

## 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](mailto:elia_shalhoub@yahoo.com)) or on his cell phone (305) 812-4940.



### 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.*

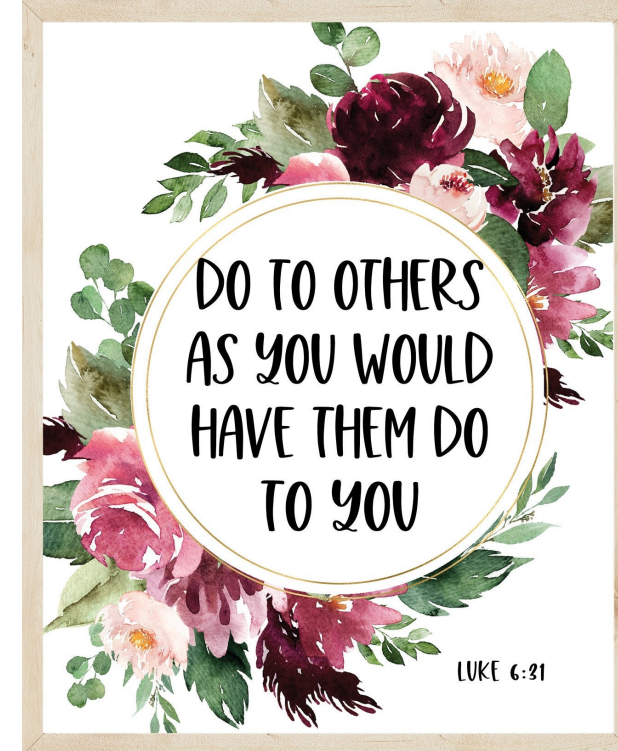
*If you are a guest or otherwise not a regular communicant, please give your baptismal name when receiving.*



## Welcome to St. Anthony The Great Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

OCTOBER 5, 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
& SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE



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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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

HOLY MARTYR CHARITINA OF AMISOS; JOHN, BISHOP OF EUCHAÏTA;  
EUDOKIMOS OF VATOPEDI MONASTERY ON ATHOS

~ 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, sing these hymns in the following order:

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

~ Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

### 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.

### THE EPISTLE

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.*

*God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)**

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore come out from them, and be

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but those who know God through living experience with Him. From the beginning, the Church has said: the true theologian is the one who prays.

The same applies to today's debates about deaconesses. There is much confusion here. It is not enough to simply point to historical evidence of deaconesses and then interpret it to fit today's mindset, crafting a "new" form to suit modern thought. Scientific study requires objective research that seeks the truth. Only then can decisions be made upon it. For example, one must first know the role deaconesses played before their order disappeared, the reasons for their disappearance, and the reasons behind any movement to revive the order today. The discussion must be rooted in Tradition and a forward vision shaped by an Orthodox, patristic mind. To approach it through the lens of gender equality, or inequality, is mistaken, because this uses the spirit of the age, not theology. Likewise, treating ordination as a job of equal opportunity is wrong. Priesthood is not a business.

The Church is filled with many and varied gifts. Her Tradition has always affirmed that Christ did not choose women for the liturgical priesthood: they were not among the Twelve at the Mystical Supper where He instituted the Eucharist, nor when He breathed the Spirit upon them and gave them authority to bind and loose sins. Yet at the same time, He entrusted women as heralds of His Resurrection, sent the Spirit upon men and women alike at Pentecost, and made some of them equal to the apostles in preaching and witness. Women have served and continue to serve in countless Church ministries, whether as deaconesses, laywomen, or married women.

For decades now, Christianity has faced the temptation to reshape its theology according to dominant humanist and secular thought. This is a dangerous path, because it bends theology, spirituality, and the mind of the Church to human ideas rather than to the Gospel and Tradition.

