



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Wednesday, October 18th

Daily Vespers 6pm

Friday, October 20th

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Saturday, October 21st

Great Vespers 5 pm

Sunday, October 22nd

Orthros and Divine Liturgy
9:00 am

Upcoming Special Services

Tuesday, October 17th

CANCELED

St Luke the Evangelist
Orthros and Divine Liturgy 6 pm

Wednesday, October 25th

St Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer
Orthros and Divine Liturgy 6 pm

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 will meet TODAY. Teen SOYO will meet on October 15th & 22nd after church in the Jabara Room.**

2. **The Second Annual Father Joseph Allen Memorial Lecture series will be held THIS Saturday, October 21st**

- ✦ Vespers at 6pm, followed by a reception/exhibition in the hall
- ✦ Keynote speaker, Dr. Philip Mamalakis, at 6pm; childcare provided
- ✦ **Tickets will be sold TODAY in coffee hour; Donation \$10.00**

3. **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 & consult the calendar on our church website.

4. **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.

5. **There will be a Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, October 18th at 7:30pm in the Jabara Room.**

6. **Calling all young adults for a brief meeting on Sunday, October 22nd after Liturgy.** If you are able to attend, please contact Amanda (732-979-9929 or aelsabee@gmail.com).

7. **GET OUT THE WORD! - Our Fall Festival, on November 10th & 11th, is less than one month away!**

- Most people who attend our Festival hear about it from a friend or family member who invites them
- Spread the word with with your neighbors, friends & family
- Share our Facebook post on your social media page (<https://www.facebook.com/StAnthonyFestival>)
- **Take some flyers**, available in coffee hour, & ask local vendors to hang them
- Distribute flyers to friends & neighbors

Thank you for worshiping 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 Christians we have a special love of the Cross: we make the sign of the cross a lot, we adorn our churches, our homes, even our bodies with the image of the cross. This is because as Christians the cross is a symbol of victory and a powerful spiritual weapon against the enemy.

The cross has such power because it represents the ultimate act of self-sacrifice, where Christ willingly offered his life for the salvation of humanity. In doing so, he exemplified the highest form of love and service.

In a profound sense, Christians believe that Christ gave His life for us, allowing us to give our lives for Him. This concept may seem paradoxical at first, but it encapsulates the Christian paradox that embracing a life of self-denial and service leads to the ultimate reward of eternal life and communion with God.

When we make the sign of the cross, or wear a cross around our neck, we are not performing perfunctory ritual but a profound reminder of the Christian's journey to emulate Christ, who gave His life for our salvation. It symbolizes a commitment to self-sacrifice, living for a higher purpose, and the promise of eternal life. In a world often focused on self-gratification and material pursuits, the sign of the cross calls us to a life of purpose, selflessness, and devotion to Christ, whose sacrifice offers the ultimate hope of eternal communion with Him.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Nicholas

8. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED - Our Fall Festival, on November 10th & 11th, is one month away!

- **Sign up sheets for jobs** at the Festival are in the church hall. Signup to work for the job & time of your choice!
- **Festival Baking Schedule: Help is needed!**
 - Tues., Oct. 17 at 10:am - Finikia
 - Tues., Oct. 24 at 6:30pm - Apricot Rolls
 - Thurs., Nov. 2 at 12:30pm - Russian Tea Cakes
- **Crazy Capsules needs your help!** We are looking for new or gently used items to use as prizes for kids & adults. Monetary donations always welcome! Contact **Hanneh Kalyoussef (201-693-2968 or hanneh@kalycomm.com.)**
- **The Vintage Booth is collecting** gently used costume jewelry, pocket books, totes, belts, scarves & other accessories. Contact Valerie Allen, Arlene Assile, Valerie Joseph or Anne Samman.
- 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)**.

9. 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.

10. A special Thank You to Mihaela Leonida for hosting today's coffee hour.

11. The St. Anthony Choir is always looking to add some heavenly voices to our ensemble! No experience necessary! Contact our director, **Daria Incorvaia (deedab1964@yahoo.com)** for information. Remember, when you sing, you pray twice!

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. 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