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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 His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X 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, DECEMBER 18, 2022 TONE 2 / EOTHINON 5

SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST (THE GENEALOGY)

MARTYRS SEBASTIAN AND ZOE OF ROME, AND THOSE WITH THEM

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 TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO

Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

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.

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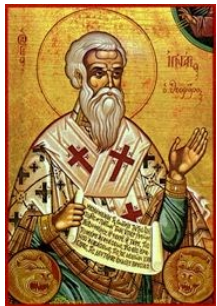


TODAY'S FEAST SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH 2022 SUNDAY BEFORE NATIVITY

On the Sunday that occurs on or immediately after the eighteenth of this month, we celebrate all those who from ages past have been well-pleasing to God, beginning from Adam even unto Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos, according to genealogy, as the Evangelist Luke hath recorded historically (Luke 3:23-38); we also commemorate the Prophets and Prophetesses, and especially the Prophet Daniel and the Holy Three Children.

SEBASTIAN THE MARTYR & HIS COMPANIONS

This Saint, who was from the city of Milan, was a member of the Senate as well as a zealot for the Faith of Christ, and had converted many to the knowledge of God. When Diocletian and Maximian began a Persecution against the Christians, Saint Sebastian was arrested and pierced with sharp arrows, and the bones of his body were shattered with clubs; and being cut into pieces, he gave up his spirit to God in the year 288. Together with him there were others also who died while enduring various tortures. Their names are Marcellinus and Mark the brethren, Tranquillinus their father, Nicostratus and his spouse Zoe, Tiburtius, Claudius, Castulus, and Castor.



Ignatius the God-Bearer, Bishop of Antioch December 20th.

Saint Ignatius was a disciple of Saint John the Theologian, and a successor of the Apostles, and he became the second Bishop of Antioch, after Evodus. He wrote many epistles to the faithful, strengthening them in their confession, and preserving for us the teachings of the holy Apostles.

Brought to Rome under Trajan, he was surrendered to lions to be eaten, and so finished the course of martyrdom about the year 107. The remnants of his bones were carefully gathered by the faithful and brought to Antioch. He is called God-bearer, as one who bare God within himself and was aflame in heart with love for Him. Therefore, in his Epistle to the Romans (ch. 4), imploring their love not to attempt to deliver him from his longed-for martyrdom, he said, "I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found to be the pure bread of God."

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

(**The original melody**)

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Sunday before the Nativity)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers. For Thou art justified in all that Thou hast done for us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:9-10, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sunday before the Nativity: "The Genealogy")

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (1:1-25)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ were fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place

to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His Name Jesus.

~ 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



**December 18th
December 25th**

**Epistle Readers
Subdeacon Adrian
Ionica Dragu**

TODAY’S COFFEE HOUR IS SPONSORED BY AMEN.

Nativity Service Friday, December 23rd: Great Hours and Vespers at 3 pm

Nativity Service Saturday, December 24th: Matins 5:30 pm, Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 25th CLOSED--MERRY CHRISTMAS! Christ is Born! Glorify Him!



2023 Calendars

They are here with beautiful iconography inside.

Please make a donation of \$5 to Sunday School Sunday School.

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



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.



December is Dedicated to the Order of St. Ignatius.

