

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, July 10, 2022 | 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 3 – Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Caves, Founder of Monasticism in Rus (1073).  
Holy 45 Martyrs at Nicopolis in Armenia (ca. 319). Martyr Apollonius of Sardis (3<sup>rd</sup> c.)

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### Weekly Schedule

Tuesday: Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement and on the ZOOM media platform.

Friday: July 15 – Great Prince Vladimir, Equal-to-the-Apostles

Saturday: July 16 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: July 17 – Holy Fathers of First Six Ecumenical Councils  
Reading of Hours – 8:30am  
Divine Liturgy – **9:00am [SUMMER HOURS!!!]**  
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

## Texts for the Liturgical Service

### **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 – Venerable Anthony)**

Having left the turmoil of the world, / thou didst renounce the world to follow Christ in accordance with the Gospel. / Living a life equal to the Angels, / thou didst reach the quiet haven of the Holy Mountain of Athos. / With the blessing of the Athonite fathers, thou didst come to the hills of Kiev, / where thou didst labor with love and didst illumine thy hometown. / There thou leddest 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 Thou didst rise 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 Thy power.

### **Kontakion (Tone 8 – Venerable Anthony)**

Having loved God above all from thy childhood, O ven'erable one, / thou didst surrender thyself to Him and followed Him with all thy soul. / Despising the material things of this world, / thou didst make a cave in the earth, where thou didst fight the good fight against the invisible Enemy. / Like a brilliant sun thou didst illumine all the ends of the earth, / and with rejoicing thou didst pass into the heavenly chambers. / Now as thou dost stand with the Angels before the Throne of the Master, remember us who honor thy memory as we cry to thee: // “Rejoice, our Fa-ther Anthony!”

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 3)**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
v. Clap your hands, all ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 7 – Venerable Anthony)**

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

### **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.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 3)

- v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Be Thou a God of protection of me, a house of refuge in order to save me. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments  
Alleluia (3x's) [TONE 6]

**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.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!  
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: Today's readings for the Venerable Anthony are as follows:  
Epistle – Galatians 5:22-6:2 and Gospel – Matthew 4:25-5:12*

**Announcements**

**A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests** who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

## Announcements

### ***[...continued from last page...Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Caves...]***

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.

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Now that the Fourth of July is upon us, it is time for the next great American event...

### **“Getting ready to go Back to School” – Annual Backpack Program**

With this in mind, the parish is looking to put together **48** backpacks for this upcoming school year. The parish **has already received donations of the backpacks themselves**. It is the school supplies that we are looking for donations.

Here is a list of school supply items we would like to include in the backpacks for those who wish to donate to this annual parish project:

- \* Pencils
- \* Colored Pencils
- \* ~~Pencil Cases~~ (have them)
- \* Erasers (have them)
- \* Folders
- \* 3 Ring Binders
- \* Rulers
- \* Notebooks
- \* Index Cards (3 1/2 x 5)

Also, everyone received an email on Monday, June 27 with an attachment that included an additional list of school supply items you may wish to donate. Please look at that list and inform Matushka Janine McCartney what you would like to donate **‘BEFORE’** making any purchases. The list is also available in church located on the tetrapod. As of this week’s printing of bulletin, this project has already received all of the backpacks, all of the pencil cases/bags/pouches, and all of the erasers. Thanks!

Last Date to donate school supply items for the backpacks is **Sunday, July, 31**. For more information, please see Matushka Janine McCartney. Thank You!

**Announcements** (cont.)

**Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed**

**Health for the Living:**

David Albrecht Sr. offered by David Pellack

**May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!**

**Memory for the Departed:**

Maxim Herbert offered by MM Herbert

Priest Sergius Willis offered by MM Herbert

Albert Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 7/3/22**

One Small Vigil Cross – Health of Julia Forte offered by MM Herbert

One Small Vigil Cross – Memory of Maxim Herbert offered by MM Herbert

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Miriam Anastasia Parsells (newly born on June 6), her big brothers Luke and Teddy, and her parents Peter and Heather Parsells. May God Grant Miriam and her family Many Blessed Years!!

Elton Andrews; Ronald Kavalkovich; Jane Kelly; Anne (Homa) Killoran; Sheba Patton; Dr. Gale Rutan; Joseph Rabik; Peter Witiak; and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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**Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of July 3)**

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$0 from the Candy Sale

## Announcements (cont.)

**Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!**

**\*\*\*\*\*Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon\*\*\*\*\***

In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. By the action taken at the Fall General Parish Meeting held back on Sunday, October 10, 2021, the parish body approved that the special collection for the first three Sundays of the month be earmarked towards the repairing/fixing/replacing of the roofs of both houses that the parish owns (now known as the Row House Fund).

The fourth Sunday (and fifth, when it occurs) the special collection will be earmarked towards Charity.

This new collection schedule began back on Sunday, October 17, 2021.  
Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. Thank You!

### **Cash Flow Activity (June/July)**

<u>Week of Sun Jun 26 to Sat Jul 2</u>	<u>June Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance: 29	30 (average)
Funds In: \$ 1,282.32	\$ 7,665.32
Funds Out: \$ 3,587.67	\$ 7,365.21
Net Surplus/(Deficit): <b>(\$ 2,305.35)</b>	\$ 300.11

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

**Shop Rite Gift Cards:** If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see either David Pellack or Ken Kavalkovich to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

## Calendar of Events

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month** – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month** – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month** – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

### Readers Schedule:

	<u>Today (Jul 10)</u>	<u>Next Week (Jul 17)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour:	David Allbrecht	John Spack
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	Michael Wanenchak	Daniel Herbert
Epistle:	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich and David Albecht	Reader Mark Klus and John Spack

### Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

If you have volunteered to host coffee hour, please check which Team you are on and when your Team is hosting coffee hour on the calendar printout which is located in the white/clear 3-ring binder located on the display case outside of the office room.

**NOTE:** The following Sundays during the summer are coffee hour bye-weeks where there is no team scheduled. There will be coffee available, just no food or meal:

**Sunday, September 5 (Labor Day Weekend)**

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Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in July and August 2022.

**Tuesday, July 12 – Bible Study in the church basement at 6:30PM**

**Monday, August 1 – Dormition Fast Begins**

**Friday, August 5 – Vespers Liturgy at 5:30PM for the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

The Blessing of Fruit (and vegetables) will occur after Vespers Liturgy on this date and on Sunday, August 7 after Divine Liturgy.

**Monday, August 15 – Divine Liturgy at 9:00AM for the Dormition of the Most Holy Lady Theotokos (the Name's Day of the Parish)**

The Blessing of Flowers (and herbal plants) will occur after Divine Liturgy on this date.

**Monday, August 29 – Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. Service schedule is yet to be determined.**



## Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Far Caves, Founder of Monasticism in Russia [July 10<sup>th</sup>]

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

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