



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Monday, April 15th

Great Compline
6pm

Wednesday, April 17th

Little Compline w/Canon of St.
Andrew and Life of St. Mary of
Egypt
6pm

Thursday, April 18th

Presanctified Liturgy followed
by Lenten Potluck
6pm

Friday, April 19th

Little Compline w/Akathist
6pm

Saturday, April 20th

Great Vespers
5pm

Sunday, April 21st

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt
Orthros and Divine Liturgy
9am

Daily Liturgical Guide

Antiochian Archdiocese:

[https://antiochian.org/
liturgicday](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

- Church School will meet after Holy Communion.**
 - Confession is available before/after any weekday service, after Great Vespers on Saturday, or by appointment.**
 - SET UP FOR THE YARD SALE BEGINS TODAY!**
 - Items are to be brought into the hall only AFTER the tables are set up.**
 - Please **DO NOT** put them on the stage or leave them in the vestibules.
 - Manpower is needed during coffee hour** to help arrange tables - See **Brian Scarpa**.
 - If you haven't volunteered, speak to **Valerie Joseph (917-597-6503)** or **Robyn Ziembra (201-694-9133)** to assist with set-up, selling, or take-down.
 - Unsold items will be donated to The United Breast Cancer Foundation and The Salvation Army.
 - Parishioners are invited to donate for flowers** to adorn the Epitaphios, on Good Friday, and in anticipation of Holy Resurrection, flowers will also be used to decorate the iconostasis and altar. **Donate online (www.stanthonyorthodox.org/events) or give donations to Helen Chimel/Lisa Fares. Please donate by April 28th.**
 - Get your Easter & Mother's Day floral arrangements while supporting your church.** See the flyer for more information or contact **Hanneh Kalyoussef (201-693-2968)**. Orders can be picked up from St. Anthony's on May 4th.
 - Lenten Book Study - We are reading *The Lenten Spring* by Fr Thomas Hopko during the Great Fast.** Join us after Great Compline on Mondays as we dig deeper into the meaning and purpose of this transformative season. Copies available in Religious Gift Shop.
 - The Catechism class will meet on Fridays after Small Compline with the Akathist Hymn.** We will be reading and discussing St. Cyril of Jerusalem's *Lectures on the Christian Sacraments*. This class is for those catechumens seeking holy illumination on Pascha and members of our community who would like a refresher on the Orthodox faith. Speak to Fr Nicholas to confirm your attendance.
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- Thank you for worshiping 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!

My friends, we are nearly there! We have finished the fourth week, marking the midpoint of the Great Fast. Now, we eagerly anticipate Holy Week and Pascha, the culmination of our spiritual endeavor!

With this in mind, let's stay focused. If you're feeling weary, take a deep breath, we're almost there. And if you have yet to embark on this path, remember, it's never too late. Our loving God sees and values every ounce of effort we put in, and He promises to reward us abundantly for our sincere endeavors.

As we pass the midpoint of the fast, the Church gives us the example of St John Climacus, a great monastic saint of the 7th century. But you might think to yourself, we are not monastics, so how can we benefit from St John Climacus's life and teachings?

That answer is simple. St John's life and his teachings show us that the struggle in the spiritual life is not made up: it isn't a cleverly devised fabrication or an extreme fundamentalism marked by ignorance. This is the real-life experience of a human being—the spiritual fruit of his life is undeniable—and it shows us that what we are striving toward is real, it is attainable, and there are witnesses who can attest to its truthfulness.

Wherever you are in the struggle, keep going or get started. As we will hear during the Paschal homily written by St John Chrysostom, no matter what hour you show up, you will be welcomed to the Feast, but you must show up.

In Christ,
Fr Nicholas

8. **St. Anthony and St. George will have a combined Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, April 24th at St. George, Little Falls at 7 PM.** After the Liturgy, Ed Assile will hold a St. Ignatius Town Hall, all are invited. A Lenten potluck dinner will be served.

9. If you have not yet returned your Stewardship Pledge Form, **Fr. Nicholas and the Stewardship Committee ask ALL parishioners to do so as soon as possible** to the box in the narthex as soon as possible. Copies are in the lower lobby.

10. **The Women's Guild** will meet on Sunday, April 21st during coffee hour.

11. **The Women's Guild Lenten Philanthropic Project** supporting the **New Hope Pregnancy Resource Center in Westwood, NJ.**, will run through April 28th.

- Bunnies are still available, please visit the display in the church hall - **"Take a bunny and bring back a gift for a family in need"**.
- Contact Presbytera Liana Fine (lianacfine@gmail.com) or Jackie Koskinas (jackiek29@hotmail.com).

12. **Thank you to Betty Gakos and all those who helped prepare, serve & subsidize St. Anthony's Walk-In Dinner Program** in Hackensack on April 9th. Over 200 meals were served!

- The next dinners are scheduled for Tuesday, September 10th & Tuesday, November 19th.

13. **A special Thank you to Mariana & Joseph Saliba and Jim Vagias for sponsoring today's coffee hour.**

14. **PLEASE SIGNUP FOR COFFEE HOUR** - Parishioners are asked to host at least ONE coffee reception a year.

- Guidelines are on the church website & handouts available in the coffee room (<https://stanthonyorthodox.org/coffee-hour>).
- Sign up on the 2024 schedule posted outside the coffee room or contact **Alice Ziemba (201-664-8068 or aliceziemba@yahoo.com)**.

15. **If you have 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. **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