

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 Fadia Khoury

COFFEE HOUR is sponsored by the Nassif family

FR. ANTHONY IS AWAY this weekend for a wedding in Wichita, KS. He will be returning tomorrow evening.

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY! After Communion the children will go to the Church School buildings to start their lesson.

If you have not registered your child(ren), please do so today.

MEDITERRANEAN NIGHT GALA TICKETS are on sale today in the narthex after Divine Liturgy. *Last day for ticket sales: next Sunday, September 16th!*

BYZANTINE CHOIR TICKETS ON SALE TODAY in the narthex for the October 7th concert at St. Anthony by The Theotokos Orthodox Choir of Lebanon.

TEEN SOYO MEETING and officer elections will be today after Church School 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

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
Saturday, September 15	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/Fr. Anthony or Fr. John) Great Vespers
Sunday, September 16	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy

UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS beginning this Wednesday, 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.

CANCELLED: CRAFTS FELLOWSHIP will NOT meet this Thursday, September 13th or next 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).

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for this Thursday, September 13th, at 7:15p.

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

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

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.

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 Zaiباق at [drzaiباق@swbell.net](mailto: drzaiباق@swbell.net), or leave a message at 713-724-4982.

BYZANTINE CHOIR CONCERT TICKETS AVAILABLE and on sale today for 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. Ticket price: \$25.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL STARTS TODAY! Church School is offered to children 4 years old to seniors in High School. If you haven't submitted 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		
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

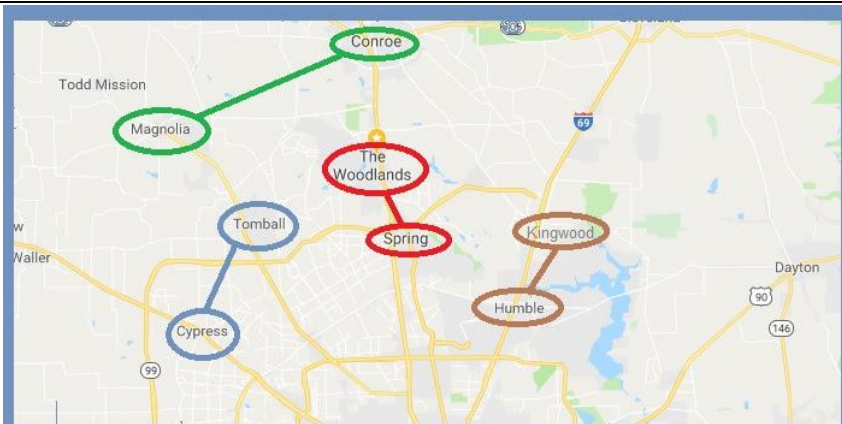
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To purchase your ticket or table, call the Church Office 281-251-6000

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 know the people of St. Anthony Church who live in your neighborhood. A spiritual reflection will be offered by Fr. Anthony followed by 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 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

SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SYNTAX OF THE ANCESTORS OF GOD, JOACHIM AND ANNA

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 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of The Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

Troparion of Ss. Joachim and Anna (Tone 2)

As we celebrate the remembrance of Thy righteous Ancestors, O Lord our God, through them we beseech Thee to save our souls.

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

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (3:13-17)

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."