



# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

## Events To Note -

Sunday, December 12, 2021

1. If you are vaccinated and feel comfortable, **parishioners, guests and visitors do not need to wear masks** at St. Anthony's Church and throughout the building. **If you are NOT vaccinated, we ask that you PLEASE wear a mask.**

2. **Mark your calendars! The Order of Ignatius Christmas Reception with His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH will be held at St. Anthony's on Friday, December 17, 2021, from 7:00pm-9:00pm. There will be a Great Vespers Service presided by His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH at 6:00pm.** Everyone is welcome!

3. **Come TODAY and enjoy The Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir at 4:30pm under the direction of our own Stratos Mandalakis.** The concert will be held at The Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Church, 385 French Hill Road, in Wayne, NJ. The concert will feature American, English, Ukrainian, Russian, Byzantine, Green Hymns and Carols and traditional carol sing-a-long.

4. **Thank you all for the overwhelming response to our "Giving Tree."** You can still donate a **Visa or Master Card gift card in the amount of \$25.00** to help those in need. Please contact Betty Gakos ([jbgakos@yahoo.com](mailto:jbgakos@yahoo.com)) or Leslie Carter ([lesliecarter2@aol.com](mailto:lesliecarter2@aol.com)). **All pajamas and gift cards are due TODAY.** For those of you who are purchasing pajamas, remember to attached the "paper ornament" to the wrapped gift.

5. The Women's Guild would like to thank all parishioners who made a donation to **FOCUS** last month. We donated \$ 675.00 - a total of 23 St. Nick Sack that will be given to those in need in Harlem. This is fantastic! The **Hygiene Kits and high-quality zipper totes will be distributed today December 12th from 11:00AM - 2:00PM** by FOCUS and Vibrant Emotional Health, 116 E. 124th St. 3rd floor between Park Ave & Lexington Ave. If anyone is interested in attending the event and help serve as a volunteer for FOCUS, please contact John T Moxen at [jmoxen@focusna.org](mailto:jmoxen@focusna.org).

6. **St. Anthony's is collecting canned foods and any non-perishable foods for distribution to the Teaneck Helping Hands Food Pantry.** Most needed items are cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, powdered milk, canned foods such as fish, meats, fruits, vegetables, hearty soups, stews, and pasta and sauce. as well as peanut butter and jelly. **Please be generous and put your donations in the boxes at the front and North entrances by December 19th.**

7. **The Holidays are coming! The Teen SOYO Holiday Wreath & Garland Fundraiser is underway.** Items can be purchased online at [www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/284459](http://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/284459) or by phone (1-888-426-0781) and the church will receive 15%. Items are shipped directly to you and there is no minimum purchase. To place an order, use the Campaign ID #284459. If you have any questions, contact Nicole Nasserri ([Nicole.Nasserri@nylinvestors.com](mailto:Nicole.Nasserri@nylinvestors.com) or text 201-741-7851).

8. **Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to send their Christmas wishes to fellow parishioners by making a donation to the Church and signing the St. Anthony's Community Christmas Card** created by Nona and Axel Wieschenberg, displayed on an easel in the narthex. **Donations should be given to Eve Meyer or Helen Chimel, or sent to the parish under their names.** They will note your name in the Christmas bulletin. *Please take part in our parish tradition.*

9. **Antiochian Village News: Registration for the AV Winter Family Camp**, which will run January 14-17, 2022, is now open. For more information and to register, go to: [avcamp.org](http://avcamp.org)

10. A **"Sparkles for St. Anthony Fundraiser"** will continue till the end of the year. A jewelry display is set up in the church hall - come, browse and shop. The proceeds from every sale will be donated to St. Anthony. Visit <https://shop.ami.co/hanneh-kalyoussef/touchstone-crystal/party1394470-68f1050aa794> or call Hanneh (201-693-2968).

11. **IT'S TRICKY TRAY TIME! Though the Tricky Tray isn't until Friday, March 4, 2022, fundraising has begun! Please give a donation, monetary or product.** All items should be NEW, maybe something you no longer want or something you purchased and want to donate. Every little bit helps! Please contact Hanneh Kalyoussef (201-693-2968) or Leslie Carter (201-264-1662).

12. An archivist from the NJ Historical Commission visited St. Anthony's to analyze our current collection of materials. It was a very rewarding experience. **If you have anything reflecting the religious or cultural growth of our parish, such as photographs, parish directories, newspaper articles, audio recordings or videos**, contact Jim Bach ([jbach1024@gmail.com](mailto:jbach1024@gmail.com)) or Lisa Fares ([lisaf63@aol.com](mailto:lisaf63@aol.com)), co-chairs of the Father Joseph Allen Memorial Fund Committee.

13. Do you have a new baby in your family? Is there news from a church organization that you would like to share? **Send it to the next edition of our monthly church e-newsletter of *The Desert News* that goes out the 1st of each month. Please send your information at least one week prior to Claudia Bogris** ([cbogris@aol.com](mailto:cbogris@aol.com)). If you are not receiving this monthly email, please contact Nike Bach ([nike.bach@gmail.com](mailto:nike.bach@gmail.com)) or Stratos Mandalakis ([stratsuz@optonline.net](mailto:stratsuz@optonline.net)).

14. **All announcements for this *Events To Note* flyer should be submitted to Alice Ziemba** ([aliceziemba@yahoo.com](mailto:aliceziemba@yahoo.com)) no later than **Wednesday** evening.

15. **ALL parishioners are requested to host at least one coffee reception a year. The process has been streamlined to make it easier for all parishioners to participate.** The new Coffee Hour Schedule for 2022 is posted in the coffee room, on the church bulletin board, and also in the church hall. The guideline handouts are on the church website, in the coffee room and on the church bulletin board. **The next open date is January 2, 2022.** Contact Alice Ziemba at 201-664-8068 or [aliceziemba@yahoo.com](mailto:aliceziemba@yahoo.com).

*There will be a one year Memorial Service today for Bozica Sterns, sister of Maria Filler Perich.*