### ~:~ WHAT MAKES GOD ANGRY? ~:~

hat was Jesus like? The Gospels portray Him as someone with incredible patience and control. Even in the face of senseless questioning, ridicule and verbal abuse, Christ projected a calm and level demeanor.

There was one incident, however, where Jesus reacted with anger and righteous indignation. While visiting the Temple in Jerusalem during a Passover celebration, our Lord was scandalized to see merchants and vendors doing business on sacred ground. Quickly fashioning a whip of some cords, Jesus overturned their tables and angrily drove them out of the Temple, proclaiming: "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's House a house of merchandise!" (John 2:16)

This event gives us some insight into what God DOES NOT want to see in our behavior. Greed and avarice are definitely not Christian qualities and characteristics! Christ's confrontation with the money changers is one of many times that He expressed His disapproval of those who were driven by material profit and monetary gain. On the contrary, Jesus constantly reminded His followers that it would be meaningless to "gain the whole world and still suffer the loss of their own soul."

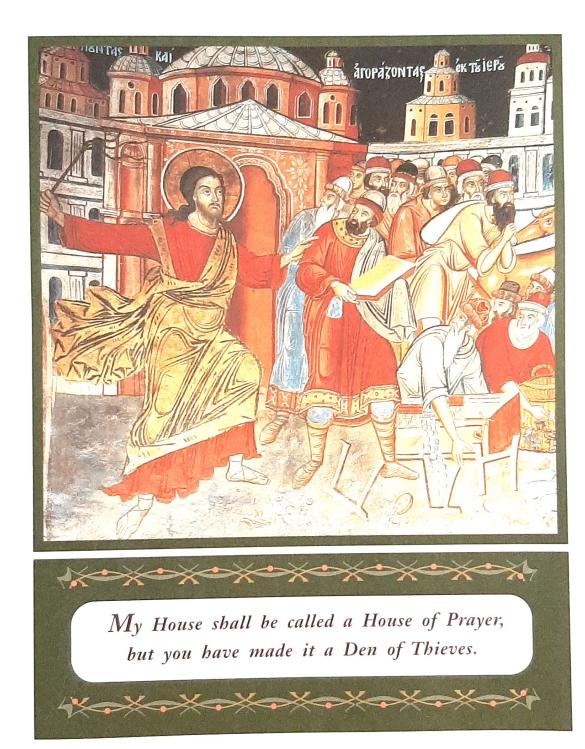
From this Temple incident, we also may draw the conclusion that we incur the wrath of our Heavenly Father when we lose sight of the true purpose and direction the Church should be taking. The Church as a BUILDING must be a place of PRAYER. The Church as an INSTITUTION must always reflect an attitude of prayerful holiness and sanctity as she leads her membership on a spiritual journey. Our ultimate destination is of course, the Kingdom of Heaven.

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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.* 





## St. Anthony The Great Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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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, APRIL 21, 2024 TONE 5 / EOTHINON 2; FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

**COMMEMORATION OF OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT** HIEROMARTYR JANUARIOS, BISHOP OF BENEVENTO & COMPANIONS; MARTYR ALEXANDRA THE QUEEN & COMPANIONS

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

~ 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 ST. MARY OF EGYPT IN TONE EIGHT

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; 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.

### **ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise





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### **2024 PLEDGE DRIVE**

The Pledge Form for 2024 is available for you, please sign one and turn it in ASAP Thank you to the following Parishioners who already signed their pledge card

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Total Pledges for 2024 from 28 pledges so far close to \$97,570 (Our Goal for 2024 is \$100,000.00) 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.

### THE EPISTLE

Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

### The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:11-14)

Brethren, Christ having appeared a High Priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having found eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of bulls and goats and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

#### THE GOSPEL

#### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

~ The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great continues as usual.

### 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.

#### 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

### April is AMen's Month

April 21<sup>st</sup> April 28<sup>th</sup>

**Epistle Readers** Sermon **Ethan Packey Alex Scaff Subdeacon Jean** 



**Our April Birthdays** April 22 Holly Dick; April 23 Deborah Thieme; April 25 Steve Karas, Sara Karam; April 28 Michealle Carey May God grant you many years!

