

SUFFERING FOR THE PURITY OF THE FAITH

When we hear the word "MARTYR", our thoughts immediately turn to the scores of Christian men and women who willingly gave up their lives rather than deny their Lord. In August, however, our Holy Church commemorates a group of martyrs who lived some 200 years BEFORE the coming of Christ: THE SEVEN MACCABEE BROTHERS.

The Syrian King Antiochus ruled Palestine in the second century B.C. He was determined to "HELLENIZE" the region, that is, he wanted to institute all aspects of Greek culture among the people of Israel. The Israelites were asked to give up their revered customs and traditions. If they did not, they would suffer the consequences. The Jews were forced to eat foods that they considered unclean. Moreover, practice of the Law of Moses was forbidden. The Jews could not even keep the Sabbath holy.

The Seven Maccabee Brothers, along with their teacher, the priest Eleazar, refused to obey the royal proclamations of the king. After torturing and burning Eleazar in Jerusalem, the king arrested the brothers and, along with their mother, took them to Antioch. The brothers met the same fate as Eleazar, publicly burned before their horrified mother. When her 3 year old son was placed upon the fire, the mother also cast herself into the flames, giving her life to God as well.

A few years after the death of the Maccabees, an army of Israelites rose up in revolt to avenge the death of the saintly brothers. Although outnumbered greatly, they were able to hold off the army of Antiochus.

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THE SEVEN MACCABEES

with their Mother Solomonia & Eleazar the Priest

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 30, 2023 TONE 7 / EOTHINON 8; EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

APOSTLES SILAS, SILVAN, CRESCENS, EPENETOS AND ANDRONIKOS OF THE SEVENTY

~ 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 SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

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 TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no

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dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

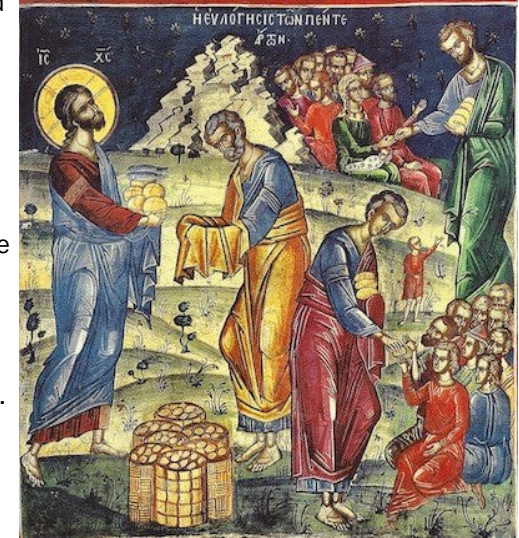
THE GOSPEL

(For the Eighth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

~ *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



July 29th

August 6th

August 13th

August 20th

August 27th

Epistle Readers

Carrie Matos

Holly Dick

Zachary Ferrell

Jennifer Riter

Isaac Vaughn

St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)

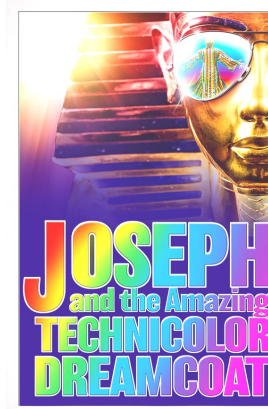


1. Christmas in July

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

2. Summer Camp Day Saturday, August 5 Younger kids meet at 11am- 1pm at Church Bowling with Abouna for Teens at 1:30pm-3:30pm Meet at Shore Lanes 4851 Dairy Rd., Melbourne, FL

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



DORMITION FAST

TUESDAY AUGUST 1ST UNTIL AUGUST 14TH.

SEE DORMITION FAST CALENDAR FOR CHILDREN IN THE BACK. COLOR 1 FLOWER EACH DAY.



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.



FOOD FOR THE NEEDY (Basket in the Foyer) Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for the basket.



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.

St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

Sunday School

Sunday School A Ministry of Christian Education at St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church.

Let everything take second place to our care of our children, to the discipline and instruction of the Lord. - St. John Chrysostom

Registration Form for 2023-2024 Sunday School Year (Please Fill and Return by August 27th)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

STUDENT NAME First Last Baptismal name

DATE OF BIRTH Age Grade Level

ADDRESS CITY Zip

FATHER Cell

MOTHER Cell

HOME PHONE Other

EMAIL ADDRESS (ES)

ALLERGIES/CONDITIONS

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME NUMBER

TALENTS/HOBBIES/SKILLS (i.e. musical INFORMATION HELPFUL TO TEACHER)

VOLUNTEER (i.e. PARENT(s) chaperone, pageant, decorations, etc.) YES NO

Do you have a reliable internet connection? YES NO

Do you have a webcam available? YES NO

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN Date

Students are expected to arrive on time every Sunday for the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m., receive the Holy Eucharist, proceed to their classroom, and remain until the class session concludes at 12:00 p.m.

First Day of Sunday School Classes is September 10.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS TODAY!

Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please complete and return them to the church no later than August 27th.

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!



