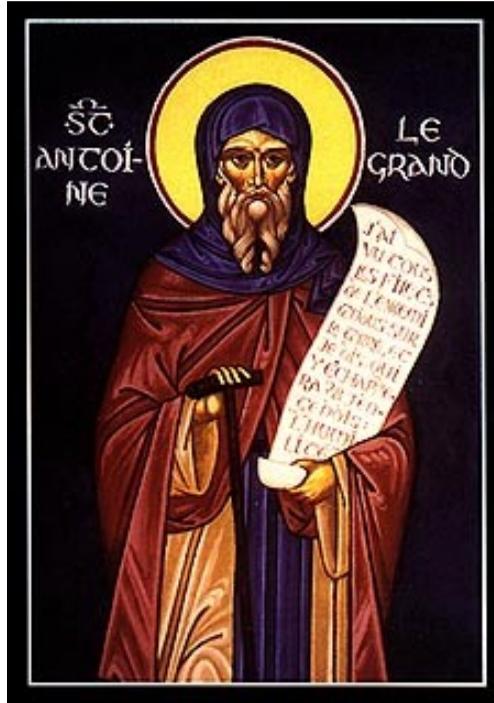


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Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great
& Twelfth Sunday of Luke

January 17, 2021

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Every other Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. **Church Office Hours:** Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00 a.m. and we should not arrive late. When we do arrive late and the Epistle or Gospel is being read or the priest is preaching the sermon or the Great Entrance is taking place, please **REMAIN** in the Vestibule until it is finished before entering the Church. At the end of the Divine Liturgy please keep your conversation until the "Coffee Hour". **We should leave the Church in silence.**

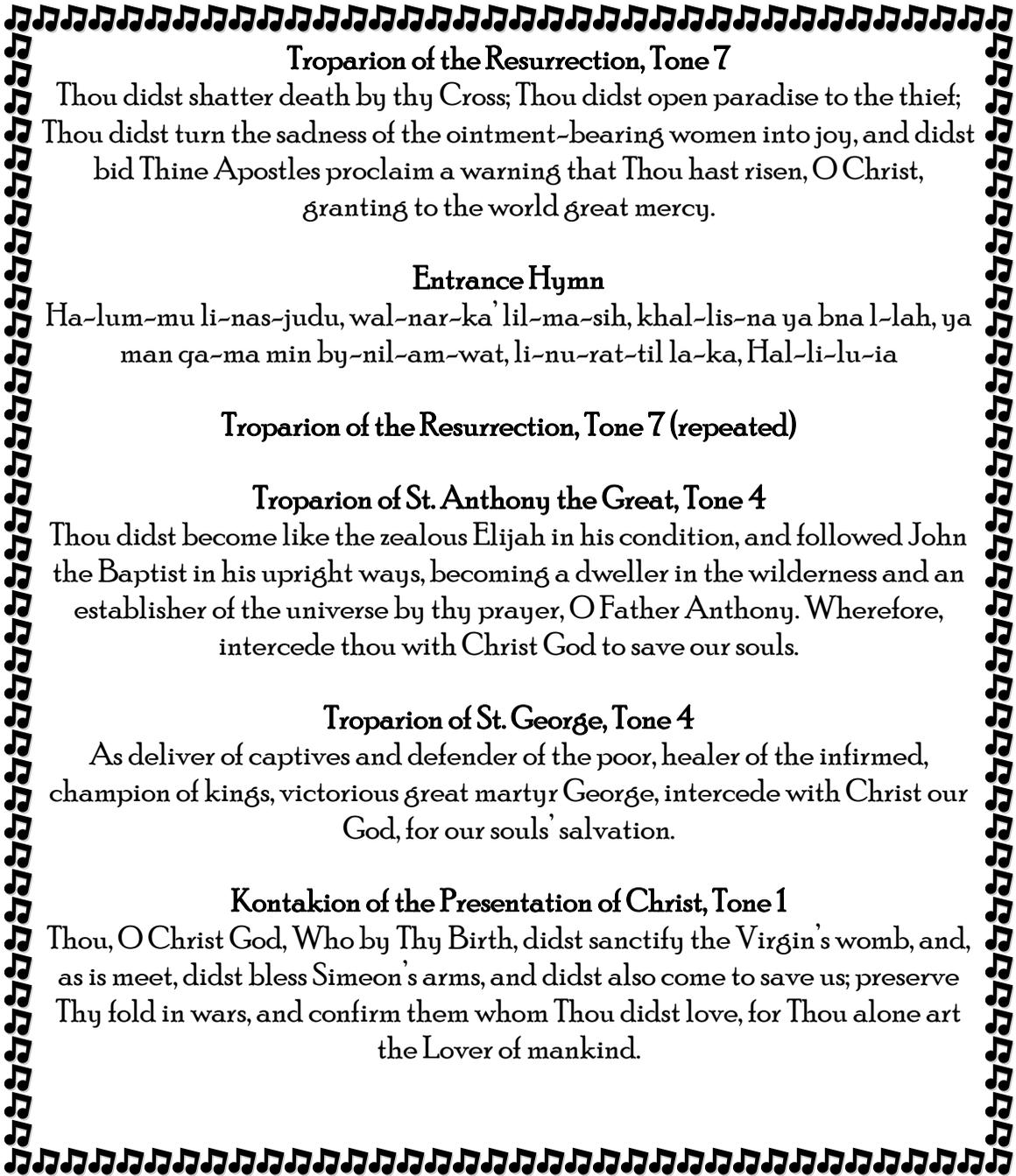
Important Notice: The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday and ends up with the receiving of Holy Communion. If you are on medication or a young child, you can have a light breakfast before coming to church. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Leonard.

