

Sunday January 17, 2016 TONE 8

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great (356). Ven. Anthony of Dymsk (Novgorod—ca. 1224). Ven. Anthony of Chernoezérsk (16th c.).

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 1/23: Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1/24: Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Fellowship/ Coffee hour & Church School

Reader Schedule

DATE	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR EPISTLE</u>	
Jan-24	BUNITSKY, S	BUNITSKY, K	BUNITSKY, S
Jan-31	CARPENTER	PECK	BRASOWSKI
Feb-2	Meeting of the Lord in the Temple		
Feb-7	BUNITSKY, S	SOUDER, C	WALES
Feb-14	CARPENTER	SULPIZI, L	PECK
Feb-21	RILEY, A	RILEY, J	CAREY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 8 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!

You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//

O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 **Troparion** *(Venerable Father Anthony the Great)*

You imitated the ways of zealous Elijah,
and followed the straight path of John the Baptist.

You became a desert dweller
and strengthened the world by your prayers.//

Father Anthony, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 8 **Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.

Eve exults in Your Resurrection,

and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful
One!

Tone 2 **Kontakion** *(Venerable Father Anthony the Great)*

You rejected the tumult of this life

and lived your life to the end in solitude, imitating the Baptist in every
way.

With him we honor you, most venerable Anthony,//
foundation of the Fathers.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (*Ps 115/116:15*)

Epistle

Colossians 1:12-18

giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Hebrews 13:17-21 (St Anthony)

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must

give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably.

But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v :Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our

Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)

v :Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

(Ps 94/95:2)

Tone 6

v. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps 111/112:1)

Gospel

Luke 18:18-27

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'

And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth."

So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!

For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of

God.

And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?"

But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Luke 6:17-23 (St Anthony)

And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases,

as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.

And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake.

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (Ps 111/112:6b-7a)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

This Week's Announcements

Holy Water and Home Blessings Holy water will be available in the church today feel free to take some home. If at anytime throughout the year you need Holy Water see Fr. Barnabas or Fr.Dn. James we have extra in the sanctuary. Also, Fr. Barnabas is available for home blessings, please sign up or call the rectory to make arrangements.

Family Promise Our parish continues to serve as a "Support Host" to homeless families in the Wilmington area. We will once again be serving as Support Host Feb. 8th, 9th, & 11th. We will need drivers, cooks, meal servers, help with children's homework and activities, and overnight support for emergencies. We ask that you consider offering yourself to this worthy ministry. Please sign up in the narthex to help feed the homeless at Family Promise Feb. 8, 9 & 11.

Diocesan Transition from Assessments to Proportional Giving As we transition to the proportional giving with the Diocese and National Church, each parish was given the option to gradually transition to this new process. We have decide that for this year, St. Michael's will continue to submit the assessments based on the number of adults in the parish using \$160 per adult. We submit these assessments on a monthly basis whether or not the assessments have come in. This is a reminder that you can begin submitting your assessments for 2016. As we did last year, you can either submit the total assessment at one time or on a quarterly basis of \$40 per quarter per adult. We will again have envelopes available in the narthex for your submittals. We will also be sending out reminders throughout the year. Thank you.

Available Now Parish Directory 2016 The 2016 parish directory is available in the back of the church for all to take.

Study Group Our next study group will meet on Thursday Jan. 21st. We will continue with chapter 9 of 2nd Corinthians. The study group is an excellent opportunity for continuing adult education. Please join us!

