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TONE 2

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EOTHINON 2

POST-FEAST OF THE MEETING OF THE LORD 32ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • 15TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

VENERABLE ISIDORE OF PELUSIUM • VENERABLE NICHOLAS THE CONFESSOR OF STUDION
NEW-MARTYR JOSEPH OF ALEPPO • GEORGE, PRINCE OF VLADIMIR
THE RIGHTEOUS MOTHERS OF THE THREE HIERARCHS: EMMELIA, NONA AND ANTHOUSA

الأحد الثاني والثلاثون بعد العنصرة • الأحد الخامس عشر من انجيل لوقا
تذكرار ابينا البار ايسيدروس الفرمني • والشهيد الجديد يوسف الحلبي



The holy Neomartyr Joseph was from the city of Aleppo in Syria. The Saint was slandered by some Turks, claiming that he had said that he would become a Muslim. However, because he did not want to become a Muslim, the Turks grabbed him in anger and took him to the *qadi* (Muslim judge), while pushing and beating him.

In court, the Turks gave false testimony that he had said that he would become Muslim. As soon as the judge saw him, he said to Joseph: "Come on man; become a Muslim and depart from the false Christian religion that you have, and come to the true one. I will keep you near me and you will become a great ruler."

When the Saint heard this, he replied with great courage: "Behold, what kind of religion is this that you adhere to, and you want others to believe in it? You miserable and wretched people! Where do you find faith, and you have even turned it out as being the true one? You miserable people! You don't even know when your fasting time is nor when is your Ramadan. You just sit and wait for the time

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LITURGY VARIATIONS

FIRST ANTIPHON (PSALM 44.1-2 LXX)

My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the King.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe. **Refrain**

فَاضَ قَلْبِي بِكَلَامٍ صَالِحٍ. مُتَكَلِّمٌ أَنَا بِأَنْشَائِي لِلْمَلِكِ.

اللازمَة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِيِّ يَا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

لِسَانِي قَلَمٌ كَاتِبٌ مَاهِرٌ. اللازمَة

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

See Calendar for Fast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled

Please turn cell phones off!



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.

نظام المناولة المقدسة

يجب على أعضاء الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية من سن السابعة وما فوق، الاستعداد للمناولة المقدسة باعتراف حديث والصلاة والصوم عن جميع الأطعمة والمشروبات من منتصف الليل (ما لم تكن هناك موانع طبية)، والتواجد في الكنيسة قبل قراءات الرسالة والإنجيل، وأن يكونوا في سلام مع الجميع.

CHILDREN going to church school and their teachers should come down the center aisle first. (Small children may need to be assisted by their parents.)

ALL OTHERS should wait until an usher dismisses 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.

ترحيب حار بضيوفنا

نحن سعداء لأنكم تشاركون معنا في الصلاة. يرجى ملاحظة أن المشاركة في المناولة المقدسة تقتصر على أعضاء الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية الذين استعدوا أيضا بالصلاة والصوم والاعتراف الحديث.

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.

Grace hath been poured forth on thy lips.

Refrain

Wherefore God hath blessed thee forever.

Refrain

Glory..., now and ever.... Amen. **Refrain**

أُنْسَكَبَتِ التَّعْمَةُ عَلَى شَفَتَيْكَ. اللازمَة

لذَلِكَ بَارَكَكَ اللهُ إِلَى الأَبَد. اللازمَة

المجْدُ... الآنَ... اللازمَة

SECOND ANTIPHON (PSALM 44.3-5 LXX)

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty.

Refrain: O Son of God, *Who wast carried in the arms of Simeon the Righteous*, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

Bend Thy bow and proceed prosperously.

Refrain

Thine arrows are sharp, O Mighty One. Under Thee shall peoples fall. **Refrain**

A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. **Refrain**

Glory..., now and ever.... O only-begotten Son....

تَقَلَّدَ سَيْفَكَ عَلَى فَخْذِكَ أَيُّهَا الجَبَّارُ، بِجَلَالِكَ وَبِهَائِكَ.

