



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Wednesday, February 21st

Daily Vespers
6 pm

Friday, February 23rd

Daily Vespers
6 pm

Saturday, February 24th

Great Vespers
4 pm

Sunday, February 25th

Orthros and Divine Liturgy
8:45am

Daily Liturgical Guide

Antiochian Archdiocese Website:

<https://antiochian.org/liturgicday>

Confessions available before/after any weekday service, after Great Vespers on Saturday, or by appointment.

“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. **Join us for a special concert on Feb 24th at 2 pm.** The St Vladimir's Seminary Chorale will present a one-hour program of sacred vocal music dedicated to the memory of the Very Reverend Dr Ivan Moody. *There is no charge for the concert but donations will be accepted to support St. Vladimir's Seminary.*
 - Fr. Ivan was a world-renowned composer and conductor, an affiliated faculty member of St. Vladimir's Seminary and founding chairman of the International Society for Orthodox Church Music.
3. **After the concert by St. Vladimir's Seminary Chorale, stay for light refreshments and 4pm Vespers. Then all are invited to a Family & Friends Fellowship Night Pasta Dinner by our 20/40 Group.** There is no charge, donations are welcome! Menu includes: appetizers, pasta, salad, bread, soft drinks, dessert, coffee & tea. R.S.V.P by Tuesday, February 20th to Amanda Elsabee (aelsabee@gmail.com or 732-979-9929).
4. **Lenten Book Study**
 - ✦ This year during the Great Fast, we will be reading *The Lenten Spring* by Fr Thomas Hopko. This easy read, with bite-sized chapters, is the perfect companion to our lenten journey. **Join us after Great Compline on Mondays** as we dig deeper into the meaning and purpose of this transformative season.
5. **Catechism will resume during Great Lent**
 - ✦ **On Fridays after Small Compline with the Akathist Hymn,** we will meet for Part 2 of our catechism class. This class is for those catechumens seeking holy illumination on Pascha, as well as all members of our community who would like a refresher on the Orthodox faith.
6. **Fr. Nicholas and the Stewardship Committee request ALL Parishioners fill out a Stewardship Pledge form** committing a portion of your *time, talent and treasure* to St Anthony's by offering a portion of the gifts with which you have been blessed. **Please return form to the box in the narthex, by February 29th.**

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.

7. **Thank you to Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs Nike Bach & Stephen Petrick**, and their committee, for a wonderful St. Anthony's Day & Commitment Sunday celebration.
- ✦ **A very special thank you to committee member Mariana Saliba** for her time & talent in creating the beautiful video.

8. **Mardi Gras 2024 - Be True to Your School! (Or Team!)**

Join us on Saturday, March 2nd from 5-8pm; Vespers will start at 4pm.

- It's an early evening of family fun, food, music, dancing & games for kids of all ages! There will be a kids' flag football game!
- Wear your high school or college tee, sweatshirt or a jersey for your favorite team!
- Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for kids (12 and under) & \$60 for families. Cash or check. **See Enid, Karen or Daria for tickets.**

9. **Tricky Tray is less than 3 weeks away - March 8th! Buy your tickets today! Doors open at 6:30pm.**

- ✦ Contact **Pam Scarpa (201-315-7917 or pamela.scarpa@yahoo.com)** directly to receive the link to purchase tickets electronically or pay cash for the tickets at the door.
- ✦ Help is needed-setting up, selling tickets, running gifts to tables, etc. Contact **Leslie Carter (201-264-1662 or lesliecarter2@aol.com)**.
- ✦ You can still go to our church Amazon registry, to donate a new item (<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gi/guest-view/2BC832EIL900N>).
- ✦ All donations must be brought in by next Sunday, February 24th.

10. Has the clutter piled up? Are you running out of closet space? Can't park the car in the garage? Then, we have the solution! **Donate unwanted items to our Yard Sale - April 19th & 20th.**

- Save gently used & clean items in labeled boxes (linens, home décor, working electronics, china, crystal, housewares, toys & small accent furniture are big sellers).
- **All items will be accepted on Sunday, April 14** after the coffee hour. Do not bring items to church beforehand as there is no storage space.
- Questions, contact **Valerie Joseph (917-597-6503)**.

11. **Thank you to the Incorvaia and Vallejo-Juste Families for hosting today's coffee hour.**

12. **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)**.

13. **LOCAL PARISH NEWS:**

- **St. George Orthodox Church in Little Falls is hosting a Tricky Tray** on Friday, March 1st. Admission is \$15.00 with doors opening at 5:30pm. Food, beer & wine will be sold.
- **St. John the Theologian in Tenafly is hosting a 3-day exhibit & fundraiser, *Icons in Bloom***, on February 23rd, 24th & 25th. For more information, go to <https://www.stjobntenafly.org/news/news/news/icons-in-bloom>.

There will be a 40 day Memorial Service today for Dorothy Blazovich, sister of Josephine Thomsen, and great-aunt of Peter and Nick Thomsen. May Her Memory be Eternal!

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

-St Anthony the Great