

### "BUT I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS . . ."

**F**riendships are special relationships. We confide in our friends . . . we trust them with our innermost secrets and sometimes trust them with our very lives. We share our joys and our sorrows with them. We know we can always turn to them in time of need, and we are always available to help out if the situation is reversed. Anyone with a TRUE friend is, indeed, a fortunate person.

It is no wonder, then, that Christ speaks about friends in a very beautiful manner in His Farewell Discourse to His Apostles on the night of His Passion. "But I have called you friends, for all things I heard from My Father I have made known to you." (John 15:15) What an honor it was for them to be referred to by Jesus as His "friends!" Yes, Christ would always be their Master, but because of their great love for Him and their willingness to obey Him, an unbreakable bond formed between them.

It is important for us to note that we, too, can be numbered among God's friends. He tells us exactly what we must do if we want to foster this type of relationship with Him: "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you." (John 15:14) Being a friend of God requires commitment and dedication. Being His friend calls for sacrifice on our part. Being His friend may even cause us to lose the friendship of others, who are not willing or not able to commend their life totally to the Lord.

Christ has asked us for our loyalty. Like the Apostles and all the saints, we, too, can share in the eternal glory of 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.*



~~ The Virgin Mary greets St. Elizabeth ~~

**CHRISTIAN  
FRIENDSHIP**





## St. Anthony The Great Antiochian Orthodox 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, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 TONE 5 / EOTHINON 3; FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

### VENERABLE KYRIAKOS THE HERMIT OF PALESTINE

MARTYR PETRONIA AND THOSE WITH HER IN PALESTINE;  
MOTHER MARY THE HERMIT OF PALESTINE

~ During the Little Entrance, chant the Resurrectional Apolytikion. The Eisdikon (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 FOR ST. KYRIAKOS OF PALESTINE IN TONE ONE

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Kyriakos, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength; glory to Him that hath crowned thee; glory to Him that worketh healings for all through 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.

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**St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church**  
**4031 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, FL. 32934**  
**Notice of Special General Assembly Meeting**  
**October 20, 2024**

Dear Parishioner:

In compliance with St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church's Constitution, I, as the Parish Council Recording Secretary, am required to notify you of any **Special General Assembly meeting**.

A Special General Assembly meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 20, 2024**, immediately following the 10:00am Divine Liturgy in the St. Anthony Church, located at 4031 Aurora Rd., Melbourne, FL 32934.

The **Agenda** is as follows:

1. Opening Prayer and Roll Call
2. Building Committee Presentation of the New Rendering prepared by the Engineer and the Architect for the Future plans of St. Anthony.
3. Pastor's Report on the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Schedule.
4. Adjournment & **Closing Prayers**.

2/3 of the Total members in good standing shall constitute a quorum. As you enter the Church, the Treasurer and the Pastor will check your name. **According to our constitution, ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WILL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE/PARTICIPATE in the meeting.**

We look forward to your presence and participation.

Sincerely,

St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church Parish Council

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Debbie Thieme, Parish Council Secretary

October, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**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.

**THE EPISTLE**

(For the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Thou, O Lord, wilt keep and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.*

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:21-2:4)**

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

**THE GOSPEL**

(For the Second Sunday of Luke)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)**

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful." ~ *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. 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.



# Upcoming Events

## This Week

### Today

- \* Matins Service—8:45am
- \* Divine Liturgy—10:00am
- \* Coffee Hour—guests always welcome

### Wednesday

- \* Vespers—5:30pm
- \* Choir Rehearsal—6:00pm

### Saturday

- \* Great Vespers—5:30pm

## This Quarter

### October

First Christmas Play meeting tentatively  
October 5 at 11am  
Special Olympics Teen SOYO Luncheon  
(tbd)

Trunk or Treat October 26 at 3:30pm-  
5pm

# Announcements



September 22  
September 29  
October 6  
October 13  
October 20  
October 27

## Epistle Readers

Patricia  
Ionica  
Adrian Magelitz  
Corbin  
Evelyn  
Samuel

## FOOD FOR THE NEEDY (Basket in the Foyer)

Please remember to bring non-perishable food as you attend church services.  
It will be distributed to the needy within the local community.  
Thank you!



