

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 by Victoria Tannous

COFFEE HOUR is sponsored by Salwa Musleh and Missy Galagaza

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING RECAP Following Divine Liturgy, Parish Council Chairman Dale Timmons will give a recap of this past week's Parish Council Meeting.

LAST SUNDAY TO BUY MEDITERRANEAN NIGHT GALA TICKETS! Tickets are available in the church narthex following Divine Liturgy.

BYZANTINE CHOIR TICKETS ON SALE TODAY in the narthex for the October 7th concert at St. Anthony by The Theotokos Orthodox Choir of Lebanon. Tickets are \$25, meal included.

LEBANON TIMES RADIO will be interviewing Fr. Anthony tonight at 9:00p on FM 106.1. Father will be talking about our parish, and promoting our upcoming Mediterranean Night Gala.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesday, September 19	6:30 p	Daily Vespers (followed by Study)
Saturday, September 22	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/Fr. Anthony or Fr. John) Great Vespers
Sunday, September 23	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy

UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

MEDITERRANEAN NIGHT COMMITTEE will meet tomorrow, September 17th, at 7:15p at The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT VESPERS AND STUDY continues this Wednesday, September 19th. We will have Daily Vespers (6:30-7p) followed by a study from 7-8p with Fr. John Ballard. We are studying the Gospel of St. Mark.

CANCELLED: CRAFTS FELLOWSHIP will NOT meet this Thursday, September 20th. Meetings will resume on Thursday, September 27th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 p. For more information, contact Betsy Andjelich (281-414-3362) or email her at [BAndjelich@yahoo.com](mailto: BAndjelich@yahoo.com).

CYPRESS/TOMBALL OUTREACH will be at the home of Walid and Darlene Kawaja on Friday, September 28th, at 6:30p.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS Members of the Order of St. Ignatius and prospective members are invited to a social gathering at Bolos Restaurant (2202 W. Alabama) on Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00p. A donation of \$10 will cover wine, appetizers and pizza. To RSVP, as space is limited, please contact Dr. George Zaibaq at [drzaibaq@swbell.net](mailto: drzaibaq@swbell.net), or leave a message at 713-724-4982.

BYZANTINE CHOIR CONCERT TICKETS AVAILABLE today for the concert to be held on Sunday, October 7th at 5:00p. Our parish will host The Theotokos Orthodox Choir of Lebanon for an evening of traditional Byzantine chant followed by a dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Ticket price: \$25, which includes the concert and meal afterward.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILDREN FOR CHURCH SCHOOL? Church School is offered to children 4 years old to seniors in High School. Please submit your Registration Form today! 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.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM) OUTING The Young Adult Ministry of Houston will meet at St. Arnold's Brewing Company for dinner, drinks, and fellowship on Thursday, September 27th at 6:30pm.

TEEN SOYO vs. PARISH COUNCIL KICK-BALL GAME is scheduled for **Sunday, September 30th** following Divine Liturgy. If you're not on the Parish Council and would like to participate, please send a request to Fr. Anthony as he will be holding a draft. If you are a teen and would like to play on the SOYO team, contact Adella. May the best team win!

ANNUAL OKC SOYO BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT & RETREAT is set for the first weekend of October (5-7). Every year, the teens of our diocese go to Oklahoma City for a great weekend of spiritual rejuvenation. Flyers & registration forms available, please contact Adella if you would like to send your teen.

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, 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

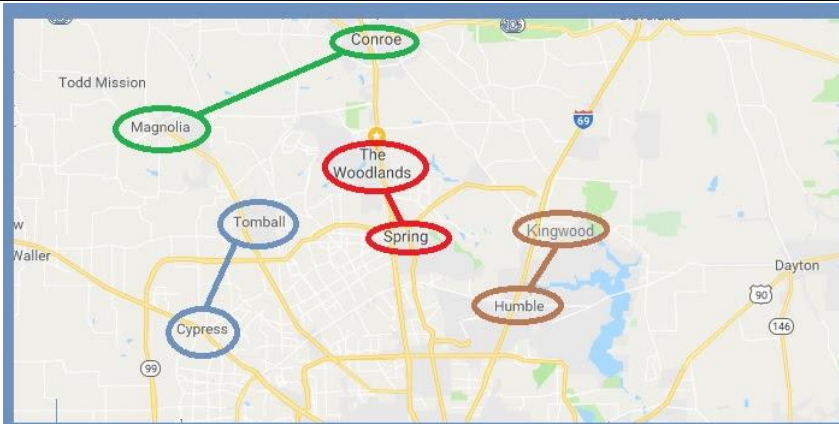
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To purchase your ticket or table, call the Church Office 281-251-6000

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	SPONSORED
Entertainment	\$1,500.00	SPONSORED
Raffle Items	\$1,500.00	SPONSORED
Photo Booth	\$1,000.00	SPONSORED
Event Photography	\$1,000.00	
Program	\$500.00	SPONSORED



Home Outreaches & Fellowship

Get to the know the people of St. Anthony Church who live in your neighborhood. A spiritual reflection will be offered by Fr. Anthony followed light refreshments and fellowship. Our first gathering will be in September at the home of Walid & Darlene Kawaja

**First Gathering: Friday, September 28th, 6:30p
CYPRESS/TOMBALL HOME OUTREACH**

Food For Parish (FFP)

Non-Perishable Foods

Canned soups and fruits, tuna, canned meats, cookies, Jello, pudding, chips & salsa, rice, pasta & pasta sauces
(Other Gluten Free Items are also welcome!)

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, juices

Drop Off Schedule

Sunday, September 30th ~ Perishables
Sunday, October 14th ~ Non-perishables

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

SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS GREAT-MARTYR EUPHEMIA THE ALL-PRAISED

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 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Elevation of the Holy Cross (Tone 1)

O Lord, save Thy People and bless Thine inheritance, granting vict'ry over ev'ry adversary, and by the pow'r of Thy cross, preserving Thy estate.

Troparion of St. Euphemia (Tone 4)

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: * O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, * and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. * I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; * for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: * accept me offered out of longing * to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. * Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

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 Nativity of the Elevation of the Holy Cross (Tone 4)

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."