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WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S

Where people from around the world come together to serve God and our community.
We are glad you are worshipping with us today! This Church is one community of many in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. The Church of Antioch belongs to two thousand years of evangelization, teaching, history, and tradition which expresses the continued commitment of its members to the Orthodox Christian faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!
St. Anthony Church is a Pan-Orthodox community, under the omophorion of Metropolitan JOSEPH within the Self-ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.
If you are a first time visitor, please fill out the guest form located on the literature table.
We want you to feel at home in prayer and worship. Please submit your names to the ushers and introduce yourself to Fr. Elia at the end of the service so he may welcome you personally.
Following services, please join us for sharing of fellowship, coffee, and food.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022
TONE 5 / EOTHINON 8; TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTE-
COST & TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS CHAINS OF THE APOSTLE PETER
PEUSIPPOS AND NEONILLA, AND THE MARTYRS OF CAPPADOCIA;
HIEROMARTYR DAMASKINOS OF HILANDAR MONASTERY ON ATHOS

NOTE TO CLERGY: Remember to include this special petition in the Great Litany before the one for the head of state, as directed by the Antiochian Archdiocese.

Deacon: For Metropolitan Paul, Archbishop John, and for their quick release from captivity and safe return, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

~ During the Little Entrance, chant the Resurrectional Apolytikion. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is "O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..." After the Little Entrance, chant the apolytikia in the following order:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

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.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE IN TONE FOUR

Thou hast come to us without leaving Rome, O thou who dost preside over the Apostles, by the power of the venerable chains thou didst bear. While honoring them with faith, we beseech thee, that through thine intercessions, God may grant us great mercy.


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Remaining Vigilant!

Over the past months, our country, state and local communities have witnessed a decrease in Covid 19 cases after the 'Delta' variant. We ask that you please be mindful of the following:

If you are experiencing any Covid symptoms, please contact your medical provider and refrain from attending church services.

There is currently No mask mandate at Saint Anthony's. However, for those who desire to have one, a box of masks have been placed on the table in the Church Narthex.

We ask that you please continue to maintain social distancing when possible, in particular while in line to receive Communion; and at the Dismissal while you are receiving the blessing at the end.

Please join us for coffee hour after the Liturgy.

May God bless us all and protect us and keep us safe.

~ The following Great Dismissal is used at Great Vespers when the Litia and Artoklasia are served.
The usual one is not said. This follows the Apolytikia.

THE GREAT DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.
Choir: Lord, have mercy.
Priest: The blessing of the Lord and His mercy come upon you through His divine grace and love towards mankind, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
Choir: Amen.
Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to Thee.
Choir: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (*thrice*). Father, bless.

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of *Saint Anthony the great, the patron and protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; Anthony the New, ascetic of Berrea in Macedonia; and New-martyr George of Ioannina, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.
Priest: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.
Choir: Amen.

Announcements



**January 16th
January 23rd
January 30th**

EPISTLE READING

**Ionica Dragu
Adrian Matos
Jennifer Riter**

**St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)
St. Paul to St. Timothy. (1:15-17)
St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)**



2022 Calendars

They are here with beautiful iconography inside. Perfect Holiday gift for only \$5. Your donations will be helping Sunday School.

Thank you to Eddie and Joyce Smeen at Skewers Restaurant for sponsoring our calendars!

**Our Annual General Meeting is January 23 after the Liturgy.
The 2022 Pledge Form is available.
Please remember to fill it out, so we can plan our budget.**

No Sunday School for younger children today. We apologize for the inconvenience.



Please pray for the healing of John Thieme, Debbie Thieme, Ann Shark, Jennifer Glass, Luke and Beverly Delida, Lisa Zolton, Tatiana Jones, Gabriella Baika, Ted Theodoropoulos, Susan Perers, Lou Abraham, Alix Hall, Shirley, Nina and Diogo Penas, Beth Manzini, John Archambeau, Holly Blank, Alex & Soula.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT IN TONE FOUR

Thou didst become like the zealous Elijah in his condition, and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways, becoming a dweller in the wilderness and an establisher of the universe by thy prayer, O Father Anthony. Wherefore, intercede thou with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon’s arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

THE EPISTLE

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:17-21)

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke—“Ten Lepers”)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

~ The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) IN TONE EIGHT

In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings. Alleluia.