May God preserve His Church from the traps woven against her from within and from without.

separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

### **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.



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1. CLERGY AND SEMINARIAN SUPPORT
2. YOUTH EDUCATION AND RETENTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE
3. YOUNG ADULT RECRUITMENT AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH
4. CHARITABLE ACTS AND TEACHING PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT

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Upcoming Events

<b><u>This Week</u></b>		<b>October Birthdays &amp; Anniversary</b>	
<b>Sunday, 10/5</b>	8:45am: Matins Service, 10:00am: Divine Liturgy <i>Fellowship Hour</i>	<b>01: Mikey and Skylla Holland Anniversary</b> <b>02: Mary Baika</b> <b>05: Anthony Mametieff</b> <b>08: Peri Kiros</b> <b>12: John Thieme</b> <b>23: Beatrix McCrea</b> <b>24: Bobbi Skaff</b> <b>25: Tami Richmond</b> <b>28: Fr. Elia Shalhoub</b>	
<b>Wednesday, 10/8</b>	5:30pm: Great Vespers		
<b>Saturday, 10/11</b>	4:00pm: Catechism class 5:30pm Vespers		
<b>Sunday, 10/12</b>	8:45 am: Matins Service, 10:00 am: Divine Liturgy <i>Antiochian Women Meeting after the coffee hour.</i> <i>Every lady is invited</i>	<b>May God Grant You Many Years!</b>	
<b><u>Fasting Calendar</u></b> Abstain from meat, dairy, eggs, fish, olive oil and wine 10/8, 10/10, 10/15, 10/17 <i>View calendar at</i> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/AOCfast2025">https://tinyurl.com/AOCfast2025</a>		<b>Mark Your Calendar;</b> <b>October 10 AWO</b> 5:30 PM Antiochian Women Spiritual Growth Meeting <b>Saturday, October 11, Saturday at Noon</b> 12:00 PM Pirogie Making Class <b>Sunday, October 12</b> Parish Council Monthly Meeting <b>Saturday, October 25</b> AM: Church Work Day AM <b>October 25, Saturday at 3:30pm</b> <b>Trunk or Treat</b>	
<b>TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR IS SPONSORED BY TEEN SOYO FOR A SPECIAL OLYMPICS LUNCHEON</b> PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO THE FUND-RAISER AND PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE CALENDAR IN THE NARTHEX FOR A FUTURE DATE, TO PREPARE AND SERVE FOOD FOR OUR COFFEE HOUR.			

Announcements

OCTOBER IS TEEN SOYO MONTH

	<b>Epistle</b>		<b>Sermon</b>	
	<b>October 5th</b>	<b>Corbin</b>	<b>October 5th</b>	<b>Samuel</b>
	<b>October 12th</b>	<b>Samuel</b>	<b>October 12th</b>	<b>Brooklyn</b>
	<b>October 19th</b>	<b>Beatrix</b>	<b>October 19th</b>	<b>Corbin</b>
	<b>October 26th</b>	<b>Evelyn</b>	<b>October 26th</b>	<b>Jeff</b>

Special Olympics Luncheon Fiesta

All proceeds go to the Special Olympics - Teen Soyo's outreach  
Suggested donation is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child  
Thank you for your support!!



In the Orthodox Conscience  
By Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

When you approach matters of faith, information alone is not enough. You need a spiritual mindset to approach religious issues. This mindset is formed gradually, through your living connection with God and His Church. The more you experience life in the pure face of the Lord's Church, the more the "Orthodox conscience" takes root in you. This in turn shapes your mind to become truly Orthodox.

There is no school or textbook that can teach you how to acquire this conscience, mindset, or spiritual sense. The only school is your life in the heart of the Church, your humility, and the work of the Holy Spirit in you. If you pursue humility, it shapes your entire being, not just your mind, so that you are truly open to the Holy Spirit, to your brothers and sisters, and to those around you in the world. Then, the action of the Spirit appears in the way you approach every Church matter: with humility and detachment, seeking God's will and mind, not your own ideas or desires. His action toward your brothers and sisters shows itself in your dealings with them in love. This allows you to distinguish between individual persons and their opinions, enabling you to understand them, even if you disagree. Only then is real dialogue possible. Without it, you reject not only their opinions but also the persons themselves.