Now and Then

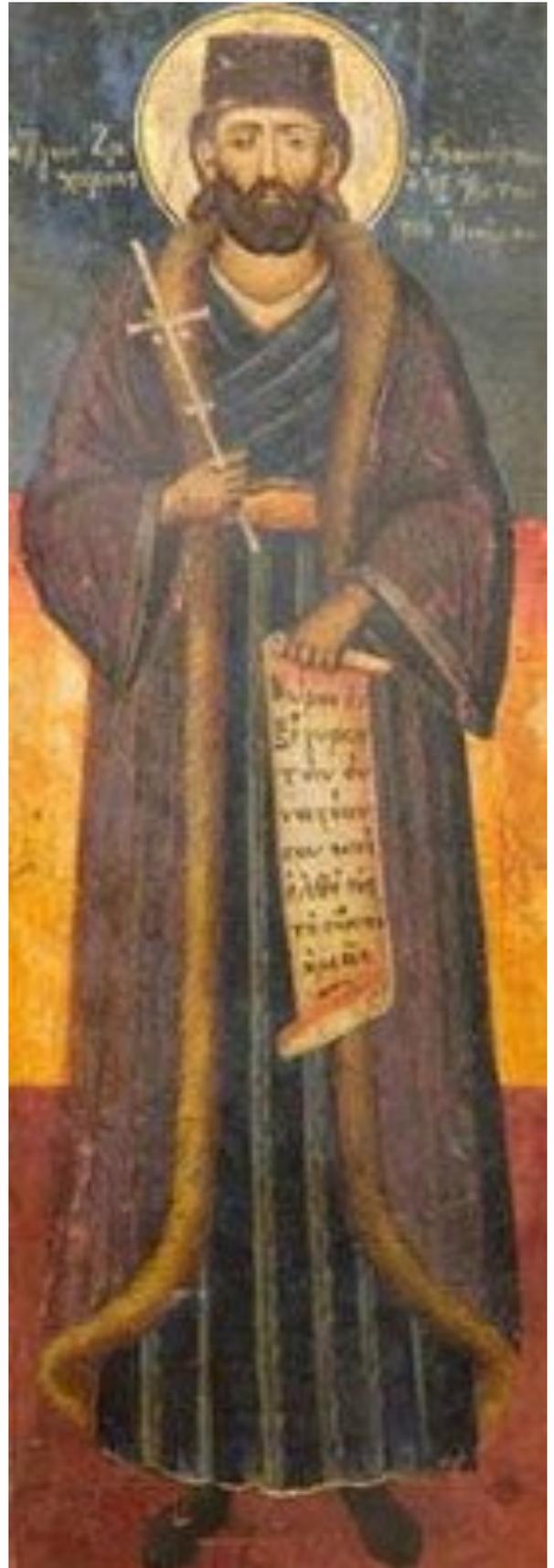
*Two of the readings for January 20th are Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9
and Luke 6: 17-23.*

Though one is from the Old Testament and the other is from the much later time of the New Testament, they both tell us that the "now" of the present life is a passing reality. The "then" of eternity, and its everlasting reality, is what matters.

The reading from the Wisdom of Solomon describes the deaths of righteous people living among ungodly and powerful people, as the Jews of Alexandria were doing at the time the book was probably written. The author makes clear the difference between what appears in this world to be the fate of the righteous, and what constitutes the true reality of their lives. First he writes, "In the eyes of the foolish they seem to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going forth from us to be their destruction."

Even to the other Jews, apparently, these deaths were a disaster, and the final destruction of life. The following verses, however, show that another reality was actually being worked out: "But they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive a great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of Himself."

In the passage from Luke, often called the Sermon on the Plain, Christ Himself tells us that this world's painful difficulties fade into nothing when we know the glory of the future with God: "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." Not only does Christ reassure us about our own lives; He also reminds us that others—such as the righteous people described in Wisdom of Solomon—experienced the same things.



On this day the Church honors the New Martyr Zachariah of Patras, who lived in the late eighteenth century. He was born a Christian, but converted to Islam. Living as a Muslim for many years, he still kept and read a book called "The Salvation of Sinners." The book's powerful words finally convinced him that he had made a dreadful mistake.

Zachariah publicly declared his intention to return to Christianity, having received absolution from a Christian elder. For this he was tortured so severely that he died. When the local Christians asked permission to bury him, the Muslim ruler said he was unworthy of burial, having betrayed two faiths. His body was dragged through the streets and unceremoniously tossed into a dry well.

Yet people approaching the well saw an unearthly light shining above it. This man, who in life was pronounced unfit even for a proper burial, had found the "then" of God's forgiving and welcoming love.

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.

Prayers for the Departed: *Helen Bunitsky, Basil Timchak*

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: *Fr. Vladimir Petorak, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. David Shewczyk, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Lemlem Resat, Harry Wujcik, , Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Lily Nassif, Agnes Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, Maria Current, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke Wales, John Maloney, Nona Carey, Joseph Wojciechowski, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Georgia Harb, Maria and Doug Dozier*

Prayers for Women and the Children to be Born of Them: *Maria Peck,, Elizabeth Clause, Matushka Anastasia Hojnicky*

Service Ministries

Date	<u>Coffee/ Fellowship Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaners</u>	<u>Library</u>
17-Jan	Sulpizi/Skomoucha	Riley	Kendall	Lewis
24-Jan	Elia/Gundersen/Farrell	Sulpizi/Fink	Baldychev/ Shately	Gundersen
31-Jan`	Peck/ Wales	Hojnicki/Souder	Sulpizi	Farrell
7-Feb	Hojnicki/Flynn/Roberts	Sheeler/Baldychev	Riley	Skomorucha
14-Feb	Bacuta	Bunitsky/Lewis	Bunitsky/Oberto	Maloney
21-Feb	Hamwi/Morjana	Elia/Morjana	Fravel	Lewis