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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, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 TONE 6 / EOTHINON 4; FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE

PROTO-MARTYR THEKLA, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES; VENERABLE SILOUAN OF ATHOS OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER EUPHROSYNE

VENERABLE MARTYR PAPHNOUTIOS OF EGYPT AND THOSE SLAIN WITH HIM;
REPOSE OF VENERABLE SERGIOS OF RADONEZH

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 SIX

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.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. THEKLA THE PROTO-MARTYR IN TONE THREE

(By Cyril, Patriarch of Constantinople, 1813)

O glorious Thekla, companion of Paul the divine, thou wast enflamed with the love of thy Creator, by the teaching of the divine preacher. Thou didst despise the passing earthly pleasures, and offered thyself to God

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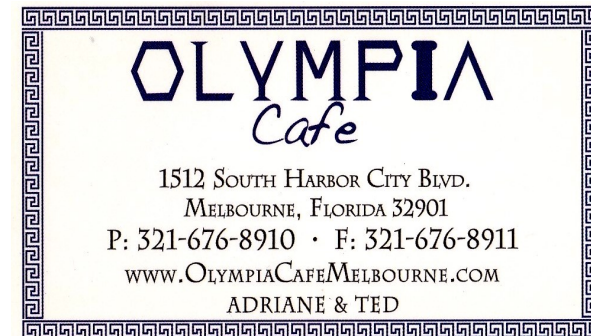
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TODAY'S FEAST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH 2022

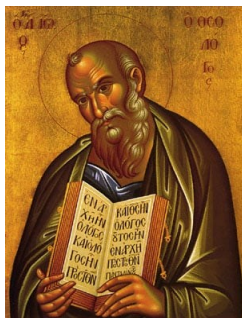
1ST SUNDAY OF LUKE, EUPHROSYNE OF ALEXANDRIA

Our righteous Mother Euphrosyne, who lived during the reign of Saint Theodosius the Younger (408-450), was the daughter of Paphnutius of Egypt. Forsaking her father and his wealth, she renamed herself Smaragdus, and pretending to be a eunuch of the imperial palace, she dressed herself as a man and entered a monastery of men where her identity remained unknown until her repose thirty-eight years later..



THEKLA THE PROTOMARTYR & EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES

This saint was from the city of Iconium. When she was eighteen years of age, she was instructed in the Faith of Christ and the hope of the resurrection by the Apostle Paul, whom also she followed, forsaking her betrothed and espousing a life of virginity for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. Having preached Christ in various cities and suffered many things, she reposed in Seleucia of Cilicia at the age of 90.



THE FALLING ASLEEP OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND THEOLOGIAN

This Apostle was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and was the son of Zebedee and Salome, and the brother of James the elder. First a fisherman by trade, he became an Apostle and the beloved Disciple of Christ. Only he of all the Disciples followed Him even to the Cross, and was entrusted with the care of our Saviour's Mother, as it were another son to her, and a brother of Christ the Teacher. After this, he preached throughout Asia Minor, especially in Ephesus. When the second persecution against the Christians began in the year 96 during the reign of Domitian, he was taken in bonds to Rome, and there was cast into a vat filled to the brim with boiling oil. Coming forth therefrom unharmed, he was exiled to the island of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation. Returning again to Ephesus after the death of the tyrant, he wrote his Gospel (after the other Evangelists had already written theirs) and his three Catholic Epistles. In all, he lived ninety-five years and fell asleep in the Lord during the reign of Trajan in the year 100. He was called Theologian because he loftily expounded in his Gospel the theology of the inexpressible and eternal birth of the Son and Word of God the Father. It is for this cause that an eagle-a symbol of the Holy Spirit, as Saint Irenaeus says-is depicted in his icon, for this was one of the four symbolic living creatures that the Prophet Ezekiel saw (Ezek. 1:10).

as an acceptable and pleasing sacrifice, disregarding all suffering. Intercede with Christ thy Groom to grant us His Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. SILOUAN THE ATHONITE IN TONE FOUR

By prayer thou didst receive Christ as thy teacher in the way of humility, and the Spirit bore witness to salvation in thy heart. Wherefore, all peoples called unto hope rejoice in this day of thy memorial, O sacred Father Silouan. Pray unto Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. EUPHROSYNE IN TONE EIGHT

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Euphrosyne; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O my God.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

Brethren, seeing that it is the God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, the same also shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of power is from God, and not from us. We are pressed on every way, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; smitten down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, then, death is working in us, but life in you. But having in us the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke," we also believe, and therefore we also speak, knowing that the One who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will make us stand together with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, which is multiplied through the thanksgiving of many, may abound to the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the First Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

~ *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.

