



## SAINT ANTHONY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Come celebrate our spiritual patron, Anthony the Great! Join us anytime you can on **Saturday, Jan. 18** (Vespers at 6PM) and **Sunday, Jan. 19** (Matins, 9AM and Liturgy, 10AM).

Our guest speaker is **Dr. Mark Mourachian**, a scholar and former professor of Early Christianity. His presentation is titled *From Symbols and Revelation to Christian Discipleship: Learning From Saint Ephrem the Syrian*.

Dr. Mourachian earned his Ph.D. in 2012 from the Early Christian Studies Program at the Catholic University of America with a dissertation on St. Ephrem the Syrian's theological anthropology and the centrality it affords to human freedom. He co-edited, with the late Father Matthew Baker, a valuable collective volume entitled *What Is the Bible? The Patristic Doctrine of Scripture* (Fortress Press, 2014). After teaching for six years at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Dr. Mourachian now lives with his wonderful family in Cranberry, PA, as part of a community of families intent of cultivating Christian discipleship in the midst everyday family life.

This will also be a day of feasting! Our parish feast also features a spectacular chili cook-off, with many, many types of chilis: hot, mild, with beans, no beans, vegan, Texas style, Chicago Style, Cincinnati Chili, German Chili (with sauerkraut!). Don't worry if you are vegetarian, there will be meatless options. Trust us, you won't regret this.

Since we are celebrating Saint Anthony the Great, "the father of monks," we will take a special collection to assist the nuns at the Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City. Please be generous to these followers of Saint Anthony, who remember us always in their prayers before God.