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GREAT FEAST OF THE MEETING/PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

Presentación del Señor en el Templo عيد دخول ربنا يسوع المسيح الى الهيكل

When the Virgin Mary's forty days of purification after childbirth had been fulfilled, she took Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him in the Temple, according to the Law of Moses (Luke 2.22-24; Exodus 13.2; Leviticus 12.6-8).

The aged Simeon also went to the Temple then, guided by the Holy Spirit. Simeon had been one of those tasked with translating the Bible from the Hebrew language into Greek (The Septuagint) and had been informed by divine revelation that he would not die until he beheld the Christ.

He now saw Him, took Him into his arms and gave glory to God: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace...." He confessed that he would now close his eyes joyfully, since he had seen the Light of revelation for the nations and the Glory of Israel (Luke 2.25-32).



LITURGY VARIATIONS

FIRST ANTIPHON (PSALM 44.1-2 LXX)

good word; I speak of my works to the King.

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

Saturdays:

My heart hath poured forth a Rebosa mi corazón palabra buena; dirijo al rey mi canto.

> **Refrán:** Por las intercesiones de la Teotokos, Salvador sálvanos.

فَاضَ قَلْبِي بِكَلاَمٍ صَالِحٍ. مُتَكَلِّمُ أَنَا بإنْشَائِي لِلْمَلِكِ.

اللازمَة: بِشَفَاعاتِ والدةِ الإلهِ يا مُخلّصُ

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

Great Vespers, 6:00 PM

Sundays: Matins, 9:15 AM Confession:

After Saturday Vespers During Sunday Matins

Or by Appointment

See Calendar for Feast 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 ابضا 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.

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

Grace hath been poured forth La gracia se ha derramado en on thy lips. *Refrain*

Wherefore God hath blessed thee forever. Refrain

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

Mi lengua es pluma de escribiente muy diestro.

Refrán

tus labios. Refrán

Por tanto, Dios te ha bendecido para siempre.

Refrán

Gloria al Padre... Ahora y siempre.... Refrán

لِسَاني قَلَمُ كَاتِب مَاهِر. اللازمَة

انْسَكَبَتِ النَّعْمَةُ عَلَى شَفَتَيْكَ. اللازمَة

لذلِكَ بَارَكِكَ اللهُ إِلَى الأَبَد. اللازمَة

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

Bend Thy bow and proceed prosperously. Refrain

Thine arrows are sharp, 0 Mighty One. Under Thee shall caerán pueblos debajo de ti, peoples fall. Refrain

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

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

Ciñe tu espada sobre el muslo, valiente, con tu gloria y majestad.

Refrán: Sálvanos Oh Hijo de Dios, que fue cargado en los brazos de justo Simeón que Te cantamos: Aleluia.

Tensa Tu arco, sé prosperado v reina. *Refrán*

Tus saetas agudas, con que penetrarán en el corazón de los enemigos del rey. Refrán

Cetro de justicia es el cetro de tu reino. Refrán

Gloria... Ahora v siempre.... Oh Hijo Unigénito....

تَقَلَّدْ سَبْفَكَ عَلَى فَخْذِكَ أَيُّهَا الْجِنَّارُ، بَجَلاَلِكَ وَبَهَائكَ.

اللازمَة: حَلِّصْنَا يا ابْنَ الله، يا مَنْ حُمِلَ على ذِراعَى سمعانَ الصدِّيق، لِنُرَبِّلْ لَكَ. هَلِلوپيا.

فَاسْتَلَّهُ وانْجَحْ وامْلُك. اللازمَة

نَبْلُكَ الْمَسْنُونَةُ في قَلْبِ أَعْدَاءِ الْمَلِكِ. شُعُوبٌ تَحْتَكَ يَسْقُطُونَ. اللازمَة

قَضِيبُ اسْتِقَامَةٍ قَضِيبُ مُلْكِكَ. اللازِمَة

المجدُ... الآنَ... باكلمةَ الله الارزَ

الوحيد....

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

Oye, hija, mira e inclina tu oído! Olvida tu pueblo y la casa de tu padre.

