

Saintly Notes

St. Anthony the Great (January 17)

Anthony was an Egyptian and was born about the year 250 A.D. in the village of Koman near Herculea. Following the demise of his noble and wealthy parents, he divided the inherited estate with his sister, who was a minor, and provided for her with some relatives.

Anthony distributed his half of the estate to the poor and, he, in his twentieth year, dedicated himself to the ascetical life for which he yearned from his childhood. In the beginning Anthony lived a life of asceticism in the proximity of his village but, in order to flee the disturbances of people, he withdrew into the wilderness on the shore of the Red Sea, where he spent twenty years as a recluse not associating with anyone except with God through constant prayer, reflection and contemplation, patiently enduring unspeakable temptations from the devil.

His fame spread throughout the entire world and many disciples gathered around him whom he placed on the path of salvation by his example and words. During the eighty-five years of his ascetical life, only twice did he go to Alexandria. The first time to seek martyrdom during the time of the persecution of the Church and, the second time at the invitation of St. Athanasius, in order to refute the accusation of the Arians: supposedly that he, too, was an adherent of the Arian heresy.

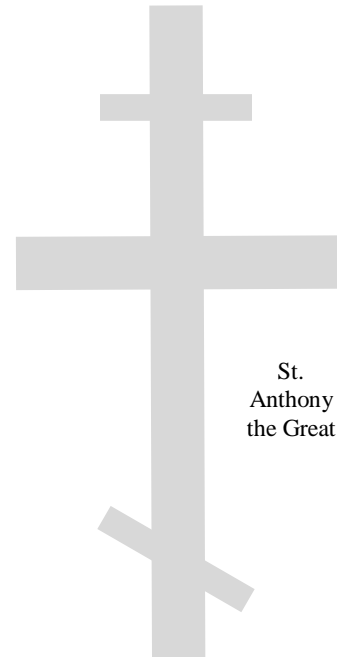
Anthony died in the one-hundred fifth year of his life, leaving behind an entire army of his disciples and imitators. Even though Anthony was not a scholar, nevertheless, he was a counselor and teacher of the most learned men of that time, as was St. Athanasius the Great. When certain Greek philosophers tempted him with literary wisdom, Anthony shamed them with the question: "Which is older, the understanding or the book? Which of these two was the cause of the other?" Ashamed, the philosophers dispersed for they perceived that they only had literary knowledge without understanding and Anthony had understanding.

Here is a man who attained perfection in as far as man, in general, can attain on earth. Here is an instructor to instructors and a teacher to teachers, who, for a full eighty five years perfected himself and only in that way was he able to perfect many others. Filled with many years of life and great works, Anthony died in the Lord in the year 335 A.D.

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The Saints Whom We Remember

Anthony the New, ascetic of Berrea in Macedonia; New-martyr George of Ioannina

This Week's Schedule

Today: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed
Wednesday: 9:15a Third Hour Prayers; 6:30p Vespers
Saturday: 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

Third Antiphon

Resurrectional Troparion—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 the Great Mercy.

Little Entrance

- **Entrance Hymn:** “Come, let us worship . . . Alleluia.”
- **Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 7):** See above.
- **Troparion for St. Anthony (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 for All Saints (Tone 4):** As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy *martyr's* blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.
- **Kontakion for 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 Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us . . .

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: 2 Tim. 3:10–15
Gospel: Luke 18:10–14

Megalynarion—Tone 8

It is truly meet and right . . .

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Praise the Lord . . . Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

William Christopoulos, Christopher Wingenbach, Ilya Moundous, Gabriel Pope, Nicholas Kliewer.

Special Attention

- **Building Project Update.** We now have our official building permit in hand and construction will proceed ASAP. Sub-grading of the site took place last week, and we still anticipate steel going up the end of January. Please keep praying for safety of the workers and for good weather and for continued and increased building fund and general fund income.
- **Haitian Relief Offering.** Today we will be collecting an offering for the Haitian relief effort of our Archdiocese. We will take this collection at the end of the service

today and next Sunday. If you have seen the pictures of the disaster on TV you know the great need these people have. May God bless you for your generosity.

- **Get Ready for Great Lent.** This year Great Lent begins February 15th. As usual, we will pray Forgiveness Vespers on the evening of February 14th at 5:30pm (make attendance a priority this year). During Great Lent there will be a weekly Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesdays and the weekly Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos on Fridays. Other special services will be announced as well as a full liturgical schedule for Holy Week. Please plan now to attend as many of these Lenten services as you are able.
- **Holy Pascha is on April 4th this year (as is Western Easter).**
- **Welcome Home to Lynne (Anastasia) Fisher.** Anastasia was received into the Holy Orthodox Church by baptism and chrismation yesterday. May God grant her many many many years.

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

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?

†**Epistle: Heb. 13:17–21 (RSV)**

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 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.

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collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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