



St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

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Diocese of Los Angeles and the West

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APRIL 16, 2023

PASCHA: THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

عيد الفصح: قيامة المسيح



ALL NEED CANDLES TO CARRY IN THE PROCESSION

Remember NOT to light your processional candles or any other candles *until* we take the new light, just before the procession.

We have candles for you that have clear protectors that help shield them from the breeze and help eliminate dripping if you **hold your candles straight**, as we want to take good care of our church.

Photo of the Holy Fire being distributed from Christ's tomb in Jerusalem.



Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays: **Matins, 9:15 AM** **Confession: After Saturday Vespers**
 Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM **During Sunday Matins**
Saturdays: **Great Vespers, 6:00 PM** **Or by Appointment**



**Remember to turn
cell phones off!**

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled

Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless a medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

As there are **NO CHURCH SCHOOL** classes today, children should sit with their parents and come to Communion with them. An usher will dismiss your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come down for Communion.

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared with prayer, fasting and a recent confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil or Fr. Andrew during coffee hour. You may inquire with them how you can become a member.

LITURGY VARIATIONS

PLEASE REFER TO THE PASCHA SERVICE BOOKS

Please use the special booklets for tonight to pray and participate with us in the Rush Service, Matins and Liturgy.

No Kneeling from Pascha to Pentecost

Because we have been raised up with Christ, we do not kneel on any day of the week. Also, there's no fasting; even Wednesday and Friday fasts are suspended until the Ascension (May 25).

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By Salwa Ayoub, for the health of her family, and in memory of husband Emil Ayoub and daughter Gretta Casalnuovo.
- By Agnes Kuncar, for the health of her family, and in memory of husband Elias Kuncar.
- By Nouri Rabadi, in memory of Iskandar, Ikrizeh, Nour, Anwar, Mnawar, Noureh, Yagob, Fathih, Salton, Ayman, Salameh, Dani, Jazfen, Najla and Lamea Rabadi.
- By the Nicola, Bray, Crawford and Roum families, in memory of Joseph Roum (45 years departed).
- For the health of Alexia, Ariana, Mara, Mark, Jessica, Labros, Deen, Frankie, Paul, Nick, JoAnne, Ella, Liam, Luke, Paris, Apollo, Peter, Vivian, Apollon, Voula and Jamal, and in memory of Raymond, Georgia, Jesie, William, William, Marouly, George, James, Heslen, Samaan, Adel, Abee, Jamil, Lorrice, Apollon and Mimi.
- By George, Mariam, Mark, Antonio and Hend Bshara.
- By Ehab, Rania, Sami, Selena and Anthony Dahabreh, in memory of Rania's father, Hani Tadros, and of Ehab's mother, Nawal Hawatmeh Dahabreh.

To offer Holy Oblations and Memorials please use the form at

<https://stnicholasla.com/makeaprayrequest> or call the Cathedral office by Wednesday.

GOSPEL OF LOVE IN MANY TONGUES

Agape Vespers will be at **1 p.m. today**. At this service, the "Good News" of the Resurrection will be proclaimed in many languages, demonstrating the universality of the Church and of the Christian Faith.

We have texts of John 20.19-25 in many languages. Please arrive by 12:45 pm if you can read any foreign language.





**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Prot. no.: 017/2023

Great and All-Holy Pascha, 2023

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of God in this blessed Archdiocese of North America,

CHRIST IS RISEN!

You know that *Passover* comes from the Hebrew word *Pesach* which means “to cross” or “to pass over.” The Greek word *Pascha* stems from the same Hebrew word. The Ancient Arabs in the Levant used to say *fasaba* to mean that someone has crossed or passed over something.

In the Old Testament, Passover referred to the crossing of the Red Sea by the people of Moses, so it became a feast of the crossing from the land of slavery to the land of freedom. In the New Testament, however, Passover refers to crossing over from the world of enslavement to sin to the world of liberation, by God, from every chain that may pull us to spiritual and physical death.

This great feast reminds us of what God had done for us. He died and every kind of death died with Him. And He arose and raised us with Him to the fullness of life. Thus, through His death and resurrection we are able to pass from death, every kind of death, to life—the fullness of life.

