

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.

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 the Beekman Family

COFFEE HOUR is sponsored by Rachael Chaney and Barbara Maligas

IT IS CUSTOMARY TO NOT KNEEL or make prostrations in Church or at home from Pascha through Pentecost in celebration of Christ's glorious Resurrection. We resume kneeling during the Kneeling Vespers served after Divine Liturgy on Holy Pentecost.

CONGRATULATIONS to Steve and Norma Khoury, parents of Isabella Yasmin, who was baptized last week. May God grant them many years!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AT PLC 2017! Members of our parish are needed to help with registration and check-in, Kids Club, Hospitality, greeting at events, setting up and tearing down, and general help at the Parish Life Conference June 7th-10th. We will have sign-up sheets and information available **today** during Coffee Hour. For questions, or to volunteer, please contact Barbara Aiello at 727-667-7989 (baiello116@aol.com) or Theresa Allen at 832-335-2213 (dandi3@att.net). Don't miss your chance to be a part of this big event!

MAY CALENDAR is available in the narthex.

SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesday, May 10	9:00 AM 6:30 p	Divine Liturgy for Mid-Pentecost Vespers
Saturday, May 13	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/Fr. Anthony) Great Vespers
Sunday, May 14	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy

CHRIST is RISEN ~ Indeed HE is RISEN!

UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

PLC PLANNING COMMITTEE will meet tomorrow, Monday May 8th at 5:00p.

DIVINE LITURGY for Mid-Pentecost will be served this Wednesday, May 10th at 9:00 AM.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for this Thursday, May 11th at 7:15p.

INFORMATIONAL & TRAINING MEETINGS for Registration & Check-In Team for the Parish Life Conference will be this Friday, May 12th from 6-8p and next Thursday, May 18th from 6-8p in the Meeting Hall. If you are on the Registration Team and cannot attend these meetings, please contact Majida Baba at (713)551-1124 or Bonnie Kokkinis at (936)718-5288.

MEDITERRANEAN NIGHT COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, May 22nd at 7:30p

SAVE THE DATE! We will be meeting at the church on Saturday, June 3rd to assemble packets, print badges and organize materials needed for the PLC. We need as many folks as possible! Choose between two shifts: 9 AM- 12p, or 1 to 4p. All are welcome! Help is also needed to transport and unload all these items at the Westin on Tuesday, June 6th (time to be determined).

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR 2017 is in full swing! A new pledge form should be submitted annually. Please prayerfully consider offering your talents to the Church in the capacity God has given you. Pledge forms are available in the narthex, and can be turned in to the Church Office. **As of May 3rd we have received 77 Pledge Forms.**

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

SOYO GATHERING Mark your calendars for Monday, May 29th (Memorial Day). Details to follow soon!

BIBLE BOWL COMPETITION Would you like to participate in the Bible Bowl at the Parish Life Conference in 2017? We are planning to have two teams, one for the teens and one for the adults. Study guides are now available- see Adella!

GRADUATION SUNDAY has been re-scheduled for June 4th. If your child is graduating from High School, College or Graduate School, please contact Adella so that we can honor them!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral June 12-16. Registration forms are available in the narthex.

Upcoming Weekday Divine Services in May

Wednesday, May 10th ~ 9:00 AM ~ Divine Liturgy for Mid-Pentecost

Tuesday, May 23rd ~ 6:30p ~ Paschal Divine Liturgy for Leave-taking of Pascha

Thursday, May 25th ~ 9:00 AM ~ Divine Liturgy for Feast of the Ascension

CHRIST is RISEN ~ Indeed HE is RISEN!

Al-Masseh Qam! ~ Haqqan QAM!	Kristos Voskres! ~ Voistinu VOSKRES!
Christos Anesti! ~ Alithos ANESTI!	Hristos Vaskrese! ~ Vaistinu VASKRESE!
Hristos a Inviat! ~ Adeverat a INVIAT!	Cristo ha Resucitado! ~ Verdaderamente ha RESUCITADO!

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

1st Antiphon: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us

1. *Make a joyful noise to God all the earth. Sing of His name; give glory to His praise.*
2. *Say to God: "How awesome are thy deeds. So great is Thy power that Thine enemies cringe before Thee."*
3. *Let all the earth worship Thee, and praise Thee. Let it praise Thy name, O Most High.*
4. *Glory...& Both now...*

2nd Antiphon: O Son of God, who art risen from dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

1. *God be bountiful to us and bless us. Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us.*
2. *That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations.*
3. *Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God; let all the people give thanks to Thee.*
4. *Glory...& Both now... "O only-begotten Son..."*

3rd Antiphon: Troparion of PASCHA (Tone 5)

Christ is risen from dead, trampling down death by death. And upon those in the tomb bestowing life.

Arabic: Al-Maseeh qam min bain il-am-wat wa wa ti al mowt-a bil-mowt, wa wa-ha bil ha-yat-a lil-la-thee na fil qu boor.

Greek: Christos anesti ek-nekron, tha-na-to, tha-na-ton pati-sas, ke-tees en tees mni-masi, zoen, kha-ree sa meh-nos.

Slavonic: Hree-stos vos-krese, eez mertveeh, smer-tee-yoo smert po-prav, ee su-scheem vo gro-byeh, zhi-vot da-ro-vah.

1. *Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.*
2. *As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.*
3. *So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad.*
4. *This is the city which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Entrance Hymn of PASCHA

In the gathering places bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Resurrectional Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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 of PASCHA (Tone 8)

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

THE EPISTLE

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all you nations.

The reading is from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles. (9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethsaida, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

**DIOCESE OF WICHITA AND MID AMERICA
PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE**

Wednesday, June 7 – Saturday, June 10, 2017

Sponsored by: St. Anthony the Great

At The Westin Houston, Memorial City

EARLY BIRD TICKET BOOK DEADLINE:

May 15th ~ \$140.00 ~ save \$30!

REGULAR PRICE AFTER MAY 15TH ~ \$170.00

The Texas 3-Step

Because we're Orthodox!

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET for the PLC? Visit www.Spring2017.org
Don't delay, Early bird deadline is May 15th!

RESERVE A ROOM! By visiting www.Spring2017.org and selecting "Hotel Reservations" under the Hotel Tab. You'll then be directed to the Westin's website to make your reservation. **Early Bird discount rate of \$139/night ends May 23rd!**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Check out how you can help at the information table in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour following today's Divine Liturgy. Help is needed for Registration and Check-In, Kids Club, Hospitality, greeting at events, Door Keepers and setting up and tearing down. For more information, please contact Barbara Aiello at (727)667-7989 (baielle116@aol.com) or Theresa Allen at (832)335-2213 (dandt3@att.net).

1st Annual Mediterranean Night Gala

Saturday, September 23rd

Entertainment - Dinner & Dancing - Raffle

\$125/Ticket or Table Sponsor (10 people)

Table Sponsor: Sultan \$2,500 ~ Amire \$2,000 ~ Phares \$1,500

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 (stuartwlapp@gmail.com), or call the Church Office.

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