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**Sunday January 17, 2020** 32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great (356). Ven. Anthony of Dymsk (Novgorod – ca. 1224). Ven. Anthony of Chernoezérsk (16th c.).

### This Week's Schedule

**Thursday 1/21** Study Group 10:00 a.m.

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

**Sunday 1/24** 31st Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

\*Please Note Services will also stream Online\*

### Reader Schedule

DATE	3 <sup>RD</sup> HOUR	6 <sup>TH</sup> Hour	EPISTLE
Jan-17	PECK	PECK	PECK
Jan-24	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Jan-31	SKOMORUCHA	DORAZIO	LEWIS
Feb-2	MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE		

## Hymns and Prayers

### **Tone 7 Troparion**      (*Resurrection*)

By Your Cross You destroyed death.  
To the thief You opened Paradise.  
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.  
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,  
to proclaim that You are risen,//  
granting the world great mercy.

### **Tone 4 Troparion**      (*St. Anthony*)

You imitated the ways of zealous Elijah,  
and followed the straight path of John the Baptist.  
You became a desert-dweller,  
strengthening the world by your prayers.//  
O Father Anthony, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be  
saved!

### **Tone 7 Kontakion**      (*Resurrection*)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,  
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.  
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:  
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//  
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

### **Tone 2 Kontakion**      (*St. Anthony*)

You rejected the tumult of this life  
living your life to the end in solitude, imitating the Baptist in every way.  
With him we honor you, most venerable Anthony,//  
the foundation of the Fathers.

### **Tone 7                  Prokeimenon**      (*Resurrection*)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His  
people with peace. (*Ps. 28:11*)

**V.** *Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!*  
*(Ps. 28:1a)*

## Tone 7 Prokeimenon (*St. Anthony*)

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. (*Ps. 115:6*)

### Epistle Colossians 1:12-18

*Brethren, 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 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**V.** *It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (*Ps. 91:1*)*

**V.** To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (*Ps. 91:2a*)

### Tone 6

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

### 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 Hymn**

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. 111:6*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **This Week's Announcements**

**Holy Synod of Bishops issues Encyclical of Hope** On Thursday, December 31, 2020, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America has issued an encyclical entitled, “We Rejoice Even in Tribulation”: An Encyclical of Hope. The Holy Synod offers this work out of love and gratitude to its faithful at the end of this year. The Synod also intends for the encyclical to be seen as an encouragement for the year to come. In the encyclical, the Synod seeks to find meaning in the year that has past, which has been marked by a pandemic, political polarization, economic anxiety, and civil unrest, and calls the faithful to a renewed faith and hope in Jesus Christ, and service to one another. Presently the encyclical is available as a PDF for download here <https://www.oca.org/holy-synod/encyclicals/encyclical-hope>. In January 2021, printed copies will be mailed to all parishes, monasteries, and institutions of the Orthodox Church in America. **Please take the extra time and read this important document!**

**Theophany Holy Water** Holy water will be available in the Nave this week and next and available throughout the year upon request. Home blessings will be on hold until later date. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Study Group** Our study group resumed this past Thursday with chapter 17 of St. Matthew. This coming week we will continue with 17 & 18 of St. Matthew. We will meet on Zoom and all are welcome to join us.

**Meeting of the Lord in the Temple** The feast of the Presentation or Meeting of the Lord in the Temple takes place forty days following the Nativity of Jesus (Feb. 2). The feast celebrates Christ's fulfillment of the Law of Moses calling for all the first born; whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, be consecrated to God. At this time, we also see His mother Mary undergo the ritual purification offering the sacrifices prescribed in the Law. In the feast Christ's encounters, the Elder Simeon who had long awaited His coming, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, leads the Messiah into the Temple. We will celebrate with Great Vespers on Mon. Feb 1st and Divine Liturgy Tues. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The blessing of candles is traditionally offered at this feast so bring your candles.

**Online Streaming Help** We are currently look for help with our live streaming services. Please see Thaddeus (Scott) Lewis if you are willing to help.

**Sacraments for Those Staying Home** Recognizing the need for many to quarantine due to the deadliness of the pandemic, Fr. Barnabas is available to meet individually on Wednesdays and Fridays to offer Confession and Communion for those still at home. Fr. Barnabas is also willing to meet in other creative ways , like on your porch, to assure everyone remains connected. Please email or call the office to set up a time for the Sacraments.

**Questions Everyone Should ask themselves Before coming to In-Person Worship:** Do you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, and or trouble breathing? Persistent pain, pressure or tightness in chest? Any recent loss of taste/smell or gastrointestinal upset? Any contact with anyone with C-19? **If you answer YES to any of these questions you should stay at home.**

### **Wisdom from the Holy Fathers**

*"Do you want to live properly? Make sure you have humility, because without it there's no proper life. People start being abandoned by God*

*once they lose their humility. Love humility and you'll never fall into one of the devil's traps."*

*St. Ephrem the Syrian, 306-373 AD*

*"To be quiet is the fruit of a royal and noble upbringing. Those who've learned how to be quiet have also learned how to talk. Because to be quiet is the product of rational thought. IN the same way as speaking prudently is. People who don't know how to be quiet can't hold a conversation either."*

*St. Nektarios, (1846-1920), Wonderworker of Aegina*

*"It seems that we do not understand one thing: it is not good when we return the love of those who love us, yet hate those who hate us. We are not on the right path if we do this. We are the sons of light and love, the sons of God, his children. As such we must have His qualities and His attributes of love, peace, and kindness towards all."*

*Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica (1914-2003)*

*"Not knowledge you learn, but knowledge you suffer. That's Orthodox spirituality."*

*Abbess Gavrilia (1897-1992), a 20th century saintly Greek Orthodox nun*

*"But for the searching and right understanding of the Scriptures there is need of a good life and a pure soul, and for Christian virtue to guide the mind to grasp, so far as human nature can, the truth concerning God the Word. One cannot possibly understand the teaching of the Saints unless one has a pure mind and is trying to imitate their life. Anyone who wants to look at sunlight naturally wipes his eye clear first, in order to make, at any rate, some approximation to the purity of that on which he looks; and a person wishing to see a city or country goes to the place in order to do so. Similarly, anyone who wishes to understand the mind of the sacred writers must first cleanse his own life, and approach the Saints by copying their deeds. Thus united to them in the fellowship of life, he will both understand the things revealed to them by God and, thenceforth escaping the peril that threatens sinners in the judgment, will receive that which is laid up for the Saints in the Kingdom of Heaven."*

*St. Athanasius (296-373 AD), On the Incarnation of the Word of God, 57.*

**Prayers for the Departed:** Metropolitan Theodosius, Archbishop David, Mitred Archpriest Eugene Pianovich, Barbara Hicks

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke Wales, Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, Stephanie Hojnicki, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Paula Daubert, Elizabeth Clause, Jamie Clause, David Telep

**Prayers for Catechmens** Kristin Mackenzie,, Andrew Ashton

Date	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>
17-Jan	Sulpiz	Bunitsky/Finck
24-Jan	Hojnicki/Najemy	Farrell
31-Jan	Telep/Baldychev	Clause/Whalen
7-Feb	Bunitsky/Morjana	Skomorucha/Ashton/M Kiflemarian

**Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind**

*Entrance of our Lord into the Temple Feb. 2nd*

*Great Fast Begins.....March 15th*

*Holy Pascha..... May 2nd*

*Ascension.....June 10th*

*Pentecost.....June 20th*