



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Saturday, September 2nd
Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, September 3rd
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

1. **The Women's Guild has joined** with The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve **to donate 24 backpacks & school supplies to the Bergenfield School District.** Each backpack costs \$25.00.

- We are collecting donations **TODAY** & assembling the backpacks during coffee hour.

2. **For all family & friends, the 20/40 Group is hosting a Pasta Dinner on Saturday, September 16th at 5pm in the church hall.** The group needs some extra volunteers to help with this event. **If you can help, contact Amanda Elsabee (732-979-9929 or aelsabee@gmail.com) ASAP.** More information to follow.

3. **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)** or **Daria Incorvaia (deedah1964@yahoo.com).** If you are not receiving this monthly email, please contact Nike Bach.

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

5. **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!

- **Choir rehearsals every Monday** at 7:30pm.

6. **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.

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 live in a busy world, most especially I have noticed here in the North East. Christ says “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt 6.21). We can tell what we value by how much time we give invest. So, where is your treasure?

As the summer draws to a close, and a more routine rhythm to our lives takes shape, I write to you with a challenge

If we treasure our faith, if we treasure our Christ, how do we make time for that? As we begin the new liturgical year beginning on September 1st, our local community will offer more opportunities for us to treasure our life of faith and our savior.

There will be more services, more education, and more opportunities for fellowship. All of this is to improve our experience of faith, giving us more and more ways to be connected with Christ and with each other.

What I’m not saying: we obviously can’t come to everything, and that’s ok. My challenge for everyone is to add one spiritually fruitful activity each week. It might be attending another service. It might be reading the scripture for 30 minutes. It might be coming to bible study or other educational classes at the church. It’s up to you, there is freedom, and each of us must decide what we can do. The challenge is to take stock of your time, and see how you can make your “treasure”—your faith and relationship with christ—present more and more often.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Nicholas

Announcements continued

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.

8. **A special Thank You to The Moomjy Family** for sponsoring today's coffee hour.

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 or doon1224@yahoo.com) or Joe Incorvaia (201-424-7838 or Joseph.Incorvaia@gmail.com).

11. **The Vintage Booth will be collecting gently used costume jewelry, pocket books, totes, belts, scarves & 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 welcomed! Contact Hanneh Kalyoussef (201-693-2968 or hannebsbling@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 or alicesziemba@yahoo.com).

14. **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