

Belong Believe Become at Saint Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church

An Oasis on the Way

In the Spring of 2023, Canon Holly invited George Susich, of Susich Design Co. of Phoenix, to our beautiful campus at the corner of N. 130th St and E Shea Blvd. She told him to just look for the bell tower and he wouldn't miss it. They walked about the campus, spending time together in each of the buildings, beginning with our original worship space (in what now gathers people for community-building events, music and the arts, faith formation and partnering with different organizations with whom we share our space).

They then spent time in our office suite, where our staff meets with parishioners throughout the week, and also the facilities that currently house the Mission Montessori Academy. It was a beautiful day to walk the grounds of our courtyard and the Inspire Labyrinth. They prayed and talked and laughed in our hallowed sanctuary and The Chapel of Saint Luke the Physician. When George left Saint Anthony, he took with him hundreds of photographs and the peace of God which passes all understanding. Thus began our journey of walking side by side toward what God is renewing here at our "oasis on the way."

After months of time spent in conversation and prayer with vestry and staff, we welcome you to share Saint Anthony on the Desert with family, friends and neighbors.

Saint Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church stands amidst the golden sands and endless horizons of the desert of Northeast Scottsdale. At the core of our new logo is the color palette that paints a vivid picture of the desert oasis. Its serene, refreshing tone is evocative of the calm of desert waters and the azure skies that stretch endlessly overhead.



Above all, our new logo bears the silhouette of the mission-style roofline of our magnificent bell tower. This is an outward and visible sign that embodies our steadfast presence in the desert. The lines and angles reaching for the heavens serves as a testament to our faith community's unwavering beliefs, as followers of Jesus, and our commitment to be a beacon of hope in this arid land.

Beneath the bell tower, a cross emerges, that is the sacred symbol found on the front of the altar in The Chapel of Saint Luke the Physician. This cross is a symbol of healing, compassion and faith—a legacy of Saint Luke's dedication to caring for the sick and the broken. Its presence beneath the bell tower conveys the message that, just as Saint Luke was a guiding light of healing in his time, so is Saint Anthony on the Desert a place of solace, nurturing the spiritual well-being of all who seek refuge both on her campus and with her people.

As the logo mirrors our identity, it appears as though the bell tower is embracing the cross, reaching out to protect and guide all who look upon it. This union symbolizes the church's mission to be an "oasis on the way"—a spiritual sanctuary—and a place where faith and healing intertwine and where the waters of grace flow freely.

The story our logo shares is one of enduring faith, resilience in the face of the desert's challenges and a commitment to be a source of healing and guidance for all who cross our path. Our logo reminds us that Saint Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church is called to be a sanctuary of hope, a haven of faith, and a beacon of light in the vast desert landscape.

