate the Bier following Royal Hours
All-Night Vigil following Lamentations- sign up in the narthex

Saturday, April 7th ~ Holy Saturday

Decorate the church after morning Vespers Divine Liturgy
Bring your baskets Saturday night!

Midnight Saturday night ~ Breakfast following Rush Service
and Paschal Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 8th ~ PASCHA

Agape Potluck after Agape Vespers
Sign-up sheet in the hall

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Entrance Hymn of the Feast of the Annunciation

Proclaim from day to day the good tidings of the salvation of our God. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Troparion of the Annunciation (Tone 4)

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the manifestation of the mystery from the ages; for the Son of God becometh the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaimeth grace. Wherefore, do we shout with him to the Theotokos: Hail, O full of grace! The Lord is with thee.

Kontakion of the Annunciation and Great Lent (Tone 8)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

THE EPISTLE

Tell forth from day to day the glad tidings of the salvation of our God.

Sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

The reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (2:11-18)

Brethren, He Who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I will proclaim Thy Name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will praise Thee." And again, "I will put my trust in Him." And again, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death He might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that He is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For, because He Himself has suffered and been tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted.

THE GOSPEL

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (1:24-38)

At that time, Elizabeth, the wife of Zachariah, conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." In the sixth month the archangel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the archangel came to her and said, "Rejoice, O favored one, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the archangel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou wilt conceive in thy womb and bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the archangel, "How shall this be, since I have known no man?" And the archangel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon thee, and the power of the Most High will overshadow thee; therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the archangel departed from her.

Flowers, Candles and Palms for Holy Week and PASCHA

If you would like to contribute toward the decorations of the Bier on Holy Friday, April 6th, and/or towards decorating the church on Holy Saturday, April 7th, for the health and welfare of your loved ones or in memory of your beloved departed, please complete this form and place it attached to your donation in the candle box in the narthex or submit to the Church Office by **Holy Thursday, April 5th**.

From: _____

For the health and safety of:

In Memory of:

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:

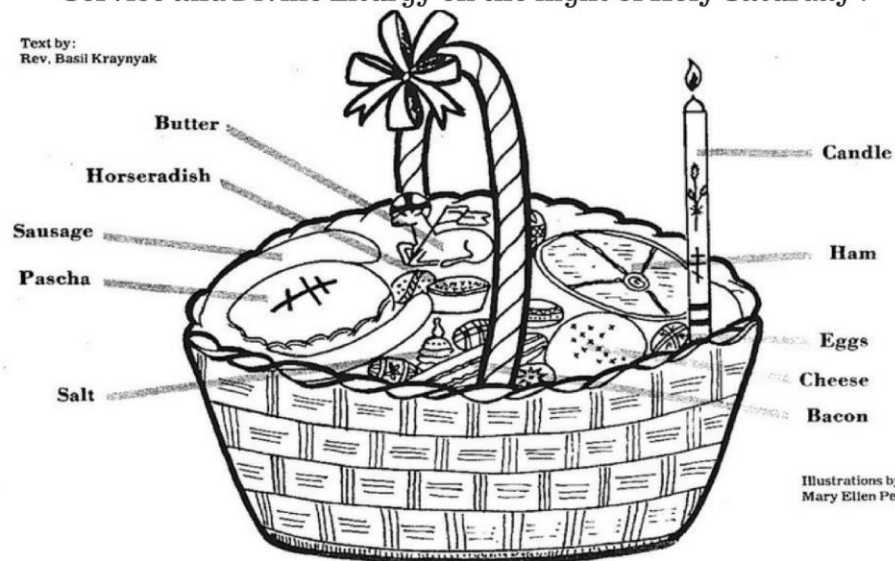
- Holy Friday (4/6) after services
- Holy Saturday (4/7) by noon
- After Pascha Divine Liturgy (~ 12:30am - It is tradition to have Pascha Baskets blessed at this service)



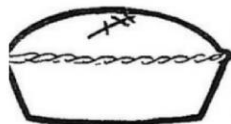
Build Your Own Basket

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.

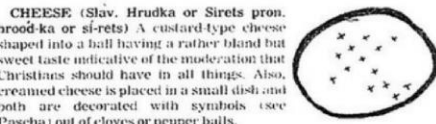
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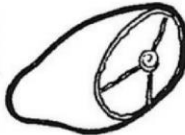


PASCHA - The Easter Bread (pron. pá-ska.) A sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait giving it a crowned effect or Greek abbreviations for the name 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 Šurka - pron. shoon-ka.) The esh 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. Slanina pron. sla-ńi-na) A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.



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



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

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.



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.



In some places a large Easter Bread (Pascha) is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing area, a sweet wine may be brought.



HORSERADISH (Slav. Khrin 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.