



# St Anthony Orthodox Church

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## Services This Week

### Monday, April 22nd

Great Compline  
6pm

### Wednesday, April 24th

Presanctified Liturgy at St.  
George, Little Falls  
7pm

### Friday, April 26th

Little Compline w/Canon of  
Lazarus  
6pm

### Saturday, April 27th

Lazarus Saturday Orthros &  
Liturgy/Children's Confession  
9am

Great Vespers  
5pm

### Sunday, April 28th

Palm Sunday  
Orthros and Divine Liturgy  
9am

Bridegroom Orthros  
6pm

## 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.**
- CHANGE IN HOLYWEEK SCHEDULE - All evening services from Monday - Friday will begin at 7pm.**
  - New copies of the Holy Week Schedule are available in the Narthex and in the Hall foyer.
  - Parishioners are reminded to check the online St. Anthony Church Calendar for the most current church services and activities (<https://stanthonyorthodox.org/calendar/>).
- 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](http://www.stanthonyorthodox.org/events)) or give donations to Helen Chimel/Lisa Fares. *Please donate by April 28th.***
- Get your Palm Sunday, 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, delivery is also available.
- There will be a Choir Rehearsal on Monday, April 22nd at 7:30pm** in the Jabara Room.
- ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS - A parish photo will be taken on Palm Sunday, April 28th.**
  - Parishioners will file out the Narthex & assemble on the church steps.
  - All children, Church School & Teen SOYO, should be in the front with parishioners behind.
  - In case of rain, the parish photo will be taken indoors.
- Join us for our third Lenten Lecture on Saturday, April 27th, at 6pm following vespers when Fr. Nicholas Fine will be speaking.** Light refreshments provided.
- 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.

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!

This Sunday, as our eyes and hearts look forward to our entrance into Jerusalem with our savior in a week, we pause to reflect again on the power of repentance—the ultimate goal of our Lenten struggle. On this last Sunday of the Fast, the Church gives us the witness of a terrible sinner whose life was utterly transformed through repentance: St Mary of Egypt.

If you haven't delved into the life of St Mary of Egypt, reading her story is an absolute necessity. In essence, Mary, born in Egypt in the 5th century, left her parents' home at a young age and led a life of sin for nearly two decades. But something stirred her to visit the holy city of Jerusalem. While she was there, she experienced a powerful call to repentance. She immediately gave up her previous lifestyle, accepted Christ, and left the world for the solitude of the wilderness. There, she struggled in asceticism for nearly 50 years.

St. Mary's life stands as a resounding testament to the transformative power of repentance and God's limitless mercy. Her past transgressions, no matter how grave, were washed away by her sincere contrition and heartfelt repentance. Her story is a beacon of hope, reminding us that no sin is too great for God's mercy and that true repentance paves the way for spiritual renewal and restoration.

As the Great Fast nears its conclusion, be motivated and inspired by the life of St Mary. No matter how far we've strayed from our merciful Father, He accepts us in repentance whenever we turn to Him.

In Christ,  
Fr Nicholas

10. **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.

11. **The Women's Guild will meet TODAY during coffee hour.** Bring your "coffee and . . ." to the meeting. All women are welcome.

12. **The Women's Guild Lenten Philanthropic Project** supporting the New Hope Pregnancy Resource Center ends next Sunday, 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 Presbyteria Liana Fine ([lianacfine@gmail.com](mailto:lianacfine@gmail.com)) or Jackie Koskinas ([jackiek29@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiek29@hotmail.com)).

13. **Ole! Find yourself transported to Spain. The next meeting of the Young At Heart will be on Thursday, May 9th in the Ivy Room.** The meeting will begin at 12:30pm followed by special performance of Las Alegrias Flamenco who will present an exciting program of traditional flamenco & Spanish dance music. Light refreshments will be served.

14. 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.** Put them in the box in the narthex. Forms are in the lower lobby.

15. **A special Thank You to Valerie Joseph and all who donated, worked and shopped at the Yard Sale.**

16. **A special Thank you to Mihaela Leonida and Dinu & Viorica Morar for sponsoring today's coffee hour.**

17. **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://stanthonorthodox.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](mailto:aliceziemba@yahoo.com))**.

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

19. **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