

January 27, 2019

Upcoming Services:

- Sun. Jan. 27, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
- Sat. Feb. 2, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers
- Sun. Feb. 3, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
- Sat. Feb. 9, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers
- Sun. Feb. 10, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
- Fri. Feb. 15, 9:30 am. - Divine Liturgy, the Meeting of our Lord

1 Timothy 1: 15 - 17

Luke 18: 35 - 43

Reader Schedule:
 Sun, Jan. 27 - Cynthia Neff
 Sun, Feb. 3 - Kurtis Lauser
 Sun, Feb. 10 - Greg Kuzmenchuk

The Venerable Anthony the Great (251 - 356):

Our venerable and God-bearing Father Saint Anthony the Great was born into a wealthy, pious family in upper Egypt around 251 AD. When St. Anthony was about twenty years old he lost his parents, with a younger sister left in his care. Then he heard the Gospel Mt. 19-21, which stated, "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." So, St. Anthony sold the property he inherited, distributed the money to the poor, put his sister in a convent, and left for the desert to begin his ascetical life in a hut, working with his hands to obtain a livelihood and also alms for the poor.

During this period of his life St. Anthony endured terrible temptations. Troubled with thoughts of his former life, doubts about his chosen path, concern for his sister, and carnal feelings, he mediated on Christ to thwart these leanings, and tried a stricter way of life. He partook of food only after sunset, and spent all night praying until dawn. Soon he slept only every third day. He eventually sought even greater solitude, moving farther away from the village, into a graveyard.

St. Anthony spent twenty years in complete isolation and constant struggle with the demons, before achieving calm. On occasion he left the desert for Alexandria, to minister to those martyred in prison, and to defend the Orthodox faith against the Arian heresies. He converted multitudes of pagans to Christ, wrote twenty sermons and seven letters on the monastic virtues. He was spoken of everywhere, and was admired by everyone, and finally died peacefully in the year 356 at age 105, and was buried in the desert by his disciples. His story, written by St. Athanasius of Alexandria, was the first biography of a saint who was not a martyr.

Birthdays:

None this week

Upcoming Events:

Sun, Jan. 27 -Annual Parish Mtg. following coffee hour. Elections will be held for board positions and agenda items will be discussed.

Sun, Feb. 3 - Souper Bowl Sunday - Soups will be sold at coffee hour. Proceeds will benefit St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Society soup kitchens in the Ukraine serving the very needy.

Sun, Feb. 10 - Swearing-in of 2019 Church Officers. Executive board and Sisterhood officers will be sworn-in following Liturgy.

Preparing for the Spring Bazaar

Holy Ghost is planning to have a Spring Bazaar this year in March (dates are still being discussed). "Carry Out" Food Only - Religious Items - Church Tours. Volunteers are needed the day of the bazaar to help with bulk order sales, greet arriving people, and clean up afterwards. Cooking dates are also being planned.

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Lillian Maskula, Sandy Knisley, Erin Bove, Florine, Charline, Linda, Salwa, Richard Ziegler & Bill Brown

Anniversaries:

January 27 - Joe & Bella Urban

Notices:

House Blessings

Fr. Mike will be blessing houses this month. Sign up is being arranged or contact him.

Holy Water

Water was blessed at the Theophany service on Jan. 19th. Feel free to take some for use on your home and health.

Sisterhood Membership Drive

Please see Linda Kozlowski or Illaria to pay \$10 sisterhood dues in January for the upcoming year. Everyone is welcome to join.

Poinsettias Need Homes

Please adopt a plant and enjoy the flowers in your home. St. Anastasia Sisterhood thanks all who donated toward the purchase of the flowers this season.

Foods Available

- Pierogies - potato & cheese -\$6 per box of 15
- Pierogies - sweet potato - \$6 per box of 15
- Nut Rolls - \$12 per roll

January Charity - Good Samaritan

February Charity - Coatesville Public Library

Bulletin Additions

Provide bulletin additions to Wesley Hatch by Friday at 6 pm