

# St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

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## 4 Aug 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 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 Victoria Tannous

**COFFEE HOUR** is sponsored by Fadia Khoury

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

**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.

### SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Tuesday, Aug. 6	9:30 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> for the Feast of the Transfiguration
Wednesday, Aug. 7	6:30 p	<b>Paraklesis Prayer Service to the Mother of God</b>
Friday, Aug. 9	12:00 p	<b>Paraklesis Prayer Service to the Mother of God</b>
Saturday, Aug. 10	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/ Fr. Anthony) Great Vespers
Sunday, Aug. 11	8:45 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy

### UPCOMING MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

**MAM LADIES MEETING** will be at 5:30p this Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** is scheduled for this Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00p

### NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION** will be served on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30p.

**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](mailto:deanne.nassif@gmail.com)) or Adella Winder ([adellawinder@gmail.com](mailto: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, educated and inspired with articles on faith and practice. To subscribe, go to [ww1.antiochian.org/theword](http://ww1.antiochian.org/theword), and click on the link "Address Updates & Subscription Requests".

### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSING** will be on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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

## Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed



We are in need of sponsors for Coffee Hour for August through December.

Please consider signing up with a friend to bring a modest offering of cookies or other light refreshments after Liturgy on Sundays.

Sign up chart is in the hall.

Items such as bagels, muffins, and cookies are always welcome!

~ If you would prefer to make a monetary donation to help sponsor a Coffee Hour, please see Victoria Tannous or Bonnie Kokkinis. ~

# 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](mailto: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	
Entertainment	\$1,500.00	
Raffle Items	\$1,500.00	
Photo Booth	\$1,000.00	
Event Photography	\$1,000.00	
Program	\$500.00	<b>DONATED</b>

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### 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 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, 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

*O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.  
Until Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.*

### The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (15:1-7).

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures, we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

### THE GOSPEL

### The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (9:27-35).

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.