

St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS It is a joy to have you with us this morning, and we invite you to join us in the social hall after the service for food and fellowship. Please feel free to complete the Welcome Card or sign the Guestbook in the vestibule.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

RECEIVING COMMUNION While the Orthodox Church continues to pray for the unity of all, Holy Communion is only served to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES Upon entering, we ask that you silence your cell phone and refrain from using electronic devices during the service.

PRAYER REQUESTS To be included on the prayer list, or to join the parish prayer chain, please contact the Church Office.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL is celebrated today and every Sunday during Great Lent. You will notice that some of the prayers said by the priest "quietly" are a bit lengthier than the Liturgy of St. John. If you're following along in the Divine Liturgy book, at page 21, we jump to page 37.

BREAD OF OBLATION is offered by Randa Nassif

WELCOME DR. SAM COHLMIA Protopsaltis of the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America

40-DAY MEMORIAL in memory of +Vernon Brooks, husband of our sister in Christ Maria Brooks, and 1 -Year Memorial in memory of +Odette Dib, mother of our sister in Christ Randa Nassif, will follow today's Divine Liturgy. May their memory be eternal.

COFFEE HOUR is sponsored by Pat Boyd, Maria Brooks, and the Dib and Kochkarian families

APRIL CALENDAR is in the narthex and on the hall information table.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING DIVINE SERVICES

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| Monday, April 8 | 7:00 p | Great Compline |
| Wednesday, April 10 | 7:00 p | Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (followed by Lenten Potluck) |
| Friday, April 12 | 7:00 p | 5 th Akathist to the Mother of God (Madayeh) |
| Saturday, April 13 | 4:30 p 5:00 p | Confession (or by appointment w/Fr. Anthony or Fr. John) Great Vespers |
| Sunday, April 14 | 8:45 AM 10:00 AM | Orthros Divine Liturgy |

UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

POTLUCK DINNER this Wednesday following Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. All are encouraged to participate and bring a Lenten dish to share (no meat, dairy, fish, wine or oil should be used).

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th, at 7:00p.

DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY this Friday, April 12, from 4:30p – 6:30p.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT will be heard on Saturday evenings before Vespers, or schedule an appointment with Fr. Anthony or Fr. John. Please make every effort to schedule your confession before Holy Week.

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE Every year our Archdiocese distributes "piggy bank" boxes to every parish as an aid for us to teach our children the importance of alms-giving, especially during the Lenten season. Boxes are available in the narthex and hall. Please make one check for the total amount you collect and submit to the Treasurer on Palm Sunday, April 21.

FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK If you would like to make a donation for the purchase of flowers for Holy Week for the decoration of the Church and bier, please fill out the form in this bulletin and return to the church office no later than Holy Thursday, April 25th.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN DRIVE continues. If you have already received your pledge form in the mail, please submit it as soon as possible. Forms are available in the narthex.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE BOOKS Lent is quickly approaching! Are you interested in purchasing the book for the Services of Great and Holy Week and Pascha? If so, please contact Bonnie at the Church Office. Price is \$35.00.

FOOD FOR PARISH (FFP) We are especially in need of fresh items such as milk, eggs, cheese, ground beef, and chicken. 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.

2019 DIOCESE OF WICHITA & MID-AMERICA PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE This year the PLC will be held June 19-22 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area! To register, go to www.antiochianevents.com/wichita.html.

ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION is scheduled for July 21-28 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Topics to be discussed will relate to how to live our Orthodox faith in the modern world. To register, go to ac2019gr.org.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School June 10-13, 2019! Contact Adella to volunteer!

CAMP ST. RAPHAEL 2019 Registration has begun has just a few spots left. 2019 are as follows: Session 1: June 30 – July 6, Session 2: July 7-13, Session 3: July 14-20. Our parish attends third session. To register, visit CampStRaphael.org. Needs-based scholarships are available.

