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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 30, 2022

TONE 7 / EOTHINON 10

THE THREE GREAT HIERARCHS AND ECUMENICAL TEACHERS:

BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN & JOHN CHRYSOSTOM & FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE ("ZACCHAEUS")

HIEROMARTYR HIPPOLYTOS, POPE OF ROME; VIRGIN-MARTYR CHRISSE OF ROME;

NEW-MARTYR THEODORE OF MITYLENE; JULIAN, PRIEST OF AEGINA

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 SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR THREE HIERARCHS IN TONE ONE (**The original melody**)

The three most great luminaries of the Three Sun Divinity * have illumined all of the world with the rays of doctrines divine and true; * they are the sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom, * who with godly knowledge * have watered all creation in clear and mighty streams: * The great and sacred Basil, and the Theologian, wise

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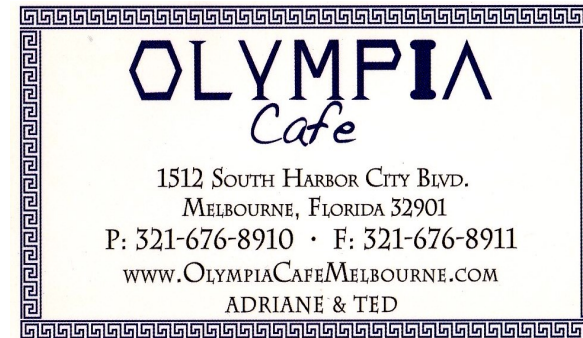
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Covid Precautions Update

Over the past few weeks, our country, state and local communities have witnessed a substantial increase in Covid 19 cases after the 'Omicron' 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 a mask mandate at Saint Anthony's. For those who does not 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.

We are putting a hold on our Coffee Hour, until we see a decline in the Covid Cases.



TODAY’S FEAST SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH 2022
15TH SUNDAY OF LUKE (SUNDAY OF ZACCEUS)

**SYNAXIS OF THE THREE HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT,
GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, & JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

This common feast of these three teachers was instituted a little before the year 1100, during the reign of the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus, because of a dispute and strife that arose among the notable and virtuous men of that time. Some of them preferred Basil, while others preferred Gregory, and yet others preferred John Chrysostom, quarreling among themselves over which of the three was the greatest. Furthermore, each party, in order to distinguish itself from the others, assumed the name of its preferred Saint; hence, they called themselves Basilians, Gregorians, or Johannites. Desiring to bring an end to the contention, the three Saints appeared together to the saintly John Mavropous, a monk who had been ordained Bishop of Euchaita, a city of Asia Minor, they revealed to him that the glory they have at the throne of God is equal, and told him to compose a common service for the three of them, which he did with great skill and beauty. Saint John of Euchaita (celebrated Oct. 5) is also the composer of the Canon to the Guardian Angel, the Protector of a Man's Life. In his old age, he retired from his episcopal see and again took up the monastic life in a monastery in Constantinople. He reposed during the reign of the aforementioned Emperor Alexis Comnenus (1081-1118).

Why Attend Church?
by Abbot Tryphon

Over the years I have met people who have chosen not to join a church, choosing, rather, to “worship” at home. Some have convinced themselves church is a waste of time, and feel they can be close to God while staying home on a Sunday morning. Others believe none of the churches teach the bible according to their own interpretation, and choosing to worship in the privacy of their own home, assure themselves they won’t have to hear any false teachings. Some people have chosen to stay away from church because of past conflict with a clergyman, or perhaps got tired of hearing pleas for money, and have convinced themselves that giving to a charity is money better spent (in reality, church goers tend to outspend non-church goers in charitable giving). In truth, God has given us the Church as the very place wherein we can grow spiritually, while enjoying the protection, and the blessings, of being in weekly contact with other believers. Just like an earthly family, we don’t always enjoy the presence of other members, but it is often those difficult and uncomfortable moments that help us grow the most. As well, there are blessings that would never be experienced, should we remain apart from fellow Christians. In Luke 4:16, we read that Our Lord Jesus Christ was regularly in the temple, for “He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.” If Our Lord Jesus made it a priority to meet together with other believers, how can we excuse ourselves from doing the same. Perhaps the most important reason for weekly church attendance lies in the fact that it is only in the Church where we can receive Holy Communion, for Our Lord went so far as to say that unless we eat of His flesh, and drink of His blood, we will have no life in us (John 6:53). It is in the reception of Holy Communion where we receive the grace needed to grow spiritually. The neglect of corporate worship grieves the Holy Spirit who lives within the individual believer and the Church as a whole, “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30)”.

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Gregory, * together with the renowned John, * the famed Chrysostom of golden speech. * Let us all who love their divinely-wise words * come together, honoring them with hymns; * for ceaselessly they offer entreaty for us to the Trinity.

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

(For the Three Hierarchs)

Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke—“Zacchaeus”)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

~ *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual. The remaining variable is the koinonikon (communion hymn).*

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE HIERARCHS IN TONE EIGHT

Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia.

