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Sunday	Jan 17	<i>32nd Sndy aftr Pntcst / Tone 7 / Venerable Antony the Great</i>
		10:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour
Wednesday	Jan 20	<i>Eve of St Maximus the Confessor</i>
		6:30 pm Vesperal Liturgy
Saturday	Jan 23	<i>Hieromartyr Clement of Ancyra</i>
		5:30 pm Great Vespers Confession
Sunday	Jan 24	<i>33rd Sndy aftr Pntcst / Tone 8 / Ven Xenia of Rome</i>
		Readings: Col 3:4-11 Luke 18:35-43
		10:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour

STEWARDSHIP / Jan 10

Operating	\$2,346
OCA Assessments	315.00
Maintenance	25.00
IOCC	35.00
Christmas Card	10.00
Uganda	65.00
Wi-Fi	50.00
Charities	10.00

COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, Jan 21 at 6:30 pm. Please note, the new Council will be installed in the Church as our first order of business.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to all who sent BD Cards & Greetings to Fr Andrew this past week.

ALTAR LIST UPDATES

Please update your names on the Altar List as many of them have been there for a very long time.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Perry (Capitan), Sbdcn Leonard, Ted Geletka, Julian, John Clements, Sarah Crivella, Joella (LuAnn D's dghtr) Linda Peterman, Marlene Sapp (Gloria H's fmyl), our Parish Faithful, the Furman family, Marie Gaydos (Maryann S' csn), Mary Ellen (Ruth B's mom), Fred Bessel (Jean M's frnd), Ted Kisha Sr (Ted's dad), Dr Michael Soroka, suffering Christians in the Middle East.

Anniversaries: Ron & Mary Ray (1/23).b

Birthdays: Stephen Hoffacker (1/17), Miranda Ober-

hausen (1/19), Magnus Tollefson, Victoria Zasukhina (1/21), Mira Kucmanic (1/22), Ron Ray (1/23).

Expecting: John & Michelle, David & Maria, Patrick & Deanna, Jairus & Riley.

Newly Departed: William (Fr A's frnd 1/3), Jeanett Stattler (Cindy R's frnd 12/23), Robert Hollister (12/9), Archbishop David.

Sayings from St. Anthony the Great

To say that God turns away from the sinful is like saying that the sun hides itself from the blind.

Abba Anthony said to Abba Poimen that this is the great work of man: always to reproach himself for his own faults before God, and expect temptation until the last breath.

No one can enter the Kingdom of Heaven untempted. He said, Remove the temptations, and no one would be saved.

He also said that from our neighbor is life and death. For if we gain a brother, we gain God. And if we scandalize a brother, we have sinned against Christ.

A brother said to Abba Anthony, Pray for me. The elder said to him, I will have no mercy on you, nor will God, if you yourself do not make every effort and beseech God.

God does not send the same wars upon this generation as upon the ancients for he knows that they are weak and cannot bear them.

The time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will rise up against him, saying that you are mad, because you are not like us.

Some Goals for the New Year

1. Be always with Christ.
2. Pray as you can, not as you want.
3. Have a keepable rule of prayer that you do by discipline.
4. Say the Lord's Prayer several times a day.
5. Have a short prayer that you constantly repeat when your mind is not occupied with other things.
6. Make some prostrations when you pray.
7. Eat good foods in moderation.
8. Keep the Church's fasting rules.
9. Spend some time in silence every day.
10. Do acts of mercy in secret.
11. Go to liturgical services regularly.
12. Go to confession and communion regularly.
13. Do not engage intrusive thoughts and feelings. Cut them off at the start.
14. Reveal all your thoughts and feelings regularly to a trusted person.
15. Read the scriptures regularly.
16. Read good books a little at a time.
17. Cultivate communion with the saints.
18. Be an ordinary person.
19. Be polite with everyone.
20. Maintain cleanliness and order in your home.
21. Have a healthy, wholesome hobby.
22. Exercise regularly.
23. Live a day, and a part of a day, at a time.
24. Be totally honest, first of all, with yourself.
25. Be faithful in little things.
26. Do your work, and then forget it.
27. Do the most difficult and painful things first.
28. Face reality.
29. Be grateful in all things.
30. Be cheerful.
31. Be simple, hidden, quiet and small.
32. Never bring attention to yourself.
33. Listen when people talk to you.
34. Be awake and be attentive.
35. Think and talk about things no more than necessary.
36. Speak simply, clearly, firmly and directly.
37. Flee imagination, analysis, figuring things out.
38. Flee carnal, sexual things at their first appearance.
39. Don't complain, mumble, murmur or whine.
40. Don't compare yourself with anyone.
41. Don't seek or expect praise or pity from anyone.
42. We don't judge anyone for anything.
43. Don't try to convince anyone of anything.
44. Don't defend or justify yourself.
45. Be defined and bound by God alone.
46. Accept criticism gratefully but test it critically.
47. Give advice to others only when asked or obligated to do so.
48. Do nothing for anyone that they can and should do for themselves.
49. Have a daily schedule of activities, avoiding whim and caprice.
50. Be merciful with yourself and with others.
51. Have no expectations except to be fiercely tempted to your last breath.
52. Focus exclusively on God and light, not on sin and darkness.
53. Endure the trial of yourself and your own faults and sins peacefully, serenely, because you know that God's mercy is greater than your wretchedness.
54. When you fall, get up immediately and start over.
55. Get help when you need it, without fear and without shame.

Fr Thomas Hopko fell asleep in the Lord on March 18, 2015. Among his many writings, Fr. Tom compiled this simple but powerful set of spiritual maxims that "a believer, very simply put, would do if they really were obedient to God and wanted to live in the way that God would have us live."