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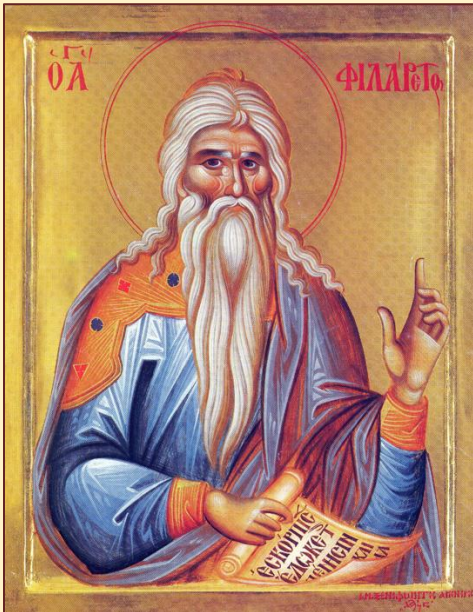
DECEMBER 1, 2024

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23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • 14TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

THE HOLY PROPHET NAHUM • VENERABLE PHILARET THE ALMSGIVER OF AMNIA
MARTYR ANANIAS THE PERSIAN • THEOKLITOS, ARCHBISHOP OF LAKEDAEMONIA

الأحد الثالث والعشرون بعد العنصرة • الأحد الرابع عشر من انجيل لوقا
تذكار النبي ناحوم • القديس فيلاريت الرحيم



Righteous Philaret the Merciful, son of George and Anna, was raised in piety and the fear of God. He lived during the eighth century in the village of Amnia, in the Paphlagonian area of Asia Minor. He married Theoseba, and they had three children: a son John, and daughters Hypatia and Evanthia.

Philaret was a rich and illustrious dignitary, but he did not hoard his wealth. Knowing that many people suffered from poverty, he remembered the words of the Savior about the dread Last Judgment and about “these least ones” (Mt. 25:40), the Apostle Paul’s reminder that we will take nothing with us from this world (1 Tim 6:7), and the assertion of King David that the righteous would not be forsaken. (Ps 36/37.25).

Philaret, whose name means “lover of virtue,” was famed for his love for the poor.

LITURGY VARIATIONS

3RD ANTIPHON (TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, TONE 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou ledest Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O

إِنَّ الْقُوَاتِ الْمَلَائِكِيَّةَ ظَهَرُوا عَلَى قَبْرِكَ الْمُؤَقَّرِ، وَالْحُرَّاسَ صَارُوا
كَالْأَمْوَاتِ، وَمَرِيْمَ وَقَفَّتْ عِنْدَ الْقَبْرِ طَالِبَةً جَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ،
فَسَبَّبْتَ الْجَحِيْمَ وَمَ تَجَرَّبَ مِنْهُ، وَصَادَفْتَ الْبَتُولَ مَانِحًا الْحَيَاةَ.
فِيَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays: Matins, 9:15 AM

Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

Saturdays: Great Vespers, 6:00 PM

Confession: After Saturday Vespers

During Sunday Matins

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.

TEACHERS THEN CHILDREN going to church school 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 ايضاً 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.

Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord,
glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave....

إِنَّ الْعُقَاتِ الْمَلَائِكِيَّةَ ظَهَرُوا عَلَى قَبْرِكَ الْمُؤَفَّرِ....

Troparion of St. Raphael (Tone 3)

Rejoice, O Father Raphael, Adornment of the
holy Church. Thou art Champion of the true
Faith, Seeker of the lost, Consolation of the
oppressed, Father to orphans and Friend of
the poor, Peacemaker and good Shepherd,
Joy of all the Orthodox, Son of Antioch, Boast
of America. Intercede with Christ God for us
and for all who honor Thee.

يَا مُحَارِباً عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ، وَمُعَزِّياً مَنْ فِي الْأَحْزَانِ، وَأَبَا الْأَيْتَامِ،
وَصَدِيقَ الْفُقَرَاءِ. الرَّاعِي الصَّالِحِ الْمَفْتَقَدِ الضَّالِّينَ، يَا رَفَائِلُ،
يَا فَحْرَ الْأَرْثُوذُكْسِيِّينَ. إِبْنَ أَنْطَاكِيَا، وَفَحْرَ أَمِيرِكَا ابْتِهَلُ إِلَى
الْمَسِيحِ مِنْ أَجْلِ مُكْرَمِيكَ.

