



# St Anthony Orthodox Church

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## Services This Week

**Wednesday, January 10th**  
Daily Vespers  
6pm

**Friday, January 12th**  
Daily Vespers  
6pm  
*\*followed by presentation by\**  
**Fr Calinic Berger**

**Saturday, January 13th**  
Great Vespers  
5pm

**Sunday, January 14th**  
Orthros and Divine Liturgy  
9am

## Upcoming Special Services

**Tuesday, January 16th**  
St. Anthony  
Orthros and Divine Liturgy  
6pm

## 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.”

## Weekly Announcements

- Confessions available before/after any weekday service, after Great Vespers on Saturday, or by appointment.**
- Church School & Teen SOYO will meet TODAY.**
- The schedule for the Theophany House blessings has been mailed to parishioners.** House blessings will begin Monday, January 8th. 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.
- Join us **THIS Friday evening, January 12th, when St. Anthony’s will host Rev. Fr. Calinic Berger, PHD.**, Associate Pastor of St George Cathedral in Wichita, and Adjunct Professor of Dogmatic Theology at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA.
  - Vespers at 6pm, followed by a light reception & presentation by Fr. Calinic entitled, *The Transformational Power of the Psalms: Our Daily Liturgy and Window to Christ.***
  - Where can we find the inspiration to renew our prayer life?** In this brief presentation, we will explore the Book of Psalms, and why the Fathers of the Church see it as a well-spring of wisdom, inspiration and spiritual power, bringing us closer to God, teaching us about our own selves, and most importantly, about Christ.
- SAVE THE DATE - St. Anthony’s Day will be celebrated Tuesday, January 16th with Orthros and liturgy. We will continue celebrating our feast on Sunday, January 21st!** More information to come.
- Save the date Saturday - February 10th - All are invited to a Valentine’s Pasta Dinner hosted by 20/40 Group.** Details to follow!
- St. Anthony’s Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2024,** immediately following Liturgy.

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:**

Blessed Feast!

This season in the Church is busy! We had the feast of Christmas, New Year's Day, St Basil's Day, and, to cap it all off, the feast of Christ's baptism—Theophany!

The Feast of Theophany is also called the Feast of Lights. No, not Hanukkah, our feast of lights. But wait, isn't Theophany about water? Yes, it is, but more importantly, it's about what happened in the water; as the hymn of theophany says, the worship of the Trinity was manifested to the world. God is revealed, and this revelation is spoken of in the hymns and prayers of the Church using terms of illumination or brightness—"the world is enlightened," "the light of knowledge has appeared," "the Sun of Justice has dawned," "we have seen a great light." None of this refers to physical light but the spiritual light of Christ's glory, that of the only begotten Son of God.

These feasts are preeminent in revealing to us the truths of our faith. We worship one God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This illumination, revealed in Christ's birth and baptism, is the cause of our celebration and joy.

The holy water that we bless at this time and sprinkle everywhere is a participation in the revelation that was made manifest. Christ's baptism sanctified all water, purifying it into the life-giving substance it was always intended to be. But more than that, it has now received spiritual sanctification, making it a valuable tool in our spiritual lives, offering us the grace of God every time we partake of it.

I pray you have a blessed Theophany season, and I hope you'll invite me to bless your home with holy water!  
Blessed Feast!

In Christ,  
Fr Nicholas

8. **In the church hall TODAY, The Luck of Saint Anthony's Tricky Tray is having a WISHING TREE.** Please select a card from the tree to make a donation. All donations due by February 11th.

- ♦ In addition, 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 for our sponsorships.
- ♦ **See Leslie Carter or Christine Moomjy** if you have questions or to drop off donations.

9. **Registration for the Antiochian Village Summer Camp Programs 2024 is open!** For more information and to register, go to: [avcamp.org](http://avcamp.org)

10. **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 Ziembra** ([jzphysics@yahoo.com](mailto:jzphysics@yahoo.com)) to be removed from the mailing list. The smaller the mailing list, the less our printing & postage expenses.

11. **A special Thank You to Joe & Angelique Hakim for hosting today's coffee hour.**

12. **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 Ziembra** (201-664-8068 or [alicesiembra@yahoo.com](mailto:alicesiembra@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](mailto:cbogris@aol.com)). If you are not receiving this monthly email, contact **Nike Bach** ([nike.bach@gmail.com](mailto:nike.bach@gmail.com)).

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

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 tables.

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

-St Anthony the Great