*Thank you,
Father Leonard*

Prayer Requests and Bulletin News: All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by Noon, Tuesday: emailed to Fr. Leonard at fatherfaris@comcast.net or call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

If anyone is in the hospital it is the duty of the family to inform the priest so that he can visit the patient. Also, if anyone is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, he/she or a family member should contact Fr. Leonard to make arrangements to bring the Sacrament to the shut-in. Fr. Leonard is always happy to bring the Sacraments to those in Hospitals, Nursing Homes or at home. Thank you and God bless!



Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world great mercy.

Entrance Hymn

Ha-lum-mu li-nas-judu, wal-nar-ka' lil-ma-sih, khal-lis-na ya bna l-lah, ya man qa-ma min by-nil-am-wat, li-nu-rat-til la-ka, Hal-li-lu-ia

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 7 (repeated)

Troparion of St. Anthony the Great, Tone 4

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 God to save our souls.

Troparion of St. George, Tone 4

As deliver of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirmed, champion of kings, victorious great martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

Kontakion of the Presentation of Christ, Tone 1

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

THE EPISTLE

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:17-21)

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account.

Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with January 17, 2021 Liturgy Variables 2 Anthony the Great everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "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."

*Prayers are being offered for the
Health and Safety of:*

Nora Abdelahad
Connie Abodeely
Virginia Andersson
Lorice Ansara
William Ansara
Phyllis & Nel Arsenault
Siham Bahou
Charles Behrakis
Ed Betor
Paul & Kerrie Betor
David and Cindy Boragine
Ida Boragine
George Ead
George Ellis
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Michael Forsley
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Elias Hanna & Family
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Karine Nabbout & Family
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Amad Tayebi
Jack Trotter
Dr. Vartan & Lisa Yeghiazarians &
Family
Genia Yeghiazarians
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Prayers are being offered in Memory of:

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Miriam Abodeely
Andrew Ansara
Elias Ansara
John Ansara
Maurice Ansara
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Laurice Bahou
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Mary V. Faris
Phillip George
Elizabeth & Joseph Ghareeb
Elias Grivas
George P. Habib
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Hanna Bahou who passed
Away in California
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Nahil Zananiri

ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered for the health and safety of Nicolas Yanni, the father of Nathalie Mitri requested by Nathalie and Tony Mitri and sons. May God bless Nicolas with good health and long life and Nathalie, Tony, Joe and Jack with good health, happiness and long life!

Today's Altar Bread is being offered in memory of the Handmaid of God, Afaff Haddad, the mother of Hanna and Nabil Bahou, who passed away in California. May Afaff's memory be eternal and may God grant her family peace, good health and happiness!

MEMORIAL ~ Today, January 17th

A 40 Day Memorial is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Afaff Haddad, mother of Hanna and Nabil Bahou, who passed away in California. The Service is requested by Nabil and Hanna Bahou and sons. May Afaff's memory be eternal!

