



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Friday, October 27th
Daily Vespers 6pm

Saturday, October 28th
Great Vespers 5 pm

Sunday, October 29th
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
9:00 am

Upcoming Special Services

Wednesday, October 25th
St Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer
Orthros and Divine Liturgy 6 pm

*Confession is available before/after any weekday service, after Great Vespers on Saturday, or by appointment.

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 both meet TODAY.**

2. **There will be a special collection at the conclusion of services TODAY for the Special Olympics.** Please be generous.

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 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. **Thank you to the Father Joseph Allen Memorial Fund and to all** who attended & supported the lecture & reception last night.

6. **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
- Distribute flyers to friends & neighbors
- 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

7. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:**

- **Sign up sheets** for jobs at the Festival are in the church hall. Signup to work for the job & time of your choice! **All areas need staffing** - bakery, booths (Crazy Capsules, Vintage, etc.).
- **Festival Baking Schedule: Help is needed!**
 - Tues., Oct. 24 at 6:30pm - Apricot Rolls
 - Thurs., Nov. 2 at 12:30pm - Russian Tea Cakes

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 stand witness to a unique and profoundly challenging era. First, the grievous conflict in Ukraine, and now the ongoing strife between Israel and Palestine. It is increasingly difficult not to ponder the potential future that may emerge from these turbulent times. The destruction of human lives in the wake of religious and political ideologies is nauseating, but it's a reality that is all too commonplace. In the words of the wise Solomon, "There is nothing new under the sun." Can we do nothing?

As Orthodox Christians, we abhor war and passionately detest the wanton destruction of human life. Our prayers extend to everyone, even those who may harbor murderous hatred towards us. We are commanded to exemplify love in the face of hatred.

However, our commitment to love does not render us blind to the world's tumult nor paralyze us from acting. Love compels us to answer the pleas of the innocent and to transcend words, taking tangible action. Our first and foremost action is to fervently pray for peace, for prayer is not a passive endeavor but a powerful, active communion with God. Our prayers unite us with the divine and serve as the wellspring of inspiration for our actions. It is in our prayers and our unwavering belief in their strength that we discover the inspiration to make a tangible difference in the world. Love, prayer, and action combine to illumine the path to peace. Recall the words of the Lord's brother, St James, "The insistent prayer of a righteous person is powerfully effective." (James 5:16)

Prayer is not nothing.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Nicholas

- **Crazy Capsules is still collecting NEW** items and monetary donations! Help is also needed to fill capsules and organize prizes. 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 dooni224@yahoo.com)** or **Joe Incorvaia (201-424-7838 or Joseph.Incorvaia@gmail.com)**.

8. **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.

9. **A special Thank You to the Young At Heart group for hosting today's coffee hour.**

10. **The St. Anthony Choir is always looking to add some heavenly voices to our ensemble!** No experience necessary! Contact our director, **Daria Incorvaia (dedah1964@yahoo.com)** for information. Remember, when you sing, you pray twice!

11. **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>).

- Next available date is Sunday, November 10th.
- Sign up on the schedule posted outside the coffee room or contact **Alice Ziemba (201-664-8068 or alicenziemba@yahoo.com)**.

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