Saint 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 HUMBLES 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.

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CAREFUL IN THE NARTHEX! Though we might be all tired of COVID-19 safety measures, it is still important ESPECIALLY IN THE NARTHEX that we maintain social distancing, wear our masks, and keep our conversation to a minimum. Please arrange to socialize outside the church whether in the parking lot or your homes, but in church please respect safety measures that are in place. For more information related to our COVID-19 protocols and procedures please visit our website.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

RECEIVING COMMUNICATIONS VIA EMAIL - KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHURCH!
Interested in receiving the Weekly Church Bulletin and other communications from the church via email? Please contact the church office at (248) 362-9575 or email Office@StNicholasTroy.org so we can add you to our email distribution list. It’s that simple! Once set up, you can receive the Church Sunday Bulletin the Friday before as well as any other electronic communications.

HOWEVER: If you unsubscribe for any reason, your email address IS removed and you will need to RESUBSCRIBE through the Church office.

BOOKSTORE: Visit our parish bookstore for a wide selection of icons, prayer books, prayer ropes, children’s books, Orthodox Study bible, Καρβουνάκια/kourvounakia/censer charcoal and more! Contact Maria at bookstore@stnicolastroy.org or 248-362-9575. The bookstore opens immediately after and not during Divine Liturgy until 12:30 p.m. to shop. Thank you for supporting our church bookstore.

BIBLE & BOOK STUDIES: Our studies are back in session. Please see flyers in the back of this bulletin for details.

YAL: The St. Nicholas Young Adults League (YAL) will be making COVID kits on Saturday, February 13 for distribution to church members after liturgy on February 14! If you or someone you know may be interested in joining the group or coming to help make kits, please reach out to Fotini Michalakis or Nicole Souphis at YAL@StNicholasTroy.org.

OPA DANCING 2021.....As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, we are cautiously optimistic about moving forward with hope and safety that we will be able to have OPA Dancing 2021, not sure what the format will be, but working on a backup plan should our circumstances need to change. Please stay tuned in the next few weeks for more details...

OFFICE: Office will be closed on Monday January 18. In case of emergency, please contact Fr. Paul at: 248-525-0711.

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2021 - 2022 Parish Council

St. Nicholas wishes to thank the following individuals for their stewardship to become part of the 2021-2022 Parish Council. Since there were less than the maximum of 25 names submitted, as per our parish bylaws, there is no need for an election.

Pending as person parish by-laws ratification by His Eminence, and an oath of office in January 2021, the 2021-2022 Council will consist of the following 18 people:

Katina Cloutier
Karen Cosmos
Patrick Crosson
Kaethe Economos
Nick Feles
Paula Kalevas
Kessie Kaltsounis
Nick Kaltsounis
Stephen Karniotis
Steve Katsaros
Mary Lafter
George Manolias
Pete Michalakis
Guss Pappas
Ted Souphis
Maria Spounias
Ray Tonelli
Dr. Gregory Zotos

WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:
Please remember to submit weekly bulletin items for the following Sunday. Please email requests to: office@stnicholastroy.org by Tuesday, January 19 for the following Sunday January 24 bulletin and Eblast.

ECHO DEADLINE:
Please have all ECHO items submitted NO LATER than the 10th of every month. Please send information to Maggie at echo@stnicholastroy.org in the subject please type ECHO ITEMS. Please make sure all submissions have been spell-checked and grammar-checked before submitting to the parish office. For any other information please contact the office: Office@stnicholastroy.org

AHEPA SCHOLARSHIP
Applications for graduating high school seniors and university level (sophomore through professional graduate school) are available online at www.ahepadistrict10.org and then select Educational Foundation. The AHEPA Scholarship deadline is April 1, 2021.

Anyone who needs assistance please call Milton Gust at 248-689-4156.
SMALL ENTRANCE  
(WITH THE BOOK OF THE HOLY GOSPELS)  

Come, let us worship and bow before Christ. Save us, O Son of God who rose from the dead, as we sing to You: Alleluia.

APOLYTIKIA

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrhbearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Imitating the manners of Elijah the Zealot, and following the straight paths of John the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you colonized the desert, and you supported the Empire by your prayers. Therefore, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

A standard of firm belief and an icon of gentleness, of self-control an instructor, you were revealed to your sacred flock, by the reality of your deeds, for this reason you acquired, by humility, heaven’s heights, and by poverty riches, Father and Great Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God, to sanctify and save our souls.

KONTAKION

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.
Η ΜΙΚΡΑ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΣ

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν και προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σει, Αλληλούια.

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ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΑ

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέῳξας τῷ Λῃστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τοὺς Μυροφόρους τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττεις ἐπέταξας: ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα έλεος.

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἠλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ὑπενομένου, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἑπόνομος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῇ ποίμνῃ σου καταφυγής, καὶ τὴν ὁμολογίαν ἐφάνης οἰκιστής, καὶ τὴν ικάνην ἔσπασας εὐχαῖς σου διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποίμνῃ σου, ἦν ἄρα κατὰ τὸν τρόπον τὴν ἀλήθειαν τῆς ἐρήμου γεγονὼς, διὰ τοῦτο τούτῳ τῇ ἑαυτῷ ὑποβάλοντος τῇ ἀθωσίᾳ, δι᾽ αὐτὸν καὶ ἀγαπητῷ Βασίλειῳ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ

Ὅς μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγίασας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ γεώργια τοῦ Συμεών εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφήτησας καὶ νῦν ἐσώσας ἡμᾶς Χριστῷ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ’ εἰρήνησον ἐν πολέμῳ τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κρατάωσον Βασιλέας ὑμῶν ἡγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλανθρώπος.
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. 

