

PRIDE IS A DEADLY ENEMY

In Proverbs 16:18, we hear these powerful words: *"PRIDE GOES BEFORE DESTRUCTION, A HAUGHTY SPIRIT BEFORE A FALL."* Countless times, pride has proven to be a person's downfall. Because of his prideful desire to be like God, Satan, once an angel, was driven from heaven -- banished for all eternity. Adam and Even, pridefully believing that they could possess the knowledge and wisdom of their Creator, ate the fruit from the one tree they were forbidden to touch, causing them to be cast out of Paradise. Yes, the consequences can be of epic proportions.

Sadly, pride continues to claim its victims. We are driven by a multitude of goals and aspirations. When we achieve success in our endeavors, we are often reluctant to give credit where credit is due. We quickly forget that without God's help, we can accomplish nothing. To be proud of our own works is nothing more than a failure on our part to recognize our place on the "Ladder of Creation." The Lord is our Master; we are His servants. In the words of the Blessed Augustine: "God created us for Himself, and our soul is lonely without Him."

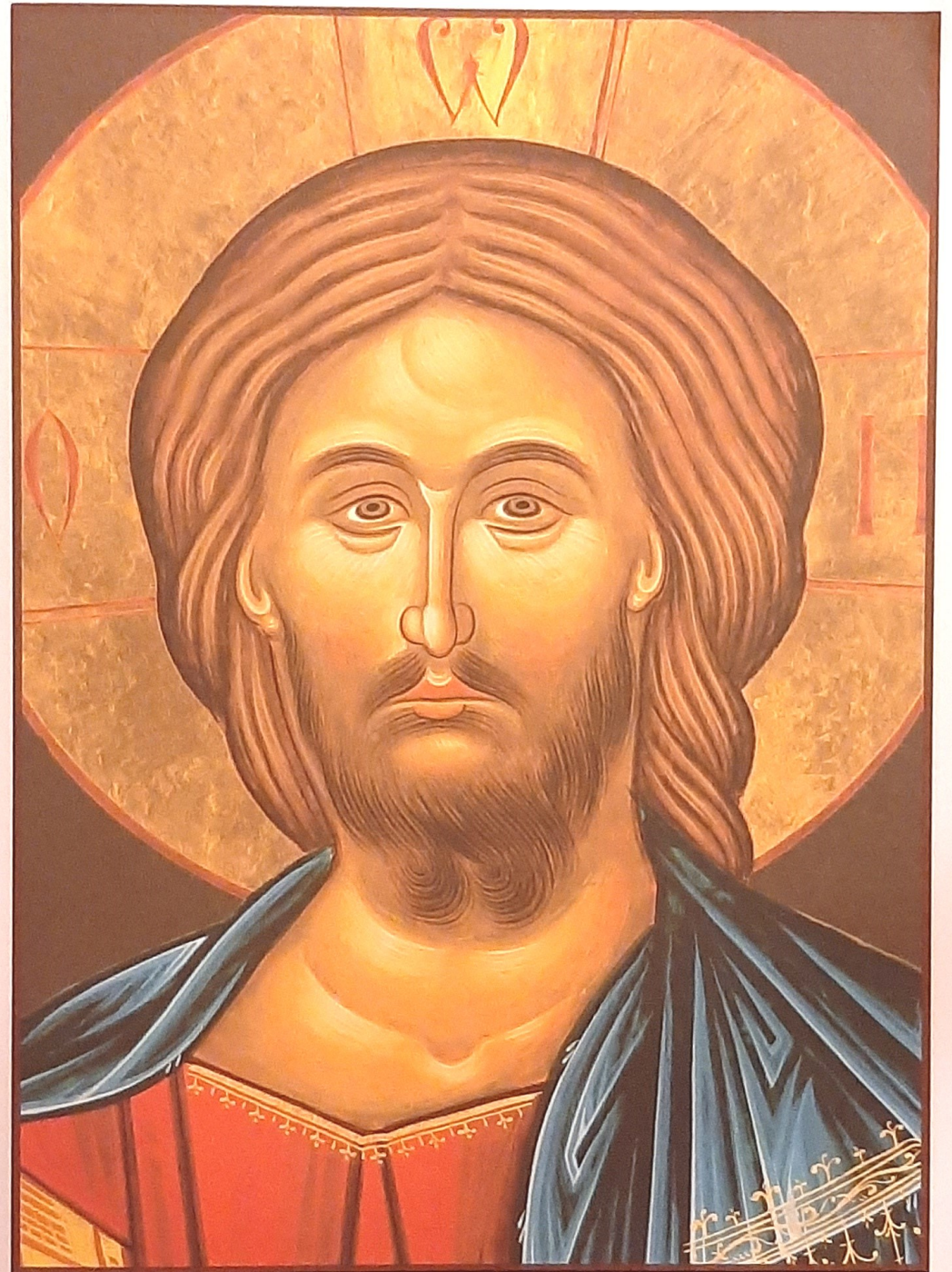
We must remember the words spoken by Moses to the Israelites after receiving the Ten Commandments. While reassuring them that God will lead them into a land of plenty, he issues this warning to them as well: "Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God, that when you have eaten and are full, and have built goodly houses, you do not say in your heart: MY power and the might of MY hands have gotten me this." Indeed, may we, as well, never forget what God does for His faithful children.