إسمَعي يا بنت وانظري وأميلي أذْنك، وانْسَىٰ شَعْبَك وبَيْتَ أبيك.

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 Regocíjate también Tu, justo old man, bearing in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls. Who grants to us resurrection.

Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. del pueblo. Refrán Refrain

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

Refrán: Regocíjate oh Madre de Dios, llena eres de gracia, porque de Ti resplandeció el Sol de Justicia Cristo nuestro Dios, iluminando a los que están en las tinieblas. anciano, que recibiste en Tus brazos al Redentor de nuestras almas, que nos otorgó la resurrección.

Implorarán tu favor los ricos

Haré perpetua la memoria de tu nombre en todas las generaciones. Refrán

اللازمَة: إفْرَحي يا والِدَةَ الإلهِ العَذراءَ، المِمْتَلِئةَ نِعْمَةً، لأنَّ مِنْكِ أَشْرَقَ شَمْسِ العَدْلِ المِسيحُ إلهُنا، مُنيراً لِلذينَ في الظلام. سُرَّ وابْتَهِجْ أنتَ أَيُّها الشيْخُ الصدِّيقُ، حامِلاً على ذِراعَيْكَ المعْتِقَ نُفوسَنا، والمانِحَ لَنا القِيامَة.

لِوَجْهِكِ يُصَلِّى أغْنِياءُ الشُّعْبِ. اللازمَة

سَأَذْكُرُ اسْمَكِ في كُلِّ جيلِ وجيل. اللازمة

ENTRANCE HYMN (PSALM 97.2 LXX; TONE 2)

Clergy: The Lord hath made known His salvation; He hath conocer su salvación, ha revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles.

Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead...

People: who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Clero: El Señor ha dado a revelado su justicia a la vista de las naciones.

Sálvanos, Hijo de Dios, que has resucitado de entre los muertos...

Pueblo: que te cantamos: ¡Aleluya!

الكهنة: عَرَّفَ الرَّبُّ خَلاصَهُ، وأمامَ جَميع الأُمَمِ كَشَفَ عَدْلَهُ.

حَلِّصْنا، يا ابْنَ الله يا مَنْ قامَ مِنْ بين الأموات...

الشعب: لنُرَتّا لِكَ. هَللُوبِيا.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the

Destruiste la muerte con tu cruz y abriste al ladrón el Paraíso a las Mirróforas lamentos trocaste y a tus

حَطَمْتَ بِصَليبِكَ المؤت، وفَتَحْتَ لِلِّصّ الفِرْدَوْس، وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حامِلاتِ

ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercv.

Apóstoles ordenaste predicar que resucitaste oh Cristo Dios otorgando al mundo la gran misericordia.

الطِّيبِ الى فرح، وأمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزوا، بأنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّها المِسيخُ الإلهُ، مانِحاً العالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ العُظْمي.

Troparion of the Presentation (Tone 1)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos.... Regocíjate oh Madre....

إِفْرَحِي يا والِدَةَ الإلهِ العَذراءَ....

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.

Tú, oh Cristo Dios, que con tu nacimiento santificaste el seno de la Virgen v. como es digno, bendijiste los brazos de Simeón, y viniste también a salvarnos; preserva tu rebaño en las guerras y confirma a los que amaste, porque sólo Tú eres el Amante de la humanidad.

أَيُّهَا المِسيخُ الإلهُ، يا مَنْ بِمَوْلِدِهِ قَدَّسَ الْمُسْتَوْدَعَ البَتولِيّ، وبارَكَ يَدَيْ سِمْعانَ كَما لاق، وأدْرَكنا الآنَ وحَلَّصَنا؛ إحْفَظْ رَعِيَّتَكَ بسَلام في الحروب، وأيّدِ الملوكَ الذينَ أَحْبَبْتَهُمْ، بِمَا أَنَّكَ وَحْدَكَ مُحِبٌّ للْمَشَد .