اللازمَة: حَلَّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللهِ، يَا مَنْ حُمِلَ عَلَى ذِرَاعِي سَمْعَانَ الصِّدِّيقِ، لِتُرْتَلَّ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

فَاسْتَلَّهُ وَانْجَحْ وَاثْمَلِك. اللازمَة

نَبِّلُكَ الْمَسْنُونَةَ فِي قَلْبِ أَعْدَاءِ الْمَلِكِ. شُعُوبٌ تَحْتَكَ يَسْتَفْطُونَ. اللازمَة

قَضِيبُ اسْتِقَامَةٍ قَضِيبُ مُلْكِكَ. اللازمَة

المجْدُ... الآنَ... يَا كَلِمَةَ اللهِ الإِبْنَ الوَحِيدِ....

THIRD ANTIPHON (PSALM 44.11, 13, 18 LXX; APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST AS REFRAIN; TONE 1)

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear: forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

Refrain: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, who art full of grace; for from thee did shine the Sun of Justice, Christ Who is our God, a light to those who dwell in darkness. Rejoice, and be glad, O righteous old man, bearing in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who grants to us resurrection.

إِسْمَعِي يَا بِنْتُ وَاثْمَلِي وَأَمِيلِي أذُنَكَ، وَاثْمَلِي شَعْبَكَ وَبَيْتَ أَبِيكَ.

اللازمَة: إِفْرَحِي يَا وَالِدَةَ الإِلهِ العَذْرَاءِ، المِمْتَلِئَةَ نِعْمَةً، لِأَنَّ مِنْكَ أَشْرَقَ شَمْسُ العَدْلِ المِسيحِ إلهُنَا، مُنِيرًا لِلذِّينِ فِي الظَّلامِ. سُرُّ وَاثْمَلِي أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا الشَّيْخُ الصِّدِّيقُ، حَامِلًا عَلَى ذِرَاعَيْكَ المَحْتَقِ نَفُوسَنَا، وَاثْمَلِي لَنَا القِيَامَةَ.

Even the rich among the people shall
entreat thy favor. **Refrain**

لَوْجِهَكَ يُصَلِّي أَعْنِيَاءُ الشَّعْبِ . اللّازِمَة

I will make thy name to be remembered in
all generations. **Refrain**

سَأَدْكُرُ اسْمَكَ فِي كُلِّ جِيلٍ وَجِيلٍ . اللّازِمَة

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto
death, O Thou deathless and immortal One,
then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly
power. And when Thou didst raise the dead
from beneath the earth, all the powers of
Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ,
Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee.

عِنْدَمَا أُحْدِثْتَ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ أُيُّهَا الْحَيَاةُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ، حِينِيذٍ
أَمَتَّ الْجَحِيمَ بِبِرِّقِ لَاهُوتِكَ . وَعِنْدَمَا أَقَمْتَ الْأَمْوَاتِ مِنْ
تَحْتِ الثَّرَى، صَرَخَ نَحْوِكَ جَمِيعُ السَّمَاوِيِّينَ: أُيُّهَا
الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهَ، مُعْطِي الْحَيَاةِ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

Troparion of the Meeting of the Lord (Tone 1)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, who art full of
grace; for from thee did shine the Sun of
Justice, Christ Who is our God, a light to
those who dwell in darkness. Rejoice, and
be glad, O righteous old man, bearing in
thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who
grants to us resurrection.

إِفْرَحِي يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الْعَذْرَاءَ، الْمُمْتَلِئَةَ نِعْمَةً، لِأَنَّ مِنْكَ
أَشْرَقَ شَمْسُ الْعَدْلِ الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا، مُنِيرًا لِلَّذِينَ فِي الظَّلَامِ. سُرِّ
وَابْتَهَجْ أَنْتِ أُيُّهَا الشَّيْخُ الصَّادِقُ، حَامِلًا عَلَى ذِرَاعَيْكَ
الْمُعْتَقِ نَفُوسَنَا، وَالْمَانِحِ لَنَا الْقِيَامَةَ.

Troparion of St. Nicholas (Tone 4)

The verity of your actions revealed you to
your flock, a rule of faith, an icon of mild-
ness, and teacher of abstinence, O Father
Bishop Nicholas; wherefore by humility you
have achieved exaltation and by poverty
richness. Intercede with Christ our God to
save our souls.

لَقَدْ أَظْهَرْتَكَ أَفْعَالُ الْحَقِّ لِرِعْبَتِكَ قَانُونًا لِلْإِيمَانِ، وَصُورَةً
لِلْوَدَاعَةِ، وَمُعَلِّمًا لِلْإِمْسَاكِ، أُيُّهَا الْأَبُ وَرَئِيسُ الْكَهَنَةِ
نَبِقُولَاوسَ . فَلِذَلِكَ أَحْرَزْتَ بِالتَّوَاضُّعِ الرَّفْعَةَ، وَبِالْمَسْكِنَةِ
الْغِنَى . فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.

