



ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

Sunday, February 26, 2023

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“Axios! Axios! Axios! This week the Holy Synod of Antioch elected His Eminence, the Most Reverend Metropolitan SABA as the new Metropolitan of North America. May God grant him many years!”

Today, Forgiveness Sunday, is the last Sunday before the commencement of Great Lent which begins tomorrow.

- Forgiveness Vespers will begin today at 12:30PM following coffee hour

Lenten Services this week:

Monday, February 27	Great Compline-Great Canon of Repentance	7PM
Tuesday, February 28	Great Compline-Great Canon of Repentance	7PM
Wednesday, March 1 6:00PM	9th Hour & Typika	
	Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy	
6:30PM		
Thursday, March 2	Great Compline-Great Canon of Repentance	7PM
Friday, March 3	First Salutations to the Theotokos/Akathist Hymn	7PM
	<i>Who is Mary? The Nativity of the Theotokos</i> - Fr. Jeremy Davis	
Saturday, March 4	Great Vespers with Confession to follow	5PM
Sunday, March 13	Sunday of Orthodoxy/Matins	9AM
	Divine Liturgy	10AM
	Indoor Procession with Icons	

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

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. Registration is now open for Summer Camp sessions. For more information and to register, go to: avcamp.org

- Families of AV Campers, a reminder - the **DEADLINE for Financial Assistance on the camp website is February 28th**. If you need help with camp tuition, be sure to complete the required first step, the [Financial Aid Request Form 2023](#), on the camp website (www.avcamp.org/forms)
- **St. Anthony's also 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.

4. A special **Thank You** to **Ghiath & Amy Abdallah** and **Joe & Mariana Saliba** for sponsoring today's coffee hour.

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

6. **St. Anthony's Choir will have a rehearsal NEXT 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)**.

7. **SAVE THE DATES:**

- **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>
- **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.
- **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)**.

8. **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.

- **Deadline to register is March 6th. If you have questions, contact Amanda Elsabee (aelsabee@gmail.com or 732-979-9929).**

9. **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.

10. **The new Coffee Hour Schedule for 2023 is posted in the church hall.** All parishioners are asked to sign up to host at least ONE coffee reception a year, a valuable part of our parish fellowship.

- The guidelines are on the church website & 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)**

11. **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)**.

12. **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.

13. 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)**.

14. **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)**.