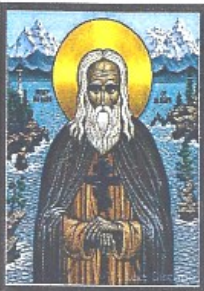
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TO CONTRIBUTE FOOD TO A FUTURE COFFEE HOUR



Please pray for the healing of Father Elia and Kh. Odette, Debbie Thieme, Adriana Theodoropoulos, Michealle and Tyrone Carey, Beverly Delida, Alix Hall, Nina and Diogo Penas, Beth Manzini, John Archambeau, Alex & Soula, Nicholas Elliott, William Snell, Vasilika Yardines, Gregory Warner

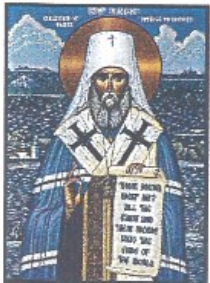
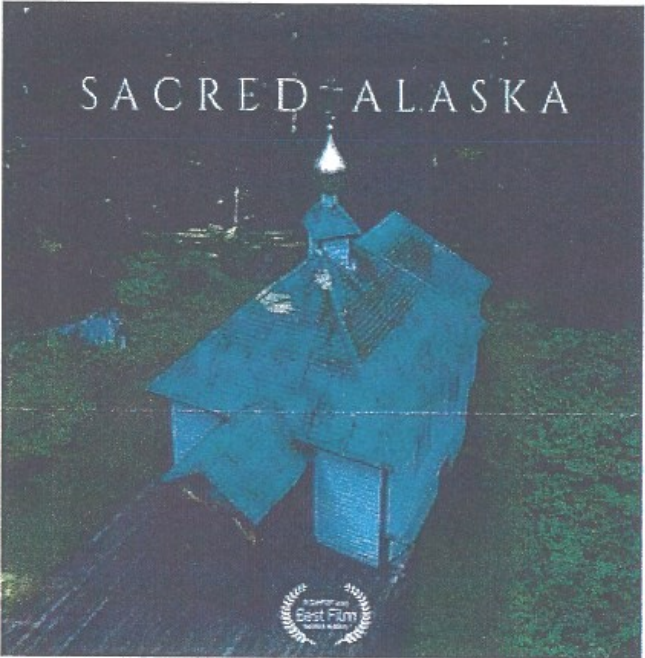
## The Diakonia Men's Group of Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



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Our Premier Event for the  
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Featuring



An important film documenting the history of bringing Orthodox Christianity to Alaska  
and the courageous Holy Venerable Saints who planted the seeds of faith  
to the indigenous peoples in this majestic raw landscape.

Premier showing of this film will be Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

In the Hellenic Center Social Hall at Saint Katherine. A \$10 donation is suggested per adult.

Tickets can be purchased in advance after Liturgy on Sunday in the Social Hall

Refreshments and desserts will be provided following the film.

QR code is a link to the official preview of the film





Also, we appreciate the hand-on training and the financial support offered to our students by the following parishes this year: St. Anthony, Bergenfield; St. George, Allentown; St. George, Little Falls; St. George, Boston; St. George, Worcester; St. Ignatius, Florida; St. Mary, Brooklyn; St. Mary, Wilkes-Barre; St. Mary, Yonkers; St. Nicholas, Bridgeport; St. Nicholas, Brooklyn; St. Paul, Emmaus; St. Philip, Souderton; and St. Stephen, South Plainfield.

Recent studies have shown that we are facing a shortage of clergy in the coming years. We need your generous financial support to educate as many priestly candidates and their families as possible to work in the Vineyard of our Savior. May the Lord reward you accordingly for your emotional and financial support in his name and to his glory. Your thoughtfulness has made you worthy recipients of the spiritual dividends of the fruits produced through the labor of these schools and the priests they have trained.

Your Father in Christ,

*T. Saba*

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Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America



# Teen Soyo Social

**November 3, 2024**

Addison Village Club  
8150 Stadium Pkwy, Melbourne, FL  
Leisure Pavillion 2-4 pm

Swimming  
Tennis  
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Bocce Ball  
Lawn Games

**Join us for fellowship, food and fun!**



Questions/RSVP  
Holly 660-287-7860

**October is Teen SOYO and Seminarian Month**  
**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**  
**October is Youth Month.**

**We are very blessed to have many of our teens already helping in our Parish--serving during Divine Liturgy and reading the epistles. However, this month we will highlight their participation more. Teens will read the epistle each Sunday, we will also have a fundraiser for the Special Olympics and try to give out bookmarks as a thank you for the parishioners helping them in this ministry.**

