

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 Randa Nassif

COFFEE HOUR is sponsored by Meloney Harb, Fadia Khoury and Donna Dikdan

MEMORIAL SERVICE for +Khamis Tannous, brother of our brother in Christ Fayez Tannous, will follow today's Divine Liturgy. May his memory be eternal.

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

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th! Registration forms are in the narthex and on the information table in the hall. Interested in teaching? Contact Adella!

TEEN SOYO MEETING and officer elections will be held after Church School next Sunday, September 9th in the teen room. All teens wishing to participate in SOYO this year are strongly encouraged to attend. Any teens planning to run for SOYO office must fill out the officer nomination form before the meeting.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, September 8	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/Fr. Anthony or Fr. John) Great Vespers
Sunday, September 9	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, September 12	6:30 p	Daily Vespers (followed by Study)
Friday, September 14	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy for the Elevation of the Holy Cross

UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

MAM LADIES MEETING is scheduled for this Tuesday, September 4th, at 5:30p.

MEDITERRANEAN NIGHT COMMITTEE will meet this Tuesday, September 4th, at 7:15p.

CRAFTS FELLOWSHIP meets this Thursday, September 6th 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 next Thursday, September 13th, at 7:15p.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS beginning on September 12th, we will have Daily Vespers (6:30-7p) followed by a study from 7-8p with Fr. John Ballard. The topic of study to be determined.

DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS will be served on Friday, September 14th, at 9:00AM.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

BYZANTINE CHOIR CONCERT Sunday, October 7th at 5:00p. Our parish will host The Theotokos Orthodox Choir of Lebanon for an evening of traditional Byzantine chant. Stay tuned for more information!

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

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, 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 ~

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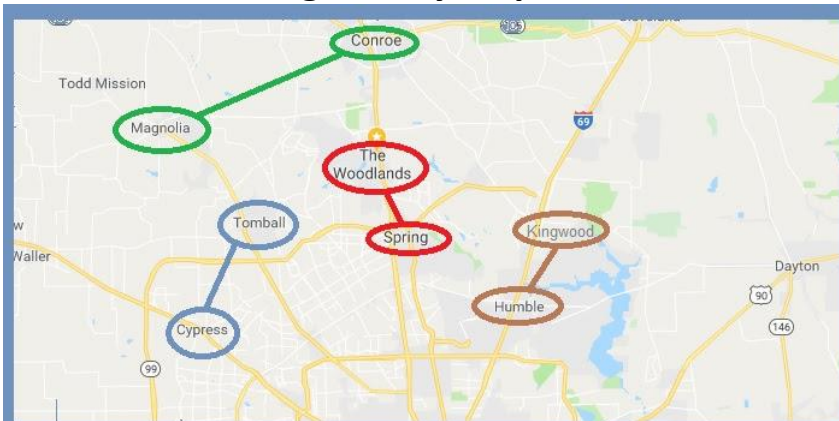
To purchase your ticket or table, call the Church Office 281-251-6000

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

CYPRESS/TOMBALL HOME OUTREACH

First Meeting: Friday, September 28th.



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

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 9th ~ Non-Perishables

Sunday, September 30th ~ 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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ST. MAMAS

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 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. Mamas (Tone 4)

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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 Theotokos (Tone 4)

By thy holy nativity, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death; thy people celebrate it, having been saved from the penalty of their transgressions, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life.

THE EPISTLE

Thou, O Lord, wilt keep and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:21-2:4)

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (22:2-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."