

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).

DATES	HOLY BREAD MAKER	COFFEE HOUR HOST	COFFEE HOUR HOST
March 3	Fadia Khoury	Eleni Popoudopoulou	Maria Kartsona
March 10	Antoinette Kobersi	Vivian Bernardi	
March 17	Bonnie Kokkinis	Helen Stroeberger	
March 24	Randa Nassif		

25 February 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*
Rev. Fr. John Ballard, *Assistant Priest*
Rev. Dn. Photios Beekman, *Deacon*
Bonnie Kokkinis, *Secretary*

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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 Ulana Owens

WELCOME HIS GRACE BISHOP THOMAS May God grant him many years!

COFFEE HOUR is provided by our MAM Ladies Society. Thank you, ladies!

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE UPDATE We have received a total of 82 Stewardship Forms. If you have not yet submitted a pledge for 2024, please complete the form located in the narthex and submit it today.

FAST FREE WEEK This week is fast-free, in order to emulate the humility of the Publican as we begin our preparation for Great Lent.

SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesday, February 28	6:30 p	Daily Vespers <i>followed by Catechism</i>
Saturday, March 2	4:30 p 5:00 p	Confession <i>(or schedule an appt w/Fr. Anthony or Fr. John)</i> Great Vespers
Sunday, March 3	9:00 a 10:00 a	Orthros ~Sunday of the Prodigal Son ~ Divine Liturgy

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

CATECHISM The final class for this season will be this Wednesday, February 28th, immediately following the 6:30p Vespers service. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

5 YEAR PLANNING COMMITTEE is proposing to hold some focus group sessions to assist with short-term resolution of "growing pains" and long term planning goals during Coffee Hour on March 3rd and March 10th. If you are interested, please contact Olga Trammel at olga0944@att.net.

SS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN, GALVESTON is hosting a couple of events: Saturday, March 2nd is a concert by Fenecki Biseri from Serbia, and on Saturday, March 16th, they will have their first Serbian Festival. For more info, go to orthodoxgalveston.org.

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

LOST & FOUND If you think you may have left an item at church, please stop by the Church Office during office hours to check the Lost & Found box.

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.

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

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY continues on Tuesday, February 28th 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. 7.

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.

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 on Thursday, March 7th at 6:30p in the Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker TBD.

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 to register.

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

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.



SAVE THE DATE!

Details to Follow



St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Christian Church
3rd Annual Golf Classic
Windrose Golf Club, Spring TX

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*Celebrating
the 40th
Anniversary
of our
Parish!*

SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN

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 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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 Pharisee and the Publican (Tone 4)

Let us flee the Pharisee's conceited vaunting; let us learn the Publican's humility, and cry with groans unto the Savior: Thou Who alone art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

THE EPISTLE

Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God. God is known in Judaea, His Name is great in Israel!

The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15).

My Child Timothy, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them all, the Lord delivered me. Indeed all who would live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But people who are wicked and deceivers will proceed from worse to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and how from infancy you have known sacred writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:10-14).

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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 Bonnie.

~ **April 13** ~

Lenten Retreat w/Fr. James Shadid

~ **April 28** ~

Palm Sunday

~ **April 28 - May 4** ~

Holy Week

*Metropolitan SABA will be visiting Houston during Holy Week.
His Eminence will be with us on Holy Thursday morning and Holy Friday morning.*

~ **May 5** ~

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA



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
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*Participants must RSVP by Sunday, March 24th

More information to come!