I pray that you have a glorious Pascha and a personal experience of resurrection in your life.

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY
DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE!**

Your Father in the Risen Christ,

+SABA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Saba', is written below the printed name.

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America



ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

رقم: ٢٠٢٣/١٧

عيد الفصح العظيم والمقدس، ٢٠٢٣

أحبائي إكليروس الله وشعبه في أبرشية شمال أميركا المباركة أعايدكم قائلاً:

المسيح قام!

تعلمون أن كلمة الفصح بالعربية مشتقة من اللفظة العبرية "بيساح" ومنها جاءت اليونانية "باسخا" وتعني العبور. وقال العرب الأقدمون في بلاد الشام: "فَصَحَ عن الشيء أي تجاوزه".

عنت اللفظة في العهد القديم عبور قوم موسى البحر الأحمر، وصارت عيداً للعبور من أرض العبودية إلى أرض الحرية. أما في العهد الجديد فصارت تعني العبور من عالم الاستعباد للخطيئة إلى عالم التحرر بالله من كل قيد يشدنا إلى الموت الروحي والجسدي. يذكرنا هذا العيد العظيم بما فعله الله من أجلنا: مات وأمات معه كل موت، وقام وأقامنا معه إلى ملء الحياة. وهكذا، بموته وقيامته، صرنا قادرين على العبور من الموت، كل موت، إلى الحياة، ملء الحياة.

أدعو لكم بفصح مجيد وخبرة شخصية لقيامتكم من كل ما يبعدكم عن الحياة التي لنا في المسيح يسوع.

المسيح قام من بين الأموات ووطئ الموت بالموت ووهب الحياة للذين في القبور!

في المسيح القائم من بين الأموات،

+سأبا

T. Saba

رئيس أساقفة نيويورك ومتربوليت أميركا الشمالية

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER LITURGY

Following the dismissal and announcements, come forward for a blessing, then exit via the south (chapel) door, and join us in the Heritage Ballroom.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR....

A BREAKFAST OF LOVE

AS WE CELEBRATE THE RISEN CHRIST

Saturday Night, April 15, 2023
Immediately Following Paschal Liturgy

\$8.00 per Person

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ARCHDIOCESE FOOD FOR HUNGRY PROGRAM

Donations Accepted: Please Contact Ed Malouf 310-923-4347

"Let no one go away hungry:" If you can't afford it, just see Fr. Nabil privately, and we'll get you complimentary tickets. We just want our whole Cathedral family together for this Love Feast.

Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour after Liturgy. Bring whatever you would like to share—donuts, cookies, mini bagels, zaatar, etc. What we eat isn't as important as sharing the fellowship of our Cathedral Family. The Ladies Society will provide the coffee and paper goods. Call/text Jouvou George (562) 522-1322, or email her at ginageorge@verizon.net by Wednesday to reserve a Sunday.

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

As we fast, we always need to remember the poor, so **please take a Food for Hungry People offering box from the narthex**, and make it a practice to put something into it as you sit down for every meal.

Bring back your filled boxes on Palm Sunday. If you didn't use a box, you may also make donations, earmarking them "FFHP."



HOUSE BLESSINGS RESUME

Fr. Nabil, Fr. Paul and Fr. Andrew were not able to bless all your homes before Lent, when their schedules being very full with services. They are now anxious to resume home blessings. Please email Fr. Nabil at frnabilh@stnicholasla.org to request a home blessing.

ENTHRONEMENT OF METROPOLITAN SABA

The Enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan SABA as Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America is set for **Saturday, May 13, 2023**, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Nicholas Cathedral, Brooklyn, New York. A banquet will immediately follow at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge (333 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY 11201).



Accommodations have been arranged at the same hotel. Book your room at <https://book.passkey.com/event/50542937/owner/13490/home>. Note that the deadline for rooms at the special group rate is April 26.



Facing the needs of our neighbors, together.



The national FOCUS organization's newest video features many scenes at St. Nicholas Cathedral. Watch at <https://vimeo.com/816541029> and see how your support of FOCUS impacts the lives of countless people across the country. (The photo above is a screenshot from the video.)

