

St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

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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 coffee 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 Bonnie Kokkinis

COFFEE HOUR is sponsored by Marina Papapanyiotou, Panyiota Boyd, and Maria Brooks

MEDITERRANEAN NIGHT GALA TICKETS are available for purchase in the narthex following today's Divine Liturgy.

CHURCH LUNCHEON Tickets are now on sale for the Church Picnic Luncheon next Sunday, August 18th. Adults: \$10, Children: \$7.

DORMITION OF MARY This feast is preceded by a two-week fasting period (Aug. 1-14). During this time we fast as we would during Lent (abstain from meat, dairy, poultry, fish and wine). Check the schedule below and the August calendar for services pertaining to this blessed feast.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSING will be **next Sunday**, August 18th. Father will offer a special prayer for students, teachers, and faculty for the upcoming school year at the end of Divine Liturgy. Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to be blessed.

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION Please register for Church School as soon as possible to help our teachers prepare. Classes begin Sunday, September 8th. Forms are in the narthex.

SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

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| Wednesday, Aug. 14 | 6:30 p | Divine Liturgy for Feast of Dormition of Mary |
| Saturday, Aug. 17 | 4:30 p 5:00 p | Confession (or by appointment w/ Fr. Anthony) Great Vespers |
| Sunday, Aug. 18 | 8:45 AM 10:00 AM | Orthros Divine Liturgy |

UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

MED NIGHT GALA MEETING is scheduled for this Tuesday, August 13th, at 7:00 p.

SOYO OUTING is this Thursday, August 15th, at 6:30p. If you are going into 7th through 8th grade, this is for you! Please contact Adella to RSVP, or for more information.

TEEN SOYO MEETING will be next Sunday, August 18th, in the Teen Room after the Backpack Blessing. We will have officer elections and go over upcoming events. Fill out a form in the narthex if you would like to run for SOYO office.

MEN'S SOCIETY DINNER will be Thursday, August 22nd, at 7:00p in the hall. RSVP to Fr. Anthony (franthonybaba@gmail.com)

MAM LADIES MEETING to work on the yearly calendar of events and activities will be Tuesday, August 27th, at 5:30p.

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) Items such as milk, rice, pasta, fruits, salad, and dried beans are needed. Please bring items to church any Sunday. Any St. Anthony parishioner who is in need is invited to set a confidential appointment with our church secretary, Bonnie (291-251-6000) or Fr. Anthony for pickup.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE WORD MAGAZINE The Word is the official news magazine of the Antiochian Archdiocese. Content keeps readers informed of Orthodox news, educates and inspires with articles on faith and practice. To subscribe, go to ww1.antiochian.org/theword, and click on the link "Address Updates & Subscription Requests".

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

YAM EVENT The Houston Orthodox Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will have an outing on Wednesday, August 21st at 6:30p, starting with Vespers at St. George (5311 Mercer St. Houston 77005). Contact Adella to RSVP.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING will be Saturday, August 24, at 10:00 AM at the church. More info to come.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH
**BACK TO SCHOOL
BACKPACK BLESSING**

A special prayer will be said for students and teachers.
Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church!

CHURCH LUNCHEON : SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH

Sponsored by St. Anthony MAM Ladies Society

Menu: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, with all the fixings
Mac and Cheese, Baked Beans, Assorted Chips
Green Salad with Dressing
Watermelon & Ice Cream Cups

~ Adults \$10, Children \$7 ~

Annual Mediterranean Night Gala

Saturday, September 21st

Entertainment - Dinner & Dancing - Raffle

\$150/Ticket or Table Sponsor (10 people)

Table Sponsor: Sultan \$3,000 ~ Amir \$2,500 ~ Phares \$2,000

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

The success of this event 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, Layal Saghbini (layal@saghbini.net), or call the Church Office.

| ITEM TO BE SPONSORED | AMOUNT | STATUS |
|-------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Flowers and Decorations | \$2,500.00 | |
| Appetizers | \$2,000.00 | |
| Music | \$2,000.00 | DONATED |
| Entertainment | \$1,500.00 | |
| Raffle Items | \$1,500.00 | |
| Photo Booth | \$1,000.00 | |
| Event Photography | \$1,000.00 | |
| Program | \$500.00 | DONATED |

AFTER-FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

Entrance Hymn of Ordinary Sunday

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 Resurrection (Tone 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Transfiguration (Tone 7)

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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 of the Transfiguration (Tone 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (1:10-17)

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

THE GOSPEL

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (14:14-22).

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.