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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, JANUARY 01, 2023

### TONE 4 / EOTHINON 7

### FEASTS OF CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST & BASIL THE GREAT

NEW-MARTYR PETER OF THE PELOPONNESOS

\*\*DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT\*\*

#### THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with jubilation unto the Lord all the earth. Chant ye unto His name, give glory in praise of Him.

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

Say unto God: How awesome are Thy works! In the multitude of Thy power, shall Thine enemies be proved false unto Thee. (**Refrain**)

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

#### THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice. Sing unto the Lord; chant unto His Name.

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who wast circumcised in the flesh; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Out of Zion is the magnificence of His comeliness. (**Refrain**)

Our God is in heaven and on earth; whatsoever He hath willed, He hath done. (**Refrain**)

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

#### THE THIRD ANTIPHON

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever. With my mouth will I tell of Thy truth. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity.

~ During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the **Circumcision**.

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 Little Entrance, chant these hymns in the following order:

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast

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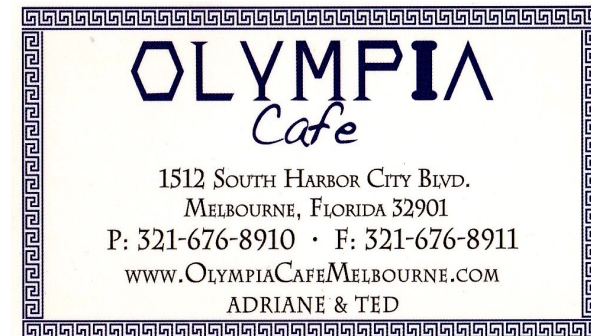
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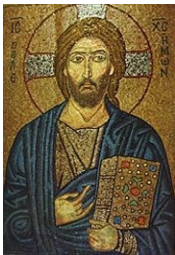
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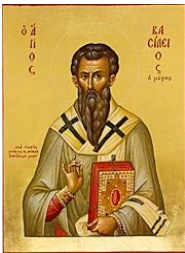


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**TODAY’S FEAST SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST 2023**  
**CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST** Since the Mosaic Law commands that if a woman give birth to a male child, he should be circumcised in the foreskin of his flesh on the eighth day (Lev. 12:2-3), on this, the eighth day from His Nativity, our Saviour accepted the circumcision commanded by the Law. According to the command of the Angel, He received the Name which is above every name: JESUS, which means "Saviour" (Matt. 1:21; Luke 1:31 and 2:21).

**Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesaria in Cappadocia**  
Saint Basil the Great was born about the end of the year 329 in Caesarea of Cappadocia, to a family renowned for their learning and holiness. His parents' names were Basil and Emily. His mother Emily (commemorated July 19) and his grandmother Macrina (Jan. 14) are Saints of the Church, together with all his brothers and sisters: Macrina, his elder sister (July 19), Gregory of Nyssa (Jan. 10), Peter of Sebastia (Jan. 9), and Naucrati. Basil studied in Constantinople under the sophist Libanius, then in Athens, where also he formed a friendship with the young Gregory, a fellow Cappadocian, later called "the Theologian." Through the good influence of his sister Macrina (see July 19), he chose to embrace the ascetical life, abandoning his worldly career. He visited the monks in Egypt, in Palestine, in Syria, and in Mesopotamia, and upon returning to Caesarea, he departed to a hermitage on the Iris River in Pontus, not far from Annesi, where his mother and his sister Macrina were already treading the path of the ascetical life; here he also wrote his ascetical homilies. About the year 370, when the bishop of his country reposed, he was elected to succeed to his throne and was entrusted with the Church of Christ, which he tended for eight years, living in voluntary poverty and strict asceticism, having no other care than to defend holy Orthodoxy as a worthy successor of the Apostles. The Emperor Valens, and Modestus, the Eparch of the East, who were of one mind with the Arians, tried with threats of exile and of torments to bend the Saint to their own confession, because he was the bastion of Orthodoxy in all Cappadocia, and preserved it from heresy when Arianism was at its strongest. But he set all their malice at naught, and in his willingness to give himself up to every suffering for the sake of the Faith, showed himself to be a martyr by volition. Modestus, amazed at Basil's fearlessness in his presence, said that no one had ever so spoken to him. "Perhaps," answered the Saint, "you have never met a bishop before." The Emperor Valens himself was almost won over by Basil's dignity and wisdom. When Valens' son fell gravely sick, he asked Saint Basil to pray for him. The Saint promised that his son would be restated if Valens agreed to have him baptized by the Orthodox; Valens agreed, Basil prayed, and the son was restored. But afterwards the Emperor had him baptized by Arians, and the child died soon after. Later, Valens, persuaded by his counsellors, decided to send the Saint into exile because he would not accept the Arians into communion; but his pen broke when he was signing the edict of banishment. He tried a second time and a third, but the same thing happened, so that the Emperor was filled with dread, and tore up the document, and Basil was not banished. The truly great Basil, spent with extreme



