

St Anthony's Greek Orthodox Monastery

An Oasis in the Desert

In the summer of 1995, six monks came to the barren desert of southern Arizona and began working to establish St Anthony's monastery, carrying with them the sacred, millennial heritage of Athos, the Holy Mountain, in northeastern Greece.



Mount Athos

Elder Ephraim, a disciple of St Joseph the Hesychast, having restored and repopulated four monasteries on Mount Athos and having established several men's and women's monastic communities throughout Greece and North America, transferred six Athonite monks to the Sonoran Desert to build a new monastic foundation dedicated to St Anthony the Great, the renowned third century anchorite and father of monasticism.

Chapels consecrated to Saints Seraphim of Sarov, Demetrios of Thessalonica, John the Baptist, George the Great Martyr, Nicholas the Wonderworker, and Panteleimon the Healer have since been built in addition to the main church dedicated to Saints Anthony and Nectarios the Wonderworker. An elaborate system of gardens, pathways, gazebos, and Spanish fountains grace the monastery's extensive grounds.



St Anthony's

St Anthony's is a place of prayer, repentance, and redemption for those leading a monastic life as well as for pious pilgrims who come seeking a haven of sanctity and tranquility far from the distractions and discord of everyday life. Its spiritual, ecological, and architectural beauty renders it a true oasis in the desert.