

**:: The Life of St. Anthony the Great ::**  
A reading from the Synaxarion for January 17

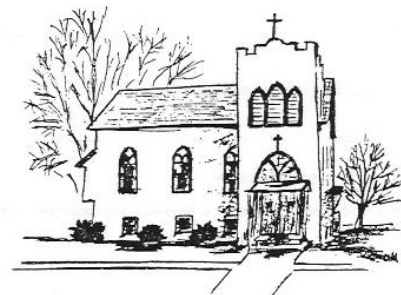
On January 17 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great.

Anthony was an Egyptian, born about the year 250 in the village of Koman near Herculea. Following the deaths 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. Anthony withdrew into the wilderness on the shore of the Red Sea. There, 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. When certain Greek philosophers tempted Anthony with literary wisdom, he shamed them with the question: "Which is older, the understanding or the book? Which of these two was the cause of the other?" Filled with many years of great works, Anthony died in the Lord in 355.

**"MEN ARE OFTEN CALLED INTELLIGENT WRONGLY. INTELLIGENT MEN ARE NOT THOSE WHO ARE ERUDITE IN THE SAYINGS AND BOOKS OF THE WISE MEN OF OLD, BUT THOSE WHO HAVE AN INTELLIGENT SOUL AND CAN DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL. THEY AVOID WHAT IS SINFUL AND HARMS THE SOUL; AND WITH DEEP GRATITUDE TO GOD THEY RESOLUTELY ADHERE BY DINT OF PRACTICE TO WHAT IS GOOD AND BENEFITS THE SOUL. THESE MEN ALONE SHOULD TRULY BE CALLED INTELLIGENT."**

**(ST. ANTHONY, "ON CHARACTER AND THE VIRTUOUS LIFE")**

*Do you have an announcement for our bulletin? Please call or email Fr. Andrew no later than Friday each week for anything to be included in Sunday's bulletin.*



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**Sunday, January 17, 2016**

**St. Anthony the Great of Egypt**

**Matins: 9:00 AM :: Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM**

**Epistle Reader:** David Anderson

**Holy Bread/Coffee Hour:** Andy Dudek

**Next Sunday's Holy Bread/Coffee Hour:** Leo and Christina Kapetaneas

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8):** O Compassionate One, Thou didst descend from the heights. Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee!

**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 of St. George the Great Martyr (Tone 4):** Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and succour of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among martyrs, the victory-clad George: Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

**Kontakion for the Presentation (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.

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## THE EPISTLE

For St. Anthony the Great

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

What shall we render unto the Lord for all that He hath given to us?

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

Brethren, be obedient to those who preside over you, and submit yourselves to them, for they watch over your souls with vigilance, as those who will give account, in order that they may do this with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us – for we are persuaded that we have a good conscience, in all things willing to conduct ourselves honorably. But I exhort you more exceedingly to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace – who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep by the Blood of the everlasting Covenant, even our Lord Jesus – perfect you in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory unto ages of ages. Amen.

## THE GOSPEL

For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke

### 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.”

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at St. George, see our website, [www.stgeorgeorthodox.org](http://www.stgeorgeorthodox.org).

This week’s events and services:

- **Today:** Sunday school, downstairs immediately after Holy Communion.
- **Today:** Parish council, upstairs during coffee hour.
- **Saturday, Jan. 23:** Vespers, 6:00 pm.
- **Next Sunday, Jan. 24: Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg.** Matins, 9am and Divine Liturgy, 10am. Epistle Reader: Matthew McNatt. Holy Bread/Coffee Hour: Kapetaneas.
- **Sunday, Jan. 31:** Annual meeting; see announcement below.

**Today, on this feast day of St. Anthony the Great, we wish many more years of health and happiness to His Grace, our Bishop Anthony!**

**Thank you for all of your donations to St. George Church in 2015!** If you would like a statement of your giving for tax purposes or for your own personal records, please contact our treasurer Anysia Medawar. She will be happy to provide this information for you.

**House blessings** have begun! Please contact Fr. Andrew to set up a date and time to have your home and/or workplace blessed with the Theophany Holy Water. *Please know it is not necessary to invite Fr. Andrew’s entire family, or to provide a meal. All you need to have ready is a place to pray in front of an icon, and a list of living and departed for Fr. Andrew to remember in prayer.* Talk to Father if you have any additional questions.

**Our church’s Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 31.** All current members of St. George Church should make every effort to attend! Coffee hour will be a potluck; each household should plan to bring a simple dish, pastry, fruit, etc.

**The 2016 Holy Bread and Coffee Hour schedule is now posted on the ladies’ bulletin board downstairs.** Please look over your assigned dates, and let Fr. Andrew know if any changes need to be made. Many thanks for all of your service!

### December financials

Operating Income: \$6176.00  
Operating Expenses \$6624.31  
Checking Account Balance: \$10425.21