**JANUARY 16 THE SERVICE OF THE LITIA AND ARTOKLASIA
VENERABLE AND GOD-BEARING FATHER ANTHONY THE GREAT
DOXASTICON & THEOTOKION AT THE LITIA PROCESSION IN TONE FIVE**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. O Righteous Father Anthony, hearkening to the voice of the Lord in the Gospel, thou didst abandon the world, accounting wealth and glory as naught. Wherefore, thou didst cry unto all: Love ye God, and ye shall find grace everlasting. Prefer nothing to His love, that when He cometh in His glory, ye may find rest with all the Saints. By his prayers, O Christ, preserve and save our souls.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

We the faithful bless thee, O Virgin Theotokos, and we glorify thee, as is meet and proper: O unshaken city, impregnable battlement, invincible protection and sheltering refuge of our souls.

After the Litia hymns are chanted stichirarically (slowly), and the procession of clergy and altar servers has finished at the solea, the clergy now begin the Service of Litia & Artoklasia.

The Litia

Deacon: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for our father and Metropolitan JOSEPH, and for our Bishop NICHOLAS, and all our brotherhood in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for every Christian soul, afflicted and weary, in need of God’s mercies and help; for the protection of this holy house and those who sing therein and the people here present; for the peace and stability of the whole world; for the good estate of the holy churches of God; for the salvation and help of our fathers and brethren who with diligence and fear of God labor and serve; for those who are gone away and those who are abroad; for those who travel by sea, land and air; for the healing of those who lie in infirmity; for the deliverance of captives; for those imprisoned and in danger; for our brethren who are serving and who are remembered for their labor, and for all who await the mercies of God, let us say.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation and pardon and forgiveness of sins for the servants of God, the parishioners, members of the parish council and organizations, donors and benefactors of this holy temple and those here present who celebrate this holy feast.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray that He may keep this holy church and this city and every city and countryside from wrath, famine, plague, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, foreign invasion, civil war and sudden death; that our good God, Who lovest mankind, will be gracious, favorable and conciliatory and turn away and dispel all the wrath stirred up against us and all sickness, and may deliver us from His righteous chastisement which impendeth on us, and have mercy upon us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (FORTY TIMES)

Deacon: Again we pray that the Lord our God may hearken unto the voice of the supplication of us sinners, and have mercy upon us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Priest: Hear us, O God our Savior, the Hope of all the ends of the earth and of those who are far off upon the sea; and be gracious, *be gracious*, O Master, upon our sins, and have mercy upon us. For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE PEACE

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

THE INTERCESSION

Priest: O Master, great in mercy, Lord Jesus Christ our God, through the intercessions of our all-immaculate Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable bodiless Powers of heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious prophet, forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious, all-laudable apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the holy apostles; of our fathers among the saints, great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom; Athanasius, Cyril and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas of Myra, Spyridon of Trimythous and Nektarios of Pentapolis, the Wonderworkers; of our fathers among the saints Tikhon, patriarch of Moscow and Raphael, bishop of Brooklyn; of the holy, glorious, great-martyrs, George the Trophy-bearer, Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer, Theodore the Soldier, Theodore the General, and Menas the Wonderworker; of the hieromartyrs Ignatius the God-bearer of Antioch, Charalampos and Eleutherios; of the holy, glorious great women martyrs, Thekla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriaki, Photeini, Marina, Par-askeva and Irene; of the holy, glorious, right-victorious martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers who shone in the ascetic life, especially Anthony the Great, whose memory we now celebrate; *the patron and protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all Thy saints:

Priest: Make our prayer acceptable;

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Grant us forgiveness of our trespasses;

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Shelter us under the shelter of Thy wings;

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Drive away from us every enemy and adversary;

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Give peace to our life.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: O Lord, have mercy on us and on Thy world and save our souls, for Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind.