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 أَظْهَرْتَنكَ أَفْعَالِ الْحَقِّ لِرِعْبَتِكَ قَانُوناً لِلْإِيمَانِ، وَصُورَةً
لِلْوَدَاعَةِ، وَمُعَلِّماً لِلْإِمْسَاكِ، أَيُّهَا الْأَبُ وَرئيسُ الْكَهَنَةِ
نِيقُولَاوَسَ. فَلِذَلِكَ أَحْرَزْتَ بِالتَّوَاضُّعِ الرَّفْعَةَ، وَبِالْمَسْكِنَةِ
الْغِنَى. فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ إِلَهِهِ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.

Kontakion in Preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Tone 3)

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to
give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who
was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O
earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with
the Angels and the shepherds now glorify
Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a
young Child Who before the ages is God.

الْيَوْمَ الْعَدْرَاءُ تَأْتِي إِلَى الْمِعَارَةِ لِتَلِدَ الْكَلِمَةَ الَّتِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ،
وَلَادَةً لَا تُفَسَّرُ وَلَا يُنْطَقُ بِهَا، فَأَفْرَحِي أَيُّهَا الْمَسْكُونَةُ إِذَا
سَمِعْتِ، وَمَجِّدِي مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّعَاةِ، الَّتِي سَيَظْهَرُ بِمَشِيئَتِهِ
طِفْلاً جَدِيداً وَهُوَ إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 27.9, 1 LXX; Tone 6)

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2.4-10; 23rd Sunday)

BRETHREN, God Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18.35-43; 14th Sunday of Luke)

AT THAT TIME, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, He asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord,

بروكيمنون (مزمو ٢٧، ٩، ١ سيع.؛ اللحن ٦)

خَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاثَكَ.
إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ أَصْرَحُ، إلهي.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ أِفْسُسِ
(٢.٤-١٠؛ الاحد الثالث والعشرون)

يا إخوة، إِنَّ اللَّهَ لِكُونِهِ غَنِيًّا بِالرَّحْمَةِ، وَمِنْ أَجْلِ كَثْرَةِ مَحَبَّتِهِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنَا بِهَا. حِينَ كُنَّا أَمْوَاتًا بِالزَّلَاتِ، أَحْبَبَنَا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ - فإِنَّكُمْ بِالنِّعْمَةِ مُخَلَّصُونَ - وَأَقَامَنَا مَعَهُ، وَأَجَلَسْنَا مَعَهُ فِي السَّمَاوِيَّاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. لِيُظَهَرَ فِي الدُّهُورِ الْمِسْتَقْبَلَةِ قُرْطَ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ بِاللُّطْفِ بِنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فإِنَّكُمْ بِالنِّعْمَةِ مُخَلَّصُونَ بِوَسِطَةِ الْإِيمَانِ. وَذَلِكَ لَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ، إِنَّمَا هُوَ عَطِيَّةُ اللَّهِ. وَلَيْسَ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ لِقَلًا يَفْتَخِرُ أَحَدٌ. لِأَنَّا نَحْنُ صُنْعُهُ، مُخَلْقِينَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لِلْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَعَدَّهَا لِنَسَلِكَ فِيهَا.

مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ
(١٨، ٣٥-٤٣؛ الاحد الرابع عشر من لوقا)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ بِالْقُرْبِ مِنْ أَرِيحَا، كَانَ أَعْمَى جَالِسًا عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ يَسْتَعْطِي. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجُمُعَ مُجْتَازًا، سَأَلَ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا، فَأَحْبَرُوهُ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيِّ مُجْتَازًا. فَصَرَخَ قَائِلًا: "يَا يَسُوعَ ابْنَ دَاوُدَ، ارْحَمْنِي!" فَانْتَهَرَهُ الْمُتَقَدِّمُونَ لَيْسُكَتَ، أَمَّا هُوَ فَصَرَخَ أَكْثَرَ كَثِيرًا: "يَا ابْنَ دَاوُدَ، ارْحَمْنِي!" فَوَقَفَ يَسُوعُ وَأَمَرَ أَنْ يُقَدَّمَ إِلَيْهِ. وَلَمَّا اقْتَرَبَ سَأَلَهُ قَائِلًا: "مَاذَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ أَفْعَلَ بِكَ؟" فَقَالَ: "يَا سَيِّدُ، أَنْ