Kontakion of the Meeting of the Lord (Tone 1)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us, preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، يَا مَنْ بِمَوْلِدِهِ قَدَّسَ الْمُسْتَوْدِعَ الْبَتُولِي،
وَبَارَكَ يَدَيْ سِمْعَانَ كَمَا لاقَ، وَأَدْرَكْنَا الْآنَ وَخَلَّصْنَا؛ إِحْفَظْ
رَعِيَّتَكَ بِسَلَامٍ فِي الْحُرُوبِ، وَأَيِّدِ الْمُلُوكَ الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبْتَهُمْ، بِمَا
أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ مُحِبٌّ لِلْبَشَرِ.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 27.9, 1 LXX; Tone 6)

O Lord, how magnificent are your works.
You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

From the 1st Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy (4.9-15; 32nd Sunday after Pentecost)

TIMOTHY, MY SON, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

بروكيمنون (مزمو ٢٧، ٩، ١ سبع؛ اللحن ٦)

الرَّبُّ يُعْطِي قُوَّةً لَشَعْبِهِ.

قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ، قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ مَجْدًا وَكِرَامَةً.

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولَسِ الْأُولَى إِلَى تِيموثَاوَسِ (٤، ٩-١٥؛ الأحد الثاني والثلاثون بعد العنصرة)

يَا وَكَلْدِي تِيموثَاوَسُ، صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ وَجَدِيرَةٌ بِكُلِّ قَبُولٍ
فَإِنَّا هُنَا نَتَعَبُ وَنُعَيِّرُ، لِأَنَّ أَلْقَيْنَا رَجَاءَنَا عَلَى اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ الَّذِي
هُوَ مُخَلِّصُ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَلَا سِيَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ. فَوَصِّ بِهَذَا
وَعَلِّمْ بِهِ. لَا يَسْتَهِنَنَّ أَحَدٌ بِفُتُوؤَتِكَ، بَلْ كُنْ مِثَالًا لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي
الْكَلَامِ وَالتَّصَرُّفِ وَالمَحَبَّةِ وَالإِيمَانِ وَالعَفَافِ. وَاطْبَعْ عَلَى
الْقِرَاءَةِ إِلَى حِينِ قُدُومِي، وَعَلَى الوَعْظِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ، وَلَا تُهْمِلِ
المُوهَبَةَ الَّتِي فِيكَ، الَّتِي أُوتِيَتْهَا بِنُبُوءَةٍ، بِوَضْعِ أَيْدِي الكَهَنَةِ*
تَأْمَلْ فِي ذَلِكَ وَكُنْ عَلَيْهِ عَاكِفًا لِيَكُونَ تَقَدُّمُكَ ظَاهِرًا فِي كُلِّ
شَيْءٍ.

**Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(19.1-10; 15th Sunday of Luke)**

AT THAT TIME, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقِدِّيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ
(١٩، ١ - ١٠؛ الأحد الخامس عشر)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ مُجْتَازًا فِي أَرِيحَا، إِذَا بِرَجُلٍ اسْمُهُ زَكَا كَانَ رَئِيسًا عَلَى الْعَشَّارِينَ، وَكَانَ غَنِيًّا وَكَانَ يَلْتَمِسُ أَنْ يَرَى يَسُوعَ مِنْ هُوَ، فَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَسْتَطِيعُ مِنَ الْجَمْعِ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَصِيرَ الْقَامَةِ فَتَقَدَّمَ مُسْرِعًا، وَصَعِدَ إِلَى جُمْبِيْرَةٍ لِيَنْظُرَهُ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ مُرْمِعًا أَنْ يَجْتَازَ بِهَا فَلَمَّا انْتَهَى يَسُوعُ إِلَى الْمَوْضِعِ، رَفَعَ طَرْفَهُ فَرَأَهُ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: يَا زَكَا اسْرِعْ انْزِلْ، فَالْيَوْمَ يَنْبَغِي لِي أَنْ أَمْكُثَ فِي بَيْتِكَ فَأَسْرِعْ وَنَزَلْ وَقَبْلَهُ فَرِحًا* فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْجَمِيعُ ذَلِكَ تَدَمَّرُوا قَائِلِينَ: إِنَّهُ دَخَلَ لِيَحِلَّ عِنْدَ رَجُلٍ خَاطِيٍّ. "فَوْقَ زَكَا وَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ: هَاءَ نَدَا، يَا رَبُّ، أُعْطِي الْمَسَاكِينَ نِصْفَ أَمْوَالِي. وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ غَنَبْتُ أَحَدًا فِي شَيْءٍ، أُؤَدُّ أَرْبَعَةَ أَضْعَافٍ فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: الْيَوْمَ قَدْ حَصَلَ الْخَلَاصُ لِهَذَا الْبَيْتِ لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ أَيْضًا ابْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لِأَنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ إِنَّمَا أَتَى لِيَطْلُبَ وَيُخَلِّصَ مَا قَدْ هَلَكَ.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

