



ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

Sunday, February 19, 2023

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Today, the Sunday of the Last Judgment, is the third Sunday of *The Triodion*. It is also Meat Fare Sunday, the last day meat can be eaten before Holy Pascha.

Next Sunday, February 26th, Forgiveness Sunday, the schedule of services are:

- 9am Matins
- 10am Divine Liturgy
- 12:30pm Forgiveness Vespers (after coffee hour)

Join us for a series of discussions following the 7pm Friday Salutations/Akathist services focusing on *Who is Mary?*

- March 3 - *The Nativity of the Theotokos* led by Fr. Jeremy Davis
- March 10 - *The Entrance into the Temple* led by Sdn. Josh Birdsall
- March 17 - *The Meeting in the Temple* led by Sdn. Nick Nagorny
- March 24 - *The Annunciation* led by Fr. Jeremy Davis
- April 7 - *The Dormition* led by Sdn. Nick Nagorny

Great Vespers will be celebrated beginning Saturday, March 4th at 5pm with confession to follow.

1. At the conclusion of Liturgy, there will be a special collection every Sunday throughout the month of February for the relief of those suffering as a result of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Please be generous.
2. Church School and Teen SOYO will meet today after communion.
3. **Women's Guild News:**
 - **The Women's Guild will meet TODAY during coffee hour.** Members & non-members are invited to attend the meeting in the Church Hall or in the Jabara Room, if it is available. Feel free to bring your "coffee and" to the meeting.
 - **The Women's Guild Book Night is scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2023 at 6:30pm at the home of Claudia Bogris.** The book entitled *The Day that Changed Everything* by Catherine Miller will be discussed. You may purchase the book from the Women's Guild Gift Shop.
4. **St. Anthony's Choir will have a rehearsal on Sunday, March 5th in the choir loft.** It will start approximately 15 minutes after the end of Liturgy and last for about 40 minutes. In this rehearsal, we will:
 - Revisit All of Creation Rejoices in Thee, which we sing on Sundays during Lent.
 - Add a new Cherubic Hymn to our repertoire, and more!Please make every effort to attend. If you have any questions, please call **Lindsey Birdsall (617-999-7285)**.
5. **Congratulations to the newly elected/re-elected members of the Parish Council:** Helen Chimel, Mike McMinn, Dinu Morar, Christeen Scarpa and Alice Ziemba. **Congratulations also to the new Parish Council Officers:** Chairperson Jim Vagias, Vice Chair Stephen Petrick, Secretary Christeen Scarpa, Treasurer Ed Assile and Assistant Treasurer James Tweel, Jr.

6. **The 2023 Bible Bowl will be based on The Book of Genesis.** Starting in March, Sdn. Nick Nagorny will be leading online video *Google Meet* sessions to prepare for the bowl. More information to follow.

7. **PLEASE SIGN UP TO SPONSOR A COFFEE HOUR - no one is scheduled for the next 2 Sundays.** All parishioners are asked to host at least ONE coffee reception a year, a valuable part of our parish fellowship.

- 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).**

8. **SAVE THE DATES:**

- o **Saturday, March 4,** 9am-2:30pm, Mary & Martha Retreat with guest speaker Vasiliki Tsigas-Fotinis at St. George Orthodox Church, Little Falls. Register by February 21st, at <https://forms.gle/V3BGYeqYg189NYie8>
- o **Sunday March 5th** at 4 pm, Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 76 Whitehead Ave, South River NJ. Priests of all local Orthodox jurisdictions will be participating, along with the Spirit of Orthodoxy Festal Choir. A reception will follow.
- o **March 11th,** a retreat by the V. Rev. Fr. Michael Elias, *Making Peace with God, Others, and Ourselves: The Rise of Social Media & the Healing Power of Confession* will be held at St. Stephen the Protomartyr Church in South Plainfield, NJ. from 9am-3pm, followed by Vespers. Register by March 4th with **Carmen Elsabee (732-548-4947 or relsabee@hotmail.com).**

9. **March 17-19, 2023, the Eastern Dioceses Spring Retreat will be held at the Antiochian Village** in Bolivar, PA. All are invited to attend-Teens, Young Adults & Women.

- **Keynote Speaker** is the Very Rev. Archpriest Andrew Stephen Damick - *What do Demons have to do with the Gospel? What do Angels have to do with the Gospel?*
- **For the Antiochian Women's Retreat, the Keynote speaker** is Sarah Byrne-Martelli.
- **Deadline to register is March 6th. Complimentary Friday night dinner & Sunday Brunch included in the cost of a room.**
- If you have questions, contact **Amanda Elsabee (aelsabee@gmail.com or 732-979-9929).**

10. **Registration is now open for Summer Camp sessions.** For more information and to register, go to: avcamp.org St. Anthony's has funds to help any of our children attend camp if they need it. Those interested in scholarships, please contact Fr. Jeremy or Ed Assile.

11. **The next Young At Heart meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 1pm.

12. **The parish is looking to hire a parishioner** to replace Ghazi Aboueid who has been preparing, minding and cleaning up after St. Anthony's hall rentals for many years. If you are interested, contact **John Ziemba (551-427-5148 or jzphysics@yahoo.com).**

13. **Shoprite Gift Cards are available for purchase.** For \$100, you get \$100. of gift cards and the Church earns 5%. This is a cost-free fundraiser! To purchase gift cards, **see Betty Gakos.**

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

15. Do you have a new baby in your family? Any 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).**

16. **The 2023 Church Calendars are available in the narthex.** Please help yourselves.