



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Monday, November 20th

Entry of the Theotokos
Divine Liturgy 6pm

Wednesday, November 22nd

Thanksgiving Vespers 6pm

Thursday, November 23rd

Thanksgiving Liturgy
9am

Friday, November 24th

No Daily Vespers

Saturday, November 25th

Great Vespers
5pm

Sunday, November 26th

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 will meet today. Teen SOYO will not meet.**
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. **The 20/40 Group is sponsoring 2 families who are in need of a Thanksgiving meal.** All items are due in church **TODAY**. For information, contact **Amanda Elsabee (732-979-9929 or aelsabee@gmail.com)**.
4. **The Women's Guild once again is collecting pajamas & gift cards for the children & families from St. Vladimir's Seminary.**
 - The "Giving Tree" is located in the church hall. See **Caitlin Sanchez or Alexandra Stith for directions/information.**
 - All gifts should be wrapped or placed in a gift bag & labeled.
 - **All gifts should be brought to church no later than Sunday, December 3rd.**
5. **The Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 14th at the Mado Restaurant** in River Edge, NJ. Reservations & payment are due no later than December 3rd. For information, contact **Annette Takla (201-261-6244)**.
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. **There is a Parish Council meeting today at 1:30pm in the Jabara Room.**
8. **The Order of St. Ignatius Town Hall meeting has been RESCHEDULED to a date during Lent.** More information to come.

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:

As we approach the American Holiday of Thanksgiving, the Church invites us to deepen our understanding of gratitude as an integral aspect of our spiritual lives. At the heart of our faith lies the concept of “Eucharist”—thanksgiving—a profound acknowledgment of God's grace and providence.

This season, as we gather with family and friends to share a beautiful meal, let us remember the ultimate feast—the table prepared for us by our Lord. In every Divine Liturgy, we partake in the Body and Blood of Christ, which we also call Eucharist, both partaking of and expressing our profound thanksgiving for the sacrifice that brings salvation.

Thanksgiving in the Orthodox tradition extends beyond a single day; it is a way of life. Being thankful is not a passive thought; thanksgiving is only realized through action. What is our response to our abundant blessings? Thanksgiving. How do we live thanksgiving? Through offering our lives to others.

As we count our blessings, let us also be mindful of those less fortunate. Our faith calls us to share our abundance, extending the grace we've received to others. I challenge each of you to extend your thankfulness to others around you—call your loved ones and thank them for their place in your life; donate some food to a local food pantry; make donations to the Church that can be used to help and support those in need in our community.

This Thanksgiving, resonate with gratitude, recognizing that every good and perfect gift comes from above. In the spirit of Eucharist, let our lives be a continual offering of thanks, drawing us closer to the source of all blessings—our loving and merciful God.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Nicholas

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 Church Cleanup Day has been RESCHEDULED to January.** More information to come.

11. **Thank you to Betty Gakos and all those who helped prepare, serve & subsidize St. Anthony's Walk-In Dinner Program** in Hackensack on November 17th.

12. **A special Thank You to the Women's Guild for hosting today's coffee hour.**

13. **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).**

14. **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.**

15. **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 alicenziemba@yahoo.com).**

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

17. **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).**

18. **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.

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

-St Anthony the Great