



# St Anthony Orthodox Church

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## Services This Week

### Monday, April 8th

Great Compline  
6pm

### Wednesday, April 10th

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed  
by Lenten Potluck  
6pm

### Friday, April 12th

Little Compline w/Akathist  
6pm

### Saturday, April 13th

Great Vespers  
5pm

### Sunday, April 14th

Sunday of St. John Climacus  
Orthros and Divine Liturgy  
9am

## Daily Liturgical Guide

### Antiochian Archdiocese Website:

[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.**
- Confessions are available before/after any weekday service, after Great Vespers on Saturday, or by appointment.**
- Fr. Nicholas and the Stewardship Committee request ALL parishioners to return the Stewardship Pledge form** to the box in the narthex as soon as possible. Copies are in the lower lobby.
- The Parish Council will meet TODAY** after coffee hour.
- St. Anthony's will be feeding the less fortunate THIS Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.** If you are interested in physically helping or providing funds, contact **Betty Gakos** ([jbgakos@yahoo.com](mailto:jbgakos@yahoo.com)).
- Join us for our second Lenten Lecture on Saturday, April 13th, at 6pm following vespers.** Subdeacon Nicholas Nagorny will be speaking on St John Climacus and his seminal work, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. Light refreshments provided.
- 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 Potluck Lenten dinner will be served.
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- 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.
- 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 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:**

This third Sunday of Great Lent is also called the Sunday of the Adoration of the Cross, which includes a procession around the church with the cross. We also have a procession with the cross at two other times during the year, September 14 and August 1.

The most significant procession with the cross falls on the feast of the exaltation of the cross on September 14th. This feast commemorates the day the true cross was placed in the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem, and the first service of the Exaltation of the Cross performed there. The actual finding of the cross by Helen is commemorated on March 6th. Since March usually falls during Great Lent, and since it isn't fitting to celebrate feasts on a weekday during the Fast, the commemoration of the actual finding of the cross was transferred to the third Sunday of Lent so that this important feast might receive proper recognition.

The final procession with the cross is on August 1st. It was common in Constantinople that illness would proliferate during August. It was deemed appropriate to process the cross through the city for the sanctification of the inhabitants. After the fall of Constantinople, this procession in the city ceased, but the commemoration and the importance of bringing the cross "out" into the world to sanctify it has remained.

The cross is central. Without the cross, there is no resurrection. As Christ said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, pick up his cross, and follow me." The procession of the cross reminds us of this and the significance the cross plays in our lives as a source of blessing and life, the opposite of its original intended purpose. This paradox, that an instrument of torture and death should become the symbol and object of true life, is what our faith is about. As St Paul said, "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God."

In Christ,  
Fr Nicholas

11. **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.
12. **Bring all items for the Yard Sale to church on Sun., April 14th.** There is limited space in the Hall, so please bring your items into the hall **after the tables are set up following coffee hour.**
  - Manpower is needed that day to help arrange tables. To help, contact **Brian Scarpa** ([bcscarpa6@yahoo.com](mailto:bcscarpa6@yahoo.com)).
  - **PLEASE...**No books, clothing, unclean items, CD's, DVD's or holiday decorations.
  - Contact **Valerie Joseph** (917-597-6503) to assist with set-up, selling, or take-down.
13. **The Women's Guild** will meet on Sunday, April 21st during coffee hour.
14. **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](mailto:lianacfine@gmail.com)) or Jackie Koskinas ([jackiek29@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiek29@hotmail.com)).
15. **A special Thank you to Nike Bach and Irene Kavountzis for sponsoring today's coffee hour.**
16. **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)).
17. **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)).
18. **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