



## ST. ANTHONY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1. GREAT LENT SERVICES 2018:

- A. This **Wednesday Evening, March 21st**– the 5<sup>th</sup> Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:45 PM. This will be followed the Parish Council Meeting for the month of March. We **will** begin on time.
  - B. **Friday Evening, March 23rd. The last of the Akathist Hymn to o** the 5<sup>th</sup> Akathist Hymn to Our Lady, the blessed Theotokos, 7:30 PM. This service will be followed by a presentation on "Icons and Glass: A Transylvanian folk art in Romania," by Dr. Micaela Leonida in the Church Hall (Ivy Hall). Friends and neighbors are welcome. Lenten refreshments will be served.
  - C. Next **Sunday, March 25th**, is the Feast Day of the Annunciation to Our Lady, upon which we will also commemorate St. Mary of Egypt.
  - D. **Wednesday, Evening, March 28th**, the 6<sup>th</sup> Presanctified Liturgy, 6:45 PM, followed by Choir Rehearsal.
  - E. **Friday evening, March 30th, Small Compline, followed by or TEEN ANNUAL LENTEN SUPPER.** We will welcome Father Isaac (Brandon) Danevicius as our guest speaker. He will speak about "20 Minutes a week to a better you: *iPrayer.*" Bring your tablet, smartphone or laptop with you. Childcare will be provided during the talk. Menu includes: salad and bread; pasta with marinara, white clam or cheese and butter sauce; soft drinks, coffee, tea and dessert. Donation for Supper: Adults \$10.00, Children and teens \$6.00. You are welcomed to bring Lenten Meze. Reservations appreciated.
  - F. **SATURDAY, MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>**, Lazarus Saturday. Liturgy begins at 10 AM.
  - G. **Palm Sunday and Holy and Passion Week**, April 1-8, 2018.
2. **The Women's Guild** will be distributing names of women in our parish during women's month in March and hope that you will pray for the person or people you randomly select during that month.
  3. **SPRING YARD SALE - MAY 17, 18, 19.** The Women's Guild is preparing for this major fundraiser. Please continue collecting items to donate and ensure that they are clean and in usable condition. Help will be needed the week of May 13 for set-up, sales, cashiers, security, and takedown. We are counting on many hands to lighten the work. See Valerie Joseph with any questions.
  4. Parents are reminded that children should NOT be downstairs in the church school or Toddler Room without adult supervision.
  5. **HOW TO APPROACH THE CHALICE:** When you are approaching to receive the Holy Eucharist, please CROSS your arms over your chest, SAY your full baptized name, TILT your head slightly back, and OPEN your mouth wide. Please keep your arms folded until you are far from the Chalice and of course, this is not a time for conversation anywhere in the Church. The rule is absolute silence during the distribution of the Eucharist. Only the Choir should be heard.
  6. Don DiNovi Memorial Golf Outing on June 12th - There will be a committee meeting today after Liturgy. Please see Ed Assile and Jim Watkins with any questions.
  7. **If you have any announcements for next week's bulletin, please email or call Genny Mandalakis.**
  8. Reminder to church school students and teens that the deadline for Creative Festival submissions is March 25. (2) As no Creative Festival make up day is needed on March 25, church school will start at regular time, after communion.
  9. The deadline for the May/June edition of Desert News is April 1. If you have any organization news, calendar listings, or if there is a new baby/wedding in the family, please let Claudia Bogris know at [cbogris@aol.com](mailto:cbogris@aol.com).

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

Gospel: Mark 9:17-30

Tone: Eight

St. John Climacus

### THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: The Lord will give strength to his people.

Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

### THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered at the offertory of the Great Entrance for the health and welfare of those living members, and for those departed this life of the Antoinette Takla and Fares Families

The Watkins and Consiglio Families offer the Coffee Hour today. We ask our parishioners **NOT TO WAIT** to sign up for offering the Coffee Reception; this is a vital part of our parish life! The Chart is posted in the "Coffee Room" and the items needed are both in that room and on our web site (see our web page address above). The Coffee Reception does not need to be "fancy;" just "Coffee'n." See Barbara DiNovi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but please take your turn, perhaps with another family.