Prokeimenon (Luke 1.46-48; Tone 3)	Prokímenon (Lucas 1.46-48; Tono 3)	بروكيمنون
My soul doth magnify the	Mi alma engrandece al Señor	(لوقا ١,٤٦ - ٤٤؛ اللحن ٣)
Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.	y mi espíritu se regocija en Dios mi Salvador.	تُعَظِّمُ نَفسي الرَّبَّ وتَبْتَهِجُ روحي باللهِ
Verse: For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.	<i>Verso:</i> Porque ha mirado la humildad de su sierva.	مُحَلِّصي. لأنَّهُ نظَرَ إلى تواضُع أَمَتِه.
Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (7.1-7; Presentation)	Lección de la Epístola de San Pablo a los Hebreos (7.7-17; Presentación)	مِنْ رسالةِ القديسِ بولس الرسول إلى
BRETHREN, it is beyond dispute	e HERMANOS, Sin discusión	العِبْرانِيين (٧,٧-١٧؛ للدخول)

that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men: there, ciertamente reciben los

alguna, el menor es bendecido por el mayor. Y aquí

يا إخْوَةُ، إنَّهُ مِمَّا لا خِلافَ فيه إنَّ الأَصْغرَ يَأْخُذُ البَرَكَةَ مِنَ الأَكْبَرِ شَأْناً.

by One Whom it is testified that He lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor recibe los diezmos, porque when Melchizedek met him.

Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the Law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood. there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the One of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe, Moses said nothing about priests.

This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become humana, sino según el poder a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. siempre, según el orden de For it is witnessed of Him. "Thou art a Priest forever. after the order of Melchizedek."

diezmos hombres mortales: pero allí, uno de quien se da testimonio de que vive. Y por decirlo así, en Abraham pagó el diezmo también Leví, que aún estaba en las entrañas de su padre cuando Melquisedec le salió al encuentro.

Si, pues, la perfección fuera por el sacerdocio levítico bajo el cual recibió el pueblo la Ley—, ¿qué necesidad habría aún de que se levantara otro sacerdote, según el orden de Melquisedec, y que no fuera llamado según el orden de Aarón?, pues cambiado el sacerdocio, necesario es que hava también cambio de ley; y aquel de quien se dice esto, es de otra tribu, de la cual nadie sirvió al altar. Porque sabido es que nuestro Señor vino de la tribu de Iudá, de la cual nada habló Moisés tocante al sacerdocio.

Y esto es aun más evidente si a semejanza de Melquisedec se levanta un sacerdote distinto, no constituido conforme a la ley meramente de una vida indestructible. pues se da testimonio de él: «Tú eres sacerdote para Melquisedec».

وهَهُنَا إِنَّا يَأْخُذُ الغُشُورَ أُنَاسٌ يَمُوتُون. فَأُمَّا هُنَاكَ فالْمَشْهُودُ لَهُ بِأَنَّهُ حَيٌّ. فَيَسوغُ أَنْ يُقالَ إِنَّ لاويَ نَفْسَهُ الذي يأخُذُ العُشورَ قَدْ أَدَّى العُشورَ بإبْراهيم. لأنَّهُ كانَ في صُلْب أبيهِ حينَ التَقاهُ ملكيصادَق.

ولو كانَ بالكَهنوتِ اللاويّ كَمالٌ (فإنَّ الشُّعْت عليه قَدْ أَحَذَ الناموسَ) إذَنْ أيَّةُ حاجَةِ كانتْ بعدُ أَنْ يَقومَ كاهِنُ آخرُ على رُتْبَة ملكيصادق، ولم يُقان على رُتْبَة هارون؟ لأَنَّهُ مَتى تَحَوَّلَ الكَهَنوتُ، فَلا بُدَّ مِنْ تَحَوُّل الناموس أيضاً. والحالُ إنَّ الذي يقالُ هذا فيه، إِنَّا كَانَ مُشتَركاً في سِبطِ آخَرَ، لَمْ يُلازمْ أَحَدٌ منهُ المِذْبَحِ. لأنَّهُ مِنَ الواضِحِ أنَّ ربَّنا طَلَعَ مِنْ يهوذا، مِنَ السِّبْطِ الذي لَمْ يَتَكَلَّمْ عَنْهُ موسى بشَيءٍ مِنْ جِهَةٍ الكَهَنوت.