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Hend, Sarkees John, Maria, Madeline and Zoe Nahas		Baron Sarkees Nahas (husband/father/grandfather, 7-year memorial)
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Ehab, Rania, Sami, Selena and Anthony Dahabreh		Hani Tadros (Rania's father) and Nawal Hawatmeh Dahabreh (Ehab's mother)

PRESENTATION/BLESSING OF BOYS AND YOUNG MEN

As part of our celebration of the Presentation of Christ, all **our boys and young men will process with candles** to the front at the end of Liturgy, when **we will offer special prayers and blessings for them.**

1. During the memorial service today, boys should make their way to the narthex to get candles and to line up.
2. The boys will then process forward, as the choir sings the Troparion of the Feast.
3. Boys can keep their candles, or they can put them in the sand box, in the narthex, before proceeding to their church school classes.



Prayer for the Presentation of the Boys

Reader: Thou, O Lord, Who art the Lover of mankind, wast brought into the Temple and didst shine forth the light of revelation to the gentiles. Let us rejoice along with the Virgin Theotokos, from whom shone the Sun of Righteousness, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Let us rejoice with the righteous elder, Simeon, who accepted in his arms the Redeemer of our souls.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O God, our heavenly Father, Who lovest mankind and art most merciful and compassionate, have mercy upon Thy servants, these boys and young men who are being presented, for whom I humbly pray Thee and whom I commend to Thy gracious care and protection. Be, O God, their guide and guardian in all their endeavors; lead them in the path of Thy truth, and draw them nearer to Thee, that they may lead a godly and righteous life in Thy love and fear, doing Thy will in all things. Give them grace that they may be temperate, industrious, diligent, devout and charitable. Defend them against the assaults of the enemy, and grant them wisdom and strength to resist all temptation and corruption of this life. Direct them in the way of salvation, through the grace of Thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and the intercessions of His Holy Mother and all Thy blessed saints.

People: Amen.

*Then the deacon intones the introduction to Many Years. As the people sing, “**God grant you many years!**,” the priest sprinkles the boys with holy water.*

CHURCH SCHOOL FOLLOWS HOLY COMMUNION

Today: our classes will continue the study of St. Paul’s Epistle to the Romans— **Lesson II.1: “Baptism.”** Please discuss it with your children at home, to reinforce their lessons. You will find the **Church School Calendar online** and updated with changes (scan the QR code at right, or enter <https://bit.ly/SNCschool23-24>).



ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME, FR. NICHOLAS

We welcome Fr. Nicholas Andruchow, the Executive Director of Project Mexico, who is visiting with us today.

Father will preach at Liturgy, and he will share a video presentation during the coffee hour, to show us what is happening with Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage, work that our Cathedral has supported over many years.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER LITURGY

Following the dismissal and announcements, come forward for a blessing, then exit via the south (right side/chapel area) doors, and join us in the Heritage Ballroom for refreshments.

- Lunch is hosted today by Hend, John, and Maria Nahas (in memory of Sarkees Nahas).

Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule

February 11	OPEN
February 18	Lunch and Annual General Assembly Meeting
February 25	Lunch with Metropolitan Saba
March 3	OPEN
March 10	Ladies' Society: "Hamburger Bar" for Meatfare Sunday
March 17	Dale and Robin Nicola (in memory of son Gregory)
March 24	OPEN
March 31	OPEN



Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour after Liturgy. The time of fellowship after the Divine Liturgy is integral to the life of our community. It provides an opportunity for visitors to be fully welcomed and for the rest of us to enjoy visiting with our church family members.

