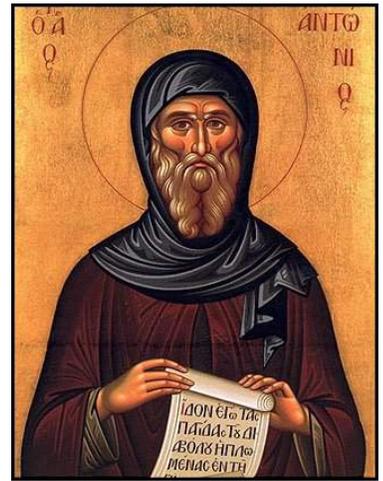


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## Camp At Home Retreat

Adella Winder

On Saturday April 17, St. Anthony SOYO hosted 42 kids for our annual Camp at Home Retreat, which is a day of camp dedicated to praying, playing, and learning. The retreat began with Matins followed by Christian Ed sessions with Fr. Anthony and myself where we discussed daily struggles that our youth face as Orthodox Christians. Teens asked excellent questions and sparked necessary dialogue about how to respond and deal with these struggles.

After Morning Program, our first SOYO Flag Football Tournament, a collaborative effort of St. Anthony and St. Joseph, began despite the forecast for a very rainy day. Teams from St. Joseph, St. George, St. Paul, and St. Anthony had a fun afternoon of friendly competition, with youth advisors, parents, camp counselors, and even our own Fr. Anthony coaching them. After several intense games, St. George SOYO was the winner of this year's tournament. After we enjoyed "Gimme Shop," which is the camp equivalent of snack time, the winner were presented their trophy and we took fun group pictures. We then ended the day with Vespers followed by dinner.



Thankfully, the weather held up, allowing us to have an incredible time together outdoors, and many of us agreed that it felt truly like a day at Camp St. Raphael. God willing, we will be able to have more activities throughout the year to bring the youth of our Houston parishes together to build a stronger Orthodox community of young people.

"Thank you, St. Anthony SOYO for hosting an authentic camp experience here at home. It's so great to get a chance to learn and play alongside the friends that we don't get to see very often." - Alex Zaibaq - St. George, Houston

"Camp at Home is something I want to continue to happen because not only did I get to see camp friends, but we were able to participate in eye-opening discussions with Fr. Anthony and Adella. It was a preview of what happens in the summer at camp. YABOY!" -Rawan Ashrawi

"Camp at Home is a great way for kids to discover that a community of Orthodox youth exists in our local area." -Matt Frangos

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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE**  
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Pastoral Message for Great and Holy Pascha  
May 1, 2016

Christ is Risen! Indeed he is Risen!

We greet you with great joy and love as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. I wish to share with you this beautiful Paschal Oration by St. Gregory the Theologian as my pastoral message for Pascha:

*Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him.*

*Yesterday I died with Him; Today I am made alive with Him.*

*Yesterday I was buried with Him; today I am raised up with Him.*

*Let us offer to Him Who suffered and rose again for us...ourselves, the possession most precious to God and most proper.*

*Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us.*

*Let us become divine for His sake, since for us He became man.*

*He assumed the worse that He might give us the better. He became poor that by His poverty we might become rich. He accepted the form of a servant that we might win back our freedom.*

*He came down that we might be lifted up. He was tempted that through Him we might conquer. He was dishonored that He might glorify us. He died that He might save us. He ascended that He might draw to Himself we who were thrown down through the fall of sin.*

*Let us give all, offer all, to Him who gave Himself as a ransom and reconciliation for us.*

*We needed an incarnate God, a God put to death, that we might live. We were put to death together with Him that we might be cleansed. We rose again with Him because we were put to death with Him. We were glorified with Him because we rose again with Him.*

*A few drops of blood recreate the whole of creation.*

- St. Gregory the Theologian, from the Paschal Orations

It is my prayer that the Light of the Empty Tomb will bring us the peace and joy which can only come from above. Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Yours in the Risen Christ,

+Joseph

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

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Congratulations to the newly-illuminated Carolyn, Makayla, Reed, Jaqueline and Joshua! May God grant them many years!



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## PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE ~ Tulsa, Oklahoma

June 15-18, 2016

Since our parish will be hosting the conference in 2017, we want as many people as possible from our parish to attend this year's conference. What's it about? Visit [www.tulsa2016.com](http://www.tulsa2016.com) for more info!

### PASCHAL LITURGY

Bright Wednesday,

May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM

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### MID-PENTECOST

Divine Liturgy

Wednesday,

May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM

### WEDNESDAYS

May 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 25<sup>th</sup>

*(We will not have Ask Abouna on the 18<sup>th</sup>)*

Vespers ~ 6:30-7pm

“Ask Abouna” till 7:45pm

Got questions? Bring them with you! Questions may also be emailed to Fr. Anthony if you're not up for asking during “class.” These sessions are always great opportunities to learn more about the Orthodox Faith in an informal setting.