Choir: Amen.

THE ARTOKLASIA
THEOTOKION IN TONE FIVE

Clergy: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb;

Choir: For thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who didst bless the five loaves in the wilderness and didst satisfy the five thousand therewith, Thyself bless these loaves, this wheat, wine and oil, and multiply them in this city, in the houses of those who celebrate this feast and in all thy world, and sanctify the faithful who partake of them. For it is Thou Who dost bless and sanctify all things, O Christ our God, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, together with Thine unoriginate Father and Thine all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

~ The clergy sing the following troparion once, and then the choir sings it twice.

TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing.

~ Great Vespers resumes with the Aposticha.

2022 PLEDGE DRIVE

Thank you to the following Parishioners who already signed their pledge card.

Very Rev. Fr. Elia & Kh. Odette Shalhoub

Patricia Smith

Debbie Thieme

Dr. & Mrs. Alex Skaff

Subdeacon Jean Najjar

Alix Hall

John and Joanne Karas

Lou Abraham

Gabriella Baika

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(Our Goal for 2022 is \$75,000.00)

THE ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT (\$50.00) PER BAPTISED SOUL
EVERY PARISHIONER IS RESPONSIBLE TO PAY THIS ASSESSMENT ONCE A
YEAR BESIDE YOUR PLEDGE TO THE CHURCH.

IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBMITTED THE ASSESSMENT MONEY YET,
PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS YOU CAN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

HOUSE BLESSINGS BEGIN THIS WEEK:

Fr. Elia would like to bless each of the homes of all of the parishioners of St. Anthony. If you have not yet filled out a House Blessing form, please do so by January 20th. This form is available at the Display table for your convenience.

Offering Holy Bread

It is the tradition of the Orthodox Church to offer Holy Bread for a Divine Liturgy for the health of a loved one; in memory of one who has fallen asleep in the Lord; a feast day, anniversary, birthday or other special occasion. The customary donation is \$25.00 per offering. Please see Fr. Elia if you wish to offer Holy Bread.



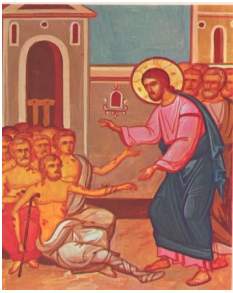
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the St. Anthony Orthodox Church membership will take place on Sunday, January 24, 2021, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. All members in good standing of St. Anthony Orthodox Church are strongly encouraged to attend and participate. In addition to reports on the activities of the parish organizations, the agenda includes election of two members to serve a three-year term on the St. Anthony Parish Council. A Nominating Committee has been appointed to consider candidates.

The Nominating Committee Chair is Mrs. Susan Perers. Pursuant to the St. Anthony Constitution, no nominations can be accepted from the floor during the Annual Meeting. If you or someone you know is interested in running for Council membership and is willing to make the commitment required to fulfill this important obligation, please contact Fr. Elia or any Parish Council member for additional information.

We look forward to see you all participate in the Annual General meeting.

In Christ,
Fr. Elia Shalhoub
Very Rev. Fr. Elia Shalhoub, Pastor



TODAY'S FEAST

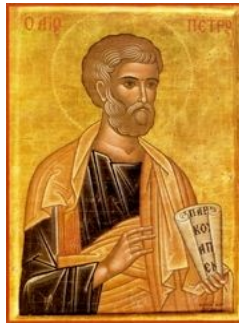
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH 2022

12TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

VENERATION OF APOSTLE PETER'S PRECIOUS CHAINS

Herod Agrippa, the grandson of Herod the Great and king of the Jews, grew wroth against the Church of Christ, and slew James, the brother of John the Evangelist. Seeing that this pleased the Jews, he took Peter also into custody and locked him up in prison, intending to keep him there until after the feast of the Passover, so that he could win the favour of the people by presenting him to them as a victim. But the Apostle was saved when he was miraculously set free by an Angel (Acts 12:1-19). The chains wherewith the Apostle was bound received from his most sacred body the grace of sanctification and healing, which is bestowed upon the faithful who draw nigh with faith.