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ABOUT COMMUNION

We are happy that you have joined us today. Indeed, we pray for the "unity of the Faith" for the day when all of Christianity are united as ONE and can share a common Chalice. However, this is not the case as yet. Please note that Holy Communion, the actual Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, is only for Members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession, & arrived before the Gospel reading. However, everyone is welcome to partake of the blessed bread and receive a blessing from the pastor at the dismissal. If you are interested, you may inquire with the pastor how you can become a member.

If you are a guest or otherwise not a regular communicant, please give your baptismal name when receiving.





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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, JULY 16, 2023 TONE 5 / EOTHINON 6 SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

HIEROMARTYR ATHENOGENES, BISHOP OF HERAKLEOPOLIS, AND HIS TEN DISCIPLES

~ 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 these hymns in the following order:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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Thank you to all who already have signed the form.

Total from 32 pledges is 93,230.00

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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!**

THE EPISTLE

(For the Holy Fathers)

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O ye righteous. Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

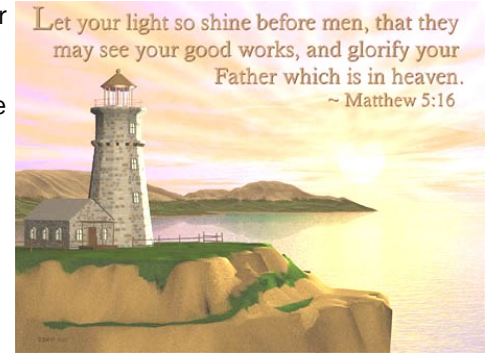
(For the Holy Fathers)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)

The Lord said to His Disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

~ The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.

*Let your light so shine before men, that they
may see your good works, and glorify your
Father which is in heaven.
~ Matthew 5:16*



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

THANK YOU FROM KATHERINE BEENY

I want to Thank all of you that helped with my boys being able to make it to St. Thekla Summer camp. They had an amazing time! Edward spotted a mama bear with 3 cubs on the property!

Also, This was the 1st time they felt like they were Normal and could relax around others.

Because everyone was Orthodox and of the same mindset. ❤️ There were lots of pictures taken if you wish to see more just go to the Camp St. Thekla Facebook page.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 20th!

Sunday School Registration for the 2023-2024 school year begins in 4 weeks, on Sunday, August 20th, and will continue through Sunday, August 27th. Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please complete and return them to the church no later than August 30th.

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!



Please pray for the healing of Michealle and Tyrone Carrie, Jennifer Glass, Beverly Delida, Lisa Zolton, Tatiana Jones, Ted Theodoropoulos, Susan Perers, Alix Hall, Nina and Diogo Penas, Beth Manzini, John Archambeau, Alex & Soula.

56th Biennial Antiochian Archdiocese Convention



July 23-30, 2023
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We welcome His Beatitude, Patriarch
JOHN X
to the 2023 Archdiocese Convention!