DECEMBER 18TH SUNDAY BEFORE NATIVITY

SEBASTIAN THE MARTYR & HIS COMPANIONS

Beloved in Christ,

The Incarnation and the Fruits of Repentance

What, then, is the divine commandment now laid upon us? It is repentance, the essence of which is never again to touch forbidden things. We were expelled from the land of divine delight, we were justly shut out from God's paradise, and we have fallen into this pit where we are condemned to dwell together with dumb creatures without hope of returning - in so far as it depends on us - to the paradise we have lost. But He who initially passed a just sentence of punishment or, rather, justly permitted punishment to come upon us, has now in His great goodness, compassion and mercy descended for our sake to us. And He became a human being like us in all things except sin so that by His likeness to us He might teach us anew and rescue us; and He gave us the saving counsel and commandment of repentance, saying: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has drawn near' (Matt. 3:2). Prior to the incarnation of the Logos of God the kingdom of heaven was as far from us as the sky is from the earth; but when the King of heaven came to dwell amongst us and chose to unite Himself with us, the kingdom of heaven drew near to us all. Since the Logos of God through His descent to us has brought the kingdom of heaven close to us, let us not distance ourselves from it by leading an unrepentant life. Let us rather flee the wretchedness of those who sit 'in darkness and the shadow of death' (Isa.9:2). Let us acquire the fruits of repentance: a humble disposition, compunction and spiritual grief, a gentle and merciful heart that loves righteousness and pursues purity, peaceful, peace-making, patient in toil, glad to endure persecution, loss, outrage, slander and suffering for the sake of truth and righteousness. For the kingdom of heaven or, rather, the King of heaven - ineffable in His generosity - is within us (cf. Luke 17:21); and to Him we should cleave through acts of repentance and patient endurance, loving as much as we can Him who so dearly has loved us.

St Gregory Palamas, Philokalia, Topics of Natural and Theological Science and on the Moral and Ascetic Life.

May this Nativity Fast be a blessing to you.

Fr. Elia Shalhoub

Very Rev. Fr. Elia Shalhoub, Pastor

The First Noel

The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel, Noel
Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Putting off Despondency

By Abbot Tryphon

Despondency and sorrow lie in wait for those who have not found strong faith in God. When this Covid-19 pandemic arrived, and we were all told we needed to place masks over our faces, and stay home, most of us believed the lockdown would be of short duration. Now that our governmental authorities are telling us to expect this to last months, many are ready to give up. Many of us are losing hope, fearing our lives will never return to normal. Those who have always depended on their parish communities to keep them focused on God, as the Church's services have reinvigorated them, and prepared them for a new week of work and family life, are now finding themselves devoid of all hope. Added to this, we are all deprived of the facial recognition of friends and neighbors that has always invigorated us, and made us feel we are part of a larger family. With the forced separation from normal weekly interaction with others, many of us are suffering financial collapse, with workplaces shuttered, and jobs ended. Thus, loss of financial and home security has left many of us wondering how much more we can endure. Some have even, in moments of extreme depression, contemplated suicide, feeling as they do that they've been abandoned by both the Church, and the important individuals in their lives who always made them feel loved. The truth is, despondency and sorrow lie in wait for those who have not found strong faith in God. Such passions are most likely hosted in the soul of those who, rejecting Heaven, are firmly stuck to the earth. That means their depression, in its deepest essence, is based on a hedonistic philosophy that believes life is about the acquisition of worldly happiness. This forced lockdown needs to be seen as something allowed by God as the means of bringing us, and indeed the whole world, to repentance. We need to see that we are all being called to wake up, and see that a life without God is a life without hope. Deprived of our job security, and even our friends, should be a wakeup call for all of us. We need to reprioritize our lives around our relationship with Christ. This world will come to an end, but the life beyond the grave is Life Eternal.

(The Very Reverend Abbot (The Very Reverend Abbot Tryphon is Igumen of All-Merciful Saviour Orthodox Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington.)



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*The candle is **Red** to signify Holy Communion.*

The service begins with the lighting of the six candles.

FATHER: The sixth candle reminds us that Christ, Who came in Bethlehem and who will come again at the end of time, comes to us now in the great Sacrament of His Presence, i.e., Holy Communion. The reason He was born in Bethlehem was that we might allow Him to come and be born in the manger of our hearts.

VERSE: *The color this Sunday is Communion red, To prepare us for the taking of wine and bread, To remind us that God gave us his only son, So that we may be saved when our days are done.*

SCRIPTURE: The Coming of the Logos (St. John 1:1-18).

His coming today in the Eucharist (St. John 6:52-58).

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’” And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?” Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.”

CAROL: "The First Noel"

PRAYER: Lord, we thank You that You not only came in Bethlehem but that You continue to come in every Eucharist. Amen.

DISCUSSION: Talk about Holy Communion. Refer to the chapters on Holy Communion and the liturgy in this book.



The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

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December 12, 2022

Christ is in our Midst!

