

St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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5 May 2019

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND 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

BREAD OF OBLATION is offered by Victoria Tannous

COFFEE HOUR is sponsored by MaryAnne Giannaris, Fadia Khoury, and Joyce Finch

FATHER ANTHONY is away and will be returning on Wednesday, May 8. In case of pastoral emergency, please call Fr. John Ballard (214) 497-3505.

MAY CALENDAR is on the information tables in the narthex and hall.

SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesday, May 8	12:00 p	6 th Hour Prayer Service
Saturday, May 11	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/ Fr. Anthony or Fr. John) Great Vespers
Sunday, May 12	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy ~ Thomas Sunday

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! ~ Verdadermente ha RESUCITADO!

UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES.

MAM LADIES MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, at 5:30 p.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 p.

VBS COMMITTEE MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30p.

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO MAKE BAKLAVA! Beginning Wednesday, May 15, the Ladies of St. Anthony will be preparing baklava on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM – 2:00 p for the Annual Baklava Sale. Bring your apron and pastry brush, and join us for a time of fun and fellowship!

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

MEDITERRANEAN NIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED This year the Med Night Gala will be Saturday, September 21. To make this event a great success, we will need volunteers, especially the week of the event! Please contact Deanne Nassif (deanne.nassif@gmail.com) or Adella Winder (adellawinder@gmail.com) to volunteer for this year's event.

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.

JOB OPENINGS AT THE SAINT CONSTANTINE SCHOOL Thanks to continuing growth in student enrollment, TSCS (Houston's new classical Orthodox Christian school, serving PK-12 through College) will be hiring part-time and full-time positions for the 2019-20 school year and encourages applications from our local parishes. Visit saintconstantine.org/careers/.

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 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

JOY CLUB CAMP AT HOME will be Saturday, May 18 at St. George for 1st-6th graders. For more information, see Adella.

YOUTH SUNDAY will be May 19. This will be the last day of Church School until the fall.

YOUTH BOOK AND BAKESALE FUNDRIASER will be during Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 19.

GRADUATION SUNDAY will be celebrated on Sunday, June 2. If your child is graduation from High school or University this year, please fill out the form in the narthex and hall.

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. Cyril Orthodox Church Choral

Directed by John Lickwar

JOURNEY TO PASCHA

Music of Lent, Holy Week and Pascha

Sunday, May 19

3 PM

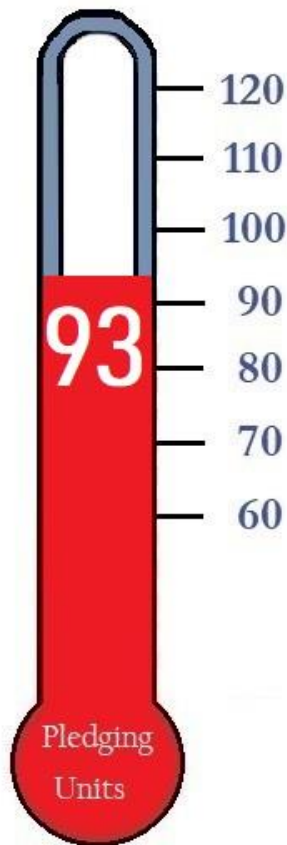
Robb Chapel/ The United Methodist Church
2200 Lake Woodlands Drive The Woodlands 77380

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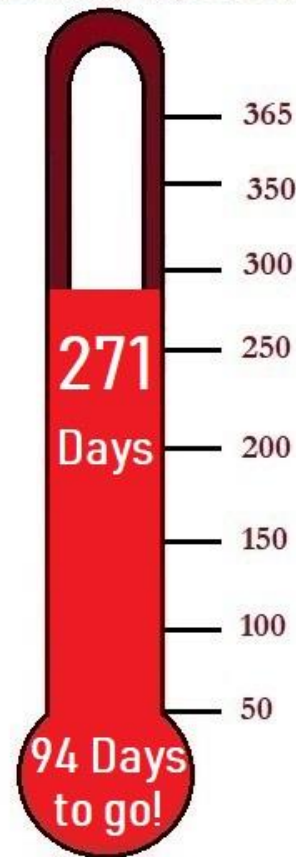
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

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.

Number of Pledges



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



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

SUNDAY OF THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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, zoeen, 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 day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Little Entrance Hymn

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

Troparion of Thomas Sunday (Tone 7)

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

Kontakion of PASCHA (Tone 8)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming rejoice to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

THE EPISTLE

Great is the Lord, and great is His power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles (5:12-20).

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the Apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

THE GOSPEL

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (20:19-31).

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other Disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.



JOIN US FOR A

Mother and Daughter Tea Party

Saturday, May 11th, 2019 at One O'Clock
Saint Anthony The Great Orthodox Church
7202 FM 2920, Spring, TX

Come join us for food, fellowship, DJ, raffles and games. Wear your fanciest royal hat and attire!

Tickets: \$35 for Adults, \$15 For Girls Under 12. Tickets on Sale Now.
Talk to Ann Tannous if you have any questions.

Raffles, games and more!

Tickets now on sale!

Go to www.stanthonythegreat.org to buy your tickets
(click on "donate")

For more information, please contact Ann Tannous
(Anntannous@gmail.com)

Tree of Life Order Form



Pre-ordered Leaves priced at \$125.00 per Leaf.

After installation of the Tree, all Leaves will be \$200.00 per Leaf.

One Leaf per Order Form. Maximum of three (3) lines.

Payment due with order form. Make checks payable to St. Anthony Orthodox Church.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Leaf inscription, please print clearly.

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

St. Anthony's Tree of Life



What is a Tree of Life?

A Tree of Life is a stationary display in the shape of a tree with leaves that celebrate the lives of our parishioners. These momentous occasions include, but are not limited to, births, baptisms, birthdays, graduations, marriages, deaths, joys, sorrows and honors.

Below are sample ideas for your Leaf to honor your loved one.

Stuart Lapp
Happy 60th Birthday
May 2018

Memory Eternal
Grandparents
Adam and Priscilla Barbu

Congratulations
HPD Graduate Nellaine Nall
March 2019