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Announcements



July 16th
July 23rd
July 30th

Epistle Readers
Patricia Smith
Bill Jackson
Carrie Matos

St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)
St. Paul to the Romans. (15:1-7)
St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)



School Supply Drive

Sabal Elementary School Supply Drive

Every year we try to help low income families to prepare for school. Cash or unused supplies welcome and very much appreciated. Thank you for supporting this important project.

!Schedule Change!

Fr. Elia is going to Archdiocese Convention after next week. There will be Divine Liturgy Saturday, July 29 at 5:30pm. We will be closed Sunday, July 30

We need sponsors for Coffee Hour for July 23, July 30



No Sunday School today.

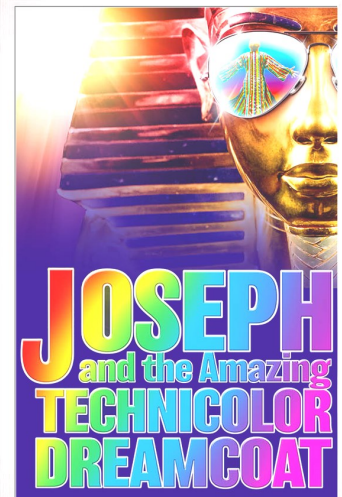
*1. Christmas in July
Saturday, July 29 during Sunday School class.
We will watch our 2022 Christmas play and talk about 2023 Christmas performance plan.*

Summer Camp Day Saturday, August 5

**Younger kids meet at 11am-1pm,
1pm-1:30pm lunch**

**Teens meet at 1:00pm-3:30pm for
Bowling with Abouna.**

*Sunday, September 3 after Church
we are going to see a musical
at the Henegar Center.*





10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Leave –Taking of Holy Transfiguration

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The following from St. John of Kronstadt (My Life in Christ, Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville, NY, 2000. pg 37-38) captures the feeling the disciples must have had in their boat on the stormy waters in our Gospel reading (Matthew 14:22-34). It also reminds us of the brightness of the Lord's countenance, that Brightness that we see in the bewilderment of Saints Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor that we are celebrating in the Great Feast of the Transfiguration! May we all celebrate this feast of Christ's Radiance in peace, prosperity, and spiritual vigor for many years!

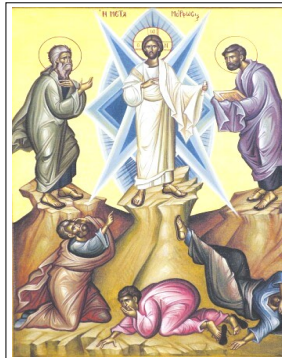
Sometimes in the lives of pious Christians there are hours when God seems to have entirely abandoned them--hours of the power of darkness; and then the man from the depths of his heart cries unto God: "Why hast Thou turned Thy face from me, Thou everlasting Light?... Turn me, O Saviour, to the light of Thy commandments and make straight my spiritual way, I fervently pray Thee." - St. John of Kronstadt

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



Offering Holy Bread

It is the tradition of the Orthodox Church to offer Holy Bread for a Divine Liturgy for the health of a loved one; in memory of one who has fallen asleep in the Lord; a feast day, anniversary, birthday or other special occasion. The customary donation is \$25.00 per offering. Please fill out the form at the information table.



TODAY'S FEAST SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH 2023

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
LEAVE-TAKING OF HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end. Therefore, fulfilling that which He had promised shortly before, that "there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17: 5). Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun" (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of this Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord's Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross.

MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR

This Saint was from Sebastia of Cappadocia and , according to the Synaxaristes, became Bishop of Pidachthoa. He and ten of his disciples were tortured and beheaded by the Governor of Philomarchus in the times of Diocletian. There is a second Martyr Athenogenes commemorated today, mentioned by Saint Basil in Chapter 29 of his treatise "On the Holy Spirit"; it is said that as this Athenogenes approached the fire, wherein he was to die a martyric death, he chanted the hymn O Joyous Light in praise of the Holy Trinity (see also Mar. 11).