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

**Mission Statement for Teen SOYO**

Living the Orthodox Faith in Christ Through Worship, Witness, Service and Fellowship Statement of Purpose We believe that the Teen SOYO Movement seeks to integrate each young person fully into the total life of the Church. SOYO creates and fosters ministries to encourage members to commit themselves to living the Orthodox Faith daily. The combination of Worship, Witness, Service and Fellowship are the natural expressions of that commitment. We define these expressions as follows: **WORSHIP** - Corporate worship is the sacramental expression of and participation in Holy Tradition, and is the indispensable foundation of Teen SOYO at all levels. Upon this foundation is a cultivation of daily personal prayer life and reading of Holy Scripture. **WITNESS** - Christ calls us to be His witness in the world. Teen SOYO must enable fellow members to express their faith for themselves and to others in order to be true witnesses to Christ and the Orthodox Faith. **SERVICE** - Christ came not to be served, but to serve. Teen SOYO seeks to emulate Christ in this and honors and glorifies God by loving and serving mankind in the name of Jesus Christ, using our God-given gifts and talents. **FELLOWSHIP** - The Holy Trinity is the perfect model of fellowship; the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit share perfect communion and exist in perfect love as a community. By gathering together in fellowship, and by showing love for one another in Christ, we emulate the life of the Holy Trinity in our daily life. The ultimate goal of Teen SOYO is to fully integrate each teen into the full life of the Church, to create a safe and nurturing environment for Teenagers to grow in Christ, and to form spiritual and social bonds between each individual so that a profound and life giving relationship with Jesus Christ and His Holy Church can be realized.

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## SAINTS AND FEASTS

### KYRIAKOS THE HERMIT OF PALESTINE

This Saint was born in Corinth in 448. He went to Palestine to the Lavra of Euthymius the Great, but because of his youth was sent by Saint Euthymius to Saint Gerasimus; after the death of Saint Gerasimus he returned to the Lavra of Saint Euthymius. Later he took on a more rigorous life of asceticism in the wilderness of Natoufa, where there was nothing to eat except the exceedingly bitter wild herb called squills, which, however, through his prayers, God made sweet for him and his disciple. He lived 107 years and reposed in the year 555.

### VENERABLE THEOPHANES THE MERCIFUL OF GAZA

Saint Theophanes the Merciful was an inhabitant of the Syrian city of Gaza. He was very kind and merciful. He took in vagrants, he helped the poor and the sick, and he spent all his substance on help for the needy, while he himself remained in want.

Saint Theophanes did not grieve at all over the loss of his property, but he lost his health, and sickness caused him great suffering. His body began to swell up, to rot, and to give off a stench. This ordeal he also endured in good spirit, giving thanks to God for all things.

A fierce storm raged while he was dying, and his wife grieved that she would not be able to give him proper burial. The saint comforted her: “Weep not, woman, for up to now the trial has lasted, but here comes help from the Merciful God, since in the hour of my death the storm will cease, by the will of God.” So it occurred: just as he gave up his soul to God, calmness prevailed. After death the body of Saint Theophanes became completely cleansed of wounds and decay and became fragrant, giving forth abundant healing myrrh.



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### TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT

October, 2024

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37-38)

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The month of October in our God-protected Antiochian Archdiocese is designed as “Youth Month and Seminary Month.” This is intended to bring awareness to the importance of the pastoral and theological training initiative of our Archdiocese.

This year’s records of our Archdiocese show more than 25 students enrolled in three seminaries whose training supply our churches with priesthood candidates, choir directors, youth workers and Christian education leaders.

Your generous donations today in support of our seminarians and these institutions will ensure that our parishes will continue to be supplied with exemplary priests equipped to serve the needs of our parishioners, and competent staffing that will be able to perpetuate their vigorous programs. These men are preparing for the holy labors of baptizing our infants, marrying our young people, preaching the gospel, laying to eternal rest our loved ones, granting solace to those in distress, and offering guidance to those in need of direction. In other words, we are supporting them as they prepare to support all of us in our journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are grateful for your invaluable and innumerable initiatives in providing financial and moral support over the many past decades toward this worthy cause, and for subsidizing the vital educational programs of these institutions, and the needs of our seminarians.