



St Anthony Orthodox Church

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Services This Week

Sunday, April 28th

Bridegroom Orthros 7 pm

Monday, April 29th

Presanctified Liturgy 9am

Bridegroom Orthros 7pm

Tuesday, April 30th

Presanctified Liturgy 9am

Bridegroom Orthros 7pm

Wednesday, May 1st

Presanctified Liturgy 9am

Service of Holy Unction 7pm

Thursday, May 2nd

Bridegroom Orthros 9am

Vesperal Divine Liturgy 10am

Orthros w/12 Gospels 7pm

Friday, May 3rd

Royal Hours 9am

Catechumen Renunciation and
Confession 11am

Vespers of Holy Friday 4pm

Orthros w/Lamentations and
Outdoor Processional 7pm

Saturday, May 4th

Holy Saturday Vesperal Liturgy
w/Chrismations 9am

Great and Holy PASCHA!
10pm

Sunday, May 5th

Agape Vespers 1pm

Weekly Announcements

1. **Church School will meet after Holy Communion.**
2. **Confession is available before/after any weekday service, after Great Vespers on Saturday, or by appointment.**
3. **ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS - A parish photo will be taken TODAY immediately after the Liturgy.**
 - ✦ 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.
4. **CHANGE IN HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - All evening services from Monday - Friday will begin at 7pm.** Please refer to the schedule in today's bulletin.
 - Copies of the schedule are also 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/>).
5. **NEW THIS YEAR - We will have an Egg Hunt after Agape Services on Easter Sunday at 1pm** for all Church School children.
6. **Parishioners are invited to donate for flowers by the end of today** 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.**
7. **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, delivery is also available.
8. **The Women's Guild Lenten Philanthropic Project** supporting the New Hope Pregnancy Resource Center ends TODAY.
 - All items should be in the church hall by the end of coffee hour.

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:

We've reached the culmination of our journey through the Great Fast and now step into the sacred space of Holy Week with its blend of reverence and anticipation. As we continue our fasting this week, it's not merely a continuation of Lent but a deliberate choice to walk alongside our Savior on His path to suffering and death.

Palm Sunday heralds the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, where He was met with jubilation by many. However, as the week progressed, how many remained resolute by His side as He faced crucifixion and death? We are not called to be fair-weather followers but true disciples who stand unwaveringly by His side.

We cannot allow this momentous week to pass us by unnoticed. It's a time of profound spiritual significance, far more than mere reenactment—it's our active participation in the eternal truths of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. United with Him spiritually, we partake in His journey of redemption, not as distant spectators but as integral participants.

The church ought to be filled this week, resonating with the presence of those who ardently love Christ. Where will you be? Permit me, even if just a little, to nudge your conscience. Beloved, this week forms the bedrock of our faith, the source of our hope, and the wellspring of our joy. Let us embrace it fully, allowing its transformative power to envelop and renew us.

Imagine the depth of joy awaiting us at Pascha if we invest ourselves wholeheartedly in this sacred week, walking closely with Christ every step of the way.

In Christ,
Fr Nicholas

9. **Thank you to the Women's Guild, especially Chairperson Jackie Koskinas and Presbytera Liana Fine** for coordinating the The Women's Guild Lenten Philanthropic Project supporting the New Hope Pregnancy Resource Center, and to all those who contributed.

10. **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 a special performance of Las Alegrias Flamenco who will present an exciting program of traditional flamenco & Spanish dance music. Light refreshments will be served.

11. **PLANAHEAD - FUN & FELLOWSHIP! St. Anthony's Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 9th** at Pasca Brook County Park, 150 Emerson Rd, Westwood, NJ. More details to come!

12. 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.

13. **A special Thank you to Ed & Arlene Assile, Valerie Joseph and John & Alice Ziemba for hosting today's coffee hour.**

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. **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 alicenziemba@yahoo.com).**

16. **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).**

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 tabl

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

-St Anthony the Great