



# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

*Sunday, April 2, 2023*

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Today, the Orthodox Church commemorates St. Mary of Egypt as an example of repentance.

## **Lenten Services this week:**

<b>Monday, April 3</b>	<b>Great Compline</b>	<b>7PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 5</b>	<b>9th Hour &amp; Typika</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
	<b>Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
<b>Friday, April 7</b>	<b>Little Compline with Canon of the Raising of Lazarus</b>	<b>7PM</b>
	<b>Discussion: April 7 - The Dormition led by Sdn. Nick Nagorny</b>	
<b>Saturday, April 8</b>	<b>Lazarus Saturday Matins</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>10AM</b>
	<b>Great Vespers for Palm Sunday</b>	<b>5PM</b>
<b>Sunday, April 9</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Festal Matins</b>	<b>8:45AM</b>
	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>10AM</b>
	<b>Procession with Palms - Outside, Weather Permitting</b>	

- 1. Church School and Teen SOYO will meet today after Communion.**
- 2. Parish Town Hall during coffee hour TODAY.** 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 thoughts.
- 3. 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 Chime!** **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.*”
- 4. 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!
- 5. The 20/40 Group has been very busy:**
  - **REMINDER - All chocolate orders must be picked up TODAY** after Liturgy.
  - **Saturday, April 29th, the 20/40 group presents Game Night**, a night full of games & fellowship starting at 6PM. Cost is \$20.00 per person which includes dinner & drinks. Register & pay by 4/24/23 at <https://forms.gle/R6SaXFXJcrFHf3wf7>. Any questions, contact **Amanda Elsabee** ([aelsabee@gmail.com](mailto:aelsabee@gmail.com)).

6. **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)).
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. Light Lenten items will be provided.
8. **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 their table during Coffee Hour (look for the balloons!). Bring 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).**
9. **A special Thank You to Atef & Maha Maaya** for sponsoring today's coffee hour.
10. **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.**
11. **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.
12. **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 *Google Meet* sessions to prepare for the bowl:
- Tuesday April 4th at 7:30 pm
    - Book of Genesis - first three chapters Book of Genesis - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/czy-kjbn-bgv>
  - Tuesday April 18th at 7:30 pm
    - Book of Genesis - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/npi-fuwb-imu>
  - Tuesday April 25th at 7:30 pm
    - Book of Genesis - early patriarchs - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/nze-qfey-nwr>
13. **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.
14. **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)).**
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](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)).**
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 Ziembra ([aliceziembra@yahoo.com](mailto:aliceziembra@yahoo.com)).**