

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**  
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Choir Director: Wash King

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

32nd Sunday after Pentecost  
Tone 7 – Father Anthony the Great

***Glory Be To Jesus Christ!***

***Glory Be Forever!***

Sun...January 17...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy and Parastas – NO COFFEE HOUR

Parastas: In memory of Joseph Herbert offered by the Herbert Family

In memory of Kathryn (Harahuess) Yurchak offered by Gary & Mary Harahuess & Sharon Lewis

In memory of John & Helen Yaroma offered by the Family

In memory of deceased members of the Goida Family offered by the Family

In memory of deceased members of the Yaroma Family offered by the Family

In memory of Walter Fedora offered by Barbara Faenza & family

In memory of Wash Fedora offered by Barbara Faenza & family

In memory of Jane Bubernak offered by Eleanor Sidoriak

In memory of Ronald Yurchak offered by Marie Yurchak & Sons

Sat... January 23– NO VESPERS

Sun... January 24...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – NO COFFEE HOUR

Sat...January 30 – NO VESPERS

Sun...January 31...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – NO COFFEE HOUR

**Prayer List:** *HEAVENLY FATHER ... Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent your only begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit us and heal us, Your servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments through the grace of Your Son Jesus Christ; grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body and spirit, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your word to pray for each other that we may be healed. You are the source of healing and to You, we give glory; to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Andrew Balliet, Michael Birocik, Clark Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Cecil Buchanan, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Edward Conarty, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Olga Hebda, Peter Holoviak, John King, Claire Kononchuk, Michael Kulick, John Kushnir, Nancy Lorchak, MaryAnn Macenka, Mary Maholick, Alexandra Miller, Britney Miller, Courtney Miller, Isaac Miller, Margaret Miller, Mildred O'Shura, Anna Pisko, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Helen Suda, Martha Stafiniak, Joseph Tosca, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Nancy Vanno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Richard York.

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**January Birthdays:** 2- Tommy Shanosky, 3- Allysa Vavra, 7- Ted Bogosh (96), 10-Helen Yurchak (95), 13- Dr. Ronald Berezniak, 21- Helen Sheers

**January Wedding Anniversaries:** 9- Wash & Helen King, 23- Russell & Geri King.

If anyone is in need of a priest please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772. Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory.

Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

Candles (January 17):

7-Day Vigils/Altar... For the health of **Helen Sheers** offered by Drs. Andrew & Elaine Chichura

Altar Candles... For the health of **Matushka Lisa Weremedic** offered by Ted Bogosh

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **John Herbert** offered by Russell & Geri King

Vigil Crosses ... For the health of **Eleanor Sidoriak** offered by Ted Bogosh

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of **Gloria Ferri** offered by Ted Bogosh

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod...In memory of **Ronald Yurchak** offered by Marie Yurchak & Sons, Ron, Jr & Greg

Financials 1/1-10/21: *Operating Acct:* Candles 45 - Altar Candles 90 - Offerings 2,064 – Non-Envelope 150 - Holy Days 323 – Christmas 135 – Initial 73 – Donation 100 = Total \$2,980.00; – Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. – Thank you!

Please use Amazon Smile when ordering from Amazon. If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King. Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King.

Our Parish Council and Auditors took the Oath of Office on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please include them in your prayers.

**Officers:** President – Claire Remington, Vice-President – Lynn Sharpe,

Treasurer – Helen King, Recording Secretary – Mat. Lisa Weremedic,

Financial Secretary – Gloria A. Bench

**Council Trustees:** Dr. Ronald Berezniak, Mary Hertzog, Wash King, Nancy Lorchak, Marie Skripnek, Michael Tatusko.

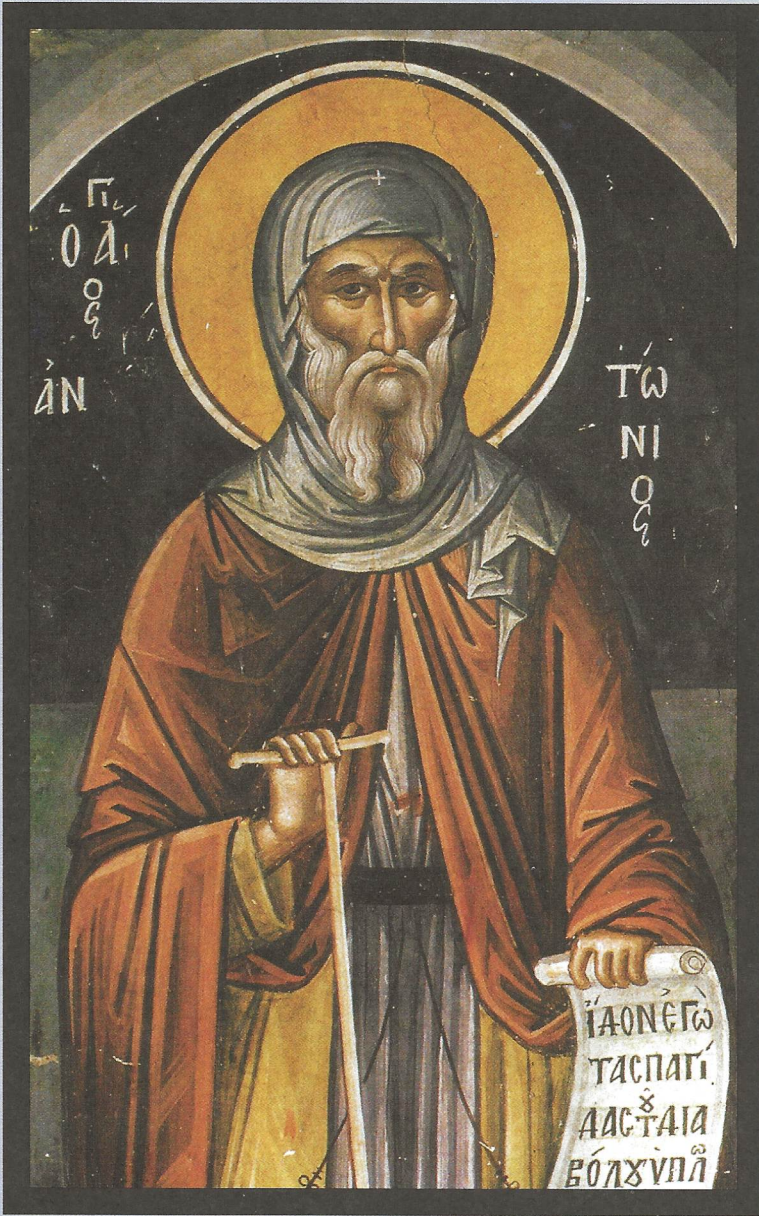
**Auditors:** Lena Marie Berezniak, Terri Bogosh, Kathryn Jupin.

