

# 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](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 Mark Enterline

**COFFEE HOUR** is sponsored by Ann Tannous, Mia Tannous, and Victoria Tannous

**A SPECIAL THANKS** to all who planned, coordinated, and helped with our 12<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Night Gala!

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the 1-year memorial for His Grace Bishop ANTOUN of thrice-blessed memory.

**KICKBALL AND COOKOUT** Next Sunday is the SOYO and Parish Council Kickball Game! Join us after Divine Liturgy, pull up a lawn chair and cheer on your team! Hotdogs and hamburgers will be available for a free-will donation.

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

### SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesday, September 26	6:30 p	Daily Vespers (followed by Study)
Saturday, September 29	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/Fr. Anthony or Fr. John) Great Vespers
Sunday, September 30	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy

### UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT VESPERS AND STUDY** continues this Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**CRAFTS FELLOWSHIP** will resume this Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30p, at 16806 Salem Blue Ct, Cypress 77433.

### 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) this Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 this Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**TEEN SOYO vs. PARISH COUNCIL KICK-BALL GAME** is scheduled for **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**ANNUAL Y.E.S. TRIP** Our annual Y.E.S. (Youth Equipped to Serve) Trip will be October 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> at St. George. This weekend of service is offered to students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade - College. For more information, see Adella.

**HELP NEEDED** to clean the church after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the Orthodox Choir Concert that evening. We will be vacuuming, sweeping, cleaning the pews, mopping the solea, and doing whatever is needed. The goal is to be done by the time Church School is over. Please mark your calendars and join our work crew that day to prepare our church for this exciting event!

**COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP-SHEET** is in need. If you would like to host a Coffee Hour, please email your requested date to Bonnie at [OfficeOfStAnthony@gmail.com](mailto: OfficeOfStAnthony@gmail.com). **Open Sundays: All Sundays in October.**

# CONCEPTION OF THE FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN

## 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 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

## Troparion of the Conception of St. John the Baptist (Tone 4)

Rejoice, O thou barren one who hadst not borne until now; \* for lo, in all truth thou hast conceived the lamp of the Sun, and he shall send forth his light \* over all the earth, which is afflicted with blindness. \* Dance, O Zachariah, and cry out with great boldness: \* The one to be born is the blest Prophet of God Most High.

## 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 Ordinary Sundays (Tone 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## THE EPISTLE

*The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer.*

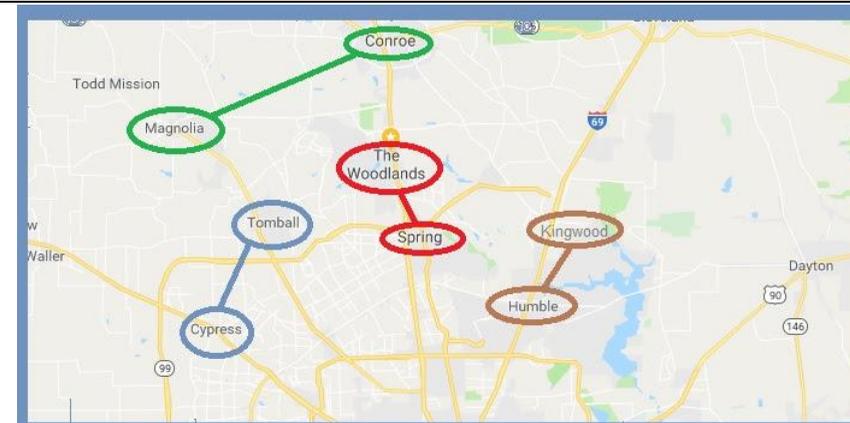
### The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:22-27)

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

## THE GOSPEL

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.



## 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

### **CYPRESS/TOMBALL HOME OUTREACH**

**First Gathering: Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30p at the home of Walid and Darlene Kawaja  
16806 Salem Blue Ct., Cypress, TX 77433**

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Perishables**  
**Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 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:  
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