

*Welcome to St. Olympia Orthodox Church,
a young and, God willing, growing community of worshippers.*

*Our priest is Fr. Paul Fedoroff, Priest-in-Charge.
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*Please join us for prayer and fellowship.***

Saint Anthony the Great, Father of Monasticism January 17

You imitated the ways of zealous Elijah, and followed the straight path of John the Baptist. You became a desert dweller and strengthened the world by your prayers. Father Anthony, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

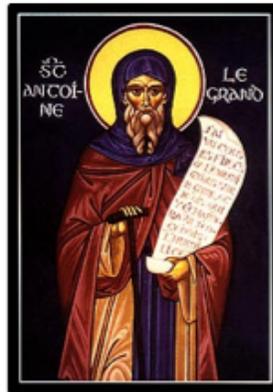
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Upcoming Services:
At the Norwood Church
January 17, 24
Hours: 9:10am
Divine Liturgy: 9:30am
January 16, 23
Vespers: 5pm

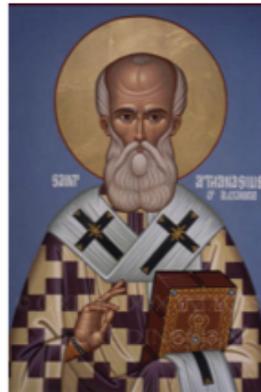
Confessions: Saturday after Vespers, Sunday before Liturgy, otherwise by appointment.

Coffee after Liturgy! **Social Distancing guidelines must be observed.

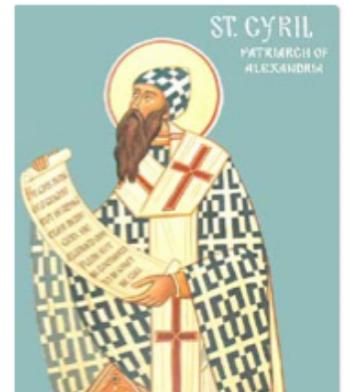
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St Anthony



St Athanasius



St Cyril

Saints Athanasius and Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria January 18

Saints Athanasius and Cyril were Archbishops of Alexandria. These wise teachers of truth and defenders of Christ's Church share a joint Feast in recognition of their dogmatic writings that affirm the truth of the Orthodox Faith, correctly interpret the Holy Scripture, and censure the delusions of the heretics.

St Athanasius took part in the First Ecumenical Council when he was still a deacon. He surpassed everyone there in his zeal to uphold the teaching that Christ is consubstantial (homoousios) with the Father, and not merely a creature, as the Arians proclaimed.

St Cyril presided at the Third Ecumenical Council in 431, which censured the Nestorian blasphemy against the Most Holy Theotokos. His wise words demonstrated the error of their false doctrine.

From Father Paul,

The following is a quote attributed to St. Anthony the Great found in *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*. The next time we get caught up with all the troubles of the world and are left with a feeling that nothing makes any sense, we should consider these words:

When Abba Anthony thought about the depths of the judgments of God, he asked, "Lord, how is it that some die when they are young, while others drag on to extreme old age? Why are there those who are poor and those who are rich? Why do wicked men prosper and why are the just in need?" He heard a voice answering him, "Anthony, keep your attention on yourself; these things are according to the judgment of God, and it is not to your advantage to know anything about them."

Last Sunday's Great Blessing of the Waters **Grasse River, Canton, NY** ***Photos by Matushka Jessica***



Pledge Form Reminder!

We like to think of the Church as having one foot on Earth and the other in Heaven. Well, the Parish Council is currently working on the Earth portion. We are in the process of putting together the 2021 budget and we need your help. Please fill out and return the pledge forms for 2021. I know it is difficult at this time in the world to plan ahead much at all, but there is a whole year ahead of us and we must expect things to get better as time goes on. We are doing a good job staying afloat during this pandemic but soon enough it will be full steam ahead. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this otherworldly responsibility.

In Christ,
Fr. Paul