We extend a thank you to the outgoing council members for their service and dedication to St. Mary's Orthodox Church. We welcome and look forward to our new members with helping St. Mary's having a prosperous year!

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## "A TEACHER OF TEACHERS"

**S**aint Anthony the Great is considered to be one of the most prominent monastic saints of the Orthodox Church. Most of his 105 years were spent living a life of asceticism in the deserts of Egypt. Still, for all of his contributions to the development of monasticism, Anthony is, perhaps, best remembered for his role as a wise counselor and a brilliant teacher. People from all walks of life and from all parts of the known world would seek him out, eagerly searching for advice and for answers to troubling questions. What is most amazing about this is that St. Anthony had no formal education! Much of what he knew concerning the meaning of man's existence simply came from memorizing the Scriptures.

Here is an example of the profound advice that St. Anthony would pass on to his followers: "LEARN TO DESIRE HUMILITY, FOR THAT WILL COVER ALL YOUR SINS. ALL SIN IS HATEFUL TO GOD, BUT THE MOST HATEFUL OF ALL IS PRIDE OF HEART. DO NOT CONSIDER YOURSELF LEARNED OR WISE, OR ALL YOUR TOIL WILL BE LOST AND YOUR SHIP WILL ARRIVE EMPTY AT THE SHORE." St. Anthony knew well the importance of humility. He was keenly aware that pride in one's own accomplishments was contrary to the lifestyle that Christ established for us. Our Lord Himself warned us that: "HE WHO HUMBLER HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED, AND HE WHO EXALTS HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLED." (Matthew 23:12)

It is no wonder that the Church refers to St. Anthony the Great as "a teacher of teachers." This beloved saint fell asleep in the Lord in 356 A.D.

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great (356).

### **Colossians 1:12-18** *(Epistle)*

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** *(Epistle, Saint)*

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.

### **Luke 18:18-27** *(Gospel)*

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 (*Gospel, Saint*)

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.

## Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great

Saint Anthony the Great is known as the Father of monasticism, and the long ascetical sermon in *The Life of Saint Anthony* by Saint Athanasius (Sections 16-34), could be called the first monastic Rule. He was born in Egypt in the village of Coma, near the desert of the Thebaid, in the year 251. His parents were pious Christians of illustrious lineage. Anthony was a serious child and was respectful and obedient to his parents. He loved to attend church services, and he listened to the Holy Scripture so attentively, that he remembered what he heard all his life. When Saint Anthony was about twenty years old, he lost his parents, but he was responsible for the care of his younger sister. Going to church about six months later, the youth reflected on how the faithful, in the Acts of the Apostles (4:35), sold their possessions and gave the proceeds to the Apostles for the needy. Then he entered the church and heard the Gospel passage where Christ speaks to the rich young man: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow Me" (Mt.19:21). Anthony felt that these words applied to him. Therefore, he sold the property that he received after the death of his parents, then distributed the money to the poor, and left his sister in the care of pious virgins in a convent. Leaving his parental home, Saint Anthony began his ascetical life in a hut not far from his village. By working with his hands, he was able to earn his livelihood and also alms for the poor. Sometimes, the holy youth also visited other ascetics living in the area, and from each he sought direction and benefit. He turned to one particular ascetic for guidance in the spiritual life.

### **His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon offers statement on recent events**

On Thursday, January 7, 2021, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon offered the following statement: "In the aftermath of the troubling events in Washington, DC, yesterday, may we all keep this country and one another in prayer asking the Lord to grant peace, unity, and hope to all the people of the United States of America. As the Apostle Paul exhorts us to do, "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor" (Rom 12:9-10). O Lord Jesus Christ, who have descended the waters of Jordan sanctifying the whole creation and offering us a new life, protect and keep this country and grant it peace, tranquility, and reconciliation!"