



ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

*Events To Note -
Sunday, March 13, 2022*

Today, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the first Sunday of Great Lent, commemorates the restoration of icons and their veneration.

Lenten Services this week:

Monday, March 14	Great Compline	7PM
Wednesday, March 16	Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy	6:30PM
Friday, March 18	Second Salutations to the Theotokos/ Akathist Hymn	7PM
Saturday, March 19	Saturday of Souls-Divine Liturgy	10AM
Sunday, March 20	Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas/Matins Divine Liturgy	9AM 10AM

****The entire Lenten Schedule is available in the Narthex.***

- 1. According to the CDC guidelines, it is optional for individuals wear a mask in all indoor public areas, such as St. Anthony Church.**
- 2. Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be celebrated TODAY at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 285 French Hill Road, Wayne, NJ at 5PM.** His Grace Bishop Alexis of Bethesda (OCA) will be the main celebrant with local clergy from all jurisdictions. Spirit of Orthodoxy Festival Choir will sing responses. Refreshments will follow. All local Orthodox clergy and laity are invited.
- 3. Forms for those to be remembered on March 19th, Saturday of the Souls, are in the Narthex.** Please put them in the tray or return them to Deacon Peter Boulukos.
- 4. Our sister church, St. Stephen Antiochian Church, 609 Lane Ave., South Plainfield, will be hosting a Lenten Retreat next Saturday, March 19th: *Living A Christian Life Today And Accepting All Of Its Challenges Especially As It Pertains To Our Youth.*** Guest speaker is V. Rev. Fr. Charles Baz. Contact Carmen Elsabee (relsabee@hotmail.com or 732-548-4947) or Rosemary Kattas (rkattas@optonline.net or 973-270-0256).
- 5. Are you a guru of Matthew's Gospel? Test your knowledge TODAY during our coffee hour 10-minute Mini Bible Bowl Contest every Sunday during Great Lent beginning TODAY.** Teen and adult team contestants are needed! For more information, contact Nick Nagorny (nicholas.a.nagorny@usdoj.gov) (973-953-0360).
- 6. The Women's Guild is sponsoring a Lenten learning series, open to all parishioners in-person or via Zoom, led Amy Abdallah TOMORROW, at 7:45PM.** This session will investigate stories of often mis-understood saints, Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany, and Martha of Bethany. The second session, focusing on our female saints, will be held on Monday, March 28th. Zoom link: <https://nyack.zoom.us/j/92404996482?pwd=S2tNSDlCRi90ZU9hc3pKa2F0akpkdz09> Meeting ID: 924 0499 6482 Passcode: 702485

7. **Every Thursday night at 8PM during Great Lent, there will be a Bible Study Session** about the Gospel of St. Matthew led by Catechist and Church Librarian Subdeacon Nicholas Nagorny. ***The Zoom link is (791-477-4689).***

8. **Monday, March 21st - The Man of God, the Life of Saint Nectarios will be shown at over 800 movie theaters.** Buy tickets at a theater closest to you or join a Lenten Movie Night and Prayer service at St. Nectarios' Relics/pre-movie talk/Lenten Supper 5PM at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 818 Valley Road, Clifton at 5PM. Movie at Cinemark Theater Willowbrook Mall, Wayne, NJ, at 7PM. Donation \$15.00 includes movie & supper. To sign up, **go to heisrisen.org**

9. **March is Women's History Month and our Women's Guild has many activities planned.** Every woman at St. Anthony's is considered a member of this organization that sponsors many philanthropic and social events. **Please return the membership form you have received, as well as consider a donation to the Bakeless Bake Sale.** Throughout March, the Women's Guild will:

- **Have a Memorial Service on Sunday, March 20th**, in remembrance of all the departed women who have served our St. Anthony community;
- **Reach out to those women of our church community** who have been unable to attend services;
- **Sponsor this year's Lenten project, the Food Drive to benefit the Center for Food Action in Englewood.** Please bring all donations to the Front and North entrances by March 27th.

10. **The Tricky Tray is scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2022.** All donations will be appreciated! Please contact Leslie Carter (**201-264-1662**) or Hanneh Kalyoussef (**201-693-2968**) to sign up for manpower for our preview night, Thursday, and event night, Friday.

11. **Breaking news - the Oratorical Festival is back and has been scheduled for Friday, July 1, 2022.** There are 2 divisions: the Junior Division comprised of 13-15 years olds and the Senior Division with 16-19 years olds. The theme this year is from the Gospel of Matthew

- And He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the Kingdom of Heaven." - Matthew 18:3

The topic, rules, signup form and other pertinent information are posted online (**www.teensoyo.org**). Contact Daria Incorvaia for more information (**deedah1964@yahoo.com**).

12. **Lent is a great time to do some reading about our faith. Visit and borrow from the Church Library downstairs a book** on saints, icons, lent, etc. St. Anthony has one of the largest church libraries in the area, including a room of children's books and Kindles to borrow. Need help, contact Church Catechist and Librarian Nick Nagorny (**nicholas.a.nagorny@usdoj.gov**).

13. **Father Michael is available by appointment for home blessings for our St. Anthony parishioners.** Please contact the church to schedule the visitation. Holy Water is also available throughout the calendar year by request.

14. **A special thank you to Jim & Nike Bach** for hosting today's coffee hour.

15. **ALL parishioners are asked to sign up to host at least ONE coffee reception a year. The NEXT open date is Sunday, March 27th.** Guidelines are on the church website and handouts are available in the coffee room. Just *put your name on the schedule posted outside the coffee room* or contact Alice Ziemba (**201-664-8068** or **aliceeziemba@yahoo.com**).

16. Do you have a new baby in your family? Is there news from a church organization to share? **Send it to our monthly church e-newsletter, The Desert News, that goes out the 1st of each month.** Send all information at least one week prior to Claudia Bogris (**cbogris@aol.com**). If you are not receiving this monthly email, please contact Nike Bach (**nike.bach@gmail.com**) or Stratos Mandalakis (**stratsuz@optonline.net**).