

## "GLORY TO THEE, WHO HAS SHOWN US THE LIGHT"

**A** large advertising billboard once had this message: "The darkness can kill you." It was an ad for electric light bulbs, but what it said is profoundly true: DARKNESS BRINGS DEATH. People like the light and fear the darkness. The first thing you do when you come into a dark house is turn on the lights. Even plants seek the brightness of the sun.

One of the most profound statements that Jesus made during His years among us was this: "I am the light of the world. Whosoever comes after Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

What a name this is for our Lord! The Light of the World. Everything outside of Christ is darkness. But with Christ, there is light. It is no accident that burning lamps and candles are closely associated with the Christian faith. When a baby is brought for Baptism, the sponsors hold lighted candles to symbolize that this is now a child of the light, a child of Christ. Candles are lit for every service. And when a person dies and is brought to the church for burial, again lighted candles are placed about the body, to show that even in death there is a lighted way to go to Christ.

Jesus also referred to His followers as light . . . "You are the light of the world . . . So let your light shine, that men might see your good work and glory your Father who is in heaven . . ." Just as, for example, the moon reflects the light of the sun, so we are to reflect the light of Christ.

We are the ones who can now dispel the darkness of fear, despair, evil and sin in the world. There is an old saying that Christ now has no hands but our hands to do His work on earth, no feet but ours to carry Him to the sick, needy, poor and outcast; no tongue but our tongues to teach and comfort and do His bidding in the world. Surely there is much truth to this concept.

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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 Eminence Metropolitan SABA within 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 13, 2025

#### SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

**SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL; VENERABLE STEPHEN OF MAR SABBAS MONASTERY**  
~ 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 FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast 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 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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## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

### SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of the present month, we chant the Service to the 630 Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together for the 4th Ecumenical Council who assembled in Chalcedon in 451, to condemn Eutyches, who taught that there was only one nature, the divine, in Christ after the Incarnation, and Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who illegally received Eutyches back into communion and deposed Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople, who had excommunicated Eutyches.



#### SYNAXIS OF ARCHANGEL GABRIEL

It is believed that the Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel was transferred to this day from March 26 so that it could be celebrated more festively than in the period of the Great Fast; and, in fact, all the miracles of the Archangel are celebrated on this feast day, which has been listed here in the church books since the ninth century.

#### STEPHANOS OF SAINT SAVVAS MONASTERY

According to some, the Saint Stephen celebrated today was a nephew of Saint John of Damascus, different from the one celebrated on October 28, who later also became a Bishop.

#### HOLY MARTYR GOLINDUC

Saint Golindoux was a Persian, living in the reign of Chosroes II, King of Persia (590-628), and of Maurice, Emperor of New Rome (582-602). Moved by a divine revelation to become a Christian, she was betrayed to Chosroes by her husband and was cast into a dungeon called Oblivion for eighteen years, withstanding all attempts to make her deny Christ, and preserved by the grace of God. Set at liberty through the visitation of an Angel, she went to Jerusalem, and then to Constantinople, where she fell asleep in peace. She was called Mary in holy Baptism.



#### THANK YOU!

Thank you to each and every person who has sponsored the St. Anthony Youth to go to camp. Here is a summary of what they did.

Everyday we started with Orthros. We also had Christian Education. During Christian Education, we learned about the Theotokos's life, which was the theme of the Parish Life Conference this year. We had daily activity time in which there were a variety of events to choose from such as hiking to a waterfall, swimming, canoeing and archery. We had so much fun making new friends and reconnecting with old ones. Every night we had Vespers. After Vespers, we had an evening program, such as a talent show. Overall, we had a fantastic time learning and growing closer to Christ, and thank everyone who helped contribute to send us to camp!