ومَّا يَزيدُ الأمرَ وُضوحاً، إنَّهُ يَقومُ على مِثال ملكيصادَقَ كاهِنُ آخَرُ، غَيرُ مَنْصوب حسنب ناموس وَصِيَّةِ جَسَدِيَّة، بَلْ حسَبَ قُوَّةٍ حَياةٍ لا تَزول. لأنَّهُ يَشْهَدُ "أَنْ أَنتَ كاهِنِّ إلى الأبد على رُتبة ملكيصادق."

Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (2.22-40; Meeting of the Lord)

AT THAT TIME, the infant Jesus was brought up to Jerusalem by his parents to present Him to the Lord, (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the Temple; and when the Cuando los padres del niño parents brought in the child Iesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the Law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light todos los pueblos; luz para for revelation to the Gentiles. and for glory to Thy people Israel."

El Santo Evangelio Según San Lucas (2.22-40; Para la Presentación)

Cuando se cumplieron los días de la purificación de ellos conforme a la Ley de Moisés, lo trajeron a Ierusalén para presentarlo al Señor (como está escrito en la Lev del Señor: «Todo varón que abra la matriz será llamado santo al Señor»), v para ofrecer conforme a lo que se dice en la Ley del Señor: «Un par de tórtolas o dos palominos». Había en Jerusalén un hombre llamado Simeón. Este hombre, justo v piadoso, esperaba la consolación de Israel; y el Espíritu Santo estaba sobre él. Y le había sido revelado por el Espíritu Santo que no vería la muerte antes que viera al Ungido del Señor. Movido por el Espíritu, vino al Templo. Jesús lo trajeron al Templo para hacer por él conforme al rito de la Lev, él lo tomó en sus brazos y bendijo a Dios, diciendo: «Ahora, Señor, despides a tu siervo en paz, conforme a tu palabra, porque han visto mis ojos tu salvación, la cual has preparado en presencia de revelación a los gentiles v gloria de tu pueblo Israel».

مِنْ بِشارَةِ القِدّيسِ لوقا الإنْجيلِيّ البَشير (٢,٢٢-٤؛ للدخول)

في ذلكَ الزَّمانِ، صَعِدَ بالطفْل يَسوعَ أَبُواهُ إِلَى أَوُرِشليمَ ليقَدِّماهُ لِلرَّبِّ (على حَسَب ما هُوَ مَكْتوبٌ في ناموس الرَّبّ، "أنَّ كُلَّ ذكر فاتِّحَةِ رَحْم يُدعَى قُدُوساً لِلرَّبِّ")، ولِيُقَرِبًا ذَبيحَةً على حَسَب ما قيلَ في ناموس الرَّبّ، "زَوْجَ يَمام أو فِرْخَيْ حَمام. " وكانَ إنسانٌ في أورشليمَ اسمُهُ سِمعانُ، وكانَ هَذا الإنسانُ بارًا وتَقِيًّا، يَنْتَظِرُ تَعْزِيَةَ إسرائيل، والروحُ القُدُسُ كانَ عَليهِ. وكانَ قَدْ أُوحِيَ إليهِ مِنَ الرّوحِ القُدُسِ أنَّهُ لا يَرى المؤتَ قَبْلَ أَنْ يُعايِنَ مَسيحَ الرَّبِّ. فَأَقْبَلَ بالرّوح إلى الهَيْكُل. وعِنْدَما دَخَلَ بالطِفْل يَسوعَ أَبَواهُ لِيَصْنَعا لهُ بِحَسَب عادَةِ الناموس، اقْتَبَلهُ هُوَ على ذِراعَيْهِ، وبارَكَ الله، وقالَ: "الآنَ تُطْلِقُ عَبْدَكَ أَيُّها السَّيّدُ على حَسَب قَوْلِكَ بسَلام، فَإِنَّ عَيْنَيَّ قَدْ أَبْصَرَتا خَلاصَكَ الذي أَعْدَدْتَهُ أَمامَ وُجوهِ جَميع الشُّعوبِ، نورَ إعْلانٍ لِلأُمَمِ وَ مَجْداً لِشَعْبكَ إسْرائيل."

