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TONE 8

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EOTHINON 3

HIEROMARTYR ELEUTHERIOS, BISHOP OF ILLYRIA SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS (ANCESTORS) OF CHRIST

MARTYR ANTHIA, MOTHER OF ELEUTHERIOS • VENERABLE PAUL OF LATRA



أحد اجداد المسيح القديسين
(الأحد الحادي عشر من انجيل لوقا)
تذكار الشهيد في الكهنة إلفثاريوس وأمه أنثيا

Saint Eleutherios, the son of an illustrious Roman citizen, was raised in Christian piety by his mother Anthia (also known as Evanthia). She herself had been instructed by Saint Paul, believed in Christ and was baptized by the Apostle.

Eleutherios' virtue was such that at the age twenty, he had been elevated to bishop of Illyria (present-day Albania).

In the reign of the emperor Hadrian (ruled 117-38 AD), Saint Eleutherios was tortured for his bold preaching about Christ, then was beheaded at Rome with his mother Anthia. The Eparch Caribus, who had tortured them, also came to believe in Christ and was executed.

LITURGY VARIATIONS

3RD ANTIPHON (TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, TONE 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial that Thou mightest deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

أُنْحَدِرْتَ مِنَ الْعُلُوِّ يَا مُتَحَيِّنٌ، وَقَبِلْتَ الدَّفْنَ ذَا الثَّلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ،
لَكِنِّي تُعَيْتِنَا مِنَ الْآلَامِ، فَيَا حَيَاتِنَا وَقِيَامَتِنَا، يَا رَبُّ الْمِحْدُ
لَكَ.

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.

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 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.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend....

الْحَدْرَتْ مِنَ الْعُلُوِّ....

Troparion of the Holy Forefathers (Tone 2)

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory, for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

لَقَدْ زَكَّيْتَ بِالْإِيمَانِ الْآبَاءَ الْقَدَمَاءَ، وَبِهِمْ سَبَقْتَ فَحَطَبْتَ
الْبَيْعَةَ الَّتِي مِنَ الْأُمَّمِ، فَالْقَدَيْسُونَ بِالْمَجْدِ يَفْتَنُخِرُونَ، إِذْ مِنْ
زَرْعِهِمْ أَيْنَعَتْ ثَمَرَةٌ حَسْبِيَّةٌ، وَهِيَ الَّتِي وَلَدَتْكَ بِغَيْرِ زَرْعٍ.
فَبَنَضْرَعِهِمْ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ ارْحَمْنَا.

Troparion of St. Eleutherios of Illyria (Tone 5)

Being comely adorned in thy sacred priestly robes and newly drenched with the streams of thy pure and sanctified blood, thou didst soar aloft to stand before thy Master, Christ; hence never cease to intercede for those honoring with faith thy mighty and blessed contest, thou overthrower of Satan, O wise and blessed Eleutherios.

شَارَكْتَ الرُّسُلَ فِي أَخْلَاقِهِمْ، وَحَلَقْتَهُمْ عَلَى كِرَاسِيهِمْ.
فَوَجَدْتَ الْعَمَلَ مَرْفَاقَةً إِلَى رُؤْيَةِ الْإِلَهِيَّاتِ، يَا مُلْهَمًا مِنَ اللَّهِ.
لِذَلِكَ فَصَلِّتْ بِإِحْكَامِ كَلِمَةِ الْحَقِّ، وَجَاهَدْتَ عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ
حَتَّى الدَّمِ، يَا الْفَتِيرِيُوسُ الشَّهِيدُ فِي رُؤْسَاءِ الْكَهَنَةِ. فَتَشَفَّعْ
إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهُ، فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