Today's Holy Bread is sponsored by Debbie Thieme In Celebration of Adriana Matos' Birthday. Happy Birthday Adriana! May God grant you many years!



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR IS SPONSORED BY AMEN

Antiochian Men (AMen) monthly meeting today after the coffee hour. All men are invited.



ST. LAZARUS RETREAT NEXT SAT., APRIL 27 AT 11AM-2PM

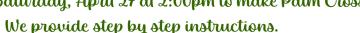
All Children and their families are invited Learn about St. Lazarus & Icons, Arts & Crafts, Easter Egg Hunt

### DID YOU EVER MAKE A PARM CROSS?



Join us next Saturday, April 27 at 2:00pm to make Palm Crosses.







Please pray for the healing of Adriana Theodoropoulos, Lori Sorensen, Ethan Packey, Michealle and Tyrone Carey, Beverly Delida, Alix Hall, Nina and Diogo Penas, Beth Manzini, John Archambeau, Alex & Soula.



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St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church 4031 Aurora Road, Melbourne, FL 32934 Fr. Elia's Phone (305) 812-4940; elia shalhoub@yahoo.com Church Phone (321) 428-4819 **THE EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK, 2024** 

#### Lazarus Saturday, April 27th:

9:00 AM - Orthros 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Children's Communion Breakfast, St. Lazarus Retreat) 5:30 PM - Great Vespers followed by hearing of Confessions.



#### Palm Sunday, April 28th :

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem.

8:45 AM - Orthros 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy followed by PALM SUNDAY FISH LUNCHEON 6:00 PM - 1st Bridegroom Service

#### Great and Holy Monday, April 29th :

6:00 PM - 2nd Bridegroom Service.

Great and Holy Tuesday, April 30th :

6:00 PM - 3rd Bridegroom Service.

Great and Holy Wednesday, May 1st:

10:00AM Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 PM - Sacrament of Holy Unction (Confessions)

Great and Holy Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>:

9:00 AM - Orthros

#### COMMEMORATION OF THE MYSTICAL SUPPER

10:00 AM - Vesperal Liturgy - On Holy Thursday morning we celebrate the Institution of the sacrament of Holy Communion by our Lord. All of the children of the Parish should be brought to Church for Communion on this day.

OFFICE OF THE REDEEMING PASSION OF OUR LORD 6:00 PM - Matins with the reading of the 12 Passion Gospels, and the setting up of the Holy Cross in church.

#### Great and Holy Friday, May 3rd:

9:00 AM - Holy Royal Hours 10:00 AM – Decorating the Bier 2:00 PM - Vespers with the bringing out of the shroud. Taking down of the Cross and setting up of the Tomb of Our Lord (by the people).

> LAUDATIONS AT THE TOMB OF OUR LORD

6: 00 PM - Matins for Holy Saturday with the singing of the laudations (Lamentations) at the Tomb of Our Lord, and the procession outdoors with the Bier. All Night Vigil

#### Great and Holy Saturday, May 4th:

10:00 AM - Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil with the Old Testament readings, during which is the hearing of Confessions.

#### Please Note: Last Chance for Confession!

Those wishing to receive communion on Saturday night and who still need confession, should go to confession during the Vespers with the Old Testament readings.

8:00 PM - Rush Service of the Resurrection

9:00 PM - Resurrection Divine Liturgy Followed by the Easter Breakfast.

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA - Sunday, May 5th :

10:00 AM - Bright Paschal Vespers with the Reading of the Gospel in various languages.

#### The Bright

**Resurrection of Christ!** 

Christ is Risen!



### SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Palm Sunday, April 28 our children and parents

will prepare Fish Luncheon.

Fish entrée, Rice, salad and dessert will be offered

\$10 - Adults. \$5 - Children

For questions please call Yuliya at (321)960-9564.

### PALM SUNDAY FLOWFR PROCESSION

We will be preparing a candle with flowers

for the procession on Palm Sunday for a \$5 donation.

Thank you for supporting our efforts!



Please join us Friday, May 3rd at 10am to decorate our new beautifully carved Lord's Tomb with flowers. We will also share a Lenten meal.