from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

**APOLYTIKION OF CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE**  
*(\*\*While Gabriel was saying\*\*)*

Our human form hast Thou taken on Thyself without change, \* O greatly-compassionate Master, though being God by nature; \* fulfilling the Law, Thou willingly \* receivest circumcision in the flesh, \* that Thou mightest end the shadow and roll away \* the veil of our sinful passions. \* Glory be to Thy goodness unto us. \* Glory be to Thy compassion. \* Glory, O Word, to Thine inexpressible condescension.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT IN TONE ONE**

Thy sound hath gone forth into all the earth, which hath received thy word. Thereby thou hast divinely taught the Faith; thou hast made manifest the nature of all things that be; thou hast adorned the ways of man. O namesake of the royal priesthood, our righteous Father Basil, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

**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 CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST IN TONE THREE**  
*(\*\*On this day the Virgin\*\*)*

Now the Lord of all that is \* doth undergo circumcision, \* in His goodness cutting off \* the sins and failings of mortals. \* He this day doth give salvation \* unto the whole world; \* and the hierarch and bright daystar of the Creator \* now rejoiceth in the highest, \* Basil the wise and \* divine initiate of Christ.

**THE EPISTLE**

*My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.  
Hear this, all ye people.*

**The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (2:8-12)**

Brethren, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in Him, Who is the head of all rule and authority. In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, Who raised Him from the dead.

**THE GOSPEL**

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (2:20-21, 40-52)**

And it came to pass that the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him. Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing Him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him they were




astonished; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why hast Thou treated us so? Behold, Thy father and I have been looking for Thee anxiously.” And Jesus said to them, “How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father’s house?” And they did not understand the saying which He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.  
~ The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great continues with the following variables:

**ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION**  
All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God who is before all the ages; for he made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee.  
*Koinonikon (communion hymn): “Praise ye the Lord from the heavens.”*  
*After Communion, instead of singing “We have seen the true light”, sing the Apolytikion of the Circumcision in Tone One.*


**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**

	<b>January 1st</b>	<b>Epistle Readers</b>
	<b>January 8th</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
	<b>January 15th</b>	<b>Dr. Alex Skaff</b>
	<b>January 22nd</b>	<b>Isaac Vaughn</b>
	<b>January 29th</b>	<b>Carry Matos</b>
		<b>Jennifer Riter</b>




**HOUSE BLESSINGS START January 14 (see form in the inserts)**

 **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.



**Family Garage Sale February 4 at 8am-12pm**  
**To raise funds for Summer Camp and Parish life Conference, our Teen SOYO will be organizing a yard sale.**  
**Start 2023 fresh! Get rid of unwanted stuff.**  
**Your donations can become someone’s treasure.**  
**If you rather have your own vendor booth, grab a spot for \$15 and keep the profits.**  
**Details and Vendor Form will be coming shortly.**