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 مُحَارِبًا عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ، وَمُعَزِّيًا مَنْ فِي الْأَحْزَانِ، وَأَبَا الْأَيْتَامِ،
وَصَدِيقَ الْفُقَرَاءِ. الرَّاعِي الصَّالِحَ الْمَفْتَقِدَ الضَّالِّينَ، يَا رَفَائِيلُ،
يَا فَخْرَ الْأَرْثُودُكْسِيِّينَ. إِنَّ أَنْطَاكِيَا، وَفَخْرَ أَمِيرِكَا ابْتَهَلُ 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 mildness, 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 أَظْهَرْتِكَ أَفْعَالَ الْحَقِّ لِرِعِيَّتِكَ قَانُونًا لِلْإِيمَانِ، وَصُورَةً
لِلْوَدَاعَةِ، وَمُعَلِّمًا لِلْإِمْسَاكِ، أَيُّهَا الْأَبُ وَرَبِّيسُ الْكَهَنَةِ
نِيقُولَاوَسَ. فَلِذَلِكَ أَحْرَزْتَ بِالتَّوَاضُعِ الرَّفْعَةَ، وَبِالْمَسْكِنَةِ
الْغِنَى. فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ إِلَهِ أَنْ يُجَلِّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.

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

The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message. With the angels and shepherds give glory to Him who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He Who is from eternity God.

الْيَوْمَ الْعَذْرَاءُ تَأْتِي إِلَى الْمِعَارَةِ لِتَلِدَ الْكَلِمَةَ الَّتِي قَبْلَ الدَّهْوَرِ،
وَلَادَةٌ لَا تُفْسَرُ وَلَا يُنْقَطُ بِهَا، فَأَفْرَحِي أَيُّهَا الْمَسْكُونَةُ إِذَا
سَمِعْتِ، وَتَحَدِي مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّعَاةِ، الَّتِي سَيَظْهَرُ بِمَشِيئَتِهِ
طِفْلًا جَدِيدًا وَهُوَ إِهْنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدَّهْوَرِ.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 115.5, 3 LXX)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Verse: What shall we render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto us?

بروكيمنون (مزور ١١٥، ٣ سب.)

كْرِيْمٌ بَيْنَ يَدَيِّ الرَّبِّ مَوْتُ بَارِهِ.

بِمَاذَا نُكَاثِيهِ الرَّبَّ عَنْ كُلِّ مَا أَعْطَانَا؟

Reading from St. Paul's 2nd Epistle to Timothy (1.8-18; St. Eleutherios)

TIMOTHY, MY SON, do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, Who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, Who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى

تِيْمُوثَاوَسَ (١، ٨ - ١٨؛ لِلْقَدِيسِ الْفَثْرِيُوسِ)

يَا وَلَدِي تِيْمُوثَاوَسَ، لَا تَحْجَلْ بِشَهَادَةِ رَبِّنَا، وَلَا بِي أَنَا أَسِيرُهُ،
بَلِ اسْتَرِكْ فِي احْتِمَالِ الْمَسَقَّاتِ لِأَجْلِ الْإِنْجِيلِ بِحَسَبِ قُوَّةِ
اللَّهِ، الَّذِي خَلَّصَنَا وَدَعَانَا دَعْوَةً مُقَدَّسَةً، لَا بِمُقْتَضَى أَعْمَالِنَا،
بَلْ بِمُقْتَضَى الْقَصْدِ وَالنِّعْمَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيتْ لَنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ
قَبْلَ الْأَزْمِنَةِ الْأَزَلِيَّةِ، وَإِنَّمَا أَظْهَرْتَ الْآنَ بِظُهُورِ مُخْلِصِنَا يَسُوعَ
الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي أَبْطَلَ الْمَوْتَ وَأَنَارَ الْحَيَاةَ وَالْخُلُودَ بِوَأَسِطَةِ

this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know Whom I have believed, and I am sure that He is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit Who dwells within us. You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygelos and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphoros, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me. May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(14.16-24; 11th Sunday of
Luke/Forefathers)

THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE: "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many; and at the time for the banquet, he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind

الإنجيل. الَّذِي جُعِلْتُ أَنَا لَهُ كَارِزًا وَرَسُولًا وَمُعَلِّمًا لِلْأُمَمِ. لِهَذَا السَّبَبِ أَحْتَمِلُ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورَ أَيْضًا. لِكِنِّي لَسْتُ أَحْجَلًا، لِأَنِّي عَلِمْتُ بِمَنْ آمَنْتُ، وَمُوقِنٌ أَنَّهُ قَادِرٌ أَنْ يَحْفَظَ وَدِيعَتِي إِلَى ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ. تَمَسَّكَ بِصُورَةِ الْكَلَامِ الصَّحِيحِ الَّذِي سَمِعْتُهُ مِنِّي، فِي الْإِيمَانِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ الَّتِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. إِحْفَظِ الْوَدِيعَةَ الصَّالِحَةَ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدْسِ السَّاكِنِ فِيْنَا. أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ هَذَا أَنَّ جَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ فِي آسِيَا ارْتَدُّوا عَنِّي، الَّذِينَ مِنْهُمْ فِيحْلُسُ وَهَرْمُوجَانِسُ. لِيُعْطِ الرَّبُّ رَحْمَةً لِيَبْنِتَ أُبِّيْسَيْفُورُسَ، لِأَنَّهُ مِرَارًا كَثِيرَةً أَرَاخَنِي وَمَ يَحْجَلُ بِسِلْسِلَتِي، بَلْ لَمَّا كَانَ فِي رُومِيَّةَ، طَلَبَنِي بِأَوْفَرٍ اجْتِهَادٍ فَوَجَدَنِي. لِيُعْطِهِ الرَّبُّ أَنْ يَجِدَ رَحْمَةً مِنَ الرَّبِّ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ. وَكُلُّ مَا كَانَ يَحْدِثُ فِي أَفَسُسَ أَنْتَ تَعْرِفُهُ جَيِّدًا.

مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ
(١٤، ١٦ - ٢٤؛ لِلْأَحَدِ الْحَادِي عَشَرَ وَأَحَدِ الْأَجْدَادِ)

قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ: إِنْسَانٌ صَنَعَ عَشَاءً عَظِيمًا وَدَعَا كَثِيرِينَ. فَأَرْسَلَ عَبْدَهُ فِي سَاعَةِ الْعَشَاءِ يَقُولُ لِلْمَدْعُودِينَ: تَعَالُوا فَإِنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ قَدْ أُعِدَّ. فَطَفِقَ كُلُّهُمْ وَاحِدًا فَوَاحِدًا يَسْتَعْذِرُونَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ الْأَوَّلُ: قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُ حَقْلًا، وَلَا بُدَّ لِي أَنْ أَخْرُجَ وَأَنْظُرَهُ، فَاسْأَلْكَ أَنْ تَعْفَيْتَنِي. وَقَالَ الْآخَرُ: قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُ خَمْسَةَ فِدَادِينَ بَقَرٍ وَأَنَا مَاضٍ لِأَجْرَبَهَا، فَاسْأَلْكَ أَنْ تَعْفَيْتَنِي. وَقَالَ الْآخَرُ: قَدْ تَزَوَّجْتُ امْرَأَةً، فَلِذَلِكَ لَا اسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ أَجِيءَ. فَأَتَى الْعَبْدُ وَأَخْبَرَ سَيِّدَهُ بِذَلِكَ. فَحِينئذٍ، غَضِبَ رَبُّ الْبَيْتِ، وَقَالَ لِعَبْدِهِ: أَخْرُجْ سَرِيعًا إِلَى شَوَارِعِ الْمَدِينَةِ وَأَرْقُبْهَا وَأَدْخِلِ الْمَسَاكِينَ وَالْمُجْدَعِ وَالْعُمْبَانَ وَالْعُرْجَ إِلَى هَهُنَا. فَقَالَ