Let us make this clearer with examples. For centuries, there has been debate about frequent versus occasional communion. Both sides find canons, teachings, and practices to support their view. How do you discern the truest approach? If you rely only on theological studies, rules, and teachings, you will naturally gravitate to what fits your own thinking, preference, or desire. But the key question remains: How do you know God's will and mind? How do you discern what is best for you and the Church? Here, the Orthodox conscience is essential, for it helps you distinguish between your will and the Spirit's will, between Holy Tradition and local customs that shift with cultures and times, between what the Church has faithfully lived and what today's pressures try to impose.

In every matter of faith, God's mind must shape your churchly conscience alongside the spirit of the canons, the theological sciences, and their purposes. This only happens when you live with a mindset enlightened by the Holy Spirit and His living action from the Church's foundation until today. In Orthodoxy, Holy Tradition means precisely "what has been handed down to us." Tradition is literally "the handing over." When you live in the spirit of this Tradition, your sense of it strengthens. Then the canons, teachings, and theology support you. But if you rely on them alone, you risk distortion, even while you seek the truth. It is no accident that our holy Fathers and Mothers taught that humility is the garment of divinity and the condition for receiving any grace. Clinging stubbornly to what you consider "the truth" can close your eyes to the fuller truth beyond you, and in this way, you harm your Church and your faith, even if you call your version of truth "theological."

Never forget: the Church does not call "theologians" those who study theology in universities, but those who know God through living experience with Him. From the beginning, the Church has said: the true theologian is the one who prays to you. Remember what Christ said: "Because I tell you the truth, you do not believe me" (John 8:45).

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contributed to the downfall of families and societal stability, with careers, social and financial gain and self-fulfillment reigning supreme. Divine love does not tolerate this elevated status of self, for the ego is the enemy of our communion with God. In an age of financial collapse, mortgage foreclosures and high unemployment, worship of Self dooms us to a life of total loss. We were created for communion with God and the worship of the ego has led us into a state of spiritual bankruptcy. The total meltdown of the economy and the destruction of the environment is the direct result of the turning away from spiritual values. The foundation of economic and environmental collapse is to be found in our spiritual bankruptcy. We need to return to the worship of God, and reject the worship of self. The denial of guilt and sin is the ultimate example of our having accepted the lie perpetrated by the devil, the great deceiver. True happiness and true wealth come only through the fulfillment of our destiny and that for which we were created, communion with God. The destruction of the ego begins with repentance and the acquisition of a humble and a contrite Heart.

**Becoming The Image Of Christ To Others**  
**by Abbot Tryphon**

If we are to be true to our calling as the children of God, we must live in imitation of Christ. We must imitate His meekness and humility. We must love others just as did He. We must be willing to be transformed, and made whole, that others might see in us, the Light of Christ. Each and every hour must be closely scrutinized, so that we make sure the Image of the Saviour shines forth as we interact with others. If we find ourselves growing angry towards a family member, or a coworker, we must sincerely repent at that very moment, and with Christ's help, turn ourselves around. In our journey to God, time must not be wasted, for we never know the day or hour when we will be held accountable. Tomorrow is never early enough, for the day of our repentance must be today! Tomorrow can not be the day we start treating others with love, for tomorrow may never come. If we see an old woman needing help paying for her groceries, now is the time to reach into our own pocket book. If a homeless person approaches us for help, we must not refuse to give them at least a dollar, and a kind word of encouragement. If a neighbor is speaking unkind words about another neighbor, we must not remain silent, lest our silence be interpreted as agreement, and their own day of repentance be avoided. If a stranger is in need of a word of encouragement, we must not let our own needs be a deterrent to our becoming a vehicle of the mercy of Christ. Church services, personal prayer, and fasting, are all required components of the Christian life, but are never enough if we wish to be saved. We must see ourselves as "our brothers keeper", for if we do not love our neighbor, we will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Christianity is not meant to be an easy path, Yet if we take up our cross, hourly, we will have victory over our fallen nature, and we will be given the power to love everyone, even as we love ourself, and the love of God will grow stronger in our own heart, ever remembering the words of scripture, "Without Me you can do nothing (John 15:5)".

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**St. Anthony and St. Katherine's Teen Night**  
Friday, October 10th 6-8 pm  
St. Katherine's Fellowship Hall  
All Teens and their parents are welcome!  
We will be playing teens vs parents games.  
RSVP to Holly by October 6th.