Volunteer Saturday, April 22, 9 AM-12:30PM. Sign up at tinyurl.com/focus-la



NEW HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM INSTALLED

Thanks to the generosity of a donor, we have added a hearing assistance system to the sound system that was installed in the Cathedral two years ago.

To use it,

1. you need to pick a receiver from the charger station at the candle stand
2. **and either an earpiece or a loop that feeds into a hearing aid wirelessly.**



If you have a compatible hearing aid

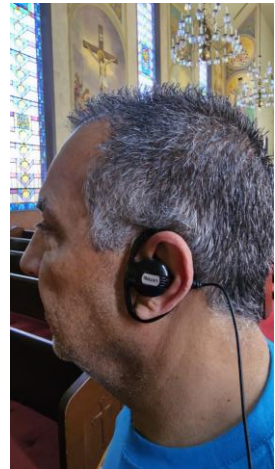
Pick up a loop, wear it around your neck, and plug both ends into the receiver.

You can just wear it like a necklace.

For those without hearing aids

Pick up an earpiece, and plug it into either port on the receiver.

You can then put the receiver in a pocket.



Adjust the volume

Whether you are using the hearing aid loop or the earpiece, you can adjust the volume using the UP/DOWN buttons on the front of the receiver.



Return the equipment

At the end of a service, please leave the receiver in the charging base, and put the loop or earpiece back on the candle stand counter in the narthex. **We will sanitize the equipment between services.**

If you like it, you may want to buy your own device, which you can keep and bring with you. Let us know if you might be interested in our ordering one for you.



ANNOUNCING SUMMER CAMP 2013

"LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, ACCORDING TO OUR LIKENESS." (GENESIS 1:26)

WEEK 1: JULY 9 - 15

WEEK 2: JULY 16 - JULY 22

WEEK 3: JULY 23 - JULY 29

TUITION: \$600 (\$100 DEPOSIT DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)

BUSES: \$50 EACH WAY - IF DESIRED (FROM ST LUKE AND ST NICHOLAS)

SEE [HTTPS://WWW.CAMPSTNICHOLAS.COM/SITE/HOME/](https://www.campstnicholas.com/site/home/) FOR REGISTRATION LINKS

Camp Registration is open, and there's still room in sessions 1 & 3.

Register online at www.campstnicholas.com/site/home

St. Nicholas will pay half the cost for all campers who are members of the Cathedral. If you need additional financial assistance, please submit the form available to you when you register, or ask Fr. Nabil privately. Please just pay the \$100 deposit to secure your spot at camp.

If you find difficulty registering online, contact Fr. Andrew (frandrewa@stnicholasla.org), and he can help you. In some cases, he will need to override the system, as it may not understand the "age and grade" limits when determining if a camper is eligible for a session.



**VESPERS @ 6PM
HAFLEH TO FOLLOW**

Location: St. Nicholas Cathedral Hall
2300 W 3rd St. Los Angeles, 90057

Join us for a Paschal Celebration with young adults from all nearby parishes. The evening will include dinner/drinks, dancing, photo booth and egg cracking!

Dress Code: Semi Formal Attire



**\$25 Early Bird by 4/19
\$30 Regular by 4/30**

No tickets at the door!

Use the QR code or link in bio to RSVP



DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES & THE WEST

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY: ST. LUKE CHURCH (GARDEN GROVE, CA)

JUNE 28 - JULY 2, 2023 - IRVINE MARRIOTT

Go to antiochianevents.com/la for all the details.

For all information and to register for our Diocese of Los Angeles Conference

- Worship
- Workshops and Lectures
- Fellowship
- "A Night on Broadway"
- Bible Bowl
- Creative Festivals

50th ANNIVERSARY OF AW: Our Antiochian Women's Ministry was founded by Metropolitan PHILIP - of thrice blessed memory - in 1973. **Happy Golden Anniversary to us!!** At our AW Brunch Meeting at our Diocese PLC, we will be celebrating this auspicious occasion & we want as many of you as possible to be with us. Our Brunch Meeting is set for Friday, June 30 - following Divine Liturgy. For complete information on the PLC - including event registration visit, go to <https://antiochianevents.com/la>

56th Biennial Antiochian Archdiocese Convention



July 23-30, 2023
St. George · Phoenix, AZ
www.ac2023az.org



www.ac2023az.org for all the details.