During this Advent period of our Orthodox Faith, we are called to focus on our words, deeds, and thoughts. We prepare, in joyful anticipation, for the Greatest Gift of all ... the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During this time of year, we all reflect on the blessings we have received and are thankful to God that He has blessed us according to His endless grace, mercy, and love. As the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch Governing Council, we are thankful for all of you that selflessly and unconditionally give to support the ministry of the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch. You help us change the lives of countless people we will never come to know personally.

For almost 50 years, you, and those before you made a conscious decision to put the needs of others ahead of your own. During the uncertainty and fear of a global pandemic, The Order prepared for an estimated 25% to 30% reduction in member gifts during 2020 and 2021. However, your gifts during that time represented a "True Act of Faith" and The Order realized less than a 3% fall in member gifts. Because of you, children were able to attend camp throughout North America. Retired clergy and their wives continued to receive the financial assistance they depend on during their golden years. Mission parishes throughout North America, were able to worship and share the Orthodox Faith. Our youth were able to remain connected and provide love and support for one another even without being in each other's physical presence. Your "Act of Faith" made this possible.

For the past 5 fiscal years from 2017 through 2021, the impact of your gift to the Order has been felt by countless people and in many ways. During that time, **\$1,456,173** was given to support our active and retired clergy as well as married seminarians. You helped provide **\$1,607,562** for the youth of the Antiochian Archdiocese (including camp scholarships which were reduced in 2020 and 2021 due to fewer campers for safety protocols). **\$1,253,691** was provided to support programs and departments for the development & growth of the Antiochian Archdiocese. You also helped give **\$301,140** toward various outreach organizations. The annual financial commitments of The Order have always been and will always be strictly-focused on the long-standing needs of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese as well as grant-eligible organizations based on guidelines and by-laws of the Governing Council and for no other purpose. We are also thankful to share that only **7.7%** and **7.2%** of total income went to administrative expense in FY 2021 and the past 5 fiscal years respectively.

Clergy	\$1,456,173
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Archdiocese Youth	\$1,607,562
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Youth Ministry	\$590,000
SOYO Special Olympics	\$16,000
SOYO Leadership & Youth Worker Training	\$65,328
Christian Education	\$196,647
College Conference	\$59,100

Figures in the table represent only **a portion** of the expenses for the last 5 Fiscal Years ending in 2021.

So, as you contemplate your support of the Order over the years, encourage your family and friends to become a part of the Order, or consider becoming a part of The Order's ministry for the first time, we leave you with what we believe should be in your heart. These words are what guide our work as a Governing Council and come from the teachings of St. Ignatius himself ...

"Let no man's place, or dignity, or riches, puff him up; and let no man's low condition or poverty abase him. For the chief points are faith towards God, hope towards Christ, the enjoyment of those good things for which we look, and love towards God and our neighbor."

In His service,

Roger J. David

North American Chairperson, The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch



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... you help give comfort and financial assurance to our retired clergy and their families. You express your gratitude to your beloved priest, faithful counselor and comforting friend who's been with you during your times of need, joy and sorrow.

We Need Your Help To Do More ...

We are so thankful for the unconditional gifts from the members of the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch for over 46 years. Since the **Order's inception in 1976**, Order members have provided over \$45 million in annual and one-time gifts to support the many essential departments, projects and charitable gifts of the Antiochian Archdiocese. We want to do more. As our Archdiocese has grown exponentially since 1976, the needs of the Archdiocese and its people have as well. We need to increase the Order's current \$270,000 annual contribution toward The Retired Clergy Allowance to support our retired clergy and their wives. It is essential to expand our programs for the youth to help strengthen their Faith as they make their way in this secular world. Those necessary programs will require more than the current estimated \$380,000 annual budgeted amount. These are only two of the sizeable annual needs of the Archdiocese that depend on your support as a member of the Order. See how you may help us do more ...

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to maintain
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\$1,000 in 1976

NOTE: Calculations are based on a 2.5% inflation rate over a 46 year period and are for illustrative purposes only.



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Let no man's place, or dignity, or riches, puff him up; and let no man's low condition or poverty abase him. For the chief points are faith towards God, hope towards Christ, the enjoyment of those good things for which we look, and love towards God and our neighbor.
- Saint Ignatius of Antioch

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