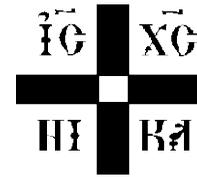


Weekly Schedule

Saturday	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. Confessions following Vespers
Sunday	Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

Saint Anthony of the Kiev Caves was born in the year 983 at Liubech, not far from Chernigov, and was named Antipas in Baptism. Possessing the fear of God from his youth, he desired to be clothed in the monastic schema. When he reached a mature age, he wandered until he arrived on Mt. Athos, burning with the desire to emulate the deeds of its holy inhabitants. Here he received monastic tonsure, and the young monk pleased God in every aspect of his spiritual struggles on the path of virtue. He particularly excelled in humility and obedience, so that all the monks rejoiced to see his holy life. The igumen saw in St Anthony the great future ascetic, and inspired by God, he sent him back to his native land, saying, "Anthony, it is time for you to guide others in holiness. Return to your own Russian land, and be an example for others. May the blessing of the Holy Mountain be with you. Returning to the land of Rus, Anthony began to make the rounds of the monasteries about Kiev, but nowhere did he find that strict life which had drawn him to Mt. Athos. Through the Providence of God, Anthony came to the hills of Kiev by the banks of the River Dniepr. The forested area near the village of Berestovo reminded him of his beloved Athos. There he found a cave which had been dug out by the Priest Hilarion, who later became Metropolitan of Kiev (October 21). Since he liked the spot, Anthony prayed with tears, "Lord, let the blessing of Mt. Athos be upon this spot, and strengthen me to remain here." He began to struggle in prayer, fasting, vigil and physical labor. Every other day, or every third day, he would eat only dry bread and a little water. Sometimes he did not eat for a week. People began to come to the ascetic for his blessing and counsel, and some decided to remain with the saint. Among Anthony's first disciples was St Nikon (March 23), who tonsured St Theodosius of the Caves (May 3) at the monastery in the year 1032. The virtuous life of St Anthony illumined the Russian land with the beauty of monasticism. St Anthony lovingly received those who yearned for the monastic life. After instructing them how to follow Christ, he asked St Nikon to tonsure them. When twelve disciples had gathered about St Anthony, the brethren dug a large cave and built a church and cells for the monks within it. After he appointed Abbot Barlaam to guide the brethren, St Anthony withdrew from the monastery. He dug a new cave for himself, then hid himself within it. There too, monks began to settle around him. Afterwards, the saint built a small wooden church in honor of the Dormition of the Mother of God over the Far Caves. At the insistence of Prince Izyaslav, the igumen Barlaam withdrew to the Dimitriev monastery. With the blessing of St Anthony and with the general agreement of the brethren, the meek and humble Theodosius was chosen as igumen. By this time, the number of brethren had already reached a hundred men. The Kiev Great Prince Izyaslav (+ 1078) gave the monks the hill on which the large church and cells were built, with a palisade all around. Thus, the renowned monastery over the caves was established. Describing this, the chronicler remarks that while many monasteries were built by emperors and nobles, they could not compare with those which are built with holy prayers and tears, and by fasting and vigil. Although St Anthony had no gold, he built a monastery which became the first spiritual center of Rus. For his holiness of life, God glorified St Anthony with the gift of clairvoyance and wonderworking. One example of this occurred during the construction of the Great Caves church. The Most Holy Theotokos Herself stood before him and St Theodosius in the Blachernae church in Constantinople, where they had been miraculously transported without leaving their own monastery. Actually, two angels appeared in Constantinople in their forms (See May 3, the account of the Kiev Caves Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos). Having received gold from the Mother of God, the saints commissioned master architects, who came from Constantinople to the Russian land on the command of the Queen of Heaven to build the church at the Monastery of the Caves. During this appearance, the Mother of God foretold the impending death of St Anthony, which occurred on July 10, 1073. Through Divine Providence, the relics of St Anthony remain hidden.



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Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world//great mercy.

Troparion (Tone 4)

Having left the turmoil of the world, you renounced the world to follow Christ in accordance with the Gospel. Living a life equal to the Angels, you reached the quiet haven of the Holy Mountain of Athos. With the blessing of the Athonite fathers, you came to the hills of Kiev, where you labored with love and illumined your hometown. There you led a multitude of monastics to Christ showing them the path that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven. Venerable Anthony, pray to Him that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion (Tone 3)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs//they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

July 10, 2011

**4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
Tone. 3. Ven. Anthony of the Kiev Caves,
Founder of Monasticism in Russia (1073).**

Kontakion (Tone 8)

Having loved God above all from your childhood, O ven'rable one, you surrendered yourself to Him and followed Him with all your soul. Despising the material things of this world, you made a cave in the earth, where you fought the good fight against the invisible Enemy. Like a brilliant sun you illuminated all the ends of the earth, and with rejoicing you passed into the heavenly chambers. Now as you stand with the Angels before the Throne of the Master, remember us who honor your memory as we cry to you: "Rejoice, our Fa-ther Anthony!"

Prayers for The Faithful and De- parted

Nolan, Zara, Anthony, Margaret Pellack, McCartney family, Witiak family, Anastasia, Lena Robovitsky, Riley family, Sharon, James, Debbie, all parishioners.
May God Grant Them Many Years!

Helen Skibo, Mary Slivka, Anna Bondira, Michael Slivka, Joanne Waninchak, all deceased parishioners. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:18-23

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 8:5-13

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it. When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.



Welcome to our Visitors!

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession of sins should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Telephone Number

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced on the machine.

Roof Leaking

As many of you know, time is nearing when we will have to complete repair work on our roof. Before many vesper services, parishioners need to vacuum the carpet because of the falling plaster. As this repair work will be a major project, I would ask that if you are able, to start contributing toward this task. **Please note, as indicated below, \$2200.00 has been collected so far for roof repairs. Thank you.**

Orthodoxy 101

On Sunday, September 11, I will begin an Orthodoxy 101 course for parishioners and anyone in our neighborhood who might wish to learn the fundamentals of our faith. Please do stay tuned for a "course outline" and more details. Moreover, if those of you who would like to participate would prefer that we meet on a day other than Sunday, just let me know.

Council Meeting

Nest Sunday, July 17, there will be a parish council meeting.

Parish Statistics for July 03, 2011

Attendance: 30

Income: \$1373.00

Expenses: \$2310.33

Deficit: \$937.33