

St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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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 by Bonnie Kokkinis

COFFEE HOUR is sponsored by Kh. Ramia Baba, Georgina Baba, Loyal Saghbini and Maha Nassif

MEDITERRANEAN NIGHT GALA TICKETS are on sale today in the narthex after Divine Liturgy.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS Please put donated food items in the hall in the box marked "Food".

DORMITION OF MARY This feast is preceded by a two-week fasting period (Aug. 1-14). During this time we fast as we would during Lent (abstain from meat, dairy, poultry, fish and wine).

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSING will be next Sunday, August 19th. Father will offer a special prayer for students, teachers, and faculty for the upcoming school year at the end of Divine Liturgy. Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to be blessed.

MAM LADIES SOCIETY BRUNCH is next Sunday! See this bulletin for more information.

SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Tuesday, August 14	6:30 p	Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition
Saturday, August 18	4:30 p 5:00 p	<i>Confession (or by appointment w/Fr. Anthony or Fr. John) Great Vespers</i>
Sunday, August 19	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy

ALL ARE INVITED!

Next Saturday, August 18th ~ 3:00p Wedding of Sean & Rachel
(No gifts please)

UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION will be served on Tuesday, August 14th, at 6:30 p.

CRAFTS FELLOWSHIP meets this Thursday, August 16th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 p. For more information, contact Betsy Andjelich (281-414-3362) or email her at BAndjelich@yahoo.com.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for this Thursday, August 16th at 7:15 p.

YOU'RE INVITED to the wedding of Sean and Rachel on Saturday, August 18th at 3:00PM at St. Anthony. As they will be newly chrismated Orthodox Christians, they have requested your presence, their new St. Anthony parish family, to attend their wedding ceremony. No gifts please.

MEDITERRANEAN NIGHT COMMITTEE will meet next Monday August 20th, at 7:15p.

CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28th, at 6:30p. Please see info on workshop below.

MAM LADIES SOCIETY LUNCH & POOL PARTY Are you a lady of the parish? Join us on Saturday, September 15th from 11:30 – 3:00 at Theresa Yniguez's home for a lunch and pool party! Please RSVP to Theresa Allen at 832-335-2213.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL WORKSHOP @ ST. GEORGE Saturday, August 25th 9:30AM – 3p. This is geared for Church School Teachers. If you would like to participate in our Church School Program as a teacher or volunteer, make plans to attend this free workshop. RSVP by calling 713-665-5252.

USHERS NEEDED! Please consider regular service as an usher for our church. For more information about this important ministry, email Mark Enterline at menterline@gmail.com.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

YOUTH SUNDAY is next Sunday, August 19th! A children's sermon will be given, and our youth will serve as ushers.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING is scheduled for Saturday, August 25th, from 10:30 AM to 2:00 p for all boys in 2nd grade or older. We will meet in the church and begin promptly at 10:30AM. Around noon, we will head to The Game Preserve, an arcade in The Woodlands, where we will get to play some retro video games and pinball for an hour or so. Please let Adella know if you're available to help with transportation for our outing as we have up to 25 boys. The cost will be \$15 per altar server, and pickup from The Game Preserve (473 Sawdust Rd, Spring 77380) will be at 1:45pm. Please RSVP by August 20th if your son plans to attend.

ARABIC CLASSES AT THE ST. CONSTANTINE SCHOOL Grades 2nd through 12th are welcome to join in the Fall 2018 Semester. For more information, contact Miray Katrib at info@saintconstantine.org.

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION Church School is offered to children 4 years old to seniors in High School. Please make sure to get your Registration Form in before classes begin on **September 9th**! Forms are in the narthex and on the information table in the hall. If you are interested in helping out with Church School this year, please contact Adella.

The following Astros Home Game tickets are being provided by a season ticket holder for \$150.00 (2 seats) per game with 100% of the ticket price being donated to the St. Anthony General Fund. Contact Mark Yniguez at (832) 948-9977 if you are interested!