Verse: What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has given me?

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:17-21

Τίμιος ἐναντίον Κυρίου ὁ θάνατος τῶν ὁσίων αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. Τί ἀνταποδώσωμεν τῷ Κυρίῳ περὶ πάντων, ὧν ἀνταπέδωκεν ἡμῖν;

Αδελφοί, πείθεσθε τοῖς ἡγουμένοις ὑμῶν, καὶ ὑπείκετε: αὐτοὶ γὰρ ἁγγειοποιοῦσιν ύπέρ τῶν ψυχῶν ὑμῶν, ὡς λόγον ἀποδόσοντες· ἵνα μετὰ χαρᾶς τοῦτο ποιῶσιν, καὶ μὴ στενάζοντες· ἀλυσιτελὲς γὰρ ὑμῖν τοῦτο. Προσευχήσθε περὶ ἡμῶν· πεποίθησαν γὰρ ὅτι καλὴν συνείδησιν ἔχομεν, ἐν πάσιν καλὸς θέλοντες ἀναστρέφεσθαι. Περισσότερος δὲ παρακαλῶ τοῦτο ποιῆσαι, ἵνα τάχυν ἀποκατασταθῶ ὑμῖν. Ο δὲ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης, ὁ ἀναγαγὼν τὸν Χριστόν ἐκ νεκρῶν τὸν μέγαν ἐν αἵματι διαθήκης αἰωνίου, ἀναστήσει τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν, καταρτίσει ἡμᾶς ἐν παντὶ ἐργῷ ἑγαθὸν εἰς τὸ ποιῆσαι τὸ θέλημα αὐτοῦ, ποιῶν ἐν ὑμῖν τὸ εὐάρεστον ἐνότητον αὐτοῦ, διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· ὥς ὁ δέξα εἰς τοὺς αἰώνες τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Ἑβραίους 13:17-21
How can I attend church on in person?

- Once you arrive at church, we will have mini health stations led by licensed health care professionals to scan your temperature and ask you a few COVID health questions.
- Wearing a mask in church is MANDATORY (except for medical reasons, i.e. COPD which then must be accompanied by a note from a licensed healthcare provider, MD/DD, NP, PA).
- Please try and arrive promptly by 8:30/3/4 to limit disruptions to the Liturgy.

What will church look like when I arrive?

- Once you arrive at church and pass the COVID-19 mini health assessment, you will proceed to the Narthex.
  - Central trays will be provided in the Narthex for your candles and offering, as no basket will be passed in church.
  - Please light your candle, Venerate the icon, please do not kiss the icons.
  - Our ushers will guide you to a designating seating area based on our social distancing policies and the number of members in your family.
- Please follow posted entry points, aisles, and designated seating areas.
- Please do not alter or remove any of the social distancing material in the pews or aisles.

How will my family be seated at church?

- A family unit can be seated together if they have been quarantining together. Special care must be made to ensure that the family is 6 feet from other parishioners.
- Please follow the guidance of our ushers so we adhere to the social distancing guidelines.

Can I receive communion?

- Father Paul and Father Michael will provide direction on how communion will be distributed following guidelines offered by His Eminence and Archbishop.
- Communion will start at the back of the church and proceed forward. Please follow the direction of our ushers so that the church maintains social distancing and safety for our parishioners.

What happens after divine Liturgy?

- Antidrom will be blessed by Our Priests and distributed via plastic bags in the aisles. This is to prevent congregating around the Priests during distribution.
- Please do not kiss Father Paul or Father Michael's hand.
- Upon exiting the Nave, please exit the church immediately; do not congregate in the Narthex. Please keep your mask on until you fully exit the church building.
- Upon exiting, please follow the directions of our ushers maintaining proper social distancing guidelines while respectfully exiting church.

For those of you in attendance, you acknowledge that while the Church has taken the necessary safety measures, we cannot guarantee the safety of everyone present.

November 13th, 2020

Gospel Reading

12th Sunday of Luke


At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when He saw that He was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Luke 17:12-19

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσερχομένου αὐτοῦ εἰς τινά κώμην ἄνδρες, οἳ ἦσαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ ἦσαν φονεῖς λέγοντες: Ἰησοῦ ἐλέησαρ, ἐλέησαν ἡμᾶς. καὶ ἵδην ἐπείδη ἐκαθαρίσθησαν, οὐκ ἦσαν ἅπας ἔξω τῆς ἱερείας, καὶ ἤγαγεν ἐν τῷ ἅγιον οὗτος ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἰς δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν, ἵδην ἤπεθε, ὑπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν, καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ εὐχαριστοῦν αὐτῷ καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν Σαμαρείτης. ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ: ἐὰν δὲ ἐκαθαρίσθησαν οὐχ ἦσαν ἡμῖν ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οὐδὲ ἐξ ἐννέα παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐπείδης ἐρώτησαν δοῦναι δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἄλλος ὁ ἄλλος ἄναστας παρεῖν; η πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε.

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