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Ven. Anthony of the Caves, Founder of Monasticism

4th Sunday after Pentecost, July 10th

Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice. Let the earth be glad. For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion *(St. Anthony)*

Having left the turmoil of the world, thou didst renounce the world to follow Christ in accordance with the gospel. Living a life equal to the angels, thou didst reach the quiet haven of the Holy Mountain of Athos. With the blessing of the Athonite fathers, thou didst come to the hills of Kiev, where thou didst labor with love and didst illumine thy hometown. There thou leddest a multitude of monastics to Christ, showing them the path that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven. Venerable Anthony, pray to him that our souls may be saved.

Troparion to Saint George: You were bound for Glory to the Father....

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

On this day thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults, as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs, they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of thy power.

Tone 8 Kontakion *(St. Anthony)*

Having loved God above all from thy childhood, O ven'erable one, thou didst surrender thyself to him and follow him with all thy soul. Despising the material things of this world, thou didst make a cave in the earth, where thou didst fight the good fight against the invisible enemy. Like a brilliant sun thou didst illumine all the ends of the earth, and with rejoicing thou didst pass into the heavenly chambers. Now, as thou dost stand with the angels before the throne of the master, remember us who honor thy memory as we cry out to thee: Rejoice, our Fa-ther Anthony.

Kontakion Saint George: God raised you....Now and ever....

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises. *(Ps. 46:6)*

V. Clap your hands, all peoples. Shout to God with loud songs of joy. (Ps. 46:1)

V. Precious, in the sight of the Lord, is the death of his saints. (Ps. 115:6)

Epistle (93) Romans 6:18-23

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. In thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame. (Ps. 30:1a)

V. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me. (Ps. 30:2b)

V. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments. (Ps. 111:1)

Gospel : (25) Matthew 8:5-13

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. (Ps. 148:1)

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (Ps. 111:6)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

WHO WAS SAINT ANTHONY OF KIEV?

Fr. Alexander

This saint is not to be confused with St. Antony of Egypt whose name he had taken. He was born in the 10th century, became a monk at Mount Athos in Greece, and at the age of 28 (1011) was sent to his homeland (the Ukraine) to establish a similar monastic life.

We often imagine that a monk's life is easy and serene; but this was far from true. After the death of the Great Prince Vladimir in 1015, two heirs fought each other for the throne. The Saint returned to Mount Athos for safety. As soon as it was possible for him to be back in Russia, the abbot sent him again to Kiev. New bouts of unrest compelled him to leave, again and again. He was even suspected of conspiracy.

The Saint lived in a narrow cave, survived on rye and water, and died in 1073 having left a Greek legacy of austerity in the monastic life of Russia. He is known as *The Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Caves*.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST

On Aug 20th at 6:30 p.m.

The movie *Man of God* will follow immediately after the Orthodox study. We ask that everyone over 16 contribute \$5.00 for admission, to support our children's fund. Refreshments also will be served, for a donation. Once again, all proceeds will go to the youth fund for summer camp and other activities.

On Aug 27th at 10 a.m.

St. George Maintenance Day: Those willing to participate, please give your name to anyone on the parish council. The team will paint and clean the Sunday-school room. Lunch will be served. Donations for supplies will be appreciated.