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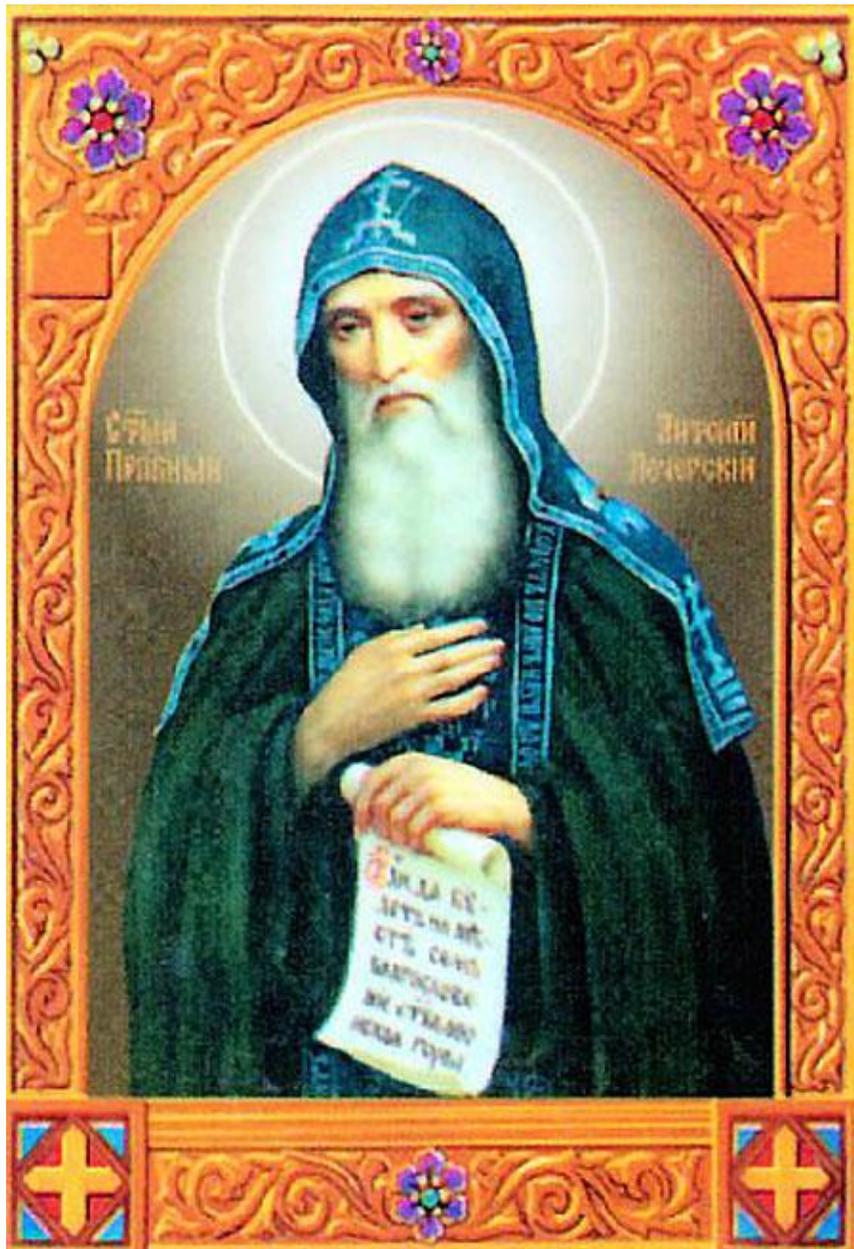
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SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 2. All Saints of Britain and Ireland. Ven. Anthony of the Kiev Caves, Founder of Monasticism in Russia (1073). Holy 45 Martyrs at Nicopolis in Armenia, including Leontius, Maurice, Daniel, Anthony, Alexander, Sisinius, Meneus, and Belerad (Verelad—ca. 319). The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Lord at Moscow (1625). Ven. Silvanus, Schema-monk, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Martyr Apollonius of Sardis (3rd c.). Martyrs Bianor and Silvanus of Pisidia (4th c.). 10,000 Fathers of the deserts and caves of Scete martyred by the impious Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria (ca. 398). Martyr Nicodemus of Elbassan (Albanian—1722). Monk Martyr Nectarius of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos—1820). The KONEVSKAYA Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

TROPARIA

(Tone 2) When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

(Tone 4) In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION

(Tone 6) Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

The Prokeimenon in the Second Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song / He has become my salvation.
v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (5:1-10)

Brethren: since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Alleluia, Tone 2

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you!

