



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Wednesday, October 4th
Daily Vespers 6pm

Friday, October 6th
Daily Vespers 6pm

Saturday, October 7th
Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, October 8th
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
9:00am

Upcoming Special Services

Tuesday, October 17th
CANCELED
St Luke the Evangelist
Orthros and Divine Liturgy 6pm

Sunday, October 25th
St Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer
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.”

Weekly Announcements

1. **Church School and Teen SOYO will meet TODAY.**
2. **Nike Bach & Lisa Fares will be available every Sunday during coffee hour in October to help parishioners set up their ParishSoft Giving account.** It is an easy & safe way to make a one-time donation or to make recurring payments to St. Anthony's.
3. **The Young At Heart will meet on Thursday, October 5th at 1pm.** After a short business meeting, members can participate in a 30-minute chair yoga class. Refreshments will follow.
4. **Attention all parishioners: The dates of the Fall Adult Education Series are:**
 - 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.
5. **The Second Annual Father Joseph Allen Memorial Lecture series will be held on Saturday, October 21st**
 - ✦ Vespers at 6pm, followed by a reception/exhibition in the hall
 - ✦ Keynote speaker, Dr. Philip Mamalakis, at 6pm
 - ✦ Childcare provided
6. **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., Oct. 2 at 10am - Date Mammouls
 - Wed., Oct. 11 at 10am - Klifi
 - **The Vintage Booth is collecting gently used costume jewelry, pocket books, totes, belts, scarves & other accessories.** 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).

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 Church temple is a special place. It is not just the building we gather in; it is a microcosm of the world—a symbolic representation of everything we see in creation.

In the Genesis account of God's creation, we first find water: "The earth was covered with water." Large bodies of water like the ocean symbolized chaos in Ancient Near Eastern cultures. The opening account of Genesis tells us that in the beginning, there was no order yet, just water. From this disorder, God established order.

God caused the land to come forth, rising from the watery abyss. Then, still higher from the ground, God set aside a particular spot called Eden. Inside of Eden, He planted a Garden—paradise. In the midst of the garden of paradise, He planted a tree—the tree of life. There is a gradual progression here, from chaos to paradise.

The Church communicates the same reality to us in its architecture. First, you enter the church from the busy world outside—chaos—and you ascend the steps into, not the church proper, but the narthex, the place just outside the Church, representing the land surrounding the garden. It is a place to collect your thoughts, light a candle, and prayerfully prepare yourself to enter. Then you enter the Church proper, the nave, the garden of paradise, in which we worship God and learn from Him. Finally, in the midst of the Church, we find the true tree of life, the tree of the cross, on which our Savior freed us from sin and offered us immortality.

This is no ordinary building! The Church temple is creation restored, paradise found, the real world, in which we partake of the fruit of the tree of life—the body and blood of Christ.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Nicholas

7. 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.

8. A special *Thank You* to Rob & Dana Hanna and Robyn & Johnny Ziemba for hosting today's coffee hour.

9. Thank you to Betty Gakos and all those who helped prepare, serve & subsidize St. Anthony's Walk-In Dinner Program in Hackensack on September 26th. Over 200 meals were served!

- The next dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7th.

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!

11. 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.**

12. 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 **Claudia Bogris** (cbogris@aol.com). If you are not receiving this monthly email, please contact **Nike Bach** (nike.bach@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://stanthonorthodox.org/coffee-hour>).

- Sign up on the schedule posted outside the coffee room or contact **Alice Ziemba** (201-664-8068 or aliceziemba@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.

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

-St Anthony the Great