

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 Mark Enterline

COFFEE HOUR is sponsored by Barbara Aiello, Barbara Maligas and Sylvia Zychowski

BLESSING OF FELLOWSHIP HALL (RESCHEDULED) this Friday, November 10th. If you have already RSVP'd, but cannot attend due to the different date, please email Bonnie at the Church Office and let her know. For the folks have not RSVP'd, please make your reservations as soon as possible. Deadline for making reservations for this event is **TODAY**.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS of non-perishable food items are now being collected. A collection box is in the narthex. For more information, please see p. 6 of this bulletin.

HELP NEEDED Following today's Divine Liturgy, we will be setting up more tables and chairs in the hall to prepare for next Friday's reception for His Grace Bishop BASIL.

SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesday, Nov. 8	12:00 p	Sixth Hour Prayer Service
Thursday, Nov. 9	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy for St. Nektarios
Friday, Nov. 10	6:30p	Vespers w/His Grace Bishop BASIL (followed by reception)
Saturday, Nov. 11	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/Fr. Anthony) Great Vespers
Sunday, Nov. 12	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy

UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

DIVINE LITURGY for the feast of St. Nektarios will be served this Thursday, November 9th, at 9:00AM.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for this Thursday, November 9th at 7:15PM. Unless stated otherwise, all Parish Council meetings are open to the parish.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! IOCC has been so blessed to continue to do its work here in Houston for the past 10 weeks, and as we move forward into November, we're looking for more volunteers! There are still many people in our city who need our help, and we cannot do it without the support from our locals. We're out on the field Monday-Saturday and will be in Houston until December 16th. If you have any questions or want more information, please email volunteercoordinator@iocc.org or call Rana Deeba at 281-221-5046.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE Help families in need to have a Happy Holiday Season! Please bring non-perishable food items such as canned fruit and vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, canned soup, and boxed stuffing mix to Church. The collection box is located in the narthex. Items collected will be given to the Northwest Assistance Ministries to help area families in need.

ST EMMELIA HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE & PARENTING RETREAT Registration for the SOUTH St. Emmelia Homeschool Conference & Parenting Retreat is NOW open! Registration is limited to 125 adults, with the wonderful speakers invited, we expect to sell out. (January 2018) **Register TODAY** at <https://saintemmeliaconferences.com/>

ADULT EDUCATION AND CATECHISM CLASS led by Deacon Photios begins after everyone has received Holy Communion and meets in the old Fellowship Hall.

2018 GENERAL FUND PLEDGE DRIVE is underway. Each year we ask the non-tithing pledging families to prayerfully consider increasing their current pledge by 10%. On average, the non-tithing family pledges 3% ~ through prayer and careful discernment, our parish can reach the Biblical standard of 10% if we work together. Pledge forms are available in the narthex and on the information table in the Hall. As of October 29th, there are 15 pledging families for 2018.

BAKLAVA NOW FOR SALE! To order your baklava, please use the form in this bulletin. Additional forms are in the narthex and hall. Don't miss your opportunity to enjoy this sumptuous treat. It's also great for gift-giving! See the order form in this bulletin. **Supplies are limited.**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A PARISH OUTREACH? Continuing education/growing and learning in our faith can't be limited to church attendance on Sundays or listening to a 10-minute sermon. "Ask Abouna" (*Ask the Priest*) is an opportunity we provide at camp for the kids to ask questions about their faith, but why only at camp? If this is something that would be of interest to you, and/or you'd like to host this informal event at your home, minimal needs are required: space mainly and definitely coffee. Contact Fr. Anthony!

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HURRICANE RELIEF GALA will be Saturday, November 18th at 8:00PM at St. George Orthodox Christian Church (5311 Mercer St.). Visit IOCC.org/Houston for more details and tickets.

TEEN SOYO WINTER CAMP is tentatively scheduled for January 12-15 2018. Mark your calendars! Registration will open soon and spaces fill up quickly!



Teen SOYO BAKESALE

Sunday, November 19th

All proceeds will go to the 37th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp

2018 PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Would you like to be included in our 2018 Parish Photo Directory? A table is set up in the parish hall.

