

**July 10**

**Our Venerable Father Anthony of the Monastery of the Caves in Kiev**

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**GREAT VESPERS**

***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion, Tone 4:* Leaving behind worldly tumult,\* O Venerable Father Anthony,\* in keeping with the gospel you turned your back on the world,\* and leading a life equal to that of angels you attained to the calm haven of Mount Athos\* from whence you came to the Mount of Kiev\* with the Fathers' blessing\* and living there an arduous life you enlightened your fatherland,\* pointing the way into the Kingdom on high to a multitude of monks and nuns\* and thus you lead your homeland to Christ.\* Pray to Him that He save our souls.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Kontakion, Tone 8:* Cleaving to God,\* whom you loved from your childhood above all else,\* you followed Him lovingly with your whole heart,\* O Father Anthony.\* Scorning this passing world as a trifle\* you made your dwelling a cave in the earth.\* There you fought well against the unseen enemy's snares\* and shone like the sun to the ends of the earth.\* From whence you passed joyfully to heaven's mansions\* and stand now with angels at the Master's throne.\* There we ask you to remember those who feast your memory\* that we may cry to you: Rejoice, O Anthony, our Father.

***Prokeimenon, Tone 7***

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones.

*verse:* What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has rendered to me? (Psalm 115:15,12)

***Epistle*** Galatians 5:22-6:2

***Alleluia, Tone 6***

*verse:* Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

*verse:* His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth. (Psalm 111:1,2)

***Gospel*** Luke 6:17-23

***Communion Hymn***

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;\* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (Psalm 111:6)