



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Saturday, August 5th
Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, August 6th
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
8:45am

Upcoming Special Services

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>

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

- St John of Kronstadt

Weekly Announcements

1. With Fr. Nicholas at the National Convention, **we welcome this morning Rev. Dr. Bogdan G. Bucur, Associate Professor of Patristics at St. Vladimir's Seminary.**
2. **The Women's Guild is asking for your support TODAY for Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday**, the feast of St Silas, the patron saint of prison ministry, so the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry may continue serving those who are incarcerated and their families, and provide resources, training, and support to their ministry partners. **Donations will be collected in the Narthex after Liturgy.** Thank you for your support!
3. **The Vintage Booth will be collecting gently used costume jewelry, pocket books, totes, belts, scarves & other accessories for the Festival.** If you have any questions, contact Valerie Allen, Arlene Assile, Valerie Joseph or Anne Samman.
4. **Confession is available by appointment or after Great Vespers on Saturday.**
5. **Choir rehearsals will be held every Monday at 7:30pm** through the end of August.
6. **The St. Anthony Choir is looking to add some heavenly voices to our ensemble!** If you've ever wanted to sing the praises of God, now is your chance! We're looking for all vocal parts, especially tenor and bass. No experience necessary, although if you can read music, it will certainly help. **Contact our director, Daria Incorvaia (deedah1964@yahoo.com)** for more information. Remember, when you sing, you pray twice!
7. St Anthony's Stewardship Committee invites all parishioners to attend **Mix and Mingle: Celebrate a Legacy of Faith at St Anthony's** on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd. This social event will include food, drink, and a brief program about parish life, following Vespers at 5pm. All welcome. Childcare provided.

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

From Father:

We have all experienced the grace of God, that special connection we feel to Him in prayer, in reading the scripture, in participating in the divine services, or as we are out and about our day. But, it inevitably happens that our feeling of connection to God, the warmth we feel toward Him dissipates. After a while, if we're not careful, we find ourselves in a state of total disconnection from God, even a willing disconnection.

For this reason, I want to suggest that we all have a "spiritual emergency kit." Much like a kit we might have if the power goes out, or if our car runs out of gas, a spiritual emergency kit has supplies we need to help warm our heart up toward God.

I recommend a lighthearted spiritual book like *Everyday Saints*, or *Beginning to Pray*. These books are encouraging and can help us rekindle your desire to be with God. I also recommend a walk in fresh air. While you walk, talk to God as a friend. Express yourself; tell Him where you're at, and ask that your desire for Him to be increased. Finally, I recommend going to confession. Confession is a beautiful way to unburden yourself from your sins and cares and to tangibly receive from God His forgiveness and embrace.

Everyone's "kit" will include different things, but it is important to begin compiling your tools. May God give us the strength and courage to continually seek Him in our lives.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Nicholas

Announcements continued

8. **The Second Annual Father Joseph Allen Memorial Lecture series will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023.** Vespers at 5pm, followed by a reception and exhibition in the Jabara Room and the keynote speaker, Dr. Philip Mamalakis, at 6pm. Childcare provided. More details to come.

9. **Mark your calendars - the entire St. Anthony parish is invited to a BBQ** following Liturgy on Sunday, September 10th, sponsored by the Church School, Teen SOYO and the 20/40 Group.

✦ **Church School and Teen SOYO resume on September 10th.**

10. **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](tel:917-617-1893) or doon1224@yahoo.com) or Joe Incorvaia ([201-424-7838](tel:201-424-7838) or Joseph.Incorvaia@gmail.com).

11. **CAPSULE BOOTH NEEDS HELP!** We are in need of new, unused items to be used as prizes. Donate NOW, don't wait till September. Monetary donations are also welcomed! Contact Hanneh Kalyoussef ([201-693-2968](tel:201-693-2968) or hannebsbling@gmail.com).

12. **A special Thank You to the 20/40 Group** for sponsoring today's coffee hour.

13. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR COFFEE HOUR - Aug. 27th is still open!** Parishioners are asked to sign up to host at least ONE coffee reception a year, a valuable part of our parish fellowship.

- Guidelines are on the church website & handouts available in the coffee room (<https://stanthonyorthodox.org/coffee-hour/>).
- Sign up on the schedule posted outside the coffee room or contact **Alice Ziemba** ([201-664-8068](tel:201-664-8068) or aliceziemba@yahoo.com).

14. 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).

15. **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.

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

-St Anthony the Great