



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Monday, November 13th

St John Chrysostom
Divine Liturgy 8am

Wednesday, November 15th

Daily Vespers 6pm

Thursday, November 16th

St Matthew the Evangelist
Divine Liturgy 8am

Friday, November 17th

Daily Vespers 6pm

Saturday, November 18th

NO Great Vespers

Sunday, November 19th

Orthros and Divine Liturgy
9:00am

*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 & Teen SOYO will meet TODAY.**
2. **The dates of the Fall Adult Education Series are:**
 - I. Bible Study-7pm on Wednesdays through November 22nd
 - II. Catechism-7pm on Fridays through December 15th
 - III. Byzantine Chant Class-3pm on Saturdays through December 16th

*Please refer to handout & consult the calendar on our church website.
3. **A very special thank you to Festival Co-Chairs Donna Petrick and Joe Incorvaia** for their leadership, hard work, dedication and patience for making Festival 2023 such a success!
 - ✦ Thank you to all our St. Anthony parishioners who worked & supported the Festival
4. **On Friday, November 17th, St. Anthony's will be preparing about 200 meals for the Walk-In Dinner Program in Hackensack.** In addition, 200 individually prepared & wrapped desserts are needed. Help is needed to:
 - physically help prepare the meals at church
 - provide desserts made at home & brought to church
 - serve the food in Hackensack
 - provide funds to cover the cost of this outreach program

This is a large undertaking. If you can help, please contact **Betty Gakos** (jbgakos@yahoo.com).
5. **The 20/40 Group is sponsoring 2 families who are in need of a Thanksgiving meal.** Please bring all items to church no later than Sunday, November 19th. A list of needed items is in the church, signup with **Amanda Elsabee** (732-979-9929 or aelsabee@gmail.com).
6. **Teen SOYO & The Church School invite everyone to our annual St. Nicholas Complimentary Dinner on Saturday, December 2, 2023 held in honor of our parish seniors.** The dinner will follow Great Vespers which starts at 5pm.
7. **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.

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!

Congratulations to all who played a role in making our festival a success! What an incredible weekend it was, brimming with joy, delicious food, well-coordinated and beautiful booths, and, above all, heartwarming connections. The true triumph of the festival lay in our ability to extend the warmth of our family to the broader community.

We are so fortunate to have a community like St Anthony's. In a world often filled with uncertainty, a steadfast community is a priceless treasure. Beyond the delicious food and delightful products, those who joined us witnessed friendship, camaraderie, hospitality, and love. We shared this treasure with our community, inviting them to experience the essence of what we cherish week in and week out.

As the festival chapter comes to a close, it's time for a well-deserved rest. However, let's remember to keep the festival's spirit alive in the heart of our community. Our bonds have strengthened as we've grown closer through our collective efforts. This unity can and should continue. So, seize this opportunity! Embrace this sense of family! Cherish the relationships we've been privileged to cultivate.

In the words of Jesus, "By this, all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." This love was palpable throughout the weekend, and I am profoundly grateful to be a part of this community where my family and I can share such love. Take a moment to express gratitude to God and to each other for the success of the festival, but more importantly, be thankful for the boundless love that unites us all in this beautiful community!

With love in Christ,
Fr. Nicholas

8. **Parishioners are reminded to check the online St. Anthony Church Calendar** for the most current church services and activities (<https://stanthonyorthodox.org/calendar/>).

9. It's never too early to start your holiday shopping! **Beautiful wreaths & centerpieces from Lynch Creek Wreaths are being sold again this year by our Teen SOYO using code: 301489.** Items can be purchased by phone (1-888-426-0781) or online at <https://lynchcreekwreaths.com/pages/fundraising>. Go to "find your campaign" & enter our code. Click on St. Anthony's SOYO & begin shopping! Please, remember, the code must be used!

10. **The Order of St. Ignatius Town Hall meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at St. George Church, Little Falls, NJ from 7-9pm.** A light dinner will be served at 7pm. Ed Assile, Order Treasurer, will give opening remarks discussing the issues facing the Order, as well as both short-term & long-term priorities. It is important the Order hears the views, perspectives & addresses the questions of its members. R.S.V.P. by Dec. 1st by phone (724-238-3677 x410) or email (theorder@antiochian.org).

11. **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).

12. **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.**

13. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR COFFEE HOUR** - Parishioners are asked to to host at least ONE coffee reception a year. Guidelines are on the church website & handouts available in the coffee room.

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

14. **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).

15. **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 table.

There will be a Memorial Service today for Clara Goldstein, mother of Valerie Goldstein. May her Memory be Eternal!

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

-St Anthony the Great