8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week the Orthodox Church enters into the Dormition Fast (August 1 - 14). Quite frequently, this is also referred to by many as the 'Summer Pascha.' The Orthodox Church teaches that when the Virgin Mary "fell asleep," she did, in fact, die. The Church also teaches, however, that since she literally bore God in the flesh, her Son would not allow her body to see corruption. On the third day after her repose, the Church teaches, her Son sends angels to carry her body up into heaven; and at the same time, He whom she cradled now cradles her in perfect love. In the arms of her Son, then, the Virgin Mary becomes the first fruit of those who will follow Jesus into the Resurrection. Her hope and glorification become now our hope and glorification! Her personal Pascha becomes the foretaste of our own Pascha, as well!

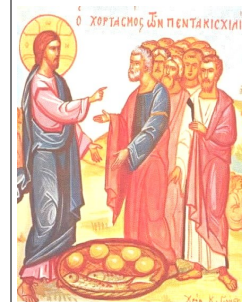
The Greek expression 'Δεκαπενταυγουστος' (Dekapentavgoustos) in English is known at the 15 Days of August. It is a time we prepare for our Summer Pascha by fasting and prayer, similar to Great Lent. This week at Saint Anthony, we will pray the Paraklesis Service - Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos on Wednesday & Friday during those 2 weeks.

May our Summer Pascha bring us blessings and strength!

In Christ,

Fr. Elia Shalhoub

Very Rev. Fr. Elia Shalhoub, Pastor



TODAY'S FEAST SUNDAY, JULY 30TH 2023

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILAS & SILVANOS THE APOSTLES OF THE 70

Saint Silas was a companion and fellow labourer of the Apostle Paul: "And Paul chose Silas and departed...and he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches" (Acts 15:40-41). He later became Bishop of Corinth, and reposed in peace. Saint Silvanos became Bishop of Thessalonica, and also reposed in peace. Saint Crescents, whom Saint Paul mentions in his Second Epistle to Timothy (4:10), became Bishop of Chalcedon, and brought many to the Faith. As for him whom the Apostle of the Nations praises as "my well-beloved Epenetus, the first-fruits of Achaia unto Christ" (Roman 16:5), he became Bishop of Carthage, and after enduring many afflictions from the idolators, and bringing many of them to Christ, he departed to the Lord.





The Sins of Others

By Abbot Tryphon

We Must be Quick to be Merciful! Some people abandon themselves to sin in order to cover up their lack of self esteem. In their need for intimacy and acceptance, they seek out worldly pleasures, thinking these will fill the void that has kept them from happiness. In their desperate search for love, they are unable to form lasting friendships, and they spiral down, failing, ultimately, to achieve that which will satisfy them. Replacing carnal pleasures for true intimacy, they fall further into their brokenness. Falling ever more deeply into the abyss of the self-serving ego, they are estranged from true joy, and lasting peace. These people are in need of mercy, and what is the Church if not the place wherein they can be healed? If we who form the Body of Christ see ourselves as inspector generals, and set upon others in order to expose their sins and shortcomings, we deprive ourselves of the grace that comes from being merciful. If we, in our pride and self-serving ego, become like the eldest brother of the prodigal son, protesting our Father's embrace of our returning lost brother, we become lost ourselves. What are we to do when we see the sins of others, and what is to be our response? If we are to expect God's mercy, we must be quick to be merciful to others. We must be blind to their sins and shortcomings, and look only to our own brokenness. It is in reconciliation, not punishment, that we find God, and love of neighbor. We must rejoice when one among us has repented, and like the father of the prodigal son, must be quick to run forth with open embrace. When we are brought down with the acknowledgement of our own rottenness, we can begin to overlook the shortcomings of others. When we focus on God, we see not the sins of our neighbors, and we learn not to react, we learn not to resent, and we learn not to lose our inner peace.

THE MIRACLE OF THE LOAVES AND FISHES

One day, when our Lord Jesus Christ came ashore, He saw many people. He felt sorry for them and healed the ones who were sick. He also taught the people, for a long time.

Evening came, and the disciples came to Jesus and said, "We are far from a town and the day is done. Send the people to get some food for themselves."

Jesus said, "They don't need to go away. You give them something to eat."

The disciples said, "All we have is five loaves of bread and two fish."

Jesus said, "Bring them here to me." Then He told everyone to sit down on the grass. He looked up to Heaven and blessed and broke the loaves. He gave the bread to the disciples, who gave it to the crowds.

Everyone ate until they were full. They gathered the leftovers and filled 12 baskets! Five thousand men, and also some women and children, had shared those five loaves and two fish. There was more than enough for everyone.

After that, Jesus sent the disciples in the boat, to the other side, while He stayed to dismiss the crowds.



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Questions for K-2grade

1. The people were hungry. Jesus told the disciples to feed them. What food did the disciples have?
2. What did Jesus do when he saw the little bit of food?
3. Was that enough food? How do you know?
4. Jesus gives us food at every Divine Liturgy. What is it called?

Questions for
Middleschool

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What do the disciples think the people need to do?
2. What does Jesus tell the disciples to do for the people?
3. Why do the disciples think they can't do that?
4. How does Jesus solve this problem for them?
5. Do you know anyone who needs something? What do they need?
6. Based on this gospel, do you think you are called to help them?
7. Are you able to do that? If not, what does this gospel tell us Jesus will do?



Most Holy Theotokos, save us!