



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Saturday, June 17th
Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, June 18th
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
8:45am

Upcoming Special Services

Wednesday, June 28th
Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul
Orthros and Divine Liturgy 6pm

Wednesday, July 19th
Feast of Prophet Elias
Orthros and Divine Liturgy 6pm

“There is nothing upon earth holier, higher, grander, more solemn, more life-giving than the Liturgy.”

- St John of Kronstadt

Weekly Announcements

- Church School and Teen SOYO will meet today.**
- Confession with Fr Nicholas is available after Great Vespers on Saturday, or by appointment.** Additionally, if you need special prayer or a visit, don't hesitate to contact him.
- The Don DiNovi Memorial Golf Outing, benefitting the Don DiNovi Summer Camp Scholarship Fund, will be held on Tuesday, June 20th, at White Beeches Country Club in Haworth, NJ.** Flyers & registration information are in the Narthex.
 - Join us for golf, lunch and dinner at a premier country club
 - Sponsor a tee or green, individually, with a friend or as a family
 - Not a golfer, join us for dinner and festivities, including a raffle
 - Donate a gift to our raffle - If you have a raffle prize such as a gift certificate to a restaurant, sports related items, or any collectibles, please contact **Leslie Carter (201-264-1662 or lesliecarter2@aol.com) or Hanneh Kalyoussef (201-693-2968 or hannehsbling@gmail.com).**
- Our Fall Festival will be on November 10th and 11th.** If you can help out in any way, please contact Festival Co-Chairs Donna Petrick (917-617-1893 or doon1224@yahoo.com) or Joe Incorvaia (201-424-7838 or Joseph.Incorvaia@gmail.com). Thank you!
 - ✦ If you have any new, unused items that you can donate to the Fall Festival, please notify Donna or Joe. Donations will be used as prizes for the Capsule Booth.
- The AWE is collaborating on a project with the host parish of the PLC to prepare Hygiene Kits** for the Neighborhood Resilience Project which will be donated to the needy. We have been asked to donate one item to support this ministry. **Please bring one bar of soap to church on June 4th or June 11th.**
- A special thank you to Ghazi & Sabah Aboueid for sponsoring today's coffee hour.**

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
If this is your first time visiting, please introduce yourself to Fr. Nicholas at the end of Liturgy.

From Father:

Christ is in our midst!

Today is the Sunday of All Saints, the Sunday that we commemorate all the men and women, known and unknown, who have struggled well and endured to the end, and now rest with our Lord Jesus Christ.

I'm inspired by this feast because it is a day to remember that so many men and women are saints, many of whom we have never heard of before. But even more so, this day reminds me that the saints are not just distant holy superheroes that we keep in mind, rather, they are truly our brothers and sisters in the faith. St John Chrysostom for example, whose liturgy we serve today, is not just a good patristic writer, he is **your** father in the faith! We are deeply connected with him through our spiritual unity in the Church. This reality always floors me. We are not connected to this saint through his writings and liturgy alone, we are related to him, and all the saints, in Christ.

We look to the saints, not as celebrities, but as role models for the lives we seek to live. The saints are very near to us in the Church, through our participation in Christ, in whom we all "live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28). It is Christ who made the saints holy, and it is Christ who makes us holy. Strive for holiness! Follow in the footsteps of the saints, and remember that they are your relatives and friends, and they love you and pray for you.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Nicholas

Announcements continued

7. **Shoptrite 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.**

8. **The 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).**
- **There are many open dates - please sign up!**

9. 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).**

10. **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).**

11. **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.

*Today there will be a 40-day Memorial Service today for **Salma Bizzani, sister of Sabah Aboueid, and Elias Korbani, brother-in-law of Sabah. May their Memories be Eternal!***

“Reject pride, and consider everyone more righteous than yourself.”

-St Anthony the Great