



# St Anthony Orthodox Church

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## Services This Week

**Saturday, August 26th**  
Great Vespers 5pm

**Sunday, August 27th**  
Orthros and Divine Liturgy  
8:45am

## Upcoming Special Services

**September 1st**  
Indiction (liturgical new year)  
Orthros, Liturgy & Agiasmo  
(water blessing)  
8am

## 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

- The Women's Guild** has joined efforts with The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve in distributing backpacks. This year, we **will be donating 24 backpacks & school supplies to the Bergenfield School District**. Each backpack costs \$25.00.
  - We are collecting donations TODAY & on Sunday, August 27th
  - Assembly of the backpacks will be August 27th during coffee hour.
- CHANGE IN PROCEDURE:** If you have any news for **our church e-newsletter, The Desert News**, that goes out the 1st of each month, send it at least one week prior to either **Nike Bach** ([nike.bach@gmail.com](mailto:nike.bach@gmail.com)) or **Daria Incorvaia** ([deedab1964@yahoo.com](mailto:deedab1964@yahoo.com)). If you are not receiving this monthly email, please contact Nike Bach.
- Confession is available by appointment or after Great Vespers on Saturday.**
- Choir rehearsals will resume TOMORROW** at 7:30pm.
- 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** ([deedab1964@yahoo.com](mailto:deedab1964@yahoo.com)) for more information. Remember, when you sing, you pray twice!
- 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.
- A special Thank You to Renil & Rosa George** for sponsoring today's coffee hour.

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:**

We have all been equipped with spiritual gifts. St Paul explains that we are all unique in the gifts God has given us, and the uniqueness of each individual member makes up the whole body of Christ. Just like in a human body, each member is unique and necessary. "The eye cannot say to the hand 'I don't need you...'" (1 Cor 12.21)—we need all of our members to function as a healthy body.

It is also true that if we don't use the muscles in a member of our body—let's say our hand—the hand will atrophy, and be useless to us. If we really believe we have all been equipped with spiritual gifts, and these unique gifts have a role in the Body of Christ, how are we exercising our gifts to make sure they stay strong—to ensure our spiritual muscles don't atrophy?

Your spiritual gifts are directly related to ways you can serve the community, and together we all serve each other. We need to start by understanding what our spiritual gifts are. What type of service brings you joy? Do you like to teach or organize events? Do you enjoy keeping things meticulously clean? Do you enjoy meeting new people? The ways to serve with joy are endless, and they are unique to you.

The Church, in that it is like a body, can only succeed when it is attentive to the health of its members. When we use our spiritual gifts in the Church, it does not feel like rote obligatory service, rather it is a way for us to exercise our unique gifts and find fulfillment in our community, which is also God's Holy Church.

With love in Christ,  
Fr. Nicholas

**Announcements continued**

8. 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.

9. **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.

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](mailto:doon1224@yahoo.com)) or Joe Incorvaia ([201-424-7838](tel:201-424-7838) or [Joseph.Incorvaia@gmail.com](mailto:Joseph.Incorvaia@gmail.com)).

11. **The Vintage Booth will be collecting gently used costume jewelry, pocket books, totes, belts, scarves & other accessories for the Festival.** Collection will begin October 1st & continue every Sunday thereafter. If you have any questions, contact Valerie Allen, Arlene Assile, Valerie Joseph or Anne Samman.

12. **The CAPSULE BOOTH is in need of new, unused items to be used as prizes.** Monetary donations are also welcomed! Contact Hanneh Kalyoussef ([201-693-2968](tel:201-693-2968) or [hannehsbling@gmail.com](mailto:hannehsbling@gmail.com)).

13. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR COFFEE HOUR** - 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 [alicesziemba@yahoo.com](mailto:alicesziemba@yahoo.com)).

14. **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**.

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.

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