let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

أَبْصَرَ. " فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "أَبْصِرْ؛ إِيمَانُكَ قَدْ شَفَاكَ. " وَفِي الْحَالِ أَبْصَرَ، وَتَبِعَهُ وَهُوَ يُمَجِّدُ اللَّهَ. وَجَمِيعُ الشَّعْبِ إِذْ رَأَوْا سَبَّحُوا اللَّهَ.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Offered by	For the Health of	In Memory of
Daed Sarkes Chahin, her children, Kathy, Fady and Chadi , and their families		Bachir Chahin (husband/father, 1-year memorial)
The Fasheh family		Dr. Samir Fasheh (brother, 1-year memorial), parents Ibrahim and Victoria Fasheh, brother Nabil and his wife Lisa Fasheh
Mirna Aboud Khashoun, Wafa Aboud Hodeib and Suliman Aboud and their families	Sister Amal Aboud Barbar Askar and brother Samir Aboud and their families	Asad Aboud (father, 40-day memorial) and mother Habsah Hadib
Yesmean, Loretta and Charles Rihbany, and Annette Aranda		Elvira Rihbany (mother, 2-year memorial),
The Rihbany family		Sylvia Krikes (10 months), Ernie Krikes (6 months) and Rosie Rihbany Cadman (5 months)
Steven Waian (to undergo surgery this week)		
Eissa, Amy, Andrew, Melodie and Natalie Shousha		Mounir Salama (Eissa's uncle, passed away in Egypt) and Leila Shousha (Eissa's mother, 7 years departed)
Salwa Ayoub	Joe and Nadia Ayoub, Mary Ann, Mike, Andrew, Hannah and Olivia Mitchell	Emil Ayoub (husband) and Gretta Casalnuovo (daughter)
George, Nayla, Petra, Kamil and Gebran El-Shammas	Samira El-Shammas (George's mother)	
George, Mariam, Mark, Antonio and Hend Bshara		
Ehab, Rania, Sami, Selena and Anthony Dahabreh		Hani Tadros (Rania's father) and Nawal Hawatmeh Dahabreh (Ehab's mother)

To offer Holy Oblations and Memorials please use the form at <https://stnicholasla.com/makeaprayrequest> or call the Cathedral office by Wednesday.

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 for refreshments. Coffee hour is hosted today by:

- The Fasheh family and the Chahin family



Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule

Dec. 8	St. Nicholas Day Banquet	Jan. 5	OPEN
Dec. 15	Church School Parents	Jan. 12	Edward Awad
Dec. 22	Nima, Qafaiti and Shousha families	Jan. 19	Debutante Coffee Hour
Dec. 29	Nadia Nassif	Jan 26	Hamburger Bar by Ladies Society

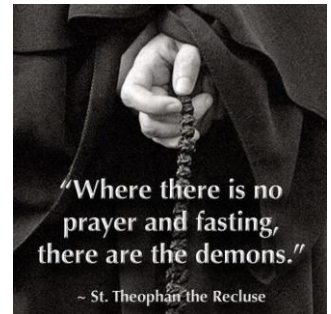
Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour after Liturgy. The time of fellowship after the Divine Liturgy is integral to the life of our community. It provides an opportunity for visitors to be welcomed and for the rest of us to enjoy visiting with our church family members. Contact Joujou George at (562) 522-1322 or ginageorge@verizon.net to reserve a Sunday.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

We started the **NATIVITY FAST** on November 15, which runs for forty days, until Christmas. During this time, we abstain from meat and dairy products. Then the last few days of the fast—Dec. 20-24—become stricter, when fish is also excluded.

Note that fasting is spiritual exercise. As with any kind of exercise, we have to temper it or increase it from the norm according to our age, health and ability. Individual direction on fasting can be discussed during confession during this Advent season.

Whenever we fast, we increase our prayer discipline, and we always remember the poor. As we reduce the quality of and quantity of what we eat—eating like the poor—we must simultaneously show mercy on them in almsgiving.



