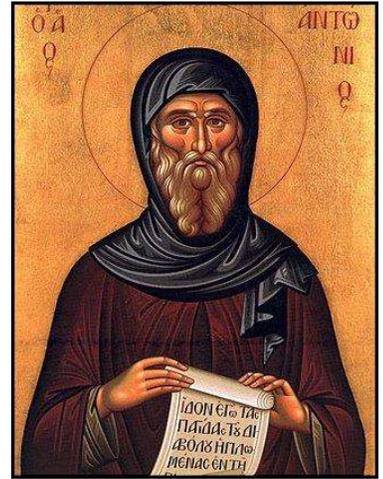


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A Homily On the Necessity of Re-iteration

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“Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth” (II Pet. 1:12).

A ploughman ploughs a field. Does he not repeat the same action again and again? How else would the field be tilled, if he did not repeat his action from dawn to dusk, deepening furrow after furrow?

A traveler goes along a road. Does he not, every moment, renew the same action, the same effort? How else would his journey pass and his destination be reached?

A carpenter cuts planks in his workshop. Does he not repeat the same action for every plank? How else would he prepare the required number of planks? My brethren, is not everything that we do on a practical level a series of repetitions? Let not the preacher of truth grow weary and say: I have told them, and will not repeat it! Let not the hearer of truth grow proud and say: I have heard that once, and dont need to hear it again.



O teacher of the truth, do not be afraid of repeating again and again; of teaching by repetition and reminding by repetition. Without repetition, the field is not ploughed nor the road travelled, nor the plank prepared. That is your task: to plough, to lead, to prepare.

O hearer of the truth, do not grow proud and say that you have heard the truth once. Truth

is food for the soul. You have eaten bread today, and yesterday and the day before, month by month and year by year. And you will go on eating it, to strengthen your body.

Feed your soul as well. Feed it with truth; with the same truth yesterday and today and tomorrow and for the rest of your life, that your soul may become whole and filled with light.

O Lord Jesus, feed us every day and every hour with Thy truth—with Thyself, O Jesus, Thou sweet food! To Thee be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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Antiochian Women Prayer

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
O Christ our God, we are all pledged to serve Thee with our whole being. Help us to continue to work for Thee through our Church without seeking praise, without seeking personal gain, without judging others, without a feeling that we have worked hard enough and now must allow ourselves rest. Give us strength to do what is right and help us to go on striving and to remember that activities are not the main thing in life. The most important thing is to have our hearts directed and attuned to Thee. Amen.

The first Tuesday of every month, early in the evening, a small group of women stand in the Church hall and recite this prayer. We are about seven or eight women who represent the core group of St. Anthony's Ladies Group, MAM. *(Short for Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus pictured in the icon below.)*

As I scan our agenda and briefly think of each item listed, I look around the table and realize these women are more than a means to an end. They are more than endless worker bees, more than my sisters in Christ. This small group of women have become my backbone, my cheerleaders, my teachers, my partners in crime. There is not one woman at the table I would not call at three o'clock in the morning and simply say, help.

Sure we talk too much, have too many things to do and some of our meetings are too long, however, I can tell you by experience, the payoff is so much greater than the two hours I give up one evening a month. Won't you join us and learn for yourself that being a part of this amazing group of women will overflow your heart with Christ's love.



MAM Ladies Society

Pool Party & Lunch

(you don't have swim)

at the home of Teresa Yniguez

Saturday, September 15th

11:30a – 3:00p



Youth Events



TEEN SOYO VS PARISH COUNCIL KICKBALL GAME!

On Sunday, September 30th after Liturgy, we will have a friendly game of kickball between Teen SOYO and the Parish Council. Bring a lawn chair and come cheer on your favorite team!

ALTAR SERVERS

Thank you to everyone who participated in Altar Server Training! Make sure to check the schedule and be ready to serve on Sundays.



12TH ANNUAL DOWAMA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Annual Diocese Fall Retreat is October 5th-7th at St. Elijah in Oklahoma City. If your teen plans to attend, registered while space is available!

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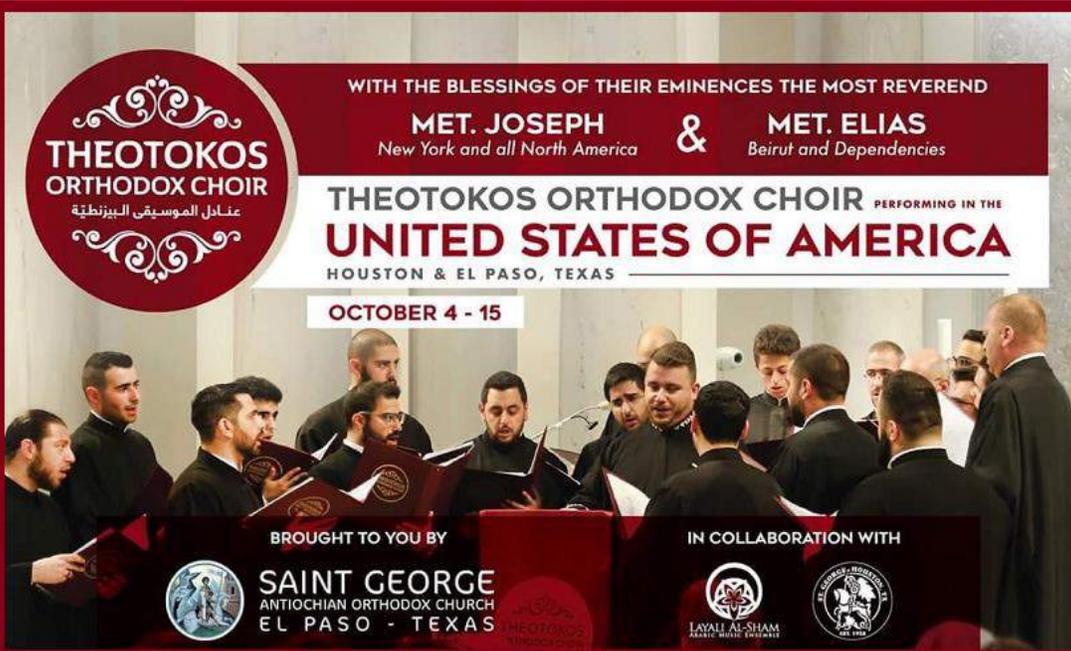
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The Theotokos Orthodox Choir is a group of young people from Lebanon who will be visiting the United States to offer hymns of praise in traditional Byzantine chant. It's an event you won't want to miss! Tickets are available for purchase ~ \$25

Sunday, October 7th