



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Saturday, July 1st
Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, June 2nd
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
8:45am

Upcoming Special Services

Wednesday, June 28th
Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul
Orthros and Divine Liturgy 6pm
Canceled Fr Nicholas will be
away at PLC

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

I. Church School and Teen SOYO are off for the summer.

Thank you to Dana Hanna and Peter Thomsen for your leadership and hard work with the youth of St. Anthony's.

- ✦ The Church School will kickoff the new liturgical year on Sunday, September 10th, with a BBQ and trip to our St. Anthony's Carnival at the Teaneck Armory.

2. **Thank you to Ed Assile and all parishioners who worked so hard to make The Don DiNovi Memorial Golf Outing such a success, especially:** Jim Watkins, Leslie Carter, Hanneh Kalyoussef, Robyn Ziemba, Leyla Ziemba, Valerie Joseph, Anna Samman, Deacon Peter and Dana Hanna.

- ✦ **Also**, if you joined us for a game of golf, sponsored a tee or green, joined us for lunch or dinner, donated a prize for the raffle or purchased raffle tickets, we sincerely thank you.

3. **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.

4. **A special Thank you to Jim & Vicky Tweel and James & Rachel Tweel** for sponsoring today's coffee hour.

5. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR COFFEE HOUR - There are many open dates in July & August!** 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 alicenziemba@yahoo.com)**.

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!

This week I've been thinking a lot about priorities. Where are mine? Life gets so busy with all of our responsibilities and needs: kids activities, work, family time, maybe some free time for yourself. In the midst of all of this, how can we possibly set aside time for our spirituality? Honestly, we are so busy, how can we prioritize time to be spent with our God who loves us?

A few things I'm working on that you might find helpful. Start and end the day with God. When you wake up, cross yourself and say a little prayer. Something simple. It could be the Jesus prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me." It could be the Lord's prayer. It could be your own words in that moment, "Lord, help me to keep you in mind today and help me to be loving and available to those who need me."

Pray before meals, always! It's not just to bless and thank God for the food, it's another acknowledgment that you are keeping God in mind—you are including Him in your life.

Before bed, cross yourself, thank God for your day, for the good and the bad, and ask Him to forgive you for any faults.

God knows our responsibilities and our challenges, and He loves us no matter what. Any effort we make with our whole heart God accepts.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Nicholas

Announcements continued

6. 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.**

7. 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).**

8. 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).**

9. 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.

Prayer of St Philaret of Moscow

O Lord, grant that I may meet the coming day in peace. Help me in all things to rely upon Thy Holy Will. In every hour of the day, reveal Thy will to me. Bless my dealings with all who surround me. Teach me to treat all that comes to me throughout the day with peace of soul, and with the firm conviction that Thy will governs all. In all my deeds and words, guide my thoughts and feelings. In unforeseen events, let me not forget that all are sent by Thee. Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing others. Give me the strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring. Direct my will. Teach me to pray. Pray Thou Thyself in me.

Amen.