and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

العَبْدُ: يَا سَيِّدُ، قَدْ قُضِيَ مَا أَمَرْتَ بِهِ، وَبَقِيَ أَيْضاً مَحَلٌّ.
 فَقَالَ السَّيِّدُ لِلْعَبْدِ: أُخْرِجْ إِلَى الطَّرِيقِ وَالْأَسْبِجَةِ وَاصْطَرِّزْهُمْ
 إِلَى الدُّخُولِ حَتَّى يَمْتَلِئَ بَيْتِي. فَإِنِّي أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّهُ لَا يَذوقُ
 عَشَائِي أَحَدٌ مِنْ أَوْلِيكَ الرِّجَالِ الْمُدْعَوِينَ. لِأَنَّ الْمُدْعَوِينَ
 كَثِيرُونَ وَالْمُخْتَارِينَ قَلِيلُونَ.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Offered by	For the Health of	In Memory of
Richard and Joyce Ayoob	Bradford Williger (a friend's grandson) and all their family	
Thea Lee Glanzrock and family		Richard Glanzrock (11 months), David Bruce Jacobs (8 months), Charles Jacobs Neiman (22 years), Helen Jacobs (12 years) and Issac Elias Jacobs (27 years)
Robin and Dorothy Nicholas	The Nicholas and Toney families	Metropolitan MICHAEL (Khallouf), Ted, Ann, Teddy, Asper, Bahejay, Johnny, Frank and Frieda Nicholas, Tom and Susie Toney, Chuck Nassif, Gabriel, Mary, John, Kathryn, Edmon, Ronald, Victoria, Georgette, MaeVonie and Paul Beyrooty
George and Annette Fasheh Nassar and family, Mary Fasheh and family, Georgette Fasheh and family, and all the Fasheh children		Parents Naheel Y. Fasheh (21 years) and Yousef T. Fasheh (32 years), brother Henry Y. Fasheh (7 years, husband of Mary Fasheh), brother Jimmy J. Fasheh (husband of Georgette Fasheh, 1.5 years), parents of George Nassar and Hala Michel Nassar (44 years) and Milia Nassar (15 years), Raja Nassar (brother of George Nassar and Hala, 2 years), and all the departed of the Fasheh family
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/makeapayerrequest> or call the Cathedral office by Wednesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TODAY



Immediately following the Liturgy—*before refreshments are served*—our children will put on a Christmas program.

- 1. After Liturgy, please come into the Heritage Ballroom, and grab some coffee, tea, lemonade, juice or water.**
- 2. Please then take a seat in the front half of the hall, below the stage.**
- 3. Please join our students in singing the Christmas Carols. You will find the lyrics in the sections labeled “Choir,” printed in the script, below.**
- 4. A light lunch will be served by our parents and teachers, immediately following the program.**

“It takes a village” to raise children. So, whether you have children or grandchildren in our Church School program or not, please plan to support our youth by staying for the program, and be sure to say a kind word to encourage them.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE CHRISTMAS PLAY

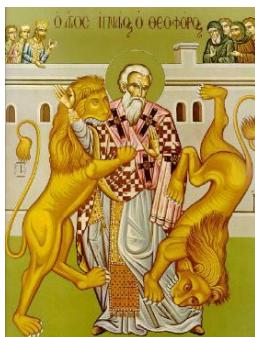
Following the dismissal and announcements, come forward for a blessing, then exit via the south (chapel) door, and join us in the Heritage Ballroom for refreshments. Coffee hour is hosted today by: **The Church School Parents and Teachers**



Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule

Dec. 22	Nima, Qafaiti and Shousha families	Jan. 12	Edward Awad
Dec. 29	Nadia Nassif	Jan. 19	Debutante Coffee Hour
Jan. 5	OPEN	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.*



FOR ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, THE "GOD-BEARER"

We commemorate St. Ignatius the "God-bearer," the second Bishop of Antioch, on December 20.

As an old man, St. Ignatius was taken to Rome to be fed to the lions in the Coliseum, and so he was martyred about the year 110. In his Epistle to the Romans, he wrote, ***"I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found to be the pure bread of God."***

Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am Friday, December 20.

عيد الشهيد العظيم مار أغناطيوس المتوشح بالله وثاني أسقف لمدينة أنطاكية

الجمعة ٢٠ كانون الأول: القداس الإلهي ١٠:٣٠ صباحاً

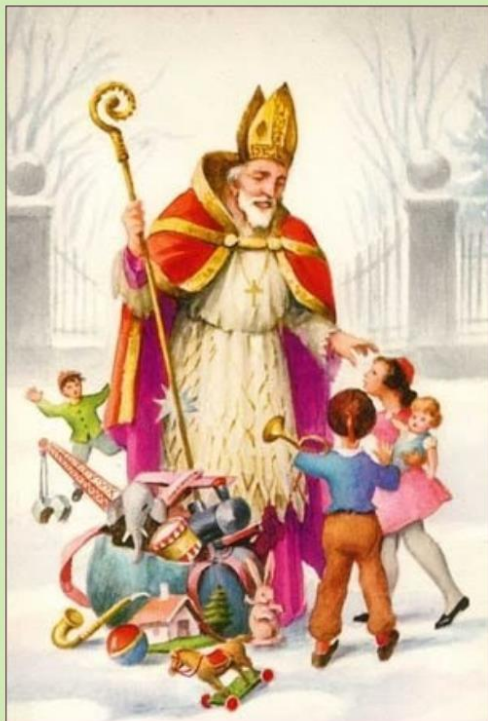


IN HONOR OF ST. IGNATIUS

In the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, the Sunday before Christmas is observed as Order of St. Ignatius Sunday. The Order supports a multitude of vital programs for our Cathedral and Archdiocese. One of these is the camping program.