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (6:22-33) And Jesus taught the people who had come to Him saying: "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap

nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Far Caves, Founder of Monasticism in Russia

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.

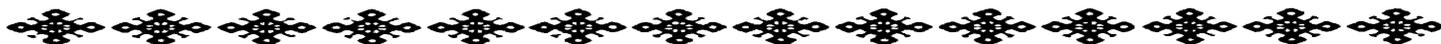
At the insistence of Prince Izyaslav, the igumen Barlaam withdrew to the Dimitriev monastery. With the blessing of St Anthony and with the general agreement of the brethren, the meek and humble Theodosius was chosen as

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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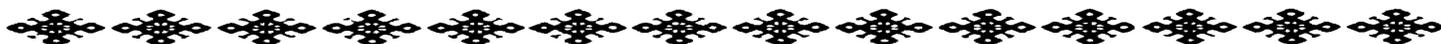


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Special Intention Joe Tome
Feodosiy, Adelaida, Oleg, Irina, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey..... Irina Sivergina
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Efrem, Jo Ann, Nikolai,
Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth, Stojan & Mira,
Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Gladys, my family & friends Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Vasiliy, Andrey, Galina, Nikolay, Vitaliy, Feodosiy, Yulia Irina Sivergina



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and pastries in our parish hall.

Coffee and pastries are being donated today in memory of Mitre (9yrs blessed repose) and Tronda (2 yrs blessed repose) Nicevski by their family.

JULY BULLETINS have been mailed out. Due to the many events happening within our parish in June, we were delayed in our mailing. We try to mail them to you in a timely matter. (Email if faster and you will receive it in a timely manner) If at all possible please save the bulletins at the candle stand for our friends and visitors who are not on our mailing or email list.

SAVE THE DATE Saturday, October 15. We will celebrate our parish's 100th Anniversary. Every parishioner and friend of the parish on our mailing list will receive a Save the Date postcard with more information. If you would like to send a postcard to family, friends, neighbors or lost sheep of our parish, there will extra postcards in the parish hall for you to mail to them. (The postage is cheaper for a postcard than a first class letter.)

PLACE YOUR AD IN OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK Please check out the display in the hall with all the information and ad sponsorship forms. We would like to have all the ads in by July 31. Don't miss out, fill out a form and submit it today!

PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, August 10-13 from 5 pm to 8 pm. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Meghan Durand at 810-610-3693. More information will be forthcoming.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Diapers for the month of July. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We serve **Thursday, August 4 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

Father Matthew will be on vacation July 11 – July 30. In case of a pastoral emergency you may reach Fr. Gabriel Bilas 330-285-1740, Fr. Joseph Abud 810-444-9108, Fr. Angelo Maggos 810-471-0316 or Fr. Robert Royer 810-919-9485.

PARISHIONER UPDATE Peter Sredich is now at Glacier Hills Care & Rehabilitation in Ann Arbor. The address is Glacier Hills, 1200 Earhart Rd. #1502, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 if you would like to send him a card.

JACKPOT FUNDRAISER Fliers for this race and walk are available in the hall. Though you may not run or walk, **please take some fliers to share with friends or leave at your gym or doctor's office.** You can also support this 100th Anniversary fundraiser by:

- 1- Becoming a sponsor – sponsorship forms are in the hall
- 2- Volunteering to help on the day of the race, Saturday, September 17 (help with registration, prizes, scavenger hunt, hand out water to runners, etc.)
- 3- Donating gift cards (iTunes, restaurant, etc.) or a Fitbit (\$30)

Contact Kristin Hart kristinhart@outlook.com 810-965-4750 to volunteer or for more information.

Schedule of services and events for the week of July 10, 2016:

Saturday, July 16

5:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, July 17

9:30 am Third Hour
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Offerings for the week July 3, 2016

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$852.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
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*60 people were in attendance on
Sunday, July 3, 2016*

“If you cannot see Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.”
St. John Chrysostom