



# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

## *Events To Note -*

*Sunday, November 28, 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.** Everyone is welcome!

3. New York and New Jersey Orthodox Churches are participating with FOCUS and Vibrant Emotional Health in Harlem to serve families in need! **By giving a donation, you'll be sponsoring high-quality zipper totes and hygiene kits to be packed and distributed on the Feast Day of St Nicholas - December 6th.** Please, support this very important undertaking. **The Women's Guild will take your donation in the Narthex as you leave church TODAY.** Any amount is greatly appreciated.

4. **On Tuesday, November 30th, St. Anthony's will once again feed the less fortunate as part of the community of churches Walk-in-Dinner Program** in Bergen County. **Wanted: 3 volunteers to provide 50 individually wrapped items for dessert for Tuesday.** Please contact Betty Gakos ([jbgakos@yahoo.com](mailto:jbgakos@yahoo.com)) for information about how to help.

5. **Women's Guild Holiday Get-together! Come celebrate our holiday traditions on Saturday, December 4th at 6:00 PM.** Bring a traditional Christmas or New Year's appetizer, entrée, or dessert that represents your ethnic background for all of us to enjoy! Please email Jackie Koskinas ([jackiek29@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiek29@hotmail.com)) or Annette Takla ([annettetakla@aol.com](mailto:annettetakla@aol.com)) if you are attending. Please bring your own serving dish.

6. **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%. **Order by December 6th & shipping is free!** 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](mailto:Nicole.Nasserri@nylinvestors.com) or text 201-741-7851).

7. **Reminder ~** The third session of our Fall Series *Pandemic Ponderings: Grief, Gratitude, Joy is Monday, December 6th at 7:00 PM.* Please join us (**in-person or virtually**). **Format -** presentation, breakout & discussion/Q&A. *Refreshments will be served for the in-person session.* **PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE A NEW ZOOM LINK FOR THIS SESSION.**

8. **Save the Date! On Sunday, December 12th at 4:30pm, The Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir, 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.

9. **Thank you all for the overwhelming response to our "Giving Tree" last Sunday!** All the "paper ornaments" were taken but **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)) and let them know you would like to donate a gift card, as part of our "Giving Tree". **Just as a reminder, all pajamas and gift cards should be brought to church by December 12th, but No LATER THAN DECEMBER 19TH.** For those of you who are purchasing pajamas, remember to attached the "paper ornament" to the wrapped gift.

10. **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)

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. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER!** ALL parishioners are requested to host at least one coffee reception a year. **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. Contact Alice Ziemba at 201-664-8068 or [aliceziemba@yahoo.com](mailto:aliceziemba@yahoo.com).