

**COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS** are needed. 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 30</b>	Hala Khoury	Stefanos & MaryAnne Giannaris	
<b>April 6</b>	Ulana Owens/Fadia Khoury	MAM Ladies Society	
<b>April 13</b>	Bonnie Kokkinis	Palm Sunday Fish Fry	
<b>April 20</b>	Randa Nassif & Suad Khoury	PASCHA - Bring Your Basket of Goodies!	

23 March 2025

Church Office Hours & Staff:

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

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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS & VISITORS

WELCOME! It's a joy to have you and we're glad you're here - please join us for fellowship after Liturgy!

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 come forward to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread offered 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 Randa Nassif

PROCESSION OF THE HOLY CROSS On this 3rd Sunday of Lent, a procession with the Holy Cross will precede the Divine Liturgy, and at the end of the Liturgy today (and at the end of each service this week) we sing, "Before Thy Cross, we bow down and worship, Sovereign Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection, we glorify."

LENTEN FALAFEL LUNCHEON is in lieu of Coffee Hour

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

FINAL CREATIVE FESTIVALS WORKSHOP & DEADLINE is TODAY, in the Hall after Church School.

SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Service Description. Rows include Monday (6:00 p), Tuesday (6:30 p), Wednesday (6:30 p), Friday (6:30 p), Saturday (4:30 p / 5:00 p), and Sunday (9:00 a / 10:00 a).

To stay up to date on the various activities of our Church by receiving our weekly Tuesday eblasts and special announcements, please scan this QR code.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT Confessions can be made on Saturday evening before Great Vespers or by appointment. If you have never practiced the Sacrament of Holy Confession, Lent is the time. Email Fr. Anthony or Fr. John to schedule a time.

POTLUCK DINNER is on Wednesdays during Lent following PreSanctified Divine Liturgy. It is an Orthodox tradition to "break bread" after the evening liturgies on Wednesdays of Lent. If you plan to attend and bring a meal to share, please be sure that dishes are "fast-friendly" (no meat, dairy, fish, wine or oil). Service is from 6:30-8p, dinner after.

TIROPITES BAKING MAM is making tiropites on Wednesday, March 26 at 10 a.m. in the hall kitchen. Come to help out and to have a fun time with your MAM sisters! If you are staying through lunch, please bring your own lunch. Park behind the hall, and use back entrance to the kitchen.

ST. MONICA MOTHER'S GROUP will meet in the Hall this coming Friday, March 28th from 10:00a-noon.

TEXAS A&M CAMPUS VISIT for prospective students and their parents Friday, March 28. See info in the Tuesday eblast to register.

BAPTISM/CHRISMATION OF CATECHUMENS will be Saturday, April 5th at 10:30a. Everyone is invited to attend; please email Emily Kelly if you plan to attend the luncheon reception afterwards. MAM@StAnthonyTheGreat.org

SPANAKOPITA & TIROPITA PREORDER Order forms in narthex & hall.

ARABIC EASTER COOKIES now available for order. Order forms are in the hall & narthex.

DO YOU SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE? If you would like to read the Gospel for Agape Vespers, please contact Fr. Anthony.

BRING YOUR PASCHA BASKET to the Paschal Divine Liturgy on Saturday night, April 19th! For more info, see the flyers in the Hall.

SPRING 2025 CATECHISM CLASS has begun. For more info, contact Deacon Photios Beekman.

PROJECT MEXICO/ST. INNOCENT ORPHANAGE PANTRY PARTNERS Help us fill the pantry of St. Innocent Orphanage in Mexico. Every Sunday in March you will have the opportunity to purchase pantry items to donate to Project Mexico and add your "purchased product" to our pantry shelf wall. Please see the Pantry Partners Wall in the Fellowship Hall by the bookstore to make a donation.

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, April 17th.

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE Almsgiving is an important spiritual practice during Great Lent, as we remember those who are hungry and in need. Donation boxes are in the narthex. Please make one check in the total amount you collect and submit it to the Treasurer by Palm Sunday, April 13th.

ST. ANTHONY LADIES DERBY SOCIAL Save the date for Saturday, May 3rd! All ladies of St. Anthony are invited to attend. For more info, contact Teresa Yniguez at mark\_yniguez@comcast.net, or text to 203-470-7935.

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE Join the DOWAMA family at the 2025 Parish Life Conference (PLC)! Hosted by Holy Ascension Church in Norman, Oklahoma June 11-15. See the link in the weekly eblast to register.

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

MAM LADIES MEETING will be Tuesday, April 8, at 7:00p in the Conference Room.

MEN'S SOCIETY

PALM SUNDAY FISH FRY Please see info on page 5 of this bulletin. If you're interested in helping out, please email AYakyma@StAnthonyTheGreat.org

CHURCH SCHOOL ~ YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

BIBLE BOWL MEETING Saturday, April 5th at 3:00p in the Conference Room.

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

SPRING FESTIVAL & EGG HUNT will be Lazarus Saturday, April 12th following liturgy, from 11:30a - 1:00p.

MYRRH-BEARERS If your daughter is between the age of 5-12 and would like to participate in the Lamentations service on Holy Friday, please contact Salwa Musleh (smusleh4@yahoo.com). Participants must attend practice on Friday, April 11th, at 7p.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS Our diocese offers scholarships to graduating seniors. To learn more about this, please contact Vivian Bernardi.

The Men's Society Welcomes you to the

# Palm Sunday Fish Fry



**When:** April 13, 2025, after liturgy

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

**Cost:** \$15 per person

**RSVP here** →



*Lenten Falafel*

**LUNCHEON**



Adults \$15

Kids under 12  
\$5

SPONSORED BY MAM LADIES SOCIETY

**SUNDAY March 23**

Falafel and all the fixin's!  
Drink & Dessert included

Adults: \$15

Children under 12: \$5

See *Victoria Tannous*



A Lenten Pilgrimage:

**St. Paraskevi Monastery**

**Saturday, March 29**

**Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

See link in eblast to sign up

**Deadline to register:**  
**Sunday, March 23**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

### VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIVE-GIVING CROSS

#### 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 the Holy Cross (Tone 1)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy kingdom.

#### 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 Sundays in Great Lent (Tone 8)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

إني أنا عبدك يا والدة الإله \* أكتبُ لكِ راياتِ العَلْبَةِ \* يا جُنْدِيَّةَ مُحَامِيَّةٍ \* وأَقْدِمُ لَكَ الشُّكْرَ  
كَمُنْقَذَةٍ مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ \* لَكِنِ بِمَا أَنْ لَكَ العِزَّةَ التي لا تُحَارَبُ \* أَعْتَقِنِي مِنْ صُنُوفِ الشَّدَائِدِ \*  
حَتَّى أَصْرُخَ إِلَيْكَ: إفرحي يا عروساً لا عروسَ لها.



# 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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