



ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

Sunday, April 9, 2023

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Today, Palm Sunday, the Orthodox Church celebrates the Entrance of our Lord Jesus into Jerusalem following His miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead.

Please join us in welcoming His Eminence Metropolitan SABA to St. Anthony's. His Eminence will be celebrating 2 services with us this week, each followed by a reception in the church hall:

- Holy Unction on Wednesday evening, April 12th at 7PM
- Vespers Divine Liturgy and ordination of Dn. Joseph Thornburg to the holy priesthood on Thursday morning, April 13th at 10AM

Holy Week Services and Pascha:

Sunday, April 9	Bridegroom Service	7PM
Monday, April 10	Bridegroom Service	7PM
Holy Tuesday, April 11	Bridegroom Service - Hymn of Kassiani	7PM
Holy Wednesday, April 12	Sacrament of Holy Unction and Anointing with Holy Oil	7PM
Holy Thursday, April 13	Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil	10AM
	The Reading of Twelve Passion Gospel	7PM
Holy Friday, April 14	Royal Hours	10AM
	Great Vespers and Taking Down the Body of Christ from the Cross	4PM
	The Lamentation Service for Good Friday	7PM
Holy Saturday, April 15	Vespers Divine Liturgy	10AM
	Resurrection (Rush) Paschal Service with Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	10PM
Pascha, Sunday, April 16	Agape Vesper Service	11AM

1. Church School and Teen SOYO will not meet today.

2. **Choir Rehearsal Update:** Rehearsal will take place TODAY after Divine Liturgy. We'll break for about 20 minutes to have some coffee and food, and then reassemble in the loft.

3. 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.** 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." **If you would like to help decorate the Epitaphios, see Lisa Fares.**

4. **Upcoming Lenten activities:**

- **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) or **Jim Bach** (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. **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>. Questions, contact **Amanda (aelsabee@gmail.com)**.

6. **A special Thank You to Arlene & Ed Assile, Valerie Joseph and John & Alice Ziembra** for sponsoring today's coffee hour.

7. **Thank you to the church organizations that prepared the Lenten refreshments for the Friday Akathist discussions:** Church School, Fellowship, Order of Ignatius, Teen SOYO, Women's Guild and the Young At Heart.

8. **Thank you to Betty Gakos for organizing the Hackensack Walk-In Dinner Program on April 4th.**

- **A special thanks to the parishioners who helped prepare and serve a delicious meal for 190 people:** Arlene Assile, Jim & Nike Bach, Helen Chimel, Lois Dedes, John & Betty Gakos, Joanne McAlear, Don Tweel, Jim Tweel and Jim & Somaya Watkins.
- **The generosity of the following parishioners will support our efforts** to feed the less fortunate on two occasions. Thank you Aubrey & Rona Alston, Karen Canellos and Steve & Donna Petrick.
- **Mark your calendar** - the next Walk-in Dinner Programs are September 26th & November 7th.

9. **The Women's Guild is hosting a Charity Baby Shower for New Hope Pregnancy Resource Center as our Lenten Project through April 30th.** 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) or Daria Incorvaia (deedah1964@yahoo.com)**.

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 **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 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 alicenziembra@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).** If you are not receiving this monthly email, please **contact Nike Bach (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)**.