St. Anthony Men's Society Invites you to the annual

April 21st

PALM SUNDAY

FISH FRY

following Divine Liturgy & Procession

\$10 per plate

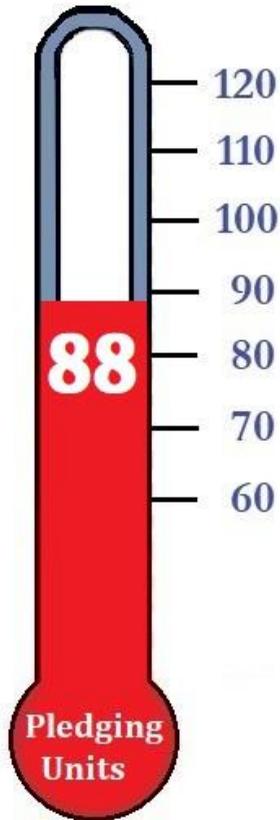
Fried Fish, Fries & Cole Slaw

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

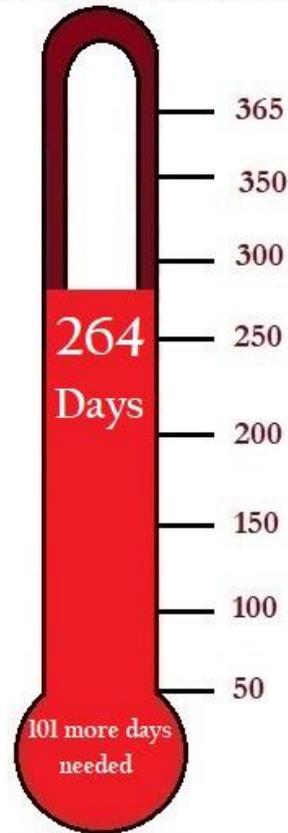
As a point of reference, for 2019, our projected expenses are estimated to be \$440,000 – that’s an average of over \$36,000/month or \$1,200/day! These expenses include everything from paying the monthly mortgage to clergy and staff salaries to all the bills: electric, gas, water, waste, cleaning service, lawn care, etc. Our parish serves approximately **150** families. We are striving for strong participation and are hopeful you will help us reach that goal.

Help us reach the top!

Number of Pledges



The number of pledges rec'd to date cover this many days for 2019



Avg. operating cost/day = \$1,200

ST. JOHN OF CLIMACUS

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 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion of the St. John Climacus (Tone 8)

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Troparion of St. Anthony the Great, our patron (Tone 4)

Thou didst become like the zealous Elijah, and didst follow John the Baptist in his upright ways, as 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 Sundays in Great Lent (Tone 8)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

إِنِّي أَنَا عَبْدُكَ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ، * أَكْتُبُ لَكَ رَايَاتِ الْعَلْبَةِ، * يَا جُنْدِيَّةَ مُحَامِيَةِ، * وَأَقِيمَ لَكَ الشُّكْرَ كَمُنْقِذَةٍ مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ، * لَكِنْ بِمَا أَنْ لَكَ الْعِزَّةَ الَّتِي لَا تُخَارَبُ، * أَحْتَبِينِي مِنْ صُنُوفِ الشَّدَائِدِ * حَتَّى أَصْرُخَ إِلَيْكَ: افْرَحِي يَا عَرُوسًا لَا عَرُوسَ لَهَا.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord will give strength to His people. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath. So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:17-31)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

**WE WILL TRAIN!
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

LET'S GET FUNDRAISING!

LENTEN FISH FRY

**DATES: MARCH 29, APRIL 5,
APRIL 12**

TIME: 4:30 - 6:30 PM

**FORMAT: DRIVE-THRU/
TO GO ORDERS ONLY**

**MEAL: 2 PCS FRIED FISH,
FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW
FOR \$10**

**WE NEED 20 PEOPLE EACH DAY
TO COOK, MAKE COLESLAW,
PREPARE TO-GO BAGS,
BAG TO-GO BOXES, RUN FOOD
TO CARS, COLLECT MONEY, AND
DIRECT TRAFFIC**

**Please contact Tod Bradley
(todwbradley@gmail.com)**

LENT – HOLY WEEK - PASCHA

Friday, April 19 7:30 p Arabic Choir Practice

If you can sing (in Arabic) and would like to participate, make plans to join us for practice.

Friday, April 19 7:30 p Rehearsal for Myrrh-bearers

If your daughter is between the ages of 5-13 and would like to participate during the Lamentations Service on Holy Friday evening, please contact Salwa Musleh and join us for rehearsal. Rehearsal is mandatory for the participants.

Saturday, April 20 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy for Lazarus and Egg Hunt

This year we decided to move our annual Church Picnic and Egg Hunt to Lazarus Saturday. The children will enjoy various activities, including a bounce house, as well as the egg hunt!

Sunday, April 21 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy for Feast of Palm Sunday

The Men's Society of St. Anthony will host our annual Palm Sunday Fish Fry! Make plans to stay after Liturgy for a delicious meal!

Friday, April 26 11:30 AM Decorating of the Bier

This is when the ladies decorate the bier (Tomb of Christ) in preparation for that evening's Lamentations Service (aka Funeral of Christ).

Saturday, April 27 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by...

Decorating the Church for Great and Holy Pascha! The Divine Liturgy of this morning's celebration is a beautiful manifestation of the discovery of the empty tomb of Christ.

Saturday, April 27 10:00 p Start Time of the Rush Service followed by Paschal Liturgy

A breakfast will be offered in the wee hours of the morning following the Paschal Divine Liturgy! Families are also encouraged to bring their own basket of goodies to be blessed as well.

Sunday, April 28 1:00 p Agape Vespers

Do you read a foreign language? If so, and if you would like to read the Gospel at this service, email Bonnie at the Church Office.

