



# St Anthony Orthodox Church

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## Services This Week

**Saturday, August 12th**  
Great Vespers 5pm

**Sunday, August 13th**  
Orthros and Divine Liturgy  
8:45am

## Upcoming Special Services

**August 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. **We remember Fr. Joseph Allen, pastor at St. Anthony's for 53 years, who passed away 3 years ago today.** May his memory be eternal! A memorial service will be celebrated in September.

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

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

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](mailto:deedah1964@yahoo.com))** for more information. Remember, when you sing, you pray twice!

6. 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.

7. **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.

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!

The great feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord has arrived! I feel it is a somewhat overlooked feast due to the time of year in which it falls. Like all great feasts, this feast is a celebration of an important event in the life of our savior, and important event for the family of faith—the Church.

When Christ is transfigured, the disciples behold him surrounded by radiant light, shining brighter than the sun. This light is the glory of Christ's divinity. It is a proof to the disciples, and to us, that Christ is fully God.

But it is not simply a proof, it is also a calling. Christ and the Church teach us that we have access to this same divine light through grace. The divine light, sometimes called the uncreated light, is a visible manifestation of who God is, what His nature is. We do not possess this light by our nature, but we can be partakers of the divine light through Christ who “shines in our hearts” (2 Corinthians 4.6).

This is why St Athanasius says that human beings can become “by grace what God is by nature.” The revelation of Christ's transfiguration is another testimony to the reality that we who believe in Christ are “partakers of the divine nature” (1 Peter 2.4), and are invited and encouraged to struggle toward theosis—the complete union with God.

With love in Christ,  
Fr. Nicholas

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

10. **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 or [hannehsbling@gmail.com](mailto:hannehsbling@gmail.com)).

11. **A special Thank You to Aubrey & Rona Alston** for sponsoring today's coffee hour.

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](mailto: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 church e-newsletter, *The Desert News*,** that goes out the 1st of each month. Send information at least one week prior to **Claudia Bogris** ([cbogris@aol.com](mailto:cbogris@aol.com)). If you are not receiving this monthly email, please contact **Nike Bach** ([nike.bach@gmail.com](mailto:nike.bach@gmail.com)).

15. **An Update to the last Church Directory printed in 2018 is available in the narthex.** Use this as an addendum to the Parish Directory. Send any changes in your contact information to **Alice Ziemba** ([aliceziemba@yahoo.com](mailto:aliceziemba@yahoo.com)).

16. **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.”

-St Anthony the Great