



ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

Events To Note -

Sunday, December 18, 2022

- *Vespers will be celebrated on Saturday, December 24th at 6:30pm and the Tableau at 7:30pm (no Liturgy).*
- *Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, December 25th.*

1. **Following the Vespers & the Nativity Tableau on Christmas Eve, the Scarpa Family will sponsor a reception for our St. Anthony family.** All parishioners are invited to come downstairs & wish each other Christmas & New Year's greetings. **A very special thank you to the Scarpa Family for hosting & bringing back this St. Anthony tradition.**

2. **Fr. Michael has been reassigned to St. Elias Church in Syracuse, NY by the Archdiocese.** Fr. Michael came to us in 2016 and became our pastor in 2019. **We will celebrate Fr. Michael & Kh. Roula's ministry at St. Anthony's on Sunday, January 8, 2023.** All are invited to a Luncheon after Liturgy to wish Fr. Michael & Kh. Roula the best in their new parish.

3. **During the month of December, Nike Bach and Lisa Fares will be in the Fellowship Hall to answer questions about using and setting up a ParishSoft Giving (PSG) account.** PSG enables parishioners to make regular, easy and safe donations to St. Anthony's. Please look for them.

4. **Holiday Greetings:**

- **Parishioners are invited to share their Christmas & Happy New Year wishes** with one another by contacting Helen Chimel by December 24th (in Church or at helenc17@verizon.net). Collected names, along with a holiday image, will be included in the January issue of *The Desert News*.
- **If you would also like to donate to Church flowers,** please give your donation to Helen or Venmo Nike Bach.

5. **Antiochian Village News:**

- **Registration for the Family Winter Camp** (January 13-16, 2023) is now open. For more information and to register, go to: avcamp.org
- **Registration for the Winter Camp for Grades 7-12** (February 17-20, 2023) is also open. For more information and to register, go to: avcamp.org

6. **The Teen SOYO and their advisors, Daria & Joe Incorvaia and Subdeacon Peter Thomsen, would like to thank all parishioners who participated in the Holiday Wreath & Garland Fundraiser.** Enjoy the beautiful wreaths, garlands and centerpieces that were purchased.

7. **A special thank you to The Order of Ignatius for sponsoring today's coffee hour.**

8. **Reminder: Church School and Teen SOYO will meet directly after Holy Communion today.** If you want to help with Church School, contact Church School Director Dana Hanna (201-396-1947).

9. **SPARKLE FOR ST. ANTHONY**, the Women's Guild holiday fundraiser, continues through the end of December. See the beautiful jewelry on the fundraiser page (<http://touchstonecrystal.com/6WPL2VWI>) or <http://www.touchstonecrystal.com/HYUKVLGK>). For questions or to place an order, contact **Hanneh Kalyoussef** (201-693-2968 or hannehsbling@gmail.com).

- **50% of the profits are donated to the Women's Guild (all orders must go through Hanneh or the party link to qualify).**

10. **Please help us combat hunger in our local community by donating canned and nonperishable food items.** For 39 years, St. Anthony's has pledged our support to help our neighbors in need through a unified effort to express our faith through helping others. **All items will be donated to the Bergenfield Food Pantry. Donations will be accepted through December 24th.** For your convenience, bins are located at both church entrances. Lists are posted in the church hall identifying the most requested items. Thank you in advance - the need is greater now than ever!

11. **Reminder: The UPCI Jesus Christ Tabernacle Church will be celebrating services on Sundays (2pm - 5pm) and on Thursdays (6:30pm - 9:00pm) in our church hall.** Please clean your tables after coffee hour.

12. **If you have any changes to your contact information** (address, phone numbers, emails, etc.), please complete forms available in the Narthex or email **Alice Ziemba** (aliceziemba@yahoo.com).

13. **The new Coffee Hour Schedule for 2023 is posted in the church hall. Signup early to commemorate those special events & members in your family.** All parishioners are asked to sign up to host at least ONE coffee reception a year, a valuable part of our parish fellowship.

- The process has been streamlined to make it easier for all parishioners to participate. The guidelines are on the church website and handouts available in the coffee room.
- Put your name on the schedule posted outside the coffee room or contact **Alice Ziemba** (201-664-8068 or aliceziemba@yahoo.com).

14. Do you have a new baby in your family? Any news from a church organization to share? **Send it 30 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).

15. **An Update to the last Church Directory printed in 2018 is available the narthex.** Included are new parishioners, as well as changes in the contact information for those who have moved, changed phone numbers, emails, etc. **Please use this list as an addendum to the Parish Directory. Send any changes in your contact information to Alice Ziemba** (aliceziemba@yahoo.com).

16. **All announcements for this *Events To Note* flyer should be submitted to Alice Ziemba** (aliceziemba@yahoo.com) no later than **Wednesday**.