All you need to do is:

1. Take a family "selfie"
2. Fill out the information card
3. Give both to Bonnie, or send to:

OfficeOfStAnthony@gmail.com

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Entrance Hymn of Ordinary Sundays

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us, 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 our Patron, St. Anthony

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 for 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

Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

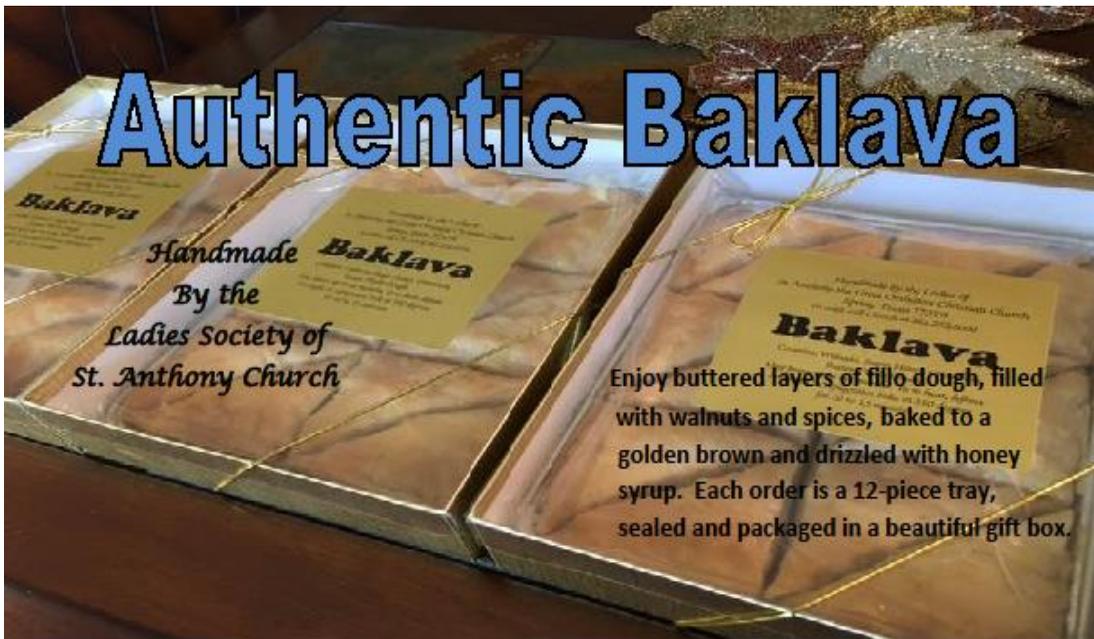
The reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

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 is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'



Great holiday gifts for your company, loyal customers, vendors, family and friends.

Last Day to Order is December 3, 2017, based on availability.

Orders must be picked up at St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church, 7202 FM 2920 in Spring, Texas.

Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For questions, please contact Randa Nassif @ 281-655-0070 or the church office @ 281-251-6000.



PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY !

Please make a copy for your records.



Company Name / Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Contact Person _____

Number of boxes _____ X \$16.00 per box = Total \$ _____

Preferred Pick up Date _____ Preferred Pick up Time _____

Cash, Check or Credit Card Payment is due on pick up of orders.

Mail this Order Form to:

**St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church
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2017 CHRISTMAS CARD SIGN-UP FORM

To Benefit the "Bishop BASIL Mission Endowment Fund"

The Christmas Card will be sent to His Grace Bishop BASIL and to all of the parishioners of St. Anthony. This annual fundraiser, fulfilled by all of the parishes of this Diocese, is gifted to the Endowment Fund which benefits the Mission Churches of our Diocese.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Amount \$ _____ Cash or Check

Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Orthodox Church, earmark "BB Fund" and submit to the Treasurer's Office.

Deadline:

SUNDAY, December 10, 2017

ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**BLESSING OF
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

By His Grace Bishop BASIL



NEW DATE!
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017

6:30pm ~ Great Vespers

7:30pm ~ Blessing of the Fellowship Hall

Dinner Reception to follow

Free-will offerings are appreciated, and seating is limited.

RSVP with the Church Office at 281-251-6000

Or OfficeOfStAnthony@gmail.com by November 5th.