



# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

Sunday, March 5, 2023

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Today, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the First Sunday of Great Lent, saw the restoration of the icons and their veneration in 843. Ever since, this Sunday has been commemorated as the "Triumph of Orthodoxy."

### Lenten Services this week:

Monday, March 6	Great Compline	7PM
Wednesday, March 8	9th Hour & Typika	6:00PM
	Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy	6:30PM
Friday, March 10	Second Salutations to the Theotokos/Akathist Hymn	7PM
	<i>Who is Mary? The Entrance Into The Temple</i> - Sdn. Josh Birdsall	
Saturday, March 11	Great Vespers with Confession to follow	5PM
Sunday, March 12	Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas/Matins	9AM
	Divine Liturgy	10AM

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

- 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. **The Syrian Disaster Relief Drive is underway!** Donated canned goods & clothing to be sent directly to those in need in Syria. **Bring your donations when you come to the evening church services during the week or on Sunday, March 12th.** Any questions, contact **Leslie Carter** ([lesliecarter2@aol.com](mailto:lesliecarter2@aol.com) or 201-264-1662) or **Alice Ziemba** ([aliceziemba@yahoo.com](mailto:aliceziemba@yahoo.com) or 201-906-3850).

2. **TODAY at 4 pm, Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be celebrated 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.

3. **St. Anthony's Choir will have a rehearsal TODAY 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. Any questions, please call **Lindsey Birdsall (617-999-7285)**.

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 of dinner ([ibgakos@yahoo.com](mailto:ibgakos@yahoo.com)).

5. **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).

6. **March is Women's Month and our Women's Guild has many activities planned for this month.** 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 have received, as well as consider a donation to the Bakeless Bake Sale (all donations going to the earthquake victims).**

Throughout March, the Women's Guild will:

- Have a **meeting next Sunday, March 12th** during coffee hour in the church hall
- 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 able to attend church services

7. **Church School and Teen SOYO will meet today after communion.**

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

9. **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.**

10. **SAVE THE DATE:-March 11th, retreat by the V. Rev. Fr. Michael Elias** will be held at St. Stephen the Protomartyr Church in South Plainfield, NJ. from 9am-3pm, followed by Vespers. Any questions, contact **Carmen Elsabee (732-548-4947 or [relsabee@hotmail.com](mailto:relsabee@hotmail.com)).**

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

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.** 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)).**

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 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)**).

***There will be a 30-day Memorial Service after Liturgy today for Nina Dahlan, sister of Fred Dahlan. May her Memory be Eternal!***