

**COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS** are needed **PLEASE**. It's a very simple and easy process. If you'd like to sign up for a Sunday, please contact Bonnie Kokkinis ([Admin@StAnthonyTheGreat.org](mailto:Admin@StAnthonyTheGreat.org)).

<b>DATES</b>	<b>HOLY BREAD MAKER</b>	<b>COFFEE HOUR HOST</b>	<b>COFFEE HOUR HOST</b>
<b>March 10</b>	Antoinette Kobersi	Vivian Bernardi	
<b>March 17</b>	Bonnie Kokkinis	Helen Stroeberger	
<b>March 24</b>	Randa Nassif		
<b>March 31</b>	Viviane Khalaf	Eleni Papadopoulou Bokis	

# 3 March 2024

## Church Office Hours & Staff: (281) 251-6000

**Monday** ~ **Office Closed**  
**Tuesday–Thursday** ~ 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm  
**Friday** ~ 9:00 am ~ 12:00 pm

Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Baba, *Priest*  
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## WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS & VISITORS

**WELCOME!** It's a joy to have you with us, we're glad you're here - please join us for fellowship after Liturgy! If you are a visitor, please fill out the Visitor Welcome Card in the pew pocket or scan the QR code in the bulletin.

**RECEIVING COMMUNION** While the Orthodox Church continues to pray for the unity of all, Communion is only served to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession. All are welcome to receive blessed bread given by one of the ushers.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES** Please silence and refrain from using electronic devices during the service.

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BREAD OF OBLATION** is offered by Fadia Khoury

**COFFEE HOUR** is sponsored by Eleni Papadopoulou Bokis & Maria Katsouna

**FR. ANTHONY** is away this weekend attending Family Camp.

**MARCH IS ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MONTH** The ladies of our parish will be reading the Epistle and ushering this month.

**5 YEAR PLANNING COMMITTEE** is holding a focus group session today during Coffee Hour. All interested are encouraged to attend.

**STEWARDSHIP DRIVE UPDATE** We have received a total of 88 Stewardship Forms. If you have not yet submitted a pledge for 2024, please complete the form located in the narthex and submit it today.

## SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesday, March 6	6:30 p	Daily Vespers
Saturday, March 9	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession (or schedule an appt w/Fr. Anthony or Fr. John) Great Vespers
Sunday, March 10	9:00 a 10:00 a	Orthros Divine Liturgy

## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

**5 YEAR PLANNING COMMITTEE** a focus group session to assist with short-term resolution of "growing pains" and long-term planning goals during Coffee Hour are set for TODAY and next Sunday, March 10th. If you are interested, please contact Olga Trammel at [olga0944@att.net](mailto:olga0944@att.net).

**SS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN, GALVESTON** On Saturday, March 16th, they will have their first Serbian Festival. For more info, go to [orthodoxgalveston.org](http://orthodoxgalveston.org).

**MEDITERRANEAN NIGHT GALA** committee meeting is set for Tuesday, March 12th at 7:30p in the Jr. High School classroom.

**PARISH COUNCIL** meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th at 7:00p in the Conference Room.

**6-WEEK BIBLE STUDY** with Fr. John on the Gospel of John will begin on Tuesday, March 19th to April 23rd from 10:30-11:30am in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

**HOLY WEEK FLOWERS & PALMS** If you would like to make a donation for the palms & flowers for Holy Week, please fill out the form in this bulletin and return it to the church office. Deadline is Holy Thursday, May 2.

## M.A.M. (Mary And Martha) LADIES SOCIETY

**WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY** continues on Tuesday, March 5th at 7:30p (every Tuesday until March 12th). The book we are studying, Pearl of Great Price, can be found in our Church Bookstore. We will be discussing Ch. 8.

**MAM LADIES MEETING** is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th, immediately following the 6:30p Vespers service.

**ST. PARASKEVI LENTEN PILGRIMAGE** Our parish will be visiting St. Paraskevi Monastery on Saturday, March 30. If you plan to attend, please contact Bonnie by Sunday, March 24th: [Admin@stanthonythegreat.org](mailto:Admin@stanthonythegreat.org).

**LENTEN FALAFEL LUNCHEON** will be Sunday, April 7th. RSVP to Emily Kelly ([MAM@StAnthonyTheGreat.org](mailto:MAM@StAnthonyTheGreat.org)).

## MEN'S SOCIETY

**GREETERS & USHERS** would you like to join this ministry team? See Nicholas Worontsoff in the narthex to see how you can help.

**MEN'S GATHERING & DINNER** on Thursday, March 7th at 6:30p in the Fellowship Hall w/Guest speaker Josh Ingram who will speak on "Keeping our home safe and secure." Cost is \$10.