We have many openings for YOU to host coffee hour. Call/text Joujou George (562) 522-1322, or email her at ginageorge@verizon.net to reserve a Sunday.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL CATHEDRAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our annual general assembly will be held after Liturgy on Sunday, February 18, 2024, immediately after the Liturgy and lunch.

Reports from the organizations and financial reports are being compiled in a packet and will be made available via a download link to be emailed in advance of the meeting. A few paper copies will also be printed and made available for those who desire them. (If you are an organization head or treasurer, please submit your report to the Cathedral office **ASAP**.)

If you would like to nominate someone, or you are possibly interested in serving God through the Cathedral Council yourself, please contact a member of our nominations committee, by February 10:

John Nahas (818-438-9707), sjohn.nahas@gmail.com

Shadi Omeish (702- 743-5747), Shadi.omeish@1hotels.com

Lamia Qafaiti (323-597-7332), qafaiti@yahoo.com

Voting members at the Annual Meeting are comprised of all adult members of the Orthodox Church, who are in good spiritual standing at St. Nicholas Cathedral and whose pledges and contributions are current through 2023. *Note that “nominations from the floor” means that voting members can make nominations, but they must still go through the committee, prior to the meeting to confirm they meet basic eligibility requirements: candidates must be in good spiritual standing, have made and fulfilled their stewardship pledge, be at least 18 years of age and members of the Cathedral for at least one year. Candidates must have accepted nomination and signed the Archdiocese standard affirmation form.*

THANKS AND BLESSINGS ON ALL WHO HAVE MADE THEIR STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS FOR 2024

The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9.6-7)

·THE SOWER OF GOOD SEEDS·

هَذَا وَإِنَّ مَنْ يَزْرَعُ بِالسُّحِّ فَيَالسُّحِّ أَيضًا يَحْصُدُ، وَمَنْ يَزْرَعُ بِالْبَرَكَاتِ فَيَالْبَرَكَاتِ أَيضًا يَحْصُدُ.
كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ كَمَا يَنْوِي بِقَلْبِهِ، لَيْسَ عَنْ حُزْنٍ أَوْ اضْطِرَارٍ. لِأَنَّ الْمُعْطِيَ الْمَسْرُورَ يُحِبُّهُ اللَّهُ. (٢)
كورنثوس ٦، ٩-٧

If you haven't done so yet, we ask you to consider prayerfully your stewardship commitment for this year. Please place your pledge card in the collection basket, in the offering box at the candle stand, or return it by mail.



You will find extra pledge cards in the narthex. (They look like the facsimile at right.) You can even enter your pledge as a recurring donation online yourself at stnicholasla.org/contributions

Regular Stewardship Pledge for 2024
2300 W. 3rd Street • Los Angeles, CA 90057

Five pledge to St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral a reasonable and fair share of the blessings received from God as a token of thanksgiving and in support for His Holy Church.

Name(s) _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Renew my pledge at the same level, or increase it by 5% 10% 15% 20% from last year
 Start with a fresh pledge of \$ _____ per week month year

Giving by Check/Cash/Stock, etc.
 Giving by Bank Draft (ACH) Please include voided check if available.
Routing # _____ Account # _____

Giving by Credit/Debit Card: MasterCard Visa Discover:
Name as on Card _____ # _____ / _____ / _____ Expiration _____ Billing Zip _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Email _____ Keep my name anonymous (amounts are never published).

Authorization
By selecting the Bank Draft or Credit Card options, I authorize St. Nicholas Cathedral to charge my account the amount stated until I provide a written cancellation. The convenience of automatic recurring billing is processed through the authorize.net payment system.

METROPOLITAN SABA WILL BE VISITING US

His Eminence, Metropolitan Saba, will be making his first pastoral visit to this area this month.

**Sunday, February 25:
9 am Reception of the Metropolitan,
Followed by Matins and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy**

A **Formal Lunch in honor of Sayidna's first visit** will follow immediately. We expect a large crowd, so please make your reservations ASAP: **Adults \$30, Children (12 and under) \$15**

See **Georgette Malouf** during coffee TODAY, or contact her at 818-391-6217 or gette0324@yahoo.com.



JOIN THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, OR UPGRADE



Metropolitan Saba will love inducting you during his first visit to the Cathedral, on Sunday, February 25.

Have you thought about joining the Order? Do you have any questions about the Order and what it does? Please see Concetta Smarius during coffee hour, or contact her at concettasmarius@yahoo.com.

FAMILY CAMP MARCH 8-10

Mark your calendars now for Family Camp, and details will be coming out this week.

