

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

The health and salvation of –

Abducted Bishops Paul & John	Pauline
Archimandrite Irenei	Ann
Hieroschemamonk Ambrose	Stefan
Archpriest Ian	Travis
Archpriest Eugene	Anna
Archpriest Seraphim	John
Reader Aleksei	Vivian
Matushka Elizabeth	Jung Sook
Virginia	Thomas
Kapitolina	Cheyenne
John • Jacqueline	Nancy
Euphrosynos	Randall
John	Rose
Samuel	Don
Catechumen Rebecca	Timothy

The repose and salvation of –

Mitred Archpriest Boris (June 26)
Matushka Anna (July 4)
Valentina (June 15)
David (June 15)
Anna (June 17)
Elizabeth (July 6)

Please let Father know if there are any names you would like added to the list.

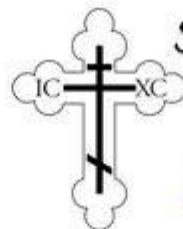
TODAY: PARISH COUNCIL

Saturday, July 23, 5:30 PM – Great Vespers

Saturday, August 6 – 9:30 Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 7 – Visit by Archbishop Benjamin

*A mission parish under the omophorion of His Eminence Benjamin,
Archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West,
Orthodox Church in America*



ST TIKHON ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 10, 2016



Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Caves



The Kiev Caves Lavra

Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy at 9:10 AM, followed by agape potluck
Other services as announced

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Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Caves

Saint Anthony 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.

Returning to 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. 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.

St Anthony lovingly received those who yearned for the monastic life. When twelve disciples had gathered about him, 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. 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. Prince Izyaslav gave the monks the hill on which the large church and cells were built, with a palisade all around.

For his holiness of life, God glorified St Anthony with the gift of clairvoyance and wonderworking. One example 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. 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.

Also this week: Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-Praised (July 11); Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra (July 12); Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel (July 13); Apostle Aquila of the Seventy (July 14); HOLY EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES GREAT PRINCE VLADIMIR (July 15); Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bp of Heracleopolis, and his ten disciples (July 16).

** "regular" fasting this week; fish, wine, and oil allowed on Friday **

Epistles: Romans 5:1-10 (Sunday); Galatians 5:22-6:2 (Saint)

Gospels: Matthew 6:22-33 (Sunday); Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Saint)

Troparion – Tone 2 (Resurrection)

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!

Troparion – Tone 4 (Saint)

Having departed the world and its tribulations /
Thou didst follow Christ in accordance to the Gospel, /
And having reached the quiet refuge of Mount Athos /
Thou didst live there a life equal to that of the angels. /
Then with blessing of the fathers, thou didst return to the Kievan hills, /
And laboring with great love thou didst illumine many monks with the light of Christ. ///
Beseech Him, O venerable Anthony, to save our souls.

Kontakion – Tone 2 (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, / Seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! /
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, ///
And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion – Tone 8 (Saint)

From thy youth thou didst love God above all, O ven'erable one. /
Thou didst devote thyself to Him and followed Him with all thy [heart and] soul; /
And holding the corruption of this world in contempt, thou didst find for thyself a cave in the earth /
Where thou didst struggle against the snares of the invisible foe, /
Shining more brightly than the sun upon all the ends of the earth, /
Therefore, with gladness thou didst pass over to the heavenly mansions. /
Where thou dost stand with the angels before the throne of the Master [of all]. /
In thy prayers, remember us who are honoring thy holy memory ///
That we may sing: Rejoice, O venerable father Anthony!