St. Anthony the Great Houston Astros Fundraiser 2 Seats: Section 106; Row 11; Seats 15-16		
Monday, August 27 th 7:10 pm	vs Oakland A's	AVAILABLE
Thursday, August 30 th 7:10 pm	vs Los Angeles Angels	AVAILABLE
Sunday, September 2 nd 7:05 pm	vs Los Angeles Angels	AVAILABLE
Tuesday, September 4 th 7:10 pm	vs Minnesota Twins	AVAILABLE
Saturday, September 15 th 6:10 pm	vs Arizona Diamond Backs	AVAILABLE
Sunday, September 16 th 1:10 pm	vs Arizona Diamond Backs	AVAILABLE
Monday, September 17 th 7:10 pm	vs Seattle Mariners	AVAILABLE
Saturday, September 22 nd 6:10 pm	vs Los Angeles Angels	SOLD

Tickets Now Available!

St. Anthony the Great
Orthodox Christian Church
invites you to its

12th Mediterranean Night Gala

Saturday, September 22, 2018

in the Grand Ballroom of
The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center
2301 N. Millbend Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77380

Cocktails and Appetizer Buffet (7:00 p.m.)
Seated Dinner (8:00 p.m.)
Live Band and D.J.
Silent Auction and Raffle

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

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

Tickets available at
www.stanthonythegreat.org

Or you may contact:

Church Office (281)251-6000
Randa Nassif (281)655-0070
Layal Saghbini (423)202-1464

All ticket sales end Sunday, September 16th, 2018

~ Formal Attire ~

12th Annual Mediterranean Night Gala

Saturday, September 22nd

Entertainment - Dinner & Dancing - Raffle

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

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

The success of this event over is due, in large part, by the generosity of our sponsors. If you or your company would like to help with sponsoring any or a portion of the items listed below, please contact the Chairperson, Stuart Lapp (stuartwapp@gmail.com), or call the Church Office.

ITEM TO BE SPONSORED	AMOUNT	STATUS
Flowers and Decorations	\$2,500.00	SPONSORED
Appetizers	\$2,000.00	SPONSORED
Music	\$2,000.00	
Entertainment	\$1,500.00	SPONSORED
Raffle Items	\$1,500.00	
Photo Booth	\$1,000.00	SPONSORED
Event Photography	\$1,000.00	
Program	\$500.00	SPONSORED

Sunday Brunch

Sponsored by MAM Ladies Society

August 19

Following Divine Liturgy

Adults \$10/Children \$5

Join us for Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrowns and Tortillas with your choice of toppings!

Food For Parish (FFP)

Please leave your donations in the hall in the box labelled "Pantry"

Non-Perishable Foods

Canned soups and fruits, tuna, chicken, cereals, crackers, flour, sugar, Jello, pudding, baked beans, chips & salsa, rice, pasta & pasta sauces (Other Gluten Free Items are also welcome!)

We are grateful to have received a donation of 4,000 canned vegetables, therefore we will NOT need any canned vegetables.

Perishable Foods

Milk, lactose-free milk, eggs, cheese, yogurt, sour cream, cottage cheese, salad mix, butter, bread, sausage, chicken, hamburger, hot dogs, lunch meats, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables

Drop Off Schedule

Sunday, August 12th – Non-perishables

Sunday, August 26th – Perishables

If you would like to help by asking the committee to fill the pantry, donations can be made out to MAM. Please note FFP in the memo. Any St. Anthony parishioner who is in need is invited to set a confidential appointment with our Church Secretary, Bonnie (281.251.6000) or Fr. Anthony for pickup.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact a committee member:

Eve Lapp (713) 825.0841, Theresa Allen (832) 335.2213

Betsy Andjelich, (281) 414.3362, or Barbara Maligas (281) 974.9629

AFTER-FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

Entrance Hymn of Ordinary Sundays

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Transfiguration (Tone 7)

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, 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 the Transfiguration (Tone 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the efulgent Splendor of the Father.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."