Announcements



January 30th
February 6th
February 13th
February 20th
February 27th

EPISTLE READING

Jennifer Riter
Clint Wilkinson
Carrie Matos
Kevin Michael Brown
Ionica Dragu

St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)
St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)
St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)
St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)
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Annual Parish Meeting of Saint Anthony Orthodox Church of Melbourne, FL

I would like to thank all those who participated in the meeting last Sunday either by their presence at the church or by watching the meeting on the Church Facebook page.

We congratulate the members who were Elected and Appointed to the Parish Council.

Olga Munoz and Dr. Paul Alex Skaff Elected for 3 years Term.
Subdeacon Jean Najjar & Ethan Packey appointed for one year term.

Fr. Elia

*Today's Holy Communion is sponsored by Yuliya in the
Memory of her Father Aleksander Lebedev.
We will have a 23 year Memorial Service after the Liturgy.
May He Rest in Peace, and may his Memory be Eternal.*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, February 19th, from 11am-3pm, will kick off our monthly BBQ - featuring our popular BBQ ribs. Keep an eye on your emails, the bulletin and the bulletin board for updates.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We need volunteers for 2-hour shifts for our monthly barbecues. Please contact Michealle at 301-787-1174 or 321-428-4819.

Sponsor a Barbecue. We are already on our way to having February's BBQ sponsored. Our costs per BBQ is \$400.00. Every donation is very much appreciated - whether it's \$50 or \$400. Please mark your checks "BBQ Sponsorship" and leave it in the offering basket. If donating cash, please put it in an offering envelope and write "BBQ Sponsorship" on the envelope.

Thank You !



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.



PREPARATION FOR LENT THE DESIRE (Sunday of Zacchaeus)

From Fr. Alexander Schemmen Book "Great Lent"

Long before the actual beginning of Lent, the Church announces its approach and invites us to enter into the period of pre-Lenten preparation. It is a characteristic feature of the Orthodox liturgical tradition that every Major feast or season- Easter, Christmas, Lent, etc.-is announced and "prepared" in advance. Why? Because of the deep psycho-logical insight by the Church into human nature. Knowing our lack and the frightening "worldliness" of our life, the Church knows our inability to change rapidly, to go abruptly from one spiritual or mental state into another. Thus, long before the actual effort of Lent is to begin, the Church calls our attention to its seriousness and invites us to meditate on its significance. Before we can practice Lent we are given its meaning. This preparation includes five consecutive Sundays preceding Lent, each one of them, through its particular Gospel lesson, dedicated to some fundamental aspect of repentance.

The very first announcement of Lent is made the Sunday on which the Gospel lesson about Zacchaeus (Lk. 19:1-10) is read. It is the story of a man who was too short to see Jesus but who desired so much to see Him that he climbed up a tree. Jesus responded to his desire and went to his house. Thus the theme of this first announcement is desire. Man follows his desire. One can even say that man is desire, and this Fundamental psychological truth about human nature is acknowledged by the Gospel: "Where your treasure is," says Christ, "there shall your heart be." A strong desire overcomes the natural limitations of man; when he passionately desires something he does things of which "normally" he is incapable. Being "short," he over-comes and transcends himself. The only question, therefore, is whether we desire the right things, whether the power of desire in us is aimed at the right goal, or whether-in the words of the existentialist atheist, Jean Paul Sartre-man is a "useless passion."

Zacchaeus desired the "right thing"; he wanted to see and approach Christ. He is the first symbol of repentance, for repentance begins as the rediscovery of the deep nature of all desire: the desire for God and His righteousness, for the true life. Zacchaeus is "short" petty, sinful and limited yet his desire overcomes all this. It "forces" Christ's attention; it brings Christ to his home. Such, then, is the first announcement, the first invitation: ours is to desire that which is deepest and truest in ourselves, to acknowledge the thirst and hunger for the Absolute which is in us whether we know it or not, and which, when we deviate from it and turn our desires away, makes us indeed a "useless passion." And if we desire deeply enough, strongly enough, Christ will respond.

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

2022 PLEDGE DRIVE

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

Very Rev. Fr. Elia & Kh. Odette Shalhoub
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Alix Hall
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Yuliya Gabbasova
Subdeacon Michael And Alyssa Liberman
Jeffrey Bellinger
Carlos and Olga Munoz
Isaac Vaughn
Ann Shark
Kevin Michael Brown

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

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**IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBMITTED THE ASSESSMENT MONEY YET,
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(COMMUNION OFFERING)

If you wish to offer \$25 to provide

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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:

1. Have as many family members there as possible.
 2. Setup a place for prayer, in the dining room or kitchen, with an icon and a candle.
 3. 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.
 4. Take this time to get to know Father Elia better, asking any questions you may have.
 5. If a child needs some time to talk to Father, respect his/her privacy and make the opportunity.
 6. Make Father Elia aware of any special needs you may have.
 7. 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.*