



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

September 13th

Elevation of the Cross
Orthros and Divine Liturgy with
Metropolitan Saba presiding
6:00pm

Sunday, September 17th

Orthros and Divine Liturgy
9:00am

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

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. **Metropolitan SABA will be celebrating Orthros and Divine Liturgy at St. Anthony's for the Elevation of the Cross on Wednesday, September 13th at 6pm.** A reception will follow in the church hall. Please join us.

2. **TODAY the entire St. Anthony parish is invited after Liturgy to a BBQ** sponsored by the Church School, Teen SOYO and the 20/40 Group.

- ✦ Church School and Teen SOYO resume TODAY
- ✦ Blessing of the Backpacks TODAY at the conclusion of Liturgy

3. **The St. Anthony CARNIVAL ends TODAY.** Join us for fun, food & rides at the Teaneck National Guard Armory, starting at 3pm.

4. **In advance of our Festival, parishioners are asked to purchase a 50/50 raffle ticket for \$100.00.** A limited number of tickets, 200, will be sold, so there's an EXCELLENT chance to win. Ed Assile is distributing tickets **TODAY**.

- If all tickets are sold, the church will earn \$10,000 & 6 purchasers will split the other half in multiple denominations.
- Families & friends are encouraged to purchase a ticket together & share the prize.
- Winners will be chosen at the Festival & need not be present.

5. **Attention all parishioners: The dates of the Fall Adult Education Series have been changed:**

I. Bible Study - 7pm on Wednesdays starting September 20th

II. Catechism - 7pm on Fridays starting October 6th

III. Byzantine Chant Class - 3pm on Saturdays starting September 23rd

*Please refer to the **yellow** handout for the Fall Adult Education series, and consult the calendar on our website.

6. **The Women's Guild will hold its first meeting of the new liturgical year next Sunday, September 17th** during coffee hour in the church hall. All members & non-members should attend.

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!

In nearly every service we burn incense. The use of incense in worship goes back to the beginning of humanity, and we see specific instructions for burning incense in the tabernacle in Exodus 30.1. We still burn incense in the Church, but instead of burning it on a specific table, we burn it in a censeor, and spread the sweet smelling smoke throughout the Church.

The purpose of using incense in the Church can be found in the prayer for blessing incense: "Incense we offer thee, O Christ our God, as an odor of spiritual fragrance. Receive it upon thy heavenly altar and send down in return upon us the gift of thine Holy Spirit." In the same way we offer bread and wine to God to receive it back as the body and blood of Christ, we offer incense—the sweet smelling smoke—and receive it back as spiritual sweetness, the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the censuring in the Church is a type of purification, of ourselves and the church temple, because the Spirit of Truth descends and joins with us.

The priest or deacon begin the censuring in the altar. They cense around the holy table which has the Gospel book, and the prothesis table where the bread and wine are prepared. We then exit to cense the icons and the people. You may have noticed that we cense the bishop's throne before the icons. This is because the bishop, even when absent, is the preeminent icon of Christ—the source of unity within our community.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Nicholas

7. **The St. Anthony Choir is looking to add some heavenly voices to our ensemble!** 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.

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 with 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) or **Joe Incorvaia** ([201-424-7838](tel:201-424-7838) or Joseph.Incorvaia@gmail.com).

- **The Vintage Booth will be collecting gently used costume jewelry, pocket books, totes, belts, scarves & other accessories for the Festival.** Collection begins October 1st & every Sunday thereafter. Any questions, contact Valerie Allen, Arlene Assile, Valerie Joseph or Anne Samman.
- **The CAPSULE BOOTH needs new, unused items to be used as prizes.** Monetary donations are welcomed! Contact Hanneh Kalyoussef ([201-693-2968](tel:201-693-2968) or hannehsbling@gmail.com).

11. **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.

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