## THE EPISTLE

*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

### 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.*

## 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


<b>This Week</b> <b>Sunday, 7/13</b>  8:45 am: Matins Service 10:00 am: Divine Liturgy <i>Followed by coffee hour, all are welcome. Followed by Parish Council Monthly Meeting</i> <b>Wednesday, 7/16</b> 5:30pm: Vespers <b>Saturday, 7/19</b> 4:00 pm: Catechism class 5:30 pm: Great Vespers , <i>followed by confessions</i>  <b>Sunday, 7/20</b> <i>The Feast of St. Elias</i> <b>Saturday, 7/26</b> <i>Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Panteleimon at 5:30 pm. Parishioners from St. Katherine, our sister parish, are invited.</i>	<b>July Birthdays &amp; Anniversaries</b> 02: John Beeny 06: Steve and Valerie Karas Wed. Anniversary 07: Jonathan 08: Zoe Mahon 10: Sheree Jackson 11: Ceara Jacobs 13: Jean and JouJou Najjar Wed. Anniversary 15: Diogo and Nina Penas Wed. Anniversary 22: Leonidas Beeny 25: Austyn Dick Tobias Beeny 26: Dylan Kelemecz 28: Julia Mariano B-day Richard Enstice B-day Bill Jackson B-day 30: Gabriella Baika B-day  <i>May God Grant You Many Years!</i>
<b>Fasting Calendar</b> Abstain from meat, dairy, and eggs, 7/16, 7/18, and 7/25 with strict fast on 7/23/ and 7/30 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/AOCfast2025">View calendar at https://tinyurl.com/AOCfast2025</a>	


# Announcements

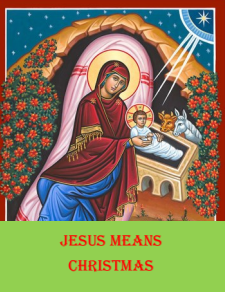
	<b>July 13</b> <b>July 20</b> <b>July 27</b>	<b>Epistle Reader</b> <b>Lando Ringel</b> <b>Kh. Odette Shalhoub</b> <b>Laney Ricketts</b>	<b>St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)</b> <b>St. James. (5:10-20)</b> <b>St. Matthew (9:27-35)</b>
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**THANK YOU JEFF AND HOLLY FOR TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR**  
PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE CALENDAR IN THE NARTHEX TO PREPARE  
AND SERVE FOOD FOR OUR COFFEE HOUR .






	<b>Offering Holy Bread</b> 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 by the candles.
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	<b>Please pray for the healing of</b> Laney Ricketts, Michealle Carey, Debbie Thieme, Adriana Theodoropoulos, Beverly Delida, Alix Hall, Nina and Diogo Penas, Beth Manzini, John Archambeau, Alex & Soula, Susan Moran, Susan Perers, William Snell, Vasilika Yardines, Faouzi Najjar, Marie Williams, and His Grace Bishop Nicholas
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**Christmas in July**  
Join us next Saturday, July 19 at 11am  
for a 2025 Christmas Talent Show kick off.  
All children big and small are invited to join us for a few hours of fun.  
We will watch our 2024 Christmas Play while eating pop corn and cookies, do craft and plan 2025 play.  
If you are an adult who is interested in showing your talent, please join us as well!



**5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**(Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council)**  
**Beloved in Christ,**  
**Mercy**  
“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (Matthew 5.7). To be merciful is to be like God, for “The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love” (Psalms 103.8). The Lord passed before Moses and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin . . .” (Exodus 34.6–7). This also is the teaching of Christ in His Sermon on the Mount: “. . . love your enemies and do good and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6.35–36).  
To be merciful does not mean to justify falsehood and sin. It does not mean to be tolerant of foolishness and evil. It does not mean to overlook injustice and iniquity. God is not this way, and does not do this. To be merciful means to have compassion on evil-doers and to sympathize with those who are caught in the bonds of sin. It means to forego every self-righteousness and every self-justification in comparison with others. It means to refuse to condemn those who do wrong, but to forgive those who harm and destroy, both themselves and others. It is to say with utter seriousness, “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” (Matthew 6.12).  
  
-Fr. Thomas Hopko (The Orthodox Faith: 'The Beatitudes')  
  
**In Christ,**  
*Fr. Elia Shalhoub*  
**Very Rev. Fr. Elia Shalhoub, Pastor**