



# St Anthony Orthodox Church

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## Services This Week

### Wednesday, November 1st

No Daily Vespers

### Friday, November 3rd

No Daily Vespers

### Saturday, November 4th

Great Vespers 5pm

### Sunday, November 5th

Orthros and Divine Liturgy  
9:00am

## Upcoming Special Services

### Monday, November 13th

St John Chrysostom  
Divine Liturgy 8am

### Thursday, November 16th

St Matthew the Evangelist  
Divine Liturgy 8am

\*Confession 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 will meet TODAY.

✦ Halloween Costume & Parade to follow

### 2. 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 handout & consult the calendar on our church website.

3. **Showcase your business on the Festival placemat!** Every guest will use a placemat & see your business card & logo. See **Debbie Nagorny** at coffee hour or email ([wedeliverthedeals@comcast.net](mailto:wedeliverthedeals@comcast.net)).

4. **SAVE THE DATE - Church Cleanup Day** is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 10am-2pm. All parishioners are requested to donate a few hours of their time. More information to come.

5. **The Women's Guild will have a short meeting on Sunday, November 5th** during coffee hour. Members & non-members are welcome. Feel free to bring your coffee "and" to the meeting.

### 6. GET OUT THE WORD for our Fall Festival on November 10th & 11th:

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

### 7. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE FESTIVAL:

- **Sign up sheets** for jobs are in the church hall. Signup to work for the job & time of your choice. **All areas need staffing!**
- **Festival Baking Schedule: Help is needed!**
  - Thurs., Nov. 2 at 12:30pm - Russian Tea Cakes
- **Crazy Capsules is still collecting NEW** items & monetary donations! Help is needed to organize prizes. Contact **Hanneh Kalyoussef (201-693-2968 or hanneh@kalycomm.com.)**

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!

During my childhood, I eagerly participated in Halloween festivities. I loved to dress up! And I loved going door to door, or shop to shop, to receive my Halloween treats. However, many churchgoers vehemently oppose Halloween, claiming it is idolatrous, occultic, and satanic.

There is no real evidence that Halloween is tied to any of this. Modern Halloween has more connection to Christianity than any pagan origin. November 1st was the celebration of All Hallows' Day in the Western Church—now called All Saints Day. "Hallow" is an archaic English word for "holy" or "saint." In the Lord's prayer, we still use this word: "Hallowed be Thy name." So, the night before, there was always a church service on All Hallows' Eve. All Hallows' Eve was eventually shortened to Halloween.

Are there weird and wicked things that people do on Halloween? Sure. But then again, people do weird and wicked things daily. This doesn't stop us from responsibly enjoying time with our families. Likewise, there is no reason to superstitiously fear this day or disallow your children from participating safely and peacefully.

So enjoy letting your kids dress up in appropriate costumes and spend the evening with your family. You don't need horror movies, haunted houses, or things that border on the weird and wicked. Get some candy, make some memories, and then snuggle up and watch *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* on TV. And if you ever get spooked, remember that Christ has given us victory and power over any demonic activity. Worst case scenario, throw some holy water at it.

Have a happy and safe All Hallows' Eve!

With love in Christ,  
Fr. Nicholas

- **The Vintage Booth is collecting** gently used jewelry, pocket books, belts, & 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)**.

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 Nick & Debbie Nagorny 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 (deedah1964@yahoo.com)** for information. Remember, when you sing, you pray twice!

11. **St. Anthony's next Walk-In Dinner program will be on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.** If you are interested in physically helping or providing funds, contact Betty Gakos (**jbgakos@yahoo.com**).

12. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR COFFEE HOUR** - Parishioners are asked to sign up to host at least ONE coffee reception a year. Guidelines are on the church website & handouts available in the coffee room (**<https://stanthonyorthodox.org/coffee-hour>**).

- **Next available dates are Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.**
- Sign up on the schedule posted outside the coffee room or contact **Alice Ziemba (201-664-8068 or alicenziemba@yahoo.com)**.

13. **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, contact **Nike Bach (nike.bach@gmail.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.

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

-St Anthony the Great