That such sacred treasures work wonders and many healings is witnessed by the divine Scripture, where it speaks concerning Paul, saying that the Christians in Ephesus had such reverence for him, that his handkerchiefs and aprons, taken up with much reverence, healed the sick of their maladies: "So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them" (Acts 19:12). But not only the Apostles' clothing (which certainly touched the bodies of the sick), but even their shadow alone performed healings. On beholding this, people put their sick on stretchers and beds and brought them out into the streets that, when Peter passed by, his shadow "might overshadow some of them"(Acts 5:15). From this the Orthodox Catholic Church has learned to show reverence and piety not only to the relics of their bodies, but also in the clothing of God's Saints.



Feast of St. Anthony the great

Saint Anthony, the Father of monks, was born in Egypt in 251 of pious parents who departed this life while he was yet young. On hearing the words of the Gospel: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell what thou hast, and give to the poor" (Matt. 19:21), he immediately put it into action. Distributing to the poor all he had, and fleeing from all the turmoil of the world, he departed to the desert. The manifold temptations he endured continually for the span of twenty years are incredible. His ascetic struggles by day and by night, whereby he mortified the uprisings of the passions and attained to the height of dispassion, surpass the bounds of nature; and the report of his deeds of virtue drew such a multitude to follow him that the desert was transformed into a city, while he became, so to speak, the governor, lawgiver, and master-trainer of all the citizens of this newly-formed city.

The cities of the world also enjoyed the fruit of his virtue. When the Christians were being persecuted and put to death under Maximinus in 312, he hastened to their aid and consolation. When the Church was troubled by the Arians, he went with zeal to Alexandria in 335 and struggled against them in behalf of Orthodoxy. During this time, by the grace of his words, he also turned many unbelievers to Christ.

Saint Anthony began his ascetic life outside his village of Coma in Upper Egypt, studying the ways of the ascetics and holy men there, and perfecting himself in the virtues of each until he surpassed them all. Desiring to increase his labors, he departed into the desert, and finding an abandoned fortress in the mountain, he made his dwelling in it, training himself in extreme fasting, unceasing prayer, and fierce conflicts with the demons. Here he remained, as mentioned above, about twenty years. Saint Athanasius the Great, who knew him personally and wrote his life, says that he came forth from that fortress "initiated in the mysteries and filled with the Spirit of God." Afterwards, because of the press of the faithful, who deprived him of his solitude, he was enlightened by God to journey with certain Bedouins, until he came to a mountain in the desert near the Red Sea, where he passed the remaining part of his life.

Saint Athanasius says of him that "his countenance had a great and wonderful grace. This gift also he had from the Saviour. For if he were present in a great company of monks, and any one who did not know him previously wished to see him, immediately coming forward he passed by the rest, and hurried to Anthony, as though attracted by his appearance. Yet neither in height nor breadth was he conspicuous above others, but in the serenity of his manner and the purity of his soul." So Passing his life, and becoming an example of virtue and a rule for monastics, he reposed on January 17 in the year 356, having lived altogether some 105 years.

Building a Strong Domestic Church *by Abbott Tryphon*

Less than a hundred years ago, prior to electricity and central heating, most families gathered in parlors, spending evenings reading, sewing, and having family conversations. The notion that everyone would retreat to bedrooms, kitchens, or dens, separating themselves from other family members, was unthinkable. The communal nature of the family was natural. Before the coming of television families would gather for evenings in the living room, where children would play games with their parents. That a time would come where everyone would run off to separate rooms for the evening, was unthinkable. Evenings spent together as family is important, for these moments not only build a bond between parents and their children, but serve as important times in which to share family values. The old saying, "a family that prayers together, stays together" was a truism that is often forgotten. Family meals are also important for building strong moral and spiritual foundations in children. Sitting around the dinner table is a great time for parents to develop strong bonds of trust with their children. Dinner is a perfect time for talking to your children about their friends, or school activities. Family members that disperse throughout the house for the evening, are likely to function as autonomous entities, where family bonds are unlikely to be developed. The domestic church, which has been such an important part of Orthodox Church tradition, can not be developed in a family where meals, prayer, and social life are all in separate parts of the home. The center of the Orthodox domestic church must be the icon corner, that place where the family gathers for their morning and evening prayers, and where they partake in the daily scripture readings as called for in the Church calendar. When children are raised in such an environment they will remain strong in the faith. These are the children who will live their faith into adulthood, and deliver the Orthodox Faith into the next generation.

