

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We will return to our post-Coffee Hour classes today!*

*Stick around and join in !*

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sat. July 29	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. July 30	8am	Divine Liturgy
Sat. Aug. 5	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Aug. 6	8 am	Divine Liturgy
Tues. Aug. 8	6:30 pm	ASONA Movie Night
Sat. Aug. 12	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Aug. 13	8 am	Divine Liturgy
Mon. Aug. 14	DORMITION FAST BEGINS	
Sat. Aug. 19	10 am	Transfiguration Liturgy
	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Aug. 20	8 am	Divine Liturgy

## ASONA Movie Night

*See insert*



GREATMARTYR  
**EUPHEMIA**  
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## ASONA TEXT ALERTS

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And get on our parish text alerts list, and stay up to date via email or text alerts. Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. There is no charge for this service, but carrier message and data rates may apply.

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NORTH AMERICA  
CHURCH

SUN. JULY 23, 2023

ST. ANTHONY OF THE KIEV CAVES

TONE 6



**Prokeimenon in 6th Tone (Ps 28)**

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!  
To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

**In the 7th Tone**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

**ROMANS 15:1-7; GALATIANS 5:22-6:2**

**B**rethren, we then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

**Brethren**, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.+

**Alleluia in the 6th Tone (Ps 91)**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.

**In the 6th tone**

Blessed is the man that fears the Lord; who greatly delights in His commandments!

**GOSPEL: MATT. 9:27-35; MATT. 4:25-5:12**

**A**t that time, when Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

**I**n those days, great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.+

# ASONA Movie Night 2023

**Tues. August 8th**  
**6:30 pm** (movie starts at 7 pm)

## **Harkins Theaters Arrowhead 18**

16046 N Arrowhead Fountains Center Dr, Peoria, AZ 85382



Once again, ASONA Movie Night has returned!

We will be gathering for fun and fellowship to watch

## **THE MEG 2: The TRENCH**

Which features not 1 but 3 Megaladons AND a special appearance by

## **THE KRAKEN!**

Yes, it's basically "Megashark vs Giant Octopus" on steroids.

All are welcome. Please remember if you bring kids, this is a shark movie.

*See Fr. John if you have any questions.*



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This fall will mark the 5th anniversary for the  
GreatMartyr Euphemia Orthodox Theological Academy.

Founded in 2018, originally to provide training and education for men seeking ordination to the diaconate in the Vicariate for Palestinian/Jordanian Orthodox Christian Communities in the United States under the Patriarchate of Constantinople, the Academy now boasts students in 24 countries, and ordained graduates in multiple jurisdictions, including the Patriarchates of Jerusalem, Antioch, Alexandria, Greece, Serbia, and ROCOR.

Many of our own Arizona clergy - both deacons and priests, and some lay Bible instructors - are graduates of the GMEOTA program. Many homeschooling parents have taken courses and graduated as well. GMEOTA has courses in Old and New Testament Scripture, Church History, Canon Law, Patristics, Moral theology, Dogmatic theology, comparative theology, and more!

Classes start September 1st! Enroll now!

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# SAINTS ALIVE

*The Lives and Deeds of the Heroes of our Faith*

## ST. ANTHONY OF THE KIEV 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 excelled in humility and obedience, so that all the monks rejoiced to see his holy life. The igumen saw in Saint 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 Dnieper. 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 Saint Nikon (March 23), who tonsured Saint Theodosius of the Caves (May 3) at the monastery in the year 1032.

The virtuous life of Saint Anthony illumined the Russian land with the beauty of monasticism. Saint Anthony lovingly received those who yearned for the monastic life. After instructing them how to follow Christ, he asked Saint Nikon to tonsure them. When twelve disciples had gathered about Saint 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, Saint 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 Saint 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 Saint Anthony had no gold, he built a monastery which became the first spiritual center of Rus.

For his holiness of life, God glorified Saint 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 Saint 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 Saint Anthony, which occurred on July 10, 1073.

Through Divine Providence, the relics of Saint Anthony remain hidden.

**GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!**