ST NICHOLAS LA
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2024 YAM SEASON OPENER

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APPETIZER COOKOFF!

SATURDAY 655 Driftwood Ln,
2/17 @12:30PM San Dimas CA
91773

Bring your best appetizer to our potluck and we'll vote on the winner!

SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE OR THE LINK IN BIO

ABOUT SAINT JOSEPH OF ALEPPO - CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

when you can see the moon in order to begin your fasting, or better, your excessive eating. Then, you sit all night and eat until sunrise and then you fall asleep all day, as if dead in the grave. And when you wake up, you look forward to the time when the sun will go down, so that you can start filling up your stomachs again! Then you again watch out to see the moon, in order to have your Ramadan. And if it happens to be a cloudy night, others have it earlier and others later, and everybody laughs at you. Is this your faith that you are telling me to believe in? Besides all these, how can I describe your other feeble and unholy beliefs? That God eats and drinks, that in Heaven, as you have imagined, you can enjoy food and drink and make more sexual indulgences than you already do here on earth.

He told them much more about their religion. When they heard all this, they began to grind their teeth with anger against him, and the court issued its decision for him to be be-headed. While beating him, they led him to the place of execution. There, the Saint knelt down and accepted with joy the crown of martyrdom. He became a Martyr on February 4, 1686.



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KICK-OFF MEETING
NEW FOCUS CENTER

FEBRUARY 29, 2024 @ 6:00PM

Saint Nicholas Cathedral
2300 West 3rd Street
Los Angeles CA 90057

Help us serve our needy neighbors in Los Angeles. Join us as we begin developing a new Orthodox Christian service and outreach ministry. We'll (i) review the plan, (ii) build our team, and (iii) get to work!
Dinner will be served. All are invited.

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 22: SCHRISTOFOROU@FOCUSNA.ORG

GOD BLESS YOUR HOME AND BLESS YOU!

Kindly return the coupon below to request your house blessing. We would like to do our best to see as many as possible before Lent, which will start March 17.

House Blessing Scheduling Form

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Check ALL Possible Days: Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Check ALL Possible Times: Mornings Afternoons Evenings

Do not schedule me for a house blessing at this time. I will call Father when I'm ready.

Please place in tray in church, or mail back as soon as possible.

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, until the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)

LIVING

Protodeacon George Moubayed,
hospital, 3/1

Kamile Waimrin, home, 3/12

Albert Malouf, home, 3/12

George Ghaoui, home, 3/10

Ousama Zabaneh, home, 3/7

Adrienne Andrews, home, 3/6

Natalie Waimrin, hospital, 3/4

Hayat Kassab Alchammas, home, 2/29

Leila Milkie, rehab., 2/27

Fadi Nakhleh, home, 2/13

Angele Wahhab, mother of Lamia
Qafaiti, 3/7

Elham Alloush, mother of Arij Watfa
Alchammas, 2/29

Julian F. Capata, son of Julian and
Shirley Capata, 2/11

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

DEPARTED

Isabel Elac, 2/17

Jeanette Shammas, 2/17

Ronald Davis, Kh. Ruth's father, 2/27

Kh. Dina Bahou, St. George Church, San
Diego, 2/11

Kh. Hannah Sally Howell, St. Athanasius
Church, Fair Oaks/Sacramento, 2/4

Victims of the Gaza conflict and of violence everywhere

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

February 2024

Sun. 4	Spanish Mission Liturgy , 7:45 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Blessing of Boys and Young Men Matins , 9:15 am Divine Liturgy , 10:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School • Coffee Hour
Tue. 6	Choir dinner and practice , 6:30 pm
Sat. 10	FOCUS Food Distribution , 9 am Great Vespers and Confessions , 6 pm
Sun. 11	Spanish Mission Liturgy , 7:45 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins , 9:15 am Divine Liturgy , 10:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School • Coffee Hour
Mon. 12	Cathedral Council online meeting , 7 pm
Tue. 13	Church School staff online meeting , 7 pm
Fri. 16 – Mon. 19	Winter Camp at Camp St. Nicholas
Sat. 17	Young Adult Appetizer Party , 12:30 pm at the home of Patrick and Reema Haddad Great Vespers and Confessions , 6 pm
Sun. 18	Spanish Mission Liturgy , 7:45 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins , 9:15 am Divine Liturgy , 10:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch • Annual General Assembly

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