

# St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

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## 1 April 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 Bonnie Kokkinis

**CHURCHING** Congratulations to Ryan and Nicole Tate, whose son William, will be churched today during Divine Liturgy. May God grant them many years!

**ANNUAL FISH FRY** is in lieu of Coffee Hour.

**PROCESSION WITH THE PALMS** Following Liturgy, we will process around the church one time and re-enter, weather permitting. Please allow the children to come to the solea (staged area) for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

**NO CHURCH SCHOOL** today or next Sunday.

**BRIDEGROOM MATINS** Please note the service this evening will begin at **6:00 PM**. All other evening services this week begin at 7:00p except for the Rush Service Saturday night, which begins at 10:00p.

**PASCHA BASKET ORDERS AND FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY** Today is the deadline for ordering baskets and turning in your donations.

### SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Tonight, April 1	6:00 p	Bridegroom Matins
Monday, April 2	7:00 p	Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday, April 3	7:00 p	Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday, April 4	7:00 p	Holy Unction
Thursday, April 5	9:00 AM 7:00 p	Divine Liturgy of the Last Supper (followed by Footwashing Service) 12 Passion Gospels
Friday, April 6	9:00 AM 3:00 p 7:00 p	Royal Hours Un-nailing Vespers Lamentations (followed by All-Night Vigil)
Saturday, April 7	9:00 AM 10:00 p	Vesperal Divine Liturgy Rush Service, Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy (followed by breakfast in Hall)
Sunday, Apr. 8	1:00 p	Agape Vespers (followed by Potluck)

### UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

**HOLY FRIDAY VIGIL** begins after the Lamentations Service on Holy Friday night. If you would like to read Scripture in the church and keep vigil over the tomb of our Lord, sign up in the narthex.

**DO YOU READ A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?** If so, consider reading the Gospel at Agape Vespers on PASCHA Sunday, April 8th. Contact Fr. Anthony and let him know ASAP! Languages accounted for so far: English, French, Spanish, Arabic and German.

**PASCHA EGG HUNT AND PARISH PICNIC** will be held on Sunday, April 8th, following Agape Vespers at 1:00p.

**MAM LADIES MEETING** is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10th, at 5:30 p.

**BRIGHT WEEK PASCHAL VESPERS SERVICE** will be served on Wednesday, April 11th at 6:30p.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** is scheduled for Thursday, April 12th at 7:15p.

**IT'S ALMOST TIME TO MAKE BAKLAVA!** Mark your calendars- baklava season is almost here! Beginning Wednesday, April 18th, the ladies of our parish will be preparing baklava from 10 AM to 2 p every Wednesday for our annual Christmas baklava sale. Bring your apron and pastry brush! This is a great opportunity for fellowship.

### NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOLY WEEK SERVICE BOOKS** Holy Week is upon us! 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.

**MEN'S SOCIETY** Any member of the Men's Society who did NOT receive an email from Mark Enterline this week, should call [832-277-3817](tel:832-277-3817) or send an email to [menterline@gmail.com](mailto:menterline@gmail.com) to have their contact information added to the roll.

**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.

**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](http://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](http://www.CampStRaphael.org) today!

**CSR SCHOLARSHIPS** are available to cover camp tuition! Please fill out the application form in the narthex information table and turn in to Adella or the Church Office by April 15th.

**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 **63** pledging families for 2018.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## TODAY! Sun. April 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Palm Sunday

Fish Fry following Divine Liturgy

## Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Holy Friday

Decorate the Bier following Royal Hours

All-Night Vigil following Lamentations- sign up in the narthex

## Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 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 8<sup>th</sup> ~ PASCHA

Egg Hunt (for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and younger)

Agape Potluck after Agape Vespers

Sign-up sheet in the hall

## PALM SUNDAY CHRIST'S TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

### Entrance Hymn of Palm Sunday

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: the Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of a donkey; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

### Troparion of Lazarus Saturday (Tone 1)

O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

### Troparion of Palm Sunday (Tone 4)

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

### Kontakion of Palm Sunday (Tone 6)

Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.

### EPISTLE

*Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.*

*O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

**The reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)**

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

### THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18)**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

*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 6<sup>th</sup>, and/or towards decorating the church on Holy Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>**.

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# 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:

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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:**

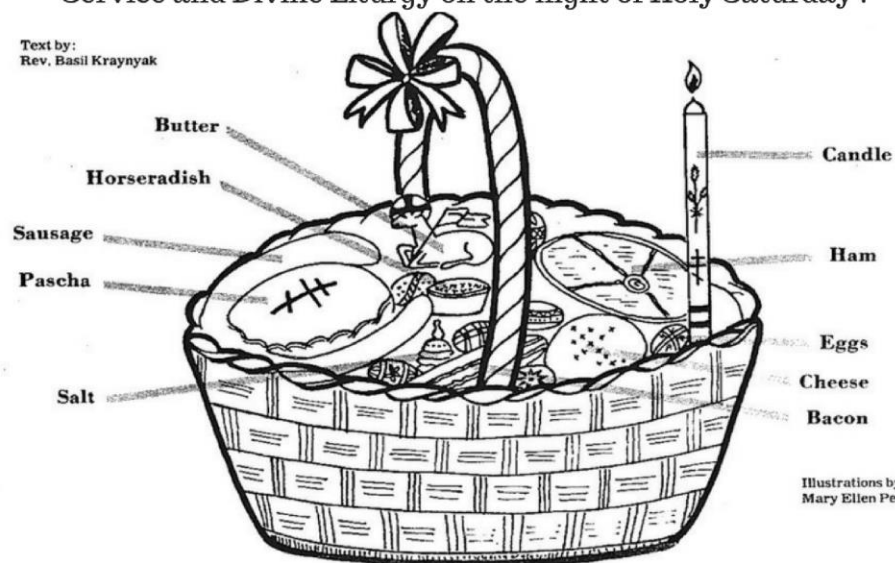
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- Holy Saturday (4/7) by noon
- After Pascha Divine Liturgy (~ 12:30am - It is tradition to have Pascha Baskets blessed at this service)



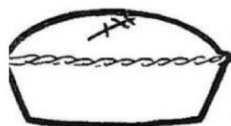
# Build Your Own Basket

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.

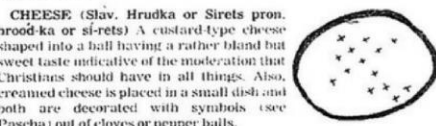
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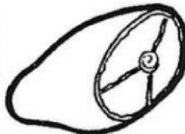


**PASCHA** - The Easter Bread (pron. pá-ska.) A sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait giving it a crowned effect or Greek abbreviations for the name of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Slavonic for Christ is Risen.

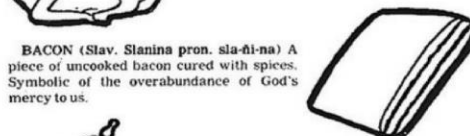


**CHEESE** (Slav. Hrudka or Sirets pron. hrood-ka or si-réts) A custard-type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also, creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols (see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

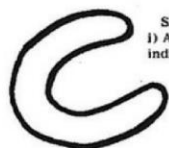
**HAM** (Slav Šurka - pron. shoon-ka.) The esh meat popular with the Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer Lamb or Veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats so that the festivity of the day will 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-ńi)** 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.



**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.

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.