Next Sunday, January 24th

A One Year Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, Dr. Elias Nabbout, requested by his wife Karine and his children, Charlie, Mikey, Justin and Zara. May Elias' memory be eternal!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

During this Season of Epiphany Fr. Leonard will not be blessing homes as it customary, during this time, due to the pandemic. However, bottles of Holy Water are in the vestibule for anyone to take home and sprinkle their homes. Hopefully, when the pandemic is over Father will be able to resume blessing of homes. Praying that all of our parishioners remain healthy and safe during these difficult times and wishing everyone all the Blessings of this Holy Season.

With Love,
+Abouna Lenny

The Venerable Anthony

The Venerable Anthony was born in Egypt of noble parents known for their piety. He was brought up at home and had no dealings with outsiders. Because he disliked the rough company of other boys, he was unwilling to go to school, but burning with divine desire, cultivated purity of heart in solitude. Childish games held no attraction for him, and whenever his parents went to church, he accompanied them. He heeded what was read there, applying it to his own life. Unlike most worldly youths, Anthony had no interest in sweets or savory foods, but was content with anything given him.

When our saint was about twenty years old, his parents died, leaving him in charge of the house and his sister. He did not alter his habit of attending church frequently, and while listening to the Holy Scriptures, often meditated on how the Holy Apostles renounced everything to follow the Savior. He kept turning over in his mind how, the Books of Acts, many had sold their possessions and "brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet", to provide for the poor. One day, while reflecting on the earnest faith of the first Christians and the "hope which was laid up for them in heaven", he went to church and heard Christ's words to the rich young man: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, give to the poor, and come and follow Me; and thou shalt have treasure in heaven". Anthony considered this an admonition directed to him personally by the Savior, and straightway sold his inheritance. The proceeds were considerable, and the poor received nearly all, since Anthony kept back only a small sum for his sister, who was young and sickly. To his neighbors he gifted three hundred rich producing date palms, so that he and his sister would be free of concern for them. Not many days later, Anthony returned to church and heard the saying from the Gospel: "Take no thought for the morrow;", whereupon, he gave the remaining money to the poor as well. Not wishing to stay any longer at home, he committed his sister to the care of virgins whose character and way of life was well known to him, with the understanding that they would betroth her to Christ and rear her in piety. Then, free of the world and its snares, he devoted himself to a life of asceticism. In those days there were as yet few monasteries in Egypt, and no solitary had penetrated the trackless desert, but whoever wished to serve Christ and save himself retired to some solitary place near his own village to practice virtue. Near the settlement where Anthony lived, there was an old recluse who had retired from the world in his youth. Anthony was edified by him, decided to emulate his way of life, and began withdrawing to various isolated locations nearby. Whenever he heard of other solitaries, he sought them out as a bee seeks flowers, and finding them, never left until he had collected the sweet nectar of edification. Having made a good beginning, the blessed one daily intensified his labors. He toiled at his handicraft, basket-weaving, in obedience to Saint Paul, who said, "If any will not work, neither should he eat". With his earnings he bought bread for the poor. From the Holy Scripture he knew how much it behooves us to "pray without ceasing;" therefore, he sent up continuous entreaty to the Lord. So deeply impressed in his mind were the words of the Gospel, that his memory served him instead of books. Saint Anthony's evident holiness quickly won him the love of the ascetics whom he visited. He observed and imitate the virtues of each. From one he learned self-restraint, from another how to console the brethren, from another meekness, from another how to keep vigil, from another to heed holy books with the utmost attention, from another who too fast, from another to sleep on bare earth, from another patience, and from another humility. Having derived as much profit as possible from all the monks in the region, St. Anthony finally secluded himself in a cell and applied himself wholeheartedly to putting into practice what he had seen. So doing, he soon became well-known in the vicinity, and the neighbors and other monks began visiting him frequently. The elderly regarded him as a beloved son, the young as an esteemed brother, and all agreed that he had early attained a high level of sanctity.

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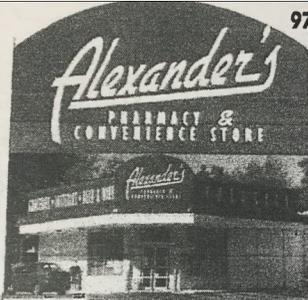
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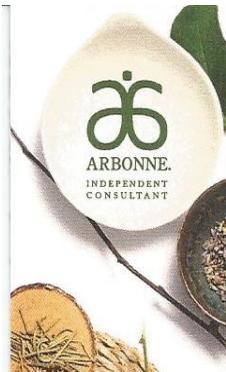
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