



# St Anthony Orthodox Church

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## Services This Week

**Wednesday, September 27th**  
Daily Vespers 6pm

**Friday, September 29th**  
Daily Vespers 6pm

**Saturday, September 30th**  
Great Vespers 5pm

**Sunday, October 1st**  
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. **Church School and Teen SOYO will meet TODAY.**
2. **There will be a Parish Council meeting TODAY after coffee hour.**
3. **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).**
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. 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.
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 **green** handout for the Fall Adult Education series, and consult the calendar on our church website.
6. **Thank you to the Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs Nike Bach and Stephen Petrick and all parishioners who worked to make yesterday's Mix and Mingle a success.**
7. **The Second Annual Father Joseph Allen Memorial Lecture series will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023.** Vespers at 6pm, followed by a reception and exhibition in the church hall with 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!

We have a lot of baptisms coming up! This past week, I have spoken with three families about scheduling the baptism of their children. This is a beautiful thing! What is the significance of baptism really? It starts with water.

Water plays a pivotal role in salvation history both in the creation of the world (Gen 1) and in the redemption of the Israelites from Egypt (Ex 14-15). In the Gospels, Christ speaks of the necessity of being “born again... of water and the Spirit” (Jn 3:3-4) as a prerequisite for admission into the Kingdom of God. Later, Christ commands his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel and baptize all nations, saying: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mk 16:16).

St Paul says that all of us “baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Rom 6:3-4). Baptism for St Paul is both a symbolic image and a real spiritual participation in Christ’s death and resurrection.

Baptism is humanity's spiritual recreation and entrance into the Kingdom of God. Through baptism, we are united to Christ and His Church. We are transformed into a new creation dedicated to God. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit, and the seed of faith is planted in our hearts. It is not an end in and of itself but a beginning.

With love in Christ,  
Fr. Nicholas

8. **A special *Thank You* to the Father Joseph Allen Memorial Committee for hosting today’s coffee hour.**

9. **Our Fall Festival will be held on November 10th & 11th.** To help, contact Co-Chairs **Donna Petrick (917-617-1893 or dooni224@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).

10. **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.

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. **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 alicenziemba@yahoo.com)**.

13. **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.

***Following the Liturgy today, a 3 year memorial service will be celebrated for the V. Rev. Joseph Allen, beloved priest at St. Anthony Church for 53 years, husband of Kh. Valerie, father of Phillip and Joseph, grandfather of Elizabeth, Caroline, Julia and Joseph. May his memory be eternal!***

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

-St Anthony the Great