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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 ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022 TONE 1 / EOTHINON 10; TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

### AFTER-FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

APOSTLE THADDEUS OF THE SEVENTY; MARTYRS BASSA, THEOGNIOS, AGAPIOS AND PISTOS OF EDESSA

*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.

### THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with jubilation unto the Lord, all the earth. O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name.

**Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, and His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion.

(Refrain)

Glory... Both now... (Refrain)

### THE SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

God hath laid her foundations unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people.

(Refrain) The Most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle. (Refrain)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

### THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory. What shall I render to the Lord

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## TODAY'S FEAST SUNDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> 2022 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### SUNDAY AFTER HOLY DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY



### THADDEUS THE APOSTLE OF THE 70

The Apostle Thaddaeus was from Edessa, a Jew by race. When he came to Jerusalem, he became a disciple of Christ, and after His Ascension he returned to Edessa. There he catechized and baptized Abgar (see Aug. 16). Having preached in Mesopotamia, he ended his life in martyrdom. Though some call him one of the Twelve, whom Matthew calls "Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus" (Matt. 10:3), Eusebius says that he is one of the Seventy:

"After [Christ's] Resurrection from the dead, and His ascent into Heaven, Thomas, one of the twelve Apostles, inspired by God, sent Thaddaeus, one of the seventy disciples of Christ, to Edessa as a preacher and evangelist of Christ's teaching" (Eccl. Hist. 1: 13).

### BASSA THE MARTYR OF EDESSA & HER SONS THEOGONIUS, AGAPIUS & PISTUS

The Martyrs were from Edessa of Macedonia. Bassa was the wife of a certain Valerian, a priest of the idols, to whom she bore three sons and raised them in piety. She was betrayed with her sons to the proconsul by her own husband; each of her sons was tormented before her and beheaded. For refusing to worship the idols, she was imprisoned, cast into water and then fire, was stoned, and remaining unharmed, was brought to the temple to worship the idols. Laying hold upon the idol of Zeus, she overturned it and broke it to pieces. After being preserved through further torments, she was beheaded, about the year 290, in the reign of Maximian.

for all that He hath given me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. ~ During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon above, chant the Apolytikion of the Dormition. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is "O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..." as on ordinary Sundays. After the Entrance, chant these hymns in the following order:

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

#### APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE ONE

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

#### APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT

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 our God to save our souls.

#### KONTAKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE TWO

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.

#### THE EPISTLE

(For the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

#### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)**

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

#### THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Matthew)

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)**

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they



were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day.”  
~ The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.

ABOUT THE DIVINE LITURGY

The Divine Liturgy expresses the entire Christian faith in a continuous song of praise and prayer addressed to God. It is focused on God, not on us. There is nothing just for amusement or entertainment.  
Since much of the service is the same every week, worshippers know it and can participate personally, either by singing along or just by prayerful attention. Worshippers are surrounded by icons (pictures of Christ and the saints), which remind us that we are participating, while on earth, in the worship of all the angels and saints in heaven. The entire service (except for the sermon) is sung. The words are all from Scripture or ancient Christian texts. Please follow the service in the books available in the pews. Weekly changes will appear below and marked with a corresponding letter in the service book.

COME BACK

We hope to see you next week. Each Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ with our morning Matins service at 8:45am followed by the main Sunday service, Divine Liturgy at 10am. Sunday School for the Children follows Communion. Fr. Elia would love to speak with you and answer any questions you may have. Please fill out our Guest Form (CONNECTION CARD). There’s also a place where you can let us know any specific needs or concerns and we will lift them up in prayer. We welcome everyone who would like to learn more about the Orthodox Christian Faith. Please contact Fr. Elia either by E-Mail (elia\_shalhoub@yahoo.com) or on his cell phone (305) 812-4940

Announcements



August 21st  
August 28th  
September 4th  
September 11th  
September 18th  
September 25th

*Epistle Readers*  
Charles Munoz  
Seleen Adili  
Debbie Thieme  
Dr. Alex Skaff  
Ionica Dragu  
Bill Jackson

St. Matthew. (17:14-23)  
St. Matthew. (18:23-35)



SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12  
Please register your children.

AWO 50/50 RAFFLE  
STARTING NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE  
SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS  
TO HELP LADIES DO THEIR CHARITY WORK.  
WINNING RAFFLE TICKET WILL BE PULLED SEPTEMBER 12



Please bring canned and non perishable food to Church to help out those in need.  
St. Anthony supports local food pantries.  
Thank you for participating in this important matter.



AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> 10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY AFTER THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY  
LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY  
BELOVED IN CHRIST  
Dormition of the Theotokos

A prayer of St. Silouan the Athonite:

O holy Virgin Mary, tell us, thy children, of thy love on earth for thy Son and God.  
Tell us how thy spirit rejoiced in God thy Savior, Tell us of how thou didst look upon His fair countenance, and reflect that this was He Whom all the heavenly hosts wait upon in awe and love.  
Tell us what thy soul felt when thou didst bear the wondrous Babe in thine arms.  
Tell us of how thou didst rear Him, how, sick at heart, thou and Joseph sought Him three long days in Jerusalem.  
Tell us of thine agony when the Lord was delivered up to be crucified, and lay dying on the Cross.  
Tell us what joy was thine over the Resurrection.  
Tell us how thy soul languished after the Lord's Ascension.  
We long to know of thy life on earth with the Lord but thou wast not minded to commit all these things to writing, and didst veil thy secret heart in silence.  
From St. Nikolai's homily (Homilies, Volume 2, pg 95) refers on this:  
*The following Sunday's gospel on the healing of the epileptic boy and which reminds us of the spiritual battle that we are in. “May we, by the prayers and example of the Virgin Mary be victorious in this unseen warfare! This world is a battleground on which men have, consciously and voluntarily, to choose: either to follow Christ the Victor, or to follow impure and defeated demons.”*

- St. Nikolai of South Canaan

Yours in Christ  
Fr. Elia Shalhoub  
Very Rev. Fr. Elia Shalhoub, Pastor



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



**Spiritual Bouquet for the Feast  
of the Elevation of the Holy Cross  
(To be celebrated on Sun., Sept. 18th)**

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**Deadline for submission to be included  
in the bulletin is Wed. 9/14/22**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!!!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 28th!**

Sunday School Registration for the 2022-2023 school year begins  
next week, on Sunday, August 28th,  
and will continue through Sunday, September 11th.

Registration forms will be on the table in the Narthex. Please com-  
plete and return them to the church no later than September 11th.

**BECOME A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER**

Never taught Sunday School before? Have no fear, we will give you  
all the tools you need. Prayerfully consider sharing your time and  
talent with our children!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKSTORE NEWS**

We invite you to stop by our Bookstore after the Divine  
Liturgy in the Hall and check out our new arrivals.  
We are getting new items all the time.  
Do your Christmas shopping early!

All the proceeds are for the Sunday School children.

We appreciate your support!  
— Debbie

## St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church

### Sunday School

Our Lord commanded His Disciples, "Let the little children come to Me..., for to such belongs the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 19:14), and we strive to obey this command. The goal of our Sunday school program is to instill the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the hearts, minds and souls of our children. The children are full members of His Church, with full participation in the Divine Liturgy and other sacraments of the Church. We believe that one cannot simply attend Sunday school without participating in the worship services; the Divine Liturgy is essential for the well being and nourishment of our children as Orthodox Christian believers. We often refer to Orthodox Christianity as the way of life in Christ, and this way involves a call to holiness because God is Holy. Our children need to know that

living holiness is a daily activity for life and not on only Sundays. We know no other true form of salvation outside of our communion. It is the reason why we must work out our salvation in the fear, faith and love of God..

Our Sunday school ministry would not be complete without the teachers who volunteer their time and efforts in glorifying God. All the children, along with their teachers, report to class each Sunday after having partaken of the Holy Eucharist. Our curriculum is that of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese ([www.antiochian.org](http://www.antiochian.org)), published by the Orthodox Christian Education Commission ([www.orthodoxed.org](http://www.orthodoxed.org)).

We also encourage our teachers to work in close synergy with our students' families. We realize that educating our kids one hour a week, however essential that is to their spiritual and moral development, cannot do the job alone. Parents cannot assume that all they have to do is bring their children to Sunday school and all is well. Christian discipleship is learned primarily in the home and supplemented by Sunday school attendance. Children indeed learn and imitate parents more than anyone. If children, are improperly fed we all will witness

suffering in one way or another. Children will often seek alternative forms of outlets to imitate that do not reflect Orthodoxy when they are neglected. Our Lord Jesus said, "whoever causes one of these little ones who believes in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matthew 18:5). It is essential that parents take their Orthodoxy with the utmost seriousness and practical devotion. It is no surprise for us when we are approached by parents that are experiencing difficulties with their children's misbehaviors. The family home is the "little church". This tends to be the place where beliefs and behaviors are shaped and molded. The reality is that we must struggle to overcome obstacles that keep us and our children distant from Christ. The church offers us prayers, fasting and almsgiving as spiritual armaments to fend off the devil and his army of demons and to unite us to Christ. When we pursue the Kingdom of Heaven then and only then we have found the true faith in Christ.