



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Tuesday, January 16th

St. Anthony
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
6pm
Festal Meal 8:30pm

Wednesday, January 17th

Daily Vespers
6pm

Friday, January 19th

Daily Vespers
6pm

Saturday, January 20th

Great Vespers
5pm

Upcoming Special Services

Sunday, January 21st

Orthros and Divine Liturgy
9am

St. Anthony's Day/Stewardship Sunday

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

- Confessions available before/after any weekday service, after Great Vespers on Saturday, or by appointment.**
- Church School & Teen SOYO will meet TODAY.**
- Theophany house blessings continue this week.** Please contact Fr. Nicholas if you want your house blessed
 - by returning promptly the form that was sent home
 - by emailing Fr. Nicholas directly
 - by using the online link in Fr Nicholas's weekly update email
- St. Anthony's Day will be celebrated Tuesday, January 16th** with Orthros and Liturgy at 6pm. **Continue the celebration on Stewardship Sunday, Sunday, January 21st.** All parishioners are welcome to enjoy a complimentary brunch and short program, following Orthros and Liturgy.
- The Women's Guild will meet TODAY during coffee hour in the Jabara Room.** Members & non-members are welcome. Bring your "coffee and" to the meeting. We will be discussing upcoming events/projects for the next few months.
- Save the date - Saturday, February 10th - All are invited after vespers to a Valentine's Pasta Dinner hosted by the 20/40 Group.** Tickets are \$20.00 for adults & \$10.00 for students. Contact Amanda Elsabee for tickets & more information (aelsabee@gmail.com or 732-979-9929).
- St. Anthony's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2024,** immediately following Liturgy.
- The Luck of Saint Anthony's Tricky Tray has a WISHING TREE in the church hall.** Please select a card from the tree to make a donation. All donations due by February 11th.
 - Also, please bring in any **NEW** items such as candles, soaps, coffee maker, air fryer, electronics, kitchen gadgets, jewelry, glass, crystal & any other donations, etc.
 - We also need family & friends monetary donations.
 - See Leslie Carter or Christine Moomjy** if you have questions or to drop off donations.

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!

At the Divine Liturgy, Orthodox Christians regularly commemorate their living and departed loved ones by offering prósphoron (literally “the offering”—refers to the holy bread that is offered for the Divine Liturgy) and by submitting names to be read by the clergy during the Proskomide service—the service of the preparation of the bread and wine before the liturgy.

During the Proskomide, the priest will remove a particle from the prósphoron for each of the living or departed Orthodox Christians he has been asked to commemorate and place it on the diskos. The diskos is the gilded plate on which stands the Lamb, the bread that will be transformed into the Body of Christ, along with larger particles commemorating the Mother of God and the various ranks of saints. The Holy Fathers see the diskos as an image of the Heavenly Kingdom and the Church, where our Lord reigns with all His saints.

St Symeon of Thessalonica points out that “the particle placed near the eucharistic Bread when that becomes the Body of Christ in the course of the Liturgy, the particle too is immediately sanctified. And when it is placed in the Chalice, it is united with the holy Blood. That is why it transmits divine grace to the soul of the one for whom it is offered. So, a spiritual communion takes place between that person and Christ. The person commemorated receives the communion of the Holy Spirit invisibly in his soul.”

It is essential for all Orthodox Christians to regularly offer holy bread and the names of their loved ones to be commemorated.

In Christ,
Fr Nicholas

9. **IOCC Wine Tasting Fundraiser at St. George, Little Falls Saturday, February 3rd.** Vespers at 6pm, event at 7pm. For tickets, sponsorships, or donations, please visit IOCC.org/northjersey.

10. **Registration for the Antiochian Village Summer Camp Programs 2024 is open!** For more information and to register, go to: avcamp.org

11. **Attention St. Anthony parishioners** - If you are receiving church envelopes but no longer use them because you have switched to ParishSoft Giving, please notify **John Ziemba** (jzphysics@yahoo.com) to be removed from the mailing list. The smaller the mailing list, the less our printing & postage expenses.

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

13. **The 2024 Coffee Hour Schedule is posted in the church hall.** Parishioners are asked to host at least ONE coffee reception a year. Many dates are available.

- Guidelines on church website & handouts are in the coffee room.
- Sign up on the schedule posted outside the coffee room or contact **Alice Ziemba (201-664-8068 or aliceziemba@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. **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).

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. **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