



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Saturday, July 29th
No Great Vespers

Sunday, June 30th
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. **Choir rehearsals will be held every Monday** at 7:30pm through the end of August.

2. **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!

3. 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.

4. **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.

5. **Confession is available by appointment or after Great Vespers on Saturday.**

6. **The Women's Guild is asking for your support of Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday on July 30th**, 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! Any questions, see Jackie Koskinas.

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

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!

Controversial subjects. They seem to be everywhere today. It is nearly impossible not to be embroiled in these subjects, and to be forced to reckon with your own attitude and thoughts surrounding them. What is our response as Orthodox Christians? Do the teachings of the Church need to change, or be updated? Is the Church too archaic in its rationale regarding these subjects?

The first thing I always remember is that the Church has always existed in the midst of controversy. In fact, none of the controversies we face today are new, they are simply cloaked in new rhetoric and modern arguments.

The question really becomes, do we have faith that what the Church teaches is true? The Church is a divine institution—it is the body of Christ. It is also a human institution—we are members of the body of Christ. In that sense, the Church has always expressed its beliefs and teachings through human language and our capacity for understanding.

It may be tempting to go along with every new idea about human psychology and sociology. There is no harm in looking into the arguments. But we rely firmly on the teaching of the Church, which is nothing less than the divine revelation of God to us. So, the ultimate question is, to whom do we submit? The spirit of the age, or the Church?

With love in Christ,
Fr. Nicholas

Announcements continued

8. **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.

9. **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).

10. **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 or hannehsbling@gmail.com).

11. **A special Thank You to Alexandra Franz and Linda Kailas** for sponsoring today's coffee hour.

- ✦ The coffee hour is given in memory of Michael Kailas, Linda's husband, who passed away two years today. May his memory be eternal!

12. **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 or aliceziemba@yahoo.com)**.

13. **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.**

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