Putting up the Christmas Tree

The Altar Society invites anyone who's available to help them in putting up the Christmas tree in the Cathedral, in preparation for the feast of St. Nicholas: **Monday, Dec. 2, 10:30 am.**



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

First, this is our greeting to each other as part of our Christmas Celebration and to convey to others that they are close to our hearts and in our thoughts and prayers. When you contribute to the Christmas card, your name will appear on it, and it is sent to all our Cathedral mailing list.



Second, through your generosity, it will generate funds for our Charity Ministry through the coming year. For example, we will be distributing **Food, Gifts, Toys, etc.** in a special program to the needy in our neighborhood, on Saturday, December 21. Your generosity in the Christmas Card will provide a meal and Christmas cheer.

Christmas card forms are available at the candle stand in the narthex. Please complete the form, include your donation, and drop it in the offering box **no later than December 8.** You can also participate in the Christmas card online at www.stnicholasla.org/contributions or just call the Cathedral office. ***There is no set amount, but please be generous.***

Christmas Eve Schedule: Tuesday, December 24

With the angels, the shepherds, the wise men and all the saints, then, let us come to adore Him Christmas Eve.

9:00 a.m. **Royal Hours of Christmas**

10:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy (Paramon of Christmas)**
While we encourage all to come to both the morning and night services (which are not the same), this may be an excellent opportunity for young children and entire families to celebrate the birth of Christ together, especially if attendance at the late service be difficult.

8:00 p.m. **Christmas Matins**

9:30 p.m. **CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY**

This is the traditional Christmas 'midnight' Liturgy, but we're starting as early as possible, given that it is winter, and will be dark for a while already. A reception will follow to break the Fast.





CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 7–8, 2024

*His Grace Bishop Anthony,
Presiding at the Feast for the First Time*

*Fr. John and Kh. Christina Reimann,
Special Guest Speakers*



Saturday, December 7

6:00 pm Great Vespers with Artoklasia

Sunday, December 8

9:15 am Matins

10:30 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas Day Banquet (*follows
immediately in the Heritage Ballroom*)

Visit by St. Nicholas



St. Nicholas Banquet

*Also honoring a long-time, faithful member
of the Cathedral (to be named at the banquet)*

Adults \$30.00 • 12 and under \$15.00

Make reservations during coffee hour and online via the QR Code. Contact Georgette Malouf at 818-391-6217 for questions.



An anonymous donor will pay for all youth registered in the St. Nicholas Church School, but they still need to make a reservation.



الاحتفال بعيد

كاتدرائية القديس نيكولاس

لوس أنجلوس، كاليفورنيا

7-8 ديسمبر\كانون الاول 2024

صاحب السيادة الأسقف أنتوني

يترأس العيد لأول مرة

الأب جون و خورية كريستينا رايمان

المتحدثون الضيوف



السبت، 7 كانون الاول

6:00 م صلاة الغروب العظيمة مع أرتوكلاسيا

الأحد، 8 كانون الاول

9:15 ص صلوات السحر

10:30 ص القداس الإلهي

مأدبة غذاء لعيد القديس نيكولاس

(يتم على الفور في قاعة التراث)

زيارة من القديس نيكولاس



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السريعة او الإتصال بجورجيت معلوف على 818-391-6217 للأسئلة.

سيتم كل متبرع مجهول بدفع ثمن الغذاء لجميع الشباب المسجلين في

مدرسة الكاتدرائية الذين قاموا بالحجز مسبقا.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THE COMING THREE SATURDAYS



Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve

Thanks be to God! What a joy it is to do His work and to behold the smiles He allows us to bring to the faces of children and their families!

Saturday, Dec. 7 & 14: 9 am

These are our two, regular FOCUS distribution days for the month, in association with the LA Food Bank.



Saturday, Dec. 21: 7:30 am

We will be hosting a **Neighborhood Family Prayer and Breakfast with St. Nicholas**. We will invite families into the Cathedral for a prayer and message before serving them breakfast in the hall. St. Nicholas will provide toys to the kids, all while our own assistant pastors, Frs. Paul and Andrew, provide an ambiance of Christmas music.

The event will start at 8:30 am, but we need our volunteers at 7:30.

Clothing Needed

As the weather turns colder, we have seen a need for clothing in our community. **Please bring new or gently-used and clean clothing you would like to donate to the foyer of the Cathedral hall, and place them in the large marked box.** We need sizes, from infant to adult, for both males and females.

