



# St Anthony Orthodox Church

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## Services This Week

### Wednesday, November 8th

Daily Vespers. 7pm

### Friday, November 10th

No Daily Vespers

### Saturday, November 11th

Great Vespers 5pm

### Sunday, November 12th

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 & 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. **The Women's Guild will meet TODAY** during coffee hour. Members/non-members welcome. Bring your coffee to the meeting.
4. **Bake at home & bring your own special Baked Favorite to our Festival Bakery to be sold at our Festival.** Variety is endless: a cake, cupcakes, a pie, cookies, ethnic or non-ethnic, child-friendly. Everything is appreciated. See Betty Gakos/Lois Dedes.
5. **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 ([weddeliverthedeals@comcast.net](mailto:weddeliverthedeals@comcast.net)).
6. **LAST CALL: OUR FALL FESTIVAL IS HERE - November 10th (11am-9pm) & 11th (11am-10pm)**
  - Distribute flyers to friends & ask local vendors to hang them
  - Share our Facebook post on your social media page (<https://www.facebook.com/StAnthonyFestival>).
7. **YOUR HELP IS REALLY NEEDED FOR THE FESTIVAL:**
  - **All areas need staffing** - Sign up sheets are in the church hall.
  - 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. **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/information.
9. **The 20/40 Group is sponsoring 2 families in need for Thanksgiving.** More information to come. Contact **Amanda Elsabee (732-979-9929 or aelsabee@gmail.com)**.

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!

Why is it important to be in Church? There are passages in the Bible that state that God is everywhere and in all things. Why is it not enough to pray to him in nature, in our homes, anywhere and everywhere?

A phrase rings through centuries of Christian tradition: "One Christian is no Christian." This saying emphasizes the communal nature of faith. Christ's words reinforce this concept, stating that when two or three gather in His name, He is present among them. When Christ taught us to pray, it was as a community, addressing God as our Father. Furthermore, the Holy Eucharist, the central sacrament of the Church, the most intimate communion with the Lord, can only be received in and amongst the community of the Church.

Instead, Let's ask a different question: why would we choose to pray in isolation? The Church offers a life-giving community where the Holy Spirit actively works. It provides a space for worship, the bonds of love, the sharing of burdens, and the joy of fellowship as members of the Body of Christ. Devoting one morning a week to God is a small price for these spiritual riches.

While God is omnipresent and can be encountered in nature and private prayer, solely relying on these avenues may lead to spiritual complacency and delusion. In the Church, God offers the True Faith, Baptism, the Eucharist, forgiveness of sins, and the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Attending church is not merely a religious obligation but a means to strengthen one's faith, experience the fullness of Christian community, and partake in the divine grace offered through the sacrament.

With love in Christ,  
Fr. Nicholas

10. **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.

11. 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!

12. **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](mailto:theorder@antiochian.org)).

13. **A special Thank You to Amanda, Joe & Lauren Elsabee for hosting today's coffee hour.**

14. **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](mailto:deedah1964@yahoo.com)).

15. **St. Anthony's next Walk-In Dinner program will be on Friday, November 17th.** If you are interested in physically helping or providing funds, contact Betty Gakos ([jbgakos@yahoo.com](mailto:jbgakos@yahoo.com)).

16. **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.

- **Next available dates are Sunday, November 10th & 26th.**
- Sign up on the schedule posted outside the coffee room or contact **Alice Ziemba** (201-664-8068 or [alicesiemba@yahoo.com](mailto:alicesiemba@yahoo.com)).

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](mailto:cbogris@aol.com)). If you are not receiving this monthly email, contact **Nike Bach** ([nike.bach@gmail.com](mailto: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."**