



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Wednesday, September 20th

Daily Vespers 6pm

Friday, September 22nd

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Saturday, September 23rd

Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, September 24th

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

- This morning, St. Anthony's welcomes Rev. Dr. Bogdan G. Bucur**, Associate Professor of Patristics at St. Vladimir's Seminary, who is celebrating Orthros and Liturgy with us.
- Church School and Teen SOYO will meet TODAY.**
- The Women's Guild will hold its first meeting of the new liturgical year TODAY** during coffee hour in the church hall. Bring your "coffee & . . ." to the meeting - plans & projects for the upcoming year will be discussed. All members/non-members should attend.
- The Father Joseph Allen Memorial Committee will meet TODAY** after coffee hour. On Monday, September 18th, the monthly meeting will be held via Zoom.
- 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.
- 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. See Ed Assile for tickets or information.
 - 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.
- On Tuesday, September 26th, St. Anthony's will prepare a complete meal for about 200 people in Hackensack.** Volunteers are needed to help prepare the meal, make individually wrapped desserts, and donate to cover the costs. If you are interested in helping, contact **Betty Gakos (jbgakos@yahoo.com)**.
- Thank you to Ed Assile and all those who volunteered** their time to plan & work at the St. Anthony Carnival.

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!

As you may know, I am out of town this weekend in Washington State for my grandmother's 100th birthday. I miss you already!

Even though we won't worship in the same church this Sunday, we are not disconnected; in fact, quite the opposite. We are one body in Christ—no matter our location—and we realize that unity primarily through our participation in the holy eucharist, the body and blood of our Lord.

The prayer, read right before communion when the priest is dividing the bread that has been sanctified, says: "Divided and distributed is the Lamb of God, who is divided yet not disunited." Divided but not disunited. Christians may be separated from one another by huge distances. Still, every time we partake of holy communion, we are partaking of the one bread, the one body of the Lord, divided for all of us to partake of, but not disunited.

When you partake of your portion of holy communion this morning, remember that you are partaking of the same bread that is being shared throughout the world and that has been shared since the Lord gave us this mystery, uniting us in the Lord with those near and far; from ages past, and the ages to come.

May our participation in the Lord's body and blood this morning be for our physical and spiritual healing, according to the individual need of each person, through the grace of our loving God, who so graciously shares Himself with us.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Nicholas

9. **A special *Thank You* for hosting the *Welcome BBQ*** to the Church School, Teen SOYO, the 20/40 Group and especially Dana Hanna, Joe & Lauren Elsabee, Amanda Elsabee, and Peter Thomsen.

10. **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 **green** handout for the Fall Adult Education series, and consult the calendar on our church website.

11. **A special *Thank You* to the Bogris Family for hosting today's coffee hour.**

12. **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.

13. **Our Fall Festival will be held on November 10th & 11th.** To help, contact Co-Chairs **Donna Petrick (917-617-1893 or doon1224@yahoo.com)** or **Joe Incorvaia (201-424-7838 or Joseph.Incorvaia@gmail.com).**

• **Festival Baking Schedule: All are welcome!**

- Mon., Sept. 25th 10am - Koulourakia

• **The Vintage Booth will be collecting gently used costume jewelry, pocket books, totes, belts, scarves & other accessories** starting October 1st. Any questions, contact Valerie Allen, Arlene Assile, Valerie Joseph or Anne Samman.

• **The CAPSULE BOOTH needs new, unused items for prizes.** Monetary donations are welcomed! Contact Hanneh Kalyoussef (201-693-2968 or hannehsbling@gmail.com).

14. **The St. Anthony Choir is always looking to add some heavenly voices to our ensemble!** No experience necessary! Contact our director, **Daria Incorvaia (deedah1964@yahoo.com)** for information. Remember, when you sing, you pray twice!

• **Choir rehearsals every Monday** at 7:30pm in the Jabara Room.

15. **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.

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

-St Anthony the Great