**WELCOME MR. JEFF**  
We welcome Jeff Dick to the team of youth workers.  
He is joining his wife Holly to be a Teen SOYO advisor.  
Thank you Mr. Jeff!

**Trunk or Treat**  
**October 25, Saturday at 3:30pm**  
**Need candy and trunks please,**  
**we can help decorating.**  
**Help us spread the word.**  
**Looking for Volunteers.**



**Reminder**  
If you are on Parish Council, serve in the altar (adults), Sunday School teacher/sub, or an officer of the organization, please complete the Silver Volunteer background and training. When done, hand the certificate to our Youth Protection Coordinator Adrian Matos. We appreciate all of our volunteers, so if you need any assistance in this, please contact Fr. Elia or Adrian Matos. This is to comply with the Archdiocese' new Youth Protection Policy.



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## 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BELOVED 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, the Teen Soyo president will read a message on October 5th, we will 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.

*-Special Olympics Teen Soyo Luncheon October 5th. In the month of October, our entire archdiocese raises money to donate to the Special Olympics. We have chosen to have a lunch meal after Divine Liturgy as our fundraiser.*

We are very proud of our TEENS, this past June, they participated in the Diocesan Bible Bowl at the PLC and the Oratorical Festival and they did very well, we also sent four campers to St. Thekla Camp. Three years ago we did establish "The Metropolitan Philip Saliba Scholarship Fund" to be able to encourage our children to do all the work they have to do and to be able to participate in the Diocese activities.

We ask our parishioners to support this Scholarship Fund by donating and soliciting donations from outside the parish, don't be afraid to ask, the Lord said "Ask and you should be given".

Our Goal is to raise a minimum of \$10,000.00 for this year, "God Loves A Cheerful Giver".

We need to make sure that our children are taking care off to be able to keep them in the church.

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

## TODAY'S FEAST OCTOBER 5, 2025

### CHARITINA THE MARTYR

Saint Charitina contested for Christ during the reign of Diocletian, in the year 290. The handmaid of a certain Claudius, she was betrayed as a Christian to Dometian, the Count, before whom she fearlessly confessed Christ. After suffering the most terrible tortures, including the uprooting of her teeth and nails, she gave up her soul into the hands of the Lord.



### THOMAS THE APOSTLE OF THE 12

The name Thomas means, "twin." He was one of the Twelve, a Galilean by birth. Sophroneus (not the famous Patriarch of Jerusalem [7th Century, celebrated March 11], but a friend of Jerome's), quoted also by Jerome, says that Saint Thomas preached to the Parthians, Pesians, Medes, Hyrcanians, Bactrians, and neighbouring nations. According to Heracleon, the Apostle died a natural death; according to other accounts, he was martyred at Meliapur His tomb was known by Saint John Chrysostom to be at Edessa in Syria, to which city his holy relics may have been translated from India in the fourth century.

### Love of God

The first and greatest commandment of God is that His creatures should love Him. "...The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12.29–30, Matthew 22.37, Luke 10.27, Deuteronomy 6.4–5).

To love the Lord God with all one's heart means to desire nothing but Him and His holy will. The heart is the center of man according to the scriptures and the teachings of the saints. It is the "deepest part" of man, the foundation and guide of his life. What is in a man's heart, and what his heart desires, is what determines the whole life and activity of the person. According to the scriptures and the saints, man's heart grows hard, fat, cold and corrupt when it is stubborn and rebellious against God, depriving itself of His Holy Spirit. But when man sins, the Lord still loves him faithfully and purifies his heart by grace in order that he might be saved for everlasting life.

"Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all transgressions which you have committed against me and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God; so turn, and live" (Ezekial 11.19–20). God gives a clean heart and a new and right Spirit to man that he might love Him in return with all of his heart. This is given in Christ, in the Holy Spirit, in the Church of the new and everlasting covenant. It is given that man might fulfill the first and greatest commandment of God.

- Fr. Thomas Hopko ('Orthodox Faith: Spirituality')