



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Saturday, July 16th

Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, July 17th

Orthros and Divine Liturgy
8:45am

Upcoming Special Services

Wednesday, July 19th

Feast of Prophet Elias
Orthros and Divine Liturgy 6pm

August 4, 7, 9 and 11

Paraklesis to the Mother of God
7pm

Monday, August 14th

Feast of the Dormition
Orthros and Divine Liturgy 6pm

Daily Liturgical Guide

**Antiochian Archdiocese
Website:**

<https://antiochian.org/liturgicday>

Weekly Announcements

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

- ✦ The Church School and Teen SOYO 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. Calling all young adults in their 20s through 40s: There will be a brief meeting TODAY during coffee hour. Bring your ideas for the summer and the new liturgical year. All are welcome!

3. Our Fall Festival will be held on November 10th and 11th. If you can help 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).

4. ATTENTION: CAPSULE BOOTH NEEDS HELP! We are in need of new, unused items that will be used as prizes for the Capsule Booth. Donate NOW, don't wait till September. Monetary donations are also welcomed! Contact Hanneh Kalyoussef (201-693-2968 or hannehsbling@gmail.com).

5. PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR COFFEE HOUR - There are open dates in July & August, including NEXT SUNDAY, July 16th, as well as Aug. 13th & Aug. 27th! 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 (<https://stanthonyorthodox.org/coffee-hour/>).
- Put your name on the schedule posted outside the coffee room or contact **Alice Ziemba** (201-664-8068 or aliceziemba@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!

At every service, with few exceptions, we pray for our country, the president, all civil authorities, and our armed forces. Regardless of our personal feelings about this country, our president, the civil authorities, or the armed forces, the Church instructs us to pray. I was reminded explicitly of this on Tuesday, the celebration of America's independence. We have a beautiful country. From the natural beauty of the various regions and climates, to the beautiful communities that call this country home, as Christians we have a unique sense that we are both part of this country but even more so a part of our true "homeland in heaven" (Philippians 3.20).

A wise priest-monk told me that if we want to see Christianity spread in this country, we need to love it and everyone in it. Today we are often polarized by this or that opinion. We can and should have opinions about important matters facing this country, but we should also step into every situation with the love of Christ. Differing world views do not stop God from loving us, nor should they stop us from loving everyone, regardless of if we agree with them or not.

The Church prays for this country constantly, and we should as well. Pray that the Lord would direct and guide this country toward the truth. Pray that we learn to love this country and its people the way God does.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Nicholas

Announcements continued

6. Thank you to to Thelma Dacales and friends for sponsoring today's coffee hour.

7. 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.**

8. 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).**

9. 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).**

10. 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.

There will be a 40-day Memorial Service today for Peter Dacales, husband of Thelma Dacales, father of Jeffrey Dacales and Pamela Sietsma, grandfather of Alexandra Koh and Lauren Straub and great-grandfather of Everett Koh. May his Memory be Eternal!

“I no longer fear God, but I love
Him. For love casts out fear.”

-St Anthony the Great