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*His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA
Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector
Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached*



"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7
Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great

Saturday, January 16

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, January 17

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Joshua Wherley

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John

Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Joshua Wherley]

Epistles: Colossians 1:12-18 Hebrews 13:17-21

Gospels: Luke 18:18-27 Luke 6:17-23

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8
Venerable Xenia of Rome. SANCTITY OF LIFE
SUNDAY

Saturday, January 23

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, January 24

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Reader Aaron Gray

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John

Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A combined “Zoom” meeting of the members of the 2020 and 2021 Parish Councils will be held this week on **Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 pm**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17
Feast of Saint Anthony the Great

Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Your Cross You destroyed death To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Anthony)*

You imitated the ways of zealous Elijah, and followed the straight path of John the Baptist. You became a desert-dweller ,strengthening the world by your prayers. O Father Anthony, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith ;enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 2 Kontakion *(St. Anthony)*

You rejected the tumult of this life, living your life to the end in solitude, imitating the Baptist in every way. With him we honor you, most venerable Anthony ,the foundation of the Fathers.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT ANTHONY

Hebrews 13:17-21

¹⁷Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you. ¹⁸Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. ¹⁹I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon. ²⁰Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our LORD Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 6:17-23

¹⁷He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. ²⁰Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. ²³"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

**REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN
THE ARMED FORCES**

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr .Don and Popadia Donna
Egor Cravcenco. Son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Metropolitan Herman
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)
Sandra Dodovich (mother of Tony Dodovich)
Phyllis George (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)
Angelo Lambo and Florence Lambo
Larissa Freude Newman
Reader William Paluch
Martin and Rose Marie Vronick
Matushka Myra Kovalik
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalik
Matushka Christitne Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Matushka Suzanne Senyo

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, January 10, 2021

Candles:	\$ 35.00
Sunday Offering:	928.00
Memorial Donation:	20.00
<u>Bookstore:</u>	<u>8.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$991 .00

**2021 CHURCH CALENDARS & OFFERING
ENVELOPES**

Please pick up yours from the front pew

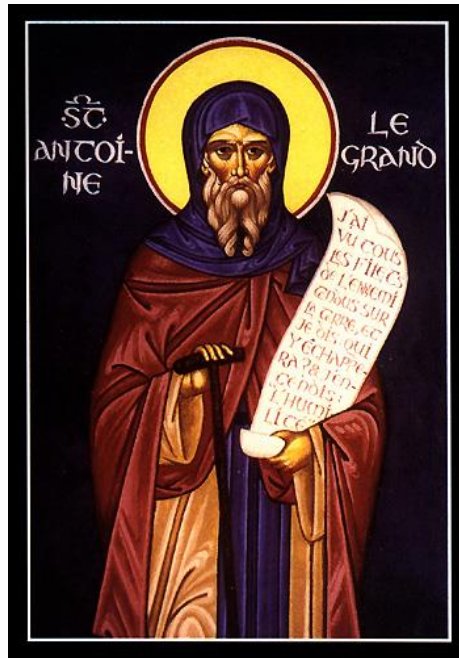
Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great

Commemorated on [January 17](#)

He was an Egyptian, born about 250 in a village called Quemen-el-Arons near Heraeopolis. After the death of his rich and noble parents, he shared his inherited possessions with his sister, who was still in her minority, Made sure that she was cared for, gave away his half of his inheritance to the poor and, at the age of twenty, consecrated himself to the life of asceticism that he had desired from early childhood. At first he lived near his own village but then, in order to escape the disturbance of men, went off into the desert, on the shores of the Red Sea, where he spent twenty years as a hermit in company with no-one but God, in unceasing prayer, pondering and contemplation, patiently undergoing inexpressible demonic temptations. His fame spread through the whole world and around him gathered many disciples whom he, by word and example, placed on the path of salvation. In eighty-five years of ascetic life, he went only twice to Alexandria: the first time to seek martyrdom during a time of persecution of the Church, and the second time at the invitation of St. Athanasius, to refute the Arians' slanderous allegations that he too was a follower of the Arian heresy. He departed this life at the age of 105, leaving behind a whole army of disciples and followers. And although Anthony was unlettered he was, as a counsellor and teacher, one of the most learned men of his age, as also was St. Athanasius the Great. When some Hellenic philosophers tried to test him with literary

learning, Anthony shamed them with the question: ‘Which is older, the understanding or the book? And which of these is the source of the other.’ The shamed philosophers dispersed, for they saw that they had only book-learning without understanding, while Anthony had understanding. Here was a man who attained perfection insofar as a man is able on earth. Here was an educator of educators, a teacher of teachers, who for a full eighty-five years perfected himself, and only thus was able to perfect many others. Full of years and great works, Anthony entered into rest in the Lord in the year 356.

From the Prologue of Ochrid – St. Nikolai Velimorovich



Orthodox Christian Women

Presents

Our Annual Winter Mini-Retreat
Saturday, January 23, 2021 10:00 am

Zoom Event

Free Event ~~ Everyone Welcome!
“ST. BASIL & HIS NEW CITY”

(Orthodox Christian response of love to the
issue of poverty)

SPEAKER: JOE MAY

Joe May is a graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He spent 10 years working in homeless ministry with the Catholic Worker Community and Matthew 25 House in South Akron. Joe is currently the Corporate Social Responsibility Manager at State and Federal Communications. He is a member of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and St. Elia the Prophet Church in Akron.

Contact Nikki Bober (330-409-3552 or email at nlbober@gmail.com) Or Nancy Studebaker (330-655-9638) For questions or information regarding the Zoom Link

Important Guidelines on Attending the Divine Services

All services will continue to be *live streamed* by visiting our website www.saintelia.com.

In accordance with the State of Ohio, CDC, and Diocesan guidelines we all must follow these simple steps when attending:

- 1) If you or your family member is sick please stay home.
- 2) All must wear masks in church (disposable masks are provided in the vestibule).
- 3) Sanitize your hands before entering the church (sanitizer is located in the vestibule).
- 4) All are required to keep 6 feet social distancing. Pews are marked for available and not available seating.

5) Please... **THERE WILL BE NO GATHERING IN THE VESTIBULE, OFFICE OR PARISH HALL**

So sorry to say... but we cannot kiss the icons, cross, chalice, gospel book, and/or Father's hand.

Lastly, due to limited seating to ensure safe distancing and Diocesan Guidelines, parishioners must pre-register to attend liturgical services.
Please call Fr. Don (330) 472-6456 or 330-724-7009