

# St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday-Friday 9:00a-4:00p ~ *Office is closed on Mondays*

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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

**CHURCH LUNCHEON** is in lieu of Coffee Hour

**WELCOME FAMILY CAMPER!** We are pleased to have our Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America Family Camp participants with us today for Divine Liturgy!

**MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT** Join us next Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00p in the hall for an evening of fun, prizes, fellowship, and a chance to win \$500 cash when you purchase a ticket- you do not need to be present to win!! Tickets are on sale for \$25 each. **Please purchase your ticket(s) today. Tickets may be purchased this week during office hours. NO TICKET PURCHASE AT THE DOOR.**

### SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesday, Feb. 19	6:00 p	Vespers
Saturday, Feb. 22	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>for Saturday of Souls</i>
	4:30 p	Confession <i>(or by appointment w/Fr. A)</i>
	5:00 p	Great Vespers
Sunday, Feb. 23	8:45 AM	Orthros
	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

**IOCC HOMEFRONT MEETING** is scheduled for tomorrow, February 17th, at 7:00p.

**BIBLE STUDY** Join us this Wednesday, February 19th, for our continued Bible study with Fr. Anthony from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM. We are studying the Letter of James. All are invited to attend.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** is scheduled for this Thursday, February 20th, at 7:00p.

### NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ONE YEAR MEMORIAL** in memory of +Jerry Burks will follow next Sunday's Divine Liturgy.

**CREATIVE ARTS** If your 1st - 12th grade student is interested in participating in this year's Diocese Creative Arts Festival, February 23rd from 12:15-1:30p. Please RSVP at [ChurchSchool@stanthonythegreat.org](mailto:ChurchSchool@stanthonythegreat.org) if your child(ren) will attend.

**FAMILY NIGHT** our next Family Night will be Wednesday, February 26th. Join us for Vespers at 6:00p, followed by dinner and break-out sessions for all ages!

**ANNUAL ST. PARASKEVI MONASTERY VISIT** is scheduled for Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet at the Church at 9:00 AM and caravan to the monastery, and return to the church at 3:00 PM. Please see flyer on the information tables in the narthex and hall for more info.

**PARISH DIRECTORY** the new 2020 Parish Directory is now available! To place your order, please see Bonnie, or email [Admin@stanthonythegreat.org](mailto:Admin@stanthonythegreat.org). **Directories are free; one per family please.**

**FROZEN MEALS FOR PARISHIONERS** We are accepting frozen home-cooked meals for members of our parish family who are in need. If you would like to help, please bring a freezer-friendly meal such as casseroles, soups, chili, etc. to the church on Sundays in February. Please label the meal with the date it was prepared, and with a list of ingredients. Meals will be stored in the hall freezer and dispersed as needed. For more information, or to request a meal confidentially, please call Bonnie at the church office, or Fr. Anthony.

### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

**CHURCH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER** is available on the information table in the narthex.

**CAMP ST. RAPHAEL SUMMER REGISTRATION** has begun! Spaces fill quickly, so register today!

**CROSSROAD SUMMER PROGRAM** is a ten-day summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and invites them to connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. Visit [www.CrossRoadsInstitute.org](http://www.CrossRoadsInstitute.org) for more info.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

~ MINUTE TO WIN IT ~  
Saturday, February 22

~ FAMILY NIGHT ~  
Wednesday, February 26

~ GREAT LENT BEGINS ~  
Monday, March 2

~ ST. PARASKEVI MONASTERY LENT VISIT ~  
Saturday, March 21

# SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

## THE FIRST ANTIPHON

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High:

**Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

To declare Thy steadfast love in the morning, and thy faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. **(Refrain)**

For Thou, O Lord, hast made me glad by Thy work; at the works of Thy hands I sing for joy. **(Refrain)**

Glory... Both now... **(Refrain)**

## THE SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord reigns, He is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, He is girded with strength.

**Refrain: O Son of God Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

Yea, the world is established; it shall not be moved; Thy throne is established from of old; Thou art from everlasting. **(Refrain)**

The floods have lifted up their heads, O Lord, the floods lift up their roaring. **(Refrain)**

Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty! **(Refrain)**

The decrees are very sure; holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forever more. **(Refrain)**

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

## Entrance Hymn of Ordinary Sundays

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 the Resurrection (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

## Troparion of St. Anthony, 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 Prodigal Son (Tone 3)

I have foolishly run away from thy fatherly glory, and I have wasted in evil deeds the wealth which thou gavest me. Wherefore, I cry to thee with the voice of the prodigal: I have sinned before thee, O merciful Father. Receive me who repent and make me as one of thy hired servants.

## THE EPISTLE

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

## The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:12-20).

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

## THE GOSPEL

## The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32).

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.''" And he arose and came to his father.

But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"