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2022 HOUSE BLESSING FORM



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR HOUSE BLESSED,

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM ASAP.

CHOOSE THREE ALTERNATE DATES AND TIMES, AND GIVE DIRECTIONS TO YOUR HOME AS WELL.

When the priest comes to bless your home please make sure to have an Icon; a candle ready and your list of the names (Living & Deceased) to be prayed for.

Thank you, V. Rev. Fr. Elia Shalhoub, Pastor

NAME: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

(HOME)

(OFFICE)

(CELL)

DATES/TIMES REQUESTED (Please list three date/time options):

(Please let me know if you are available or not during the day on Saturday & Sunday only from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. or if you prefer an Evening Visit.)

Option #1: _____

Option #2: _____

Option #3: _____

DIRECTIONS & EXACT ADDRESS

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO FATHER ELIA NO LATER THAN JANUARY 20, 2021.

EPIPHANY 2022 – BLESSING OF HOMES

The central sign of our acceptance of God's sanctification of the creation is the blessing of the homes of faithful Orthodox Christians.

We bless homes:

- To reveal the home as what God created it to be, a way to heaven.
- To rid the home of every evil.
- To know that the family is a small church unit in Christ, to consecrate the home and all activity in it to God.
- To have the home and all who live in it with the fullness of God. Only the Church reveals what life is, and she alone is the Kingdom of God on earth. The Church lives within Christ, revealing Him to us. As the Church, we sprinkle blessed water throughout the home, as we chant, ***"When you, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the Fathers voice bore witness to you and called you His Beloved Son, while the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed these words. O Christ our God, who has appeared to us and has enlightened the world, Glory to you."***

The priest consecrates the home to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in this act, the Church blesses, reveals and sanctifies.

When the priest comes for the house blessing, please adhere to these guidelines:

- Have as many family members there as possible.
 - Setup a place for prayer, in the dining room or kitchen, with an icon and a candle.
 - Print the first names of those for whom specific prayers are to be offered, including all family members on a sheet of paper, making a clear distinction between living and departed.
 - Take this time to get to know Father Elia better, asking any questions you may have.
 - If a child needs some time to talk to Father, respect his/her privacy and make the opportunity.
 - Make Father Elia aware of any special needs you may have.
 - Tell Father Elia about any family members who are in nursing homes or in need of a visit
- Please remember that Father Elia will be making many visitations. A lengthy social visit may not be possible at this time. If you would prefer a visit outside the Epiphany season, please let Father know.*

**ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**2022 Annual General Meeting Proxy
January 23, 2022**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

The undersigned voting member(s) of St. Anthony the Great Antiochian

Orthodox Church hereby constitute and appoint

_____ as PROXY with powers of

substitution for and in the name and place of the undersigned, to act on my

behalf to establish a quorum and vote on any issues that are presented for

a vote by the membership at this Special Meeting on Sunday, **January 23, 2022**

at St. Anthony the Great Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church located at

4031 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, FL 32934.

Dated: _____

Member

Dated: _____

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**St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church
4031 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, FL. 32934
Notice of the 2022 General Assembly Meeting**

January 23, 2022

Dear Parishioner:

In compliance with St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church's Constitution, I, as the Parish Council Recording Secretary, am required to notify you of the Annual General Assembly meeting. This Annual General Assembly meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 23, 2022**, immediately following the 10:00am Divine Liturgy in the St. Anthony Church, located at 4031 Aurora Rd., Melbourne, FL 32934.

