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## ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



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- Deacon Peter Homik
- Subdeacon Theodore Lentz  
Sacristan
- Reader Julius Kovach -  
Ecclesiarch & Choirmaster

### Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

July 9, 2006

4th Sunday After Pentecost

July 10 Venerable Anthony  
of the Caves in Kiev

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 particularly excelled in humility and obedience, so that all the monks rejoiced to see his holy life.

The igumen saw in St 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."



## Prayer Requests

### Departed:




Janet Franks  
Barbara Boris

### Ill-afflicted:

Archpriest Pavel Soucek  
Deacon Peter Homik  
Helen Baldner  
Mary Marhefka  
Eva Dudich  
John Clements  
John Conrad  
Alex Dobay  
Eileen Eschuk  
Henry & Julia Grabowski  
Mary Ann Mishko  
John & Ann Shuleva  
Jan Tkacz  
Jeanne Twitchell  
Alexander Kuzminec  
Billy J Spurlock  
James Sheehan  
Julia Zimmerman  
Karen Felon

Michelle & Kiplan Frampton  
& Unborn Child

## Upcoming Events

-  August 20, 2006 - Parish Picnic
-  September 9-10, 2006 St. Theodosius Feast Day and 110th Parish Anniversary Banquet on September 10, 2006
-  September 16-17 - Tremont Arts Festival in Lincoln Park

## Deanery-Wide Golf Outing

**Saturday July 22, 2006 - 1:00 PM**

**18 Holes \$50**

**9 Hole "Best Ball" \$35**

**Contact Leon Sheean**

**216 371 1173**

Fr. John will be on Vacation from July 3-12. If you have need of a priest during that time please contact:

♦ Fr. John Memorich @ 440-526-5192 (St. Michael's),  
216 524 9795 (home or

♦ Dn. Peter Homik @ 330-467-9419 or

♦ Frank Tkacz @ 216351-1011

## Parish Council News

 The next Parish Council Meeting is September 21, 2006 @ Ridge Manor. Any parish member is welcome.

## Coffee Hour & Greeters Schedules

### Coffee Hour Hosts:

7/2  
7/9  
7/16  
7/23  
7/30  
8/6  
8/13

### Greeters:

Debbie Pinta  
Paul Pangrce  
Steve & Eileen Bondor  
Debbie Pinta  
Mike Tabeling  
Linda Smotzer  
Steve & Eileen Bondor

## 2006 Dues

**\$250.00 per**

**Adult member**

**(18 and older)**

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 Dniepr. 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 St Nikon (March 23), who tonsured St Theodosius of the Caves (May 3) at the monastery in the year 1032.

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

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

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

# Weekly Schedule

## **Sunday July 9**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

## **Monday July 10**

## **Tuesday July 11**

## **Wednesday July 12**

## **Thursday July 13**

## **Friday July 14**

## **Saturday July 15**

6:00 PM Great Vespers

## **Sunday July 16**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy



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