



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

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

Saturday, July 22nd
Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, June 23rd
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
8:45am

Saturday, July 29th
No Great Vespers
Fr Nicholas at Convention

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>

Weekly Announcements

- 1. 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 20/40 Group.
- 2. The Women's Guild is asking for your support of Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday on July 30th**, the feast of St Silas who is the patron saint of prison ministry, so the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry may continue their mission of 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! Any questions, see Jackie Koskinas.
- 3. Confession is available by appointment or after Great Vespers on Saturday.**
- 4. Church School and Teen SOYO resume on September 10th.**
- 5. 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).
- 6. 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](tel:201-693-2968) or hannebsbling@gmail.com).
- 7. A special Thank You to the Bach Family** for sponsoring today's coffee hour.

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:

What is truth? This is the famous line spoken by Pontius Pilate to our Savior before His crucifixion. We live in a day where truth has been relativized and individualized. We hear phrases like “live your truth,” implying that what is true for you might not be true for me. However, for something to be true, it has to be true for everyone, not just this or that person.

Today, we commemorate the Fathers of the 4th ecumenical council, that was fighting for the truth of our faith. The primary contention was that of Christ’s humanity. Was Christ fully God or fully human? Was he 50/50? What we know to be true, and what was defended at this council is that Christ is both fully God and fully human. This is important because, as St Gregory Nazianzus says “that which [Christ] has not assumed He has not healed.” If Christ wasn’t fully human, then he couldn’t heal our humanity. St Gregory continues, “that which is united to His Godhead is also saved.” Christ became fully human and united that humanity with His divinity, thus making our humanity divine. This is one of the most mind blowing realities of the faith, that our human nature, which is united with Christ’s, is seated in Glory next to the Father.

This is the truth of Orthodoxy. This is the truth the Father’s fought for. We remember them today, and ask their prayers to help us follow their example.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Nicholas

Announcements continued

8. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR COFFEE HOUR - Aug. 27th is still open!** 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://stanthonorthodox.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)**.

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. **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. **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)**.

12. **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