Members should wear their crosses next Sunday. Please see Concetta Smarius, Fr. Nabil, Fr. Andrew or any member (wearing a red ribbon and cross) for questions about the Order or how to join.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS SATURDAY



St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral
2300 WEST 3RD STREET • LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Neighborhood Family Prayer and Breakfast With St. Nicholas

Saturday, December 21

8:30 – 11:00 AM

Prayer • Music • Light Breakfast

Visit with St. Nicholas

Toys for Children Ages 0-12

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. 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 am**.

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.

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.



2025 CHURCH CALENDARS

New church calendars are available in the narthex.

Please take only one per household. After every family has had a chance to get one, you may then take additional copies in January of whatever is left.



FIND GIFT ITEMS IN OUR BOOKSTORE



Stop by the bookstore to see our new, beautiful gold crosses and chains. We also now have three different **Arabic Bibles** for you to choose from. We also have **Gift Cards** and many other items.

Please remember to order and purchase your holiday **See's Candy** from Diane Brooks, in the hall, just in front of the bookstore.




THE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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!



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HILTON UNIVERSAL HOTEL
 555 UNIVERSAL HOLLYWOOD DRIVE
 UNIVERSAL CITY, CALIFORNIA

The 59th **SWEETHEART BALL**

\$215 Per Person

GET TICKETS ONLINE:

www.stnicholasla.org/ball



Purchase a Table for your Family, Friends, or Church Group
OR

Purchase Individual Tickets

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

Fr. Joseph Abud, friend of Fr. Nabil and Kh. Elaine, 1/23

Fr. Mark Townsend, from Post Falls, Idaho, underwent surgery in LA, 1/22

Daed Chahin, to undergo surgery, 1/26

Steven Waian, hospital, 1/14

Marta Chala, rehab., 1/13

Georgette Malouf, home, 1/11

Samira El-Shammas, nursing home, 1/5

Leroy Simon, hospital, 12/21

Jason Perkins, home, 12/21

Bradford Williger, grandson of a friend of Richard and Joyce Ayoob, 1/23

Lisa Granillo, Nancy Malouf's niece, 1/22

Ellie, mother of Kh. Laurie Olson, 1/22

Jeanette Dawn Reedy, mother of Dante Solano, 1/19

Atef Iskander, cousin of Lucy Hanna, 1/19

Eunice Davis, 'mum' of Kh. Ruth, 1/14

Chrissy Pogue, daughter-in-law of Dennis and Sharon Pogue, 1/11

Carl Rasak, brother-in-law of Julian and Shirley Capata, 1/11

Micah, son-in-law of Fr. Paul and Kh. Laurie Olson, 1/10

Deborah, cousin of Kh. Laurie Olson, 1/2

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

Maryanne Haddad, cousin of Dale Nicola, 12/19

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

DEPARTED

Raouf Hanna, uncle of Fr. Nabil, 1/15

Steven, cousin of Kh. Laurie Olson, 1/13

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 Syria, Middle East and Ukraine conflicts and of violence everywhere

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

December 2024

Sun. 15	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 Christmas Pageant • Coffee Hour
Mon. 16	Cathedral Council , 7 pm
Tue. 17	Church School Staff meeting, 7 pm
Wed. 18	Young Adult Bible Study , 7 pm
Fri. 20	<i>Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch</i> Divine Liturgy , 10:30 am
Sat. 21	Neighborhood Charity: Family Prayer and Breakfast with St. Nicholas , 7:30 am Great Vespers and Confessions , 6 pm
Sun. 22	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
Tue. 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i> Royal Hours of Christmas, 9 am Divine Liturgy for the Paramon of Christmas, 10:30 am Christmas Matins , 8 pm CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY , 9:30 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception to break the fast
Sat. 28	Great Vespers and Confessions , 6 pm

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