

St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS If you would like to receive our weekly email of events and services, please complete the Welcome Card located in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering tray or give it to one of the ushers. You are welcome to join us next door for coffee and fellowship following the service.

RECEIVING COMMUNION While only Orthodox Christians who have spiritually prepared themselves by fasting, prayer and confession may receive Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to venerate the Cross and receive the blessed bread at dismissal.

CELL PHONES and all other electronic devices should be shut off during Divine Liturgy.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAD OF OBLATION is offered by Victoria Tannous

COFFEE HOUR is sponsored by Marina Pappas

REMOVAL OF CROWNS Congratulations to Scott and Joanna Emanis who wed in June. May God grant them many years!

DORMITION OF MARY is upon us! The feast is preceded by a two-week fasting period (Aug. 1-15). Check the schedule below and the August calendar for services pertaining to this blessed feast.

DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST will be celebrated this Thursday, August 6th at 9:00AM.

AUGUST CALENDAR is available in the narthex.

SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICES

Monday, August 3	6:30p	Paraklesis <i>Prayer Service to the Mother of God</i>
Wednesday, August 5	6:30p	Great Vespers (for the Feast of the Transfiguration)
Thursday, August 6	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration of CHRIST
Friday, August 7	6:30p	Paraklesis
Saturday, August 8	4:30p 5:00p	Confession (<i>or by appt. w/Fr. Anthony</i>) Great Vespers
Sunday, August 9	8:45AM 10:00AM	Orthros Divine Liturgy

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

MAM LADIES SOCIETY will meet next Sunday, August 9th following Divine Liturgy.

PARISH COUNCIL will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 13th at 7:15PM.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING DAY is scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd at 10:30AM. *Servers must be entering the 2nd grade.* Parents, please bring your son(s) to the Church by 10:30AM and plan to pick them up at The Main Event (I-45 Location) by 1:30PM. To RSVP, please email Fr. Anthony.

BAKLAVA MAKING IS BACK! The Ladies' Baklava Making Project is rolling again! Come join us every Thursday from 10:00AM to 2:00pm if you would like to help. It's a great opportunity for fellowship; bring your pastry brush and apron!

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITERRANEAN NIGHT GALA is fast approaching! The response we've received thus far has been outstanding! We're anticipating our 9th Annual Gala to be the biggest and best ever. Reserve your table or your tickets today!

SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. GEORGE GALA WITH BISHOP BASIL! On November 1, 2015, join His Grace Bishop BASIL & the St. George Community at the Hilton Americas in Houston to celebrate the completion of their Sanctuary expansion, to honor the faithful donors of St. George, and to honor the elevations of Father James Shadid to Archpriest and Deacon Joseph Carter to Archdeacon. For more information, please contact the St. George Church Office (713-665-5252, or admin@stgeorgehouston.com).

PLEDGE FORMS To date we have received 85 Pledging Units. Our Annual Parish Meeting is in October; in order to vote at this meeting, a pledge form must be submitted.

Mark Your Calendars

August 1	Dormition (Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary) Fast Begins
August 6	Transfiguration of CHRIST
August 15	Feast of the Dormition
August 22	Altar Server Training Day (2 nd Grade and older)
September 8	Nativity of the Theotokos
September 13	First Day of Church School
September 19	9 th Annual Mediterranean Night Gala
October 11	Annual Parish Meeting
November 6	Bishop BASIL visits our parish

9th Annual Mediterranean Night Gala

Saturday, September 19th

Entertainment - Dinner & Dancing - Raffle

\$125/Ticket or Table Sponsor (10 people)

Table Sponsor: Sultan \$2,500 ~ Amire \$2,000 ~ Phares \$1,500

To purchase your ticket or table, call the Church Office 281-251-6000

The success of this event over is due, in large part, by the generosity of our sponsors. If you or your company would like to help with sponsoring any or a portion of the items listed below, please contact the Chairperson, Stuart Lapp (SLapp@petroleumwholesale.com)

ITEM TO BE SPONSORED	AMOUNT	STATUS
Music	\$2,000.00	DONATED
Entertainment	\$1,000.00	
Raffle Items	\$1,500.00	
Flowers & Decorations	\$1,000.00	DONATED
Appetizers	\$2,000.00	DONATED
Program	\$500.00	DONATED
Photo Booth	\$1,000.00	DONATED

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROTO-MARTYR STEPHEN THE ARCHDEACON

Entrance Hymn of the Holy Gospel

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us, who sing to thee: Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)

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.

Troparion of St. Stephen the Archdeacon (Tone 4)

The crown of the Kingdom hath adorned the brow of thy head because of the contests that thou hast endured for Christ God, thou first of the martyred Saints; for when thou hadst censured the Jews' madness, thou sawest Christ thy Savior standing at the right hand of the Father. O Stephen, ever pray Him for us, that He would save our souls.

Troparion of our Patron, St. Anthony

Thou didst become like the zealous Elijah, and didst follow John the Baptist in his upright ways, as a dweller in the wilderness, thou didst steady the world by prayer, O Father Anthony, intercede with Christ our God for our soul's salvation.

Kontakion for the Transfiguration of CHRIST (Tone 7)

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.

EPISTLE

*Make vows to the Lord thy God and perform them.
In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

The reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

THE GOSPEL

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.