

# 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

**BREAD OF OBLATION** is offered Randa Nassif

**COFFEE HOUR** is sponsored by the Men of St. Anthony

**40-DAY MEMORIAL** in memory of +Odette Dib, mother of our sister in Christ Randa Nassif, will follow today's Divine Liturgy. May her memory be eternal.

**HAPPY MOHTERS' DAY** to the mothers of our parish. May God grant you all many years!

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!** The MAM Ladies and Chip and Rusty's Meat Emporium will be sponsoring a Baked Potato Luncheon after Divine Liturgy next Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Prices increase the day of the event, so get your tickets today!

### SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesday, May 16	6:30 p	Divine Liturgy for Feast of the Ascension
Saturday, May 19	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/ Fr. Anthony or Fr. John) Great Vespers
Sunday, May 20	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy

**~MAM CHURCH LUNCHEON~**

## 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! ~ Verdaderamente ha RESUCITADO!

### UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

**BAKLAVA IS BACK!** Continuing this Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, and every Wednesday, the ladies of our parish will be preparing baklava from 10 AM to 2 p for our annual Christmas baklava sale. Bring your apron and pastry brush! This is a great opportunity for fellowship.

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST** Divine Liturgy for this feast will be celebrated Wednesday evening, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30p.

**CRAFTS FELLOWSHIP** continues this Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9 AM to 1 p. Bring your own project (sewing, knitting, etc.) 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](mailto: BAndjelich@yahoo.com).

**JOY CLUB EVENT** Mark your calendars for next Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>! All children 5 - 12 years old are invited to a movie outing at 12:00pm. Parent chaperones are needed. Please RSVP with Adella by this Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY** is next Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**SUNDAY LUNCHEON** will be next Sunday, following Divine Liturgy. Tickets are on sale TODAY! Please see p. 4 of this bulletin for more information.

**MEDITERRANEAN NIGHT COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:15PM.

### NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEXT SUNDAY** 40-Day Memorial in memory of +George Constantopoulos and +Hari Constantopoulou, brother and sister-in-law of our sister in Christ, Pat Boyd, will follow next Sunday's Divine Liturgy.

**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 ([pennybradley@gmail.com](mailto: 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](http://www.SantaFePLC.org).

**MEDITERRANEAN NIGHT GALA 2018** Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** VBS will be June 11-14 for ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration forms are in the hall and narthex. Early bird deadline for registration is Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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!

**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 April 17<sup>th</sup>, there are **81** pledging families for 2018.

## CHRIST is RISEN ~ Indeed HE is RISEN!

# SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

## 1<sup>st</sup> Antiphon: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us

1. *Make a joyful noise to God all the earth. Sing of His name; give glory to His praise.*
2. *Say to God: "How awesome are thy deeds. So great is Thy power that Thine enemies cringe before Thee."*
3. *Let all the earth worship Thee, and praise Thee. Let it praise Thy name, O Most High.*
4. *Glory...& Both now...*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Antiphon: O Son of God, who art risen from dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

1. *God be bountiful to us and bless us. Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us.*
2. *That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations.*
3. *Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God; let all the people give thanks to Thee.*
4. *Glory...& Both now... "O only-begotten Son..."*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Antiphon: 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, zoen, 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.*

## Entrance Hymn of PASCHA

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

## Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

## 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 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.

## THE EPISTLE

### The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles (16:16-34)

*Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us.*

*Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

In those days, as we Apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I

charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

## THE GOSPEL

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His Disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him Who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As He said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "And Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped Him.

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mediterranean Night Gala

Saturday, September 22nd

*Entertainment - Dinner & Dancing - Raffle*

\$125/Ticket or Table Sponsor (10 people)

Table Sponsor: Sultan \$2,500 ~ Amire \$2,000 ~ Phares \$1,500

To purchase your ticket or table, call the Church Office 281-251-6000

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## TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Sponsored by the MAM Ladies Society  
And Chip and Rusty's Meat Emporium

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Following Divine Liturgy

What's on the Menu:

## Loaded Spuds!

Baked Potato

with your choice of:

Pulled Pork or Chili

And all the fixin's!

Plus:

Green Salad

Brownie Bites

Iced Tea or Lemonade

and there will be ICE CREAM!

\$10/adult (\$12 at the door)\$5/child under 12 (\$7 at the door)

Tickets also available at the Church Office.