Reserve your room today! And don't forget to [get your tickets](#) for events including:

- A special presentation of "Man of God" with writer/director Yelena Popovic
- Keynote Addresses by Author and Podcaster Fr. Evan Armatas
- Grand Hafli with Superstar Hadi Aswad
- And a Special Performance by the Antiochian Archdiocese's own Anees!

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
LADIES' SOCIETY PRESENTS

The 58th
**SWEETHEART
BALL**

APRIL 29, 2023

HILTON UNIVERSAL HOTEL

COCKTAIL HOUR AT 5PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

**EARLY BIRD TICKETS BY MARCH 31ST
\$200 ADULT • \$175 CHILDREN**

**REGULAR PRICED TICKETS
\$230 ADULT • \$200 CHILDREN**

*A \$6 convenience fee per ticket will be added when purchased online. Convenience fee is waived if paid by check.
Children ages 3-10 may order a children's dinner*

LAST DAY TO BUY TICKETS

APRIL 17th

*For more information and to purchase tickets visit
stnicholasla.org
or email Lauren Malouf at lmalouf@bhchc.edu*



The People of LEBANON Need Our Help!!

Join us for a Complimentary Fundraising Dinner

Hosted by St. Barbara Lebanon Relief Fund

Saturday | May 13th, 2023 | 6:30 PM



St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

2300 W. 3rd Street,
Los Angeles, CA 90057

Dinner by *Sunnin Lebanese Cafe*
and performance by *Sons of Antioch*



Seating is Limited. Please RSVP by May 7th, 2023!

St. Barbara Lebanon Relief Fund is a newly incorporated 501(c) (3) organization, whose mission is to directly help the people of Lebanon with food, medicine, heating, medical care, child and elder care. Our event has the blessing of the Hierarchy of our Archdiocese.

To register and donate online please [click here](#) or fill in the registration form below.

Please make your check payable to: "St Barbara Lebanon Relief Fund"

Mail to: 17516 Sarita Ave, Canyon Country CA 91387

First and last name: _____ # of people attending the dinner _____

Email: _____ Phone#: _____

Home address: _____

For questions call: Ramona Bianski (661) 433-9561 | Kh. Miray Katrib (786) 346-9094
John Andonian (626) 253-8293 | Esper Kanaan (626) 255-8080
Spiritual Advisor: V. Rev. George Ajalat
<https://stbarbaralebanonrelief.org/>

CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST

Please include in your daily prayers the following—those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)

LIVING

Newborn **Mason Joseph** Saliano, 5/23

Ouberto Badaro, home, 4/22

Anis Madanat, brother of Dr. George Madanat, 5/10

All those suffering from illness, violence and want in this country and throughout the world

DEPARTED

Gregory Nicola, 4/25

Samira Ayoub, 4/24

Victims of violence in this country and everywhere

WORDS OF WISDOM

With you, Lord, I will flee, that I may gain in You life in every place.

The prison with You is no prison, for in You man goes up into Heaven.

The grave with You is no grave, for You are the Resurrection!

St. Ephraim the Syrian

**Christ is risen!
Truly He is risen!**

المسيحُ قام!

حقاً قام!

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

April 2023

Sun. 16	PASCHA – the Resurrection of Christ Spanish Liturgia de La PASCUA, 7:30 am Agape Vespers, 1pm
Mon. 17	Cathedral Council, 7 pm
Tue. 18	Church School staff meeting, 7 pm <i>on Zoom</i>
Wed. 19	Byzantine Music class, 7 pm
Sat. 22	FOCUS Food Distribution, 9 am Teen SOYO lunch and activity, 12:30 pm Great Vespers, 6 pm
Sun. 23	Thomas Sunday & Feast of St. George Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • Church School • Coffee Hour
Wed. 26	Byzantine Music class, 7 pm
Sat. 29	Great Vespers, 6 pm Debutante Sweetheart Ball, Hilton Los Angeles/Universal City
Sun. 30	Thomas Sunday & Feast of St. George Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • Church School • Coffee Hour
May 2023	
Tue. 2	Choir dinner and practice, 6:30 pm

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR and latest additions and updates at stnicholasla.org/parishcalendar