



# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

*Sunday, March 12, 2023*

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Today, on the second Sunday of Great Lent, the Orthodox Church commemorates Gregory of Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica, who was acclaimed a saint in 1368 and titled *Father and Doctor of the Orthodox Church*.

**Lenten Services this week:**

Monday, March 13	Great Compline	7PM
Wednesday, March 15	9th Hour & Typika	6:00PM
	Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy	6:30PM
Friday, March 17	Third Salutations to the Theotokos/Akathist Hymn	7PM
	<i>Who is Mary? The Meeting in the Temple</i> led by Sdn. Nick Nagorny	
Saturday, March 18	Great Vespers with Confession to follow	5PM
Sunday, March 19	Veneration Of The Holy Cross/Matins	8:45AM
	Divine Liturgy	10AM

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

- 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. **Thank you to Leslie Carter for organizing the Syrian Disaster Relief Drive** and to all those who donated clothing or canned foods. Six parishes of the Antiochian Archdiocese, including St. Anthony's, filled 3 trucks with hundreds of boxes. Check out the article on the Archdiocesan website (<https://antiochian.org/regulararticle/1541>). Also, a special thank you to our sister church, Church of Christ the Saviour in Paramus, for their significant contribution to this collection.

2. **There will be a Parish Council meeting this Wednesday, March 15th, following Pre-Sanctified Liturgy.**

3. **March is Women's 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 received, as well as consider a donation to the Bakeless Bake Sale (all donations going to the earthquake victims).** March activities include:

- **Meeting TODAY** during coffee hour in the church hall (bagels being served at meeting)
- Celebrate a **Memorial Service on Sunday, March 19th**, in remembrance of all the departed women who have served our St. Anthony community
- **Host the coffee hour on March 19th**
- **Reach out & call those women of our church community** who are unable to attend church services

4. **St. Anthony's will be feeding the less fortunate at the Walk-In Dinner Program** on Tuesday, April 4th in Hackensack. Contact Betty Gakos if you would like to help prepare, serve or financially sponsor the desserts or dinner ([jbgakos@yahoo.com](mailto:jbgakos@yahoo.com)).

5. **A special *Thank You* to Aubrey & Rona Alston** for sponsoring today's coffee hour.
6. **The 20/40 Group will be making & selling high quality Easter chocolate. Orders must be in by Sunday, March 19th.** Payment, either by cash or check, is due at the time orders are placed. Pick up all orders on Sunday, April 2nd after Liturgy. If you have any questions, contact **Amanda Elsabee** ([aelsabee@gmail.com](mailto:aelsabee@gmail.com) or 732-979-9929). **Check out their table today during coffee hour.**
7. **The next Young At Heart meeting, Thursday, April 6th** at 1pm, will be held in the Jabara Room. **Fr. Jeremy Davis will speak on *Ask Abouna in the Altar*.** Members are asked to bring their own lunch.
8. **Shoprite Gift Cards are available for purchase.** For \$100, you get \$100. of gift cards & the Church earns 5%. This is a cost-free fundraiser! To purchase gift cards, **see Betty Gakos.**
9. **March 17-19, 2023, Eastern Dioceses Spring Retreat will be held at the Antiochian Village** in Bolivar, PA. All teens, young adults & women are invited. If you have questions, contact **Amanda Elsabee** ([aelsabee@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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. **2023 Parish Life Conference (June 28-July 2):**
  - **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.
  - **A prep session is scheduled on March 18th to help participants get ready for the Oratorical Festival** focusing on *The Ins & Outs of the Oratorical Festival*. Register at <http://bit.ly/3E7F8Rs> If you have questions, contact Diocesan Coordinator **Alison Deeb** ([AADEEB@optonline.net](mailto:AADEEB@optonline.net)).
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. **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](mailto:aliceziemba@yahoo.com)).
14. 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](mailto:cbogris@aol.com)). If you are not receiving this monthly email, please **contact Nike Bach** ([nike.bach@gmail.com](mailto:nike.bach@gmail.com)).
15. **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](mailto:jzphysics@yahoo.com)).
16. **An Update to the last Church Directory printed in 2018 is available in 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](mailto:aliceziemba@yahoo.com)).