

# 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 Faten Ashrawi

**IN LIEU OF COFFEE HOUR**, Amine Rihani will be making his fabulous falafel! Free-will offering appreciated.

**TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY!** The youth of our parish will be reading the Epistle, ushering, and singing the Communion Hymn.

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!** The MAM Ladies and Chip and Rusty's Meat Emporium will be sponsoring a Baked Potato Luncheon after Divine Liturgy on 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 9	6:30 p	Daily Vespers
Saturday, May 12	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/ Fr. Anthony or Fr. John) Great Vespers
Sunday, May 13	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy ~ Mothers' Day ~

## 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 9<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.

**SEWING AND CRAFTS FELLOWSHIP** continuing this Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: BAndjelich@yahoo.com).

**PARISH COUNCIL** will meet this Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15p. All Parish Council meetings are open for parishioners to attend unless otherwise stated.

**SUNDAY LUNCHEON** will be May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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

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

**GRADUATION SUNDAY** will be Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. If you or your child are graduating from High School or University this year, please send the Graduate Recognition Form to Adella by May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**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 SAMARITAN WOMAN

## 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, 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.*

## 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 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

## Troparion for Mid-Pentecost (Tone 8)

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee.

## 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 Sainly and Pure Apostles (11:19-30)

*How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

In those days, the Disciples, who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen, traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the Word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, upon coming to Antioch, spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the Disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the Disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

## THE GOSPEL

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (4:5-42)

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His Disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that Thou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He." Just then His Disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What dost Thou wish?" or, "Why art Thou talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man Who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the Disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the Disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.

# **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