Announcements



September 25th

Epistle Readers
Bill Jackson

St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR IS SPONSORED BY ALEX SKAFF

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Please remember to sign up for coffee hour. We need to fill 2 days next month:

October 2, October 9, October 30

October 16 sponsored by Amen, October 23 Special Olympics Fundraiser

Green Gables Harvest Festival

We had a lot of fun yesterday at the Festival.

Thank you to all who was involved: Debbie for baking breads, cooking jams and sewing beautiful bags; Michealle for creating and printing Food and Bake Sale flyers; Joni for making gorgeous jewelry (available at our bookstore now).

Special thank you to Holly, Brooklyn, Austyn, and Evelyn for being all day at the Festival.

We have raised \$94.84 for AWO, and \$20 for Sunday School.



The Bible Bowl Theme has been revealed and children are preparing for 2023 PLC
How about Adults? ;) Are you up for a challenge?

THEME: "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness." (Genesis 1:26)

Teen SOYO meeting today for election of the officers.

Holy Communion today is provided by anonymous sponsor for
God to bless, protect and heal America.



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, Nina and Diogo Penas, Beth Manzini, John Archambeau, Alex & Soula.



SEPTEMBER 25TH FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE

Beloved in Christ,

This week the Church commemorates the Protomartyr Thekla, Saint Silouan of Athos and the repose of the Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. All three are commemorated and remembered for their particular gifts in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Protomartyr Thekla was the first woman martyr of the Church and holds particular veneration in the Church of Antioch. She was a companion of the Apostle Paul in that she would follow him to hear Paul preach the Gospel. Her devotion and steadfast love of Christ was evident for all to see. She would receive martyrdom as she escaped her persecutors Saint Silouan of Mount Athos was a Russian by birth, but would spend most of his life at Saint Panteleimon Monastery on Mount Athos. Though barely literate, pilgrims would come from all over the world to seek out his wise counsel. He was considered the most authentic monk of the 20th Century and was canonized in 1987.

Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist was one of the original 12 disciples and was responsible for the writings of the Gospel of John, the Three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation.

The common thread of all three was their love of Jesus Christ. We are called to imitate them in our love for Christ and His Holy Church.

In closing, some wisdom from Saint Silouan of Mount Athos:

"Whoever will not love his enemies cannot know the Lord and the sweetness of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches us to love our enemies in such a way that we pity their souls as if they were our own children."

Yours in Christ

Fr. Elia Shalhoub

Very Rev. Fr. Elia Shalhoub, Pastor

Teen SOYO

Society of Orthodox Youth Organizations



October is Youth Month

"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth." (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

October each year in the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America is celebrated as Youth Month. During this month teens help in the Church by singing in the choir, chanting, reading the epistles, taking the collections, hosting the coffee hours, etc.

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

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

Laying Blame

“A humble and spiritually active man, when he reads the Holy Scriptures, will refer everything to himself and not to another.” +Saint Mark the Ascetic

We all have a natural tendency to lay blame on others, when in truth we must blame only ourselves. When facing our own sins and shortcomings, it is always easy to put the blame on others, yet our faith tells us that spiritual progress can only come with the acquisition of a humble and contrite heart. As long as we are anxious to put the blame on others for our shortcomings, we will remain stagnant on the spiritual path. The saints give clear witness that progress towards holiness can only come when we look only to our own faults, and not see the faults of others. It is far more comfortable to see the wickedness of others, for in focusing on them, we can forgo the all important work of changing our own behavior, and allowing the Holy Spirit to transform our own fallen nature. Focusing on the shortcomings of others allows our own self-serving pride to grow stronger, and we remain puffed up, and wallow in unfounded pride. When we keep our attention focused on our own shortcomings, we keep vigilant until our last day, guarding our soul until the final judgement. When we take our eyes off our own faults, while focusing on our neighbor's sin, we deprive ourselves of precious time for repentance. Since we do not know the day or hour of our last breath, we must treat every moment as though it were our last.

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