CAPPELLA ROMANA IN CONCERT: "THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS IN THE EAST"



Music director **Alexander Lingas** leads Cappella Romana in a joyful program of early and contemporary music from the Orthodox tradition sung during the Twelve Days of Christmas. Medieval Byzantine chant, choral works by American Orthodox composers Frank Desby, Tikey Zes, and Peter Michaelides, and by Michael Adamis and Sir John Tavener. Originally performed in the Twelfth Night Festival at Trinity Church Wall Street, New York. Bring your family and friends!

IRVINE, CA

Friday, December 6, 7:30pm

St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 4949 Alton Parkway, Irvine



St. Barbara Feast Day Celebration

Please come join
the board of St. Barbara Lebanon Relief Fund
and His grace Bishop ANTHONY
as we celebrate Great Vespers with Artoklasia
for the feast of St. Barbara



Tuesday , December 3rd , 6:30 pm
St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church Irvine

Dinner, Barbara'wheat, and festivities to follow

**In honor of the life of St. Barbara, Children are
encouraged to wear church appropriate
masks/disguises**



Scan
to RSVP
for dinner



**All donations will
assist those in need in Lebanon**





ADVENT RETREAT

There is still time to send your RSVP for the Advent Retreat with his Grace Bishop John. It will be on Saturday, December 14, at St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church in Whittier. **The theme of His Grace's three talks will be "Icon Restoration: The Purpose of Advent."**

Hosted by the parish's Society of St. Benedict, this retreat is designed to aid your Nativity Fast with prayer and meditation. Sayidna's meditations will begin with the Divine Liturgy and will be surrounded by the Prayer Hours, silence for reflection, private prayer, and opportunities for confession.

The retreat begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes by 3 p.m. Advent (Nativity) Fast friendly meals will be provided; however, childcare is not offered.

St. Michael Church is located at 3333 Workman Mill Road, Whittier CA 90601.

Please RSVP by [clicking on this link](#), scanning the QR code, or telephoning the parish office (562.692.6121).

ADVENT RETREAT

ICON RESTORATION: THE PURPOSE OF ADVENT

SAT, DEC 14 8:30AM-3PM

3333 Workman Mill Road, Whittier StMichaelWhittier.org

An Advent Retreat by Bishop John.
Presented by the Society of St. Benedict of St. Michael Orthodox Church
A Western Rite parish in the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of N. America
Lunch provided. Donations accepted. RSVP requested.





ST. NICHOLAS LA YAM



CHRISTMAS GATHERING

SATURDAY 12/14 FOLLOWING
VESPERS AT 6PM

2300 W. 3RD STREET, LOS ANGELES, 90057



**BRING A \$10-15 WHITE
ELEPHANT GIFT AND WEAR
A FESTIVE SWEATER!**

FOOD AND DESSERT
WILL BE PROVIDED





**JANUARY 2ND-5TH, 2025
AT CAMP ST. NICHOLAS**

WHAT? A college-aged retreat that creates a Christ-centered community, aimed at growing in faith, relationships, and careers. This will include meals, games & activities, sessions led by speakers, and a night of dinner & dancing!

WHO? All college-aged adults are welcome!

COST? \$200

THEME AND SESSIONS

Our theme this year is **Wrestle with God**
We will have 4 sessions over the weekend:

- Wrestling Compassion
- Wrestling Faith
- Wrestling Forgiveness
- Wrestling Humility



**REGISTER
HERE:**



Check in will be from 5-6:30pm on Thursday, Jan 2 at 11770 Frontier Rd, Frazier Park, CA 93225! See you there!

**WINTER
Retreat**

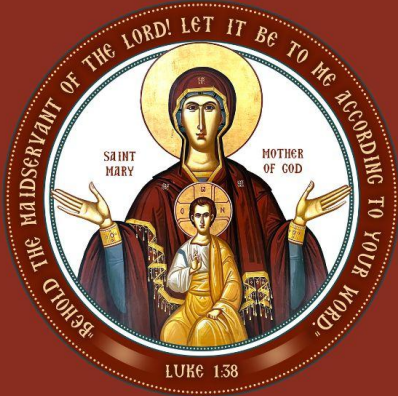
FINDING YOUR PURPOSE IN CHRIST

Speakers: V. Rev. Fr. Samer Youssef, D.Min
& Rev. Fr. Christopher Dillon

January 17-20, 2025
Early Bird (ends 11/30): \$200
General (ends 01/02): \$235

AT CAMP ST. NICHOLAS IN FRAZIER PARK

Use QR Code to register!



DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES & THE WEST PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

JUNE 25 - 29, 2025

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SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS:

THURSDAY JUNE 26

- Morning and Afternoon Workshops
- Order of St. Ignatius Reception
- Young Adult Dinner
- Taco Thursday Welcome Reception

FRIDAY JUNE 27

- Organization Meetings
- Bible Bowl
- Ice Cream Social & Teen Dance "Candyland" Theme

SATURDAY JUNE 28

- Young Adult Pilgrimage to Holy Virgin Mary Russian Cathedral
- Awards Brunch
- Oratorical & Choir Festival
- Middle Eastern Dinner and Dance (Hafli)

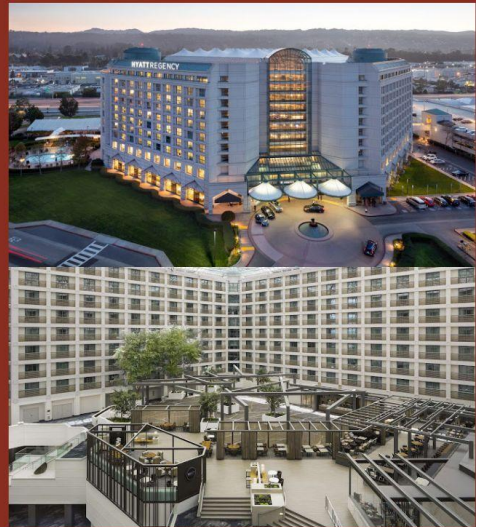
SUNDAY JUNE 29

- Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Visit our website for more information

JOIN US AT HYATT REGENCY SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT FOR THE 2025 PLC!

- Hotel Group Rate: \$179/night plus local taxes/fees
- Group rate is valid 3 days before and 3 days after Conference
- Complimentary shuttle to & from San Francisco airport
- Self parking \$15/Day
- 10% discount at all hotel food outlets



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.

LIVING

Samira El-Shammas, nursing home, 1/5

Leroy Simon, hospital, 12/21

Jason Perkins, home, 12/21

Marta Chala, hospital, 12/4

Georgette Malouf, home, 12/2

Nellie Haick, home, 12/2

Deborah and **Steven**, cousins of Kh.
Laurie Olson, 1/2

Elham Alloush, mother of Arij Watfa
Alchammas, 12/21

Maryanne Haddad, cousin of Dale
Nicola, 12/19

Ellie, mother of Kh. Laurie Olson, 12/13

Jeanette Dawn Reedy, mother of Dante
Solano, 12/10

Atef Iskander, cousin of Lucy Hanna,
12/10

Eunice Davis, 'mum' of Kh. Ruth, 12/5

**All those suffering from illness,
violence and want in the Middle
East and Ukraine conflicts, in this
country and throughout the world**

DEPARTED

Angele Wahhab, mother of Lamia
Qafaiti, 1/6

Mounir Salama, uncle of Eissa Shousha,
12/26

Jamileh Beghdan, mother of Nora
Hanna, 12/22

**Victims of the Middle East and Ukraine
conflicts and of violence everywhere**

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

December 2024

Sun. 1	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 classes • Coffee Hour
Mon. 2	Decorating for St. Nicholas and Christmas, 10:30 am
Tue. 3	St. Barbara Feastday Vespers and Dinner, 6:30 pm at St. Mark Church, Irvine
Wed. 4	Young Adult Bible Study , 7 pm
Thu. 5	Great Vespers , 7 pm
Fri. 6	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Feast of St. Nicholas</i></p> Matins , 9:30 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy , 10:30 am
Sat. 7	FOCUS food and clothing distribution, 9 am Great Vespers and Artoklasia , 6 pm
Sun. 8	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Observance of the Feast of St. Nicholas</i></p> Matins , 9:15 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy , 10:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Nicholas Day Banquet
Tue. 10	Choir dinner and practice, 6:30 pm
Thu. 12	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Eve of the Feast of St. Herman of Alaska</i></p> Divine Liturgy , 6:30 pm
Sat. 14	FOCUS food and clothing distribution, 9 am Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm Young Adult pre-Christmas gathering, 7 pm

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