

St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS & GUESTS It is a joy to have you with us this morning! Please feel free to complete the Welcome Card or sign the Guest Book in the narthex. 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 the church, 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 at Admin@stanthonythegreat.org.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ August 16, 2020

BREAD OF OBLATION is offered by Hala Khoury

MEMORIAL Six-month memorial in memory of +Riad Khoury, husband of our sister in Christ Hala Khoury, will follow today's Divine Liturgy. May his memory be eternal.

SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, August 22	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or by appointment w/Fr. Anthony) Great Vespers
Sunday, August 23	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy

Sunday Divine Liturgy live-streamed on our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/stanthonyspringtx/>

UPCOMING ONLINE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

BIBLE STUDY continues Wednesday, August 19th, at 10:30 AM on ZOOM.

SEEKERS, ENQUIRERS & CATECHUMENS CLASS via ZOOM continues this Wednesday, August 19th, at 6:30p.

ARE YOU 55 OR OLDER? Join Fr. Anthony for a discussion on Zoom on Friday, August 21st, at 10:30 AM.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR HOLY BREAD

Aug. 23 ~ Vasiliki Domati	Sept. 6 ~ Fadia Khoury	Sept. 20 ~ Viviane Khalaf
Aug. 30 ~ Victoria Tannous	Sept. 13 ~ Randa Nassif	Sept. 27 ~ Antoinette Kobersi

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING RECAP

- Mediterranean Night Gala for 2020 has officially been cancelled, and we have reserved our date for 2021.
- Overflow Capacity: We will begin using our Fellowship Hall if the Church reaches capacity. Liturgy will be live-streamed in the Hall, and those who are prepared to receive Holy Communion will enter the Church at the appointed time to receive the Holy Gifts in the narthex.
- A charitable donation for Lebanon in the amount of \$2,500 will be given to the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America. If you would like to give to this worthy cause, you can send a check to St. Anthony (earmark Lebanon), and it will be added to the amount above.
- Our financials continue to be in good standing, thanks to your support!

AFTER-FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

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.

Resurrectional Troparion (Tone 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Troparion of the Icon of Christ (Tone 2)

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

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 a 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

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

The Reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians(4:9-16).

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (17:14-23).

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."