

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

BREAD OF OBLATION is offered Pat Boyd

PASCHA RECEPTION to follow Paschal Divine Liturgy

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Tod Bradley and to the Men of St. Anthony for a delicious and successful Fish Fry!

PASCHA POTLUCK AND EGG HUNT will be tomorrow following the 1:00 p Agape Vespers service.

SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesday, April 11	6:30 p	Paschal Vespers ~ Bright Wednesday
Saturday, April 14	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/ Fr. Anthony or Fr. John) Great Vespers
Sunday, Apr. 15	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy ~ Thomas Sunday

CHRIST is RISEN ~ Indeed HE is RISEN!

Al-Masseh Qam! ~ Haqqan QAM!

Kristos Voskres! ~ Voistinu VOSKRES!

Christos Anesti! ~ Alithos ANESTI!

Hristos Vaskrese! ~ Vaistinu VASKRESE!

Hristos a Inviat! ~ Adeverat a INVIAT!

Cristo ha Resucitado! ~ Verdadermente ha
RESUCITADO!

UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES.

MAM LADIES MEETING is scheduled for this 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.

ST. ANTHONY SEWING AND CRAFTS FELLOWSHIP Our first meeting will be Thursday, April 19th, from 9 AM to 1 p. Bring your own project, or work on the group project! Any skill level is welcome, there'll be something for everyone! For more information, contact Betsy Andjelich (281-414-3362) or email her at BAndjelich@yahoo.com.

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

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF HOLY WEEK SERVICES? Please send them to the Church Office at OfficeOfStAnthony@gmail.com.

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.

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!

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 67 pledging families for 2018.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!!

PASCHA SUNDAY

(Later today!)

Agape Vespers @ 1:00 PM

Easter Egg Hunt

Moon Bounce for the Children

Delicious FOOD, including meat prepared by CRME (Chip & Rusty's Meat Emporium)!

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THE EPISTLE

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles (1:1-8).

“In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the Kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, 'you heard from Me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' So when they had come together they asked Him, Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel? He said to them, 'It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.’”

THE GOSPEL

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (1:1-17).

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but was to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own, and his own received him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. John bore witness to him and cried, 'This is He of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.'" And from His fullness have we all received grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

Troparion of PASCHA (Tone 5)

Christ is risen from dead, trampling down death by death. And upon those in the tomb bestowing life.
Arabic: Al-Maseeh qam min bain il-am-wat wa wa ti al mowt-a bil-mowt, wa wa-ha bil ha-yat-a lil-la-thee na fil qu boor.
Greek: Christos anesti ek-nekron, tha-na-to, tha-na-ton pati-sas, ke-tees en tees mni-masi, zoeen, kha-ree sa meh-nos.
Slavonic: Hree-stos vos-krese, eez mertveeh, smer-tee-yoo smert po-prav, ee su-scheem vo gro-byeh, zhi-vot da-ro-vah.

1. *Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.*
2. *As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.*
3. *So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad.*
4. *This is the city which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Little Entrance Hymn

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

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Second Troparion of PASCHA (Tone 4)

Before the dawn, Mary and the women came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They heard the angelic voice: Why do you seek among the dead as a man the one who is everlasting Light? Behold the clothes in the grave. Go, and proclaim to the world: The Lord is risen, He has slain death as He is the Son of God, saving the race of man.

Kontakion of PASCHA (Tone 8)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming rejoice to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.