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Our Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> immediately after the Divine Liturgy. As we get closer to the meeting Father Elia will send you an E-Mail with the Last meeting Minutes, the Financial Report for the year 2022, and the proposed budget for 2023 and the Proxy Form for those who can’t attend personally. They can send their Proxy Form.**



**Beloved in Christ,**  
**November was Stewardship Month. The 2023 Pledge Form is available**  
**Please fill one Today before you leave the church if you have not done so.**

**A prayer for the New Year.**  
**"O Master, Lord our God, the Fountain of life and immortality, the Creator of all things, both visible and invisible, Who governs the seasons and the years and guides all things with Thy wise providence; we thank Thee for all the blessings Thou hast poured out upon us during the past years of our lives, and we beg Thee, O all-bountiful Lord, bless this coming year with Thy goodness, direct our civil authorities in the path of goodness, bestow Thy heavenly blessings upon all Thy people: health, salvation and growth in virtue. Deliver Thy Holy Church, our country, city and state from every assault of the devil, and grant us peace and tranquility, calm our fears and grant us patience. And grant that we may always offer thanksgiving unto Thee, the Father who is from everlasting, together with Thine only-begotten Son, and Thy most holy, good, and life-giving Spirit: God glorified in three Persons, and may joyfully praise Thine all-Holy Name. Amen."** (Taken from the Orthodox Service of Thanksgiving for the New Year)  
**Kh. Odette and I wish each of you and your families**  
**A blessed and prosperous year in 2023 .**

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

## **2023 PLEDGE DRIVE**

**Thank you to all who already have signed the form.**

**Total from 15 pledges is 43,580.00**

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**Deborah Thieme**

**Isaac Vaughn**

**(Our Goal for 2023 is \$90,000.00)**

**All Pledge & Tithing members Names will be listed in the Bulletin**

**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!**

ascetical practices and continual labours, at the helm of the church, departed to the Lord on the 1st of January, in 379. at the age of forty-nine.

His writings are replete with wisdom and erudition, and rich are these gifts he set forth the doctrines concerning the mysteries both of the creation (see his Hexaemeron) and of the Holy Trinity (see On the Holy Spirit). Because of the majesty and keenness of his eloquence, he is honoured as "the revealer of heavenly things" and "the Great."

Saint Basil is also celebrated on January 30th with Saint Gregory the Theologian and Saint John Chrysostom.

### *Simple Ways to Make a Planned Gift*

*Here are a few simple ways to make a planned gift to your Church. These gifts don't require you to amend or create a Will and don't usually take much time to do. If you are not sure how much to give because you are not sure how much you will need, these methods donate amounts that are left after you are gone.*

- *Designate your Church as the beneficiary of your retirement account (e.g., IRA or 401*

- (k) plan). (Your plan administrator can provide you with the appropriate beneficiary designation form.)*

- o You may leave the entire account or a percentage of the proceeds to the Church.*

- o You may name the Church as the primary beneficiary or as the contingent beneficiary.*

- *Designate your Church as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy you don't need. (Your life insurance agent can provide you with the appropriate beneficiary designation form.)*

- o You may leave the entire policy or a percentage of the proceeds to the Church.*

- o You may name the Church as the primary beneficiary or as the contingent beneficiary.*

- *Add a Payable on Death ("POD") or Transfer on Death ("TOD") designation to a bank or securities account you don't need so that the account assets are distributed to the Church on your death.*

- *Establish a pattern of giving to your Church and authorize your Attorney-in-Fact to continue that pattern on your behalf in the event that you become incompetent..*

- *Direct family members to request that memorial donations be made to your Church on your death.*

*Please contact Fr. Elia to obtain the legal name of our parish and its tax identification number.*

*Your final plans should always be discussed and reviewed with your attorney and/ or tax advisor.*

## EPIPHANY 2023 – 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:

- a. To reveal the home as what God created it to be, a way to heaven.
  - b. To rid the home of every evil.
  - c. To know that the family is a small church unit in Christ, to consecrate the home and all activity in it to God.
  - d. 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.*

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## **2023 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 22, 2023.