# $\sim$ HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED $\sim$

During Holy Week Services, in order to make experience more memorable, we are asking for volunteers to READ one of the many Psalms, Epistles, or the Old Testament readings. If you have read before, you know how rewarding this can be. At Agape Service on Great and Holy Pascha, Sunday, May 5th at 10am, the Gospel will be read in different languages. The reading is from the Gospel passage of St. John (20:19-25). If you have a translation of that passage in another language and would like to read it in that language, please contact Fr. Elia.

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### GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY - May 3rd All Night Vigil at the Tomb of Christ.

All Parishioners are welcome to sign up. (see the list on the bulletin board) Vigil begins around 8:00pm and continues throughout the night until Saturday morning at 9am.

> Make the Joyful Noise If you wish to sing in the choir for the Pascha service. please see Datricia and join them for rehearsals.



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



### TODAY'S FEAST SUNDAY, APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>2024 5<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on April 1, where her life is recorded. Since the end of the holy Forty Days is drawing nigh, it has been appointed for this day also, so that if we think it hard to practice a little abstinence forty days, we might be roused by the heroism of her who fasted in the wilderness forty-seven years; and also that the great loving-kindness of God, and His readiness to receive the repentant, might be demonstrated in

verv deed.

When Mary was only twelve years old, she left her parents and departed to Alexandria, where she lived a depraved life for seventeen years. Then, moved by curiosity, she went with many pilgrims to Jerusalem, that she might see the Exaltation of the venerable Cross. Even in the Holy City she gave herself over to every kind of licentiousness and drew many into the depth of perdition. Desiring to go into the church on the day of the Exaltation of the Cross, time and again she perceived a certain invisible power preventing her entrance, whereas the multitude of people about her entered unhin-dered. Therefore, wounded in heart by this, she decided to change her way of life and reconcile her-self to God by means of repentance. Invoking our Lady the Theotokos as her protectress, she asked self to God by means of repentance. Invoking our Lady the Theotokos as her protectress, she asked her to open the way for her to worship the Cross, and vowed that she would renounce the world. And thus, returning once again to the church, she entered easily. When she had worshipped the pre-cious Wood, she departed that same day from Jerusalem and passed over the Jordan. She went into the inner wilderness and for forty-seven years lived a most harsh manner of life, surpassing human strength; alone, she prayed to God alone. Toward the end of her life, she met a certain hermit named Zosimas, and she related to him her life from the beginning. She requested of him to bring her the immaculate Mysteries that she might partake of them. According to her request, he did this the following year on Holy and Great Thursday. One year after this, Zosimas again went thither and found her dead, laid upon the ground, and letters written in the sand near her which said: "Abba Zosimas, bury here the body of wretched Mary. I died on the very day I partook of the immaculate Mysteries. Pray for me." Her death is reckoned by some to have taken place in 378, by some, in 437, and by others, in 522. She is commemorated also on the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. Her life was recorded by Saint Sophronius of Jerusalem.

### IANOUARIOS THE HOLY MARTYR AND HIS COMPANIONS

These Martyrs contested for piety's sake in Campania of Italy, during the reign of Diocletian (284-305), when Timothy was Proconsul. Saint Januarius was the Bishop of Benevento in Campania; he was arrested and taken to Nola, where he was cast into a burning furnace, from which he came forth unharmed; at Puteoli, together with Proculus, Sosius, and Faustus the deacons, Desiderius, reader of the Church of Benevento, and Eurychius and Acutius, nobles from Puteoli, he was cast to wild beasts, which as they came near the Saints, fell affectionately at their feet. Finally they were all beheaded, about the year 305.

## **UPCOMING SUNDAY CALENDAR**

Below lists the upcoming Sundays from February 18th until Holy Pascha, which falls on May 5th this year. We invite you to join us each week for Sunday Liturgy to celebrate this special commemoration of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection. Please mark these special dates on your calendar.

April 28	PALM SUNDAY
May 3	GOOD FRIDAY
May 5	HOLY PASCHA
May 12	THOMAS SUNDAY