The **Agenda** is as follows:

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| 1. Opening Prayer and Roll Call | 7. Treasurer's Report |
| 2. Reading the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Assembly Meeting | 8. Organizations' Reports |
| 3. Pastor's Message (Appointment of 1 Member) | 9. Old Business |
| 4. Election of two (2) Members of the Parish Council (Nominations will be accepted through January 12, 2022) | 10. New Business |
| 5. Update on the Church Property | 11. Approving the 2022 Budget |
| 6. Chairman's Report | 12. Adjournment |

2/3 of the Total members in good standing shall constitute a quorum. As you enter the Church, the Treasurer and the Pastor will check your name. **Please fulfill your 2021 pledge before the end of the year (if you have not already done so.) According to our constitution, ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING (i.e. who have fulfilled their 2021 pledge and have turned in their 2022 pledge card) WILL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE/PARTICIPATE in the meeting.**

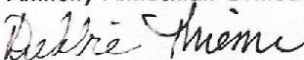
The following documents will be available one week before the annual meeting in the Narthex of the church: 1) The 2021 financial report. 2) The 2021 General Assembly meeting minutes. 3) The 2022 budget.

We encourage you to submit in writing any questions on the documents so that the Parish Council can prepare accurate and complete responses. **Anyone wishing to include any topic on the agenda MUST submit it in writing to the attention of Fr. Elia no later than January 12th so that it may be appropriately considered for inclusion and the proper preparations made.**

We look forward to your presence and participation.

Sincerely,

St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church Parish Council

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Debbie Thieme, Parish Council Secretary

ST. ANTHONY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
2022 PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

It is time for us to begin developing our Parish Council for the year 2022. Please consider nominating someone from the parish who would serve the community well. You could also consider nominating yourself.

Remember that the qualifications for election to the Parish Council are:

- **That the candidate is 18 years of age or older.**
- **That the candidate has been a voting, pledging member of the parish for at least the last six months of 2021.**
- **That the candidate has fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Orthodox Faith.**
- **That the candidate has completed a pledge form for the year 2022.**

In addition, it is required that the nominees’ 2021 pledges, as well as Archdiocesan dues, be paid and up to date.
The Following Parish Council members’ term is up:

- Subdeacon Jean Najjar, who has already served 2 terms. He can’t be elected for another Term but he can be appointed.**
- Olga Munoz who completed Alix Hall’s Term, is eligible. She can be elected for another Term.**

Being a Parish Council member means more than just attending a monthly meeting. This responsibility also requires the member to chair or be on committees when called upon, throughout the years of Parish Council membership. In addition, participation at functions and work days is also required. The nominating committee will arrange a meeting with each candidate to ensure their qualifications and willingness to serve.

Please turn in or mail completed nomination forms to Susan Perers (Chairman of the Nominating Committee) or Fr. Elia.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nominating Committee are Susan Perers, Debbie Thieme & Fr. Elia.
St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church

Affirmation of Potential Candidate for 2022 Election to the
Parish Council of
St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church of Melbourne, FL

I understand and affirm that I am willing to have my name placed in nomination for election to the (St. Anthony) Parish Council for a regular term of three (3) years.

I understand and agree that it is vital for Parish Council members to be active in the liturgical life of the Church, including attendance and participation in the Sunday Divine Liturgies, Saturday Vesper Services, Feast Day Services, and other services, including the Sacrament of Holy Confession, and affirm that I will participate in these services frequently and regularly.

I understand that the Parish Council operates according to the theology and practices of the Holy Orthodox Church.

I also understand that Council members must set good examples of Orthodox Christian Stewardship, including the offering of time and talents to the church, as well as sacrificial monetary support.

I understand that the Parish Council holds regular meetings once a month and special meetings as needed, and I affirm that if nominated and elected, or appointed, I will do my utmost to attend every meeting.

Furthermore, if nominated and elected, or appointed, I am willing to assume responsibility of chairing a standing or special committee, and/or making myself available to be elected an officer of the council.

I understand that the typical time commitment of a Council member is approximately ten (10) hours every month.

I understand that my agreement to fulfill the above requirements is a prerequisite for nomination.

In signing this affirmation, I pledge to fulfill the above requirements to the best of my ability, with God’s help.

Signature of Potential Council Candidate

Print Your Name Here

Date