

A TEACHER OF TEACHERS

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St. Anthony the Great is widely acclaimed by the Church as being the “**Father of Monasticism.**” Born in a remote village near the Egyptian desert, he was drawn to a life of asceticism and solitude. At the age of 20, Anthony followed Christ’s command to “**sell what you possess and give it to the poor**” and retired into the wilderness, hoping to spend the rest of his life in unceasing prayer and contemplation. Soon, St. Anthony discovered what many other saints knew and experienced: the harder one tries to give his life to the Lord, the harder the Devil tries to take it away! For years, he struggled to overcome temptations that constantly attacked him. Finally, the Lord spoke these words to him, rewarding him for his spiritual struggles: “**Since you have not yielded to temptation, I will always help you and make your name known throughout the world.**”

Yes, Anthony’s reputation spread, and others sought his advice and wise counsel. By the time of his death at the advanced age of 105, he had scores of followers who also became “**dwellers of the desert.**” When we read some of his teachings, we soon realize that St. Anthony had a unique perception of life. Listen to some of his thoughts: “**As a man comes forth naked from his mother’s womb, so the soul goes forth naked from the body. One soul is pure and light, a second soiled by sin and a third darkened greatly by them. If a body coming forth from an unhealthy womb cannot live, so also a soul, if it has not come to the knowledge of God through good works cannot be saved.**” Although he had no formal theological training, these words show that Anthony had a firm grasp of the Church’s teaching on salvation. It is, indeed, proper that he is referred to as an “**educator of educators.**”

To Our Visitors:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread.

Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.

Ss Constantine & Helen

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January 15, 2017

12th Sunday of Luke

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Commemoration of: Paul of Thebes; John the Cave Dweller;
Pansophios, Martyr of Alexandria

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Ton sinanarhon Logon (Hymn of the Day) Tone 5

Ek vrefus ton Kirion (St. John the Cave D.) Tone 4

*From infancy fervently you loved and longed for the Lord; * you therefore renounced the world and every worldly delight, * and excelled in ascetic feats. * You set the hut you dwelt in before the gates of your parents. * Therein, all-blessed struggler, you crushed the snares of the demons. * And therefore, O John, Christ has glorified you worthily.*

Tu Stavru Su (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8

Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover of mankind.

Kontakion

O mitran parthenikin Tone 1

For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed the aged Symeon as You lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:4-11

BRETHREN, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

This Week

- ✘ **Today**– 12th Sunday of Luke; 40 day Memorial for Anargyros (Ted) Anastasopoulos and Memorial for Fr. Dean Martin; Philoptochos Meeting 12 p.m.
- ✘ **MON 1/16**– Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day;
- ✘ **TUE 1/17**– St. Anthony the Great: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
- ✘ **SUN 1/22**– 14th Sunday of Luke
- ✘ **Epiphany/Theophany House Blessings**
Now that we have completed the celebration of Theophany, Fr. Alex is available to bless homes on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in the afternoons after 1:30 p.m., or by appointment. Please see Fr. Alex or call the office to schedule a House Blessing. House Blessings can be arranged and grouped by region.
- ✘ **Ecclesiastical Calendars** are available in the Narthex.
- ✘ **44th Annual Rally & March for Life– Friday, January 20th, 5 to 6 p.m. at the State Capital.** You are welcome to join Fr. Alexander and local priests and pastors. Please see flyer for more information. *"Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers."* (**Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta**)
- ✘ **Nisiotes Dance Group Glendi Fundraiser at Church Hall– Saturday, January 28th, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** \$25 Adults, Children 10 and under \$10. Pre-Sold Tickets only. See Dianna, dancer or parents of dancers. Pupu's, Dinner, Dessert, Prizes, Cash Bar. Entertainment by Nisiotes Dancers and Bouzouki by Dimitrios.