



# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

*Sunday, March 26, 2023*

Fr. Jeremy Davis, Interim Pastor  
[frjeremy@antiochian.org](mailto:frjeremy@antiochian.org) (405-625-0675)

Today, the fourth Sunday of Great Lent, the Orthodox Church commemorates St. John Climacus, author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, a book often read by Orthodox Christians during Great Lent, and a proponent of Christian asceticism.

**Lenten Services this week:**

Monday, March 27	Great Compline	7PM
Wednesday, March 29	Little Compline-Complete Great Canon of Repentance	6:00PM
Thursday, March 30	9th Hour & Typika	6:00PM
	Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy	6:30PM
Friday, March 31	Complete Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos (No Discussion Scheduled)	7PM
Saturday, April 1	Great Vespers with Confession to follow	5PM
Sunday, April 2	Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt/Matins Divine Liturgy	8:45AM 10AM

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

- April 7 - *The Dormition* led by Sdn. Nick Nagorny

1. Church School and Teen SOYO will meet today after communion.
2. 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.
  - The Women's Guild is hosting a Charity Baby Shower for New Hope Pregnancy Resource Center in Westwood, NJ as our Lenten Project through April 30th. Visit our table during Coffee Hour (look for the balloons!). We're collecting unwrapped gifts for babies and toddlers, with the tags on. Cash donations are also appreciated! For more information, contact **Hanneh Kalyoussef** (201-693-2968 or [hannehsbling@gmail.com](mailto:hannehsbling@gmail.com)) or **Daria Incorvaia** (deedah1964@yahoo.com).
  - Please return your membership form, as well as consider making a donation to the Bakeless Bake Sale (all donations going to the earthquake victims).
3. Join us for Movie Night, April 1st, *The Passion of the Christ*, following 5pm Vespers. The evening is sponsored by the 20/40 Group. All are welcome, free of charge. Lenten snacks will be provided. R.S.V.P. by March 29th to **Amanda Elsabee** ([aelsabee@gmail.com](mailto:aelsabee@gmail.com)).
4. Contribute to Easter Flowers – St Anthony parishioners have participated in the tradition of contributing to the purchase of beautiful flowers to adorn the Epitaphios, for Holy Friday, and to decorate the iconostasis and altar area in anticipation of the Holy Resurrection. **If you wish to contribute, give your donation to Helen Chimel. If you would like to help decorate the Epitaphios, see Lisa Fares.** All donor names will appear in the Easter bulletin as our way of greeting each other with the Paschal Greeting "*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen.*"

5. **Parish Town Hall, Sunday, April 2, during coffee hour.** All parishioners are invited to an Open Discussion about presenting a Festival this year. **Please attend to offer ideas, ask questions, and learn more.** The Festival is expected to be financially rewarding, foster fellowship among parishioners and enable our surrounding community to know our parish. It requires work and commitment of many – both new and long-time parishioners. Please participate to share your feelings and thoughts.

6. **Upcoming Lenten activities:**

- **Saturday, April 8** – Enjoy breakfast offered by the Church School after Lazarus Saturday service (Matins at 9am, Divine Liturgy at 10am) in the Church Hall.
- **Friday, April 14, Holy Friday Vigil** - If you are interested in keeping watch at Christ's tomb following the Lamentations Service at 7pm on Holy Friday, please contact **Stephen Petrick** ([stephen\\_petrick@yahoo.com](mailto:stephen_petrick@yahoo.com)) or **Jim Bach** ([jbach1024@gmail.com](mailto:jbach1024@gmail.com)).
- **Saturday, April 15, Pascha Breakfast** after Rush and Pascha Services - Join us for the basket blessing and break the Lenten fast. Bring your favorite Paschal foods!

7. **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)).

8. **All chocolate orders from the 20/40 Group must be picked up by Sunday, April 2nd** after Liturgy. If you have any questions, contact **Amanda Elsabee** ([aelsabee@gmail.com](mailto:aelsabee@gmail.com) or 732-979-9929).

9. **A special Thank You to the Bogris Family** for sponsoring today's coffee hour.

10. **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. Light Lenten items will be provided.

11. **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.**

12. **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.

13. **2023 Parish Life Conference (June 28-July 2):**

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

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. **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 Ziembra** ([201-664-8068](tel:201-664-8068) or [aliceziembra@yahoo.com](mailto:aliceziembra@yahoo.com)).

16. 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)).