## CHURCH SCHOOL ~ YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

**CHURCH SCHOOL** The children will be dismissed to Church School after communion today.

**CAMP ST. RAPHAEL** if you have not already registered your child(ren) for 3rd Session, please delay no further! Visit [www.CampStRaphael.org](http://www.CampStRaphael.org) to register.

**TEEN SOYO DINNER** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30p.

**SPRING FESTIVAL** will be Saturday, April 26th. For more info, see the flier in the narthex and hall.

**LUMINARIES** Forms for the Holy Friday luminaries are in the narthex and hall.

## ARE YOU NEW TO ST. ANTHONY CHURCH?

**ARE YOU A NEWCOMER?** Scan this QR code and get connected by receiving the weekly e-blasts.

**HELPFUL INFO TO KNOW...** First time visitors in almost every Orthodox Church are often confused about several things. Thoughts in the form of questions such as "What am I supposed to do right now - should I sit or stand?" or "What is the meaning of \_\_\_\_\_?" These are common questions many first-time visitors have, and there are plenty of resources/pamphlets on any given question - they're located on a table in the narthex, feel free to take one.



Honor your loved ones with  
**HOLY FRIDAY  
LUMINARIES**

\$5 suggested donation per luminary

Luminaries will be displayed during Lamentations  
on Holy Friday, May 3rd.

ORDERS DUE BY PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH.

See form in weekly e-mail, or in the church narthex and hall.  
Contact ChurchSchool@StAnthonytheGreat.org.



A Lenten Pilgrimage:

## St. Paraskevi Monastery

Washington, TX

Saturday, March 30th

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

For more information or to reserve your spot, please call the Church Office  
(281-251-6000) or email Bonnie at admin@stanthonythegreat.org

\*Participants must RSVP by Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

## Lenten Falafel LUNCHEON



Adults \$15

Kids under 12  
\$5

SPONSORED BY MAM LADIES SOCIETY

**SUNDAY APRIL 7**

RSVP to Emily Kelly to get your tickets!  
MAM@StAnthonyTheGreat.org

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Details to Follow

FRIDAY  
**MAY 31**  
2024  
8 a.m. Scramble

St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Christian Church  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Classic**  
Windrose Golf Club, Spring TX

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Celebrating  
the 40<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
of our  
Parish!

## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

### Little 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.

### Hymn Troparion of the 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.

### Hymn 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 a dweller in the wilderness, thou didst steady the world by prayer. O Father Anthony, intercede to Christ our God for our soul's salvation.

### Hymn Kontakion for The Prodigal Son (Tone 3)

Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory, and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou didst give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now: I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.

### 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. (6:12-20).

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, "The two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

## THE GOSPEL

### The reading is 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.'"

## DATES TO KEEP IN MIND...

~ **March 17** ~

Forgiveness Sunday Vespers @ 6:00 PM

~ **March 18** ~

Lent begins (Monday)

~ **March 24** ~

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Vespers @ Annunciation Cathedral @ 6:00 PM

~ **March 30** ~

St. Paraskevi Monastery Trip ~ be sure to sign up by emailing [admin@stanthonythegreat.org](mailto:admin@stanthonythegreat.org)

~ **April 13** ~

Lenten Retreat w/Fr. James Shadid

~ **April 27** ~

Spring Festival & Egg Hunt

~ **April 28** ~

Palm Sunday

~ **April 28 - May 4** ~

Holy Week

*Metropolitan SABA will be with us on Holy Thursday morning and Holy Friday morning.*

~ **May 5** ~

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

*Flowers, Candles and Palms for  
Holy Week and PASCHA*

If you would like to contribute toward the decorations of the Bier on Holy Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and/or towards decorating the church on Holy Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, for the health and welfare of your loved ones or in memory of your beloved departed, please complete this form and place it attached to your donation in the candle box in the narthex or submit to the Church Office by **Holy Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

From: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOLY FRIDAY LUMINARY ORDER FORM**

**Cost per luminary: Recommended \$5 donation**

*All proceeds will go toward our Youth Program & Church School.*



Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of individual luminaries: \_\_\_\_ Method of payment: PayPal Square Cash Check  
*(Circle one)*

**Names of those you wish to honor:**  
*You can list multiple people or families on one luminary if you wish. Please mark the departed with a cross. +*

- Luminary 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- Luminary 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- Luminary 3. \_\_\_\_\_
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- Luminary 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- Luminary 8. \_\_\_\_\_
- Luminary 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- Luminary 10. \_\_\_\_\_

**All forms are due by Palm Sunday, April 28th.**

*Make checks payable to "St. Anthony Youth"*