

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 worshiping 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 Pat Boyd

CHURCH PICNIC LUNCHEON is in lieu of Coffee Hour.

TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY The youth of our parish will be ushering and reading today's Epistle. A children's sermon will be offered.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSING will be after today's Divine Liturgy. Father will offer a special prayer for students, teachers, and faculty for the upcoming school year at the end of Divine Liturgy.

TEEN SOYO MEETING will be today 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.

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

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

Saturday, Aug. 25	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/ Fr. Anthony) Great Vespers
Sunday, Aug. 26	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy

UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

MEN'S SOCIETY DINNER will be Thursday, August 22nd, at 7:00p in the hall. RSVP to Fr. Anthony. Cost is \$20.

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

MED NIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28th, at 7:00p.

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.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER RETREAT & WORKSHOP hosted by St. George Church on Saturday, August 24 from 10:00a-12:00p. If you're going to teach Church School or would like to learn more about our program, please come to this exciting retreat with speaker Kh. Gigi Shadid. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 21st by calling St. George Church Office 713-665-5252.

IOCC DISASTER RELIEF will host a workshop on Saturday, August 24 from 9:00AM-12:00PM at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. The goal of this workshop is to help parishes prepare for regional emergencies and responding to the needs of parishioners. Our parish liaison is Allyn Beekman - if you're interested in attending this workshop, please contact him at twobeekmans@gmail.com.

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 (adella@stanthonythegreat.org) to volunteer for this year's event.

ST. ANTHONY'S TREE OF LIFE Commemorate the momentous occasions of your family's life by donating a leaf to the St. Anthony 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. Examples of these events include, but are not limited to, births, baptisms, birthdays, graduations, marriages, deaths, joys, sorrows and honors. Order forms are available on the info tables in the narthex and hall.

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, educated and inspired 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 held Saturday, August 24th from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the church for boys 2nd through 12th grade. Please contact Adella by Sunday, August 21st to RSVP. Following the training, the boys will be treated for lunch at Aviators Grill at Hooks Airport. ***Parents please pick up your boy(s) from Hooks Airport.

SOYO FALL RETREAT The DOWAMA Basketball tournament and Retreat will be held October 4th-6th at St. Elijah Orthodox Church in OKC with speaker Steve Christoforou (yes the guy who does Be the Bee!). This retreat is for students in 7th - 12th grade who are at least 13. To register, please see Adella.

TODAY!

CHURCH LUNCHEON

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 DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

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 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Dormition (Tone 1)

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

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 Dormition (Tone 2)

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.

THE EPISTLE

Make vows to the Lord thy God and perform them.

In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (3:9-17)

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

THE GOSPEL

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (14:22-34).

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.