And Joseph and his mother marveled at what was said about Him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary Simeón, v dijo a su madre his mother, "Behold, this Child María: —Éste está puesto is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of

Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher;

she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven vears from her virginity and as a widow till she was eighty- virginidad, y era viuda hacía four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to

all who were looking for the

redemption in Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned con todo lo prescrito en la into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in Spirit. filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.

José v su madre estaban maravillados de todo lo que se decía de él. Los bendijo para caída v para levantamiento de muchos en Israel, v para señal que será contradicha (y una espada traspasará tu misma alma), para que sean revelados los pensamientos de muchos corazones.

Estaba también allí Ana, profetisa, hija de Fanuel, de la tribu de Aser, de edad muy avanzada. Había vivido con su marido siete años desde su ochenta y cuatro años; y no se apartaba del Templo, sirviendo de noche y de día con ayunos y oraciones. Ésta, presentándose en la misma hora, daba gracias a Dios y hablaba del niño a todos los que esperaban la redención

Después de haber cumplido Ley del Señor, volvieron a Galilea, a su ciudad de Nazaret. El niño crecía v se fortalecía, se llenaba de sabiduría y la gracia de Dios era sobre él perdido.

en Jerusalén.

وكانَ يوسُفُ وأمُّهُ يَتَعَجَّبانِ مِمَّا يُقالُ فيه. وبارَكَهُما سِمْعانُ وقالَ لِمَرْيَمَ أُمِّهِ: "ها إنَّ هَذا قَدْ جُعلَ لِسُقوط وقيام كَثيرينَ في إسرائيل، وهَدَفاً لِلْمُخالَفَة (وأنْت سَيجوزُ سَيْفٌ في نَفْسك) لِكَيْ تُكْشَفَ أَفْكارٌ عَنْ قُلوبِ كَثيرة." وكانَتْ أيضاً حَنَّةُ النبيَّةُ ابْنَةُ فَنوئيلَ مِنْ سِبْطِ أشير. هَذِهِ كَانَتْ قَدْ تَقَدَّمَتْ في الأيّام كَثيراً، وكانَتْ قَدْ عاشَتْ مَعَ رَجُلَها سَبْعَ سِنينَ بَعْدَ بُكورِيَّتها. ولها أَرْمَلَةً نَحُوَ أَرْبِعِ وَثَمَانِينَ سَنَةً، لا تُفارِقُ الهَيْكَلَ، مُتَعَبّدةً بالأصوام والطِّلْباتِ لَيْلاً غَارا. فَهَذِهِ قَدْ حَضَرَتْ في تلْكَ السَّاعَةِ تَشْكُرُ الرَّبَّ، وتُحَدِّثُ عَنْهُ كُلَّ مَرْ كَانَ يَنْتَظِرُ فِداءً في أورشَليم. ولِمَا أَكَّوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ عَلى حَسَب ناموس

الرَّبِّ، رَجَعُوا إلى الجُليل إلى مَدينَتِهِم الناصِرَة. وكانَ الصَّيُّ يَنْمو ويَتَقوَّى في الرّوح، مُمْتَلِئاً حِكْمَةً، وكانَتْ نِعْمَةُ اللهِ عليه.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Offered by	For the Health of	In Memory of
Amaany Samaan and Scott Bytof and daughter Alexandra, Anisa and Bassam and family, Hanan and Khalil and family, George and Zizi and family, Rojeena and Kevin, Vanessa and Anthony and baby Garo	Eva and Jeff and family (Scott's parents)	Poulos Samaan (father/grandfather 4-year memorial) and Lydia Aboud (mother/grandmother, 29-years)
Salwa Ayoub	Joe and Nadia Ayoub, Mary Ann, Mike, Andrew, Hannah and Olivia Mitchell	Emil Ayoub (husband) and Gretta Casalnuovo (daughter)
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/makeaprayerrequest or call the Cathedral office by Wednesday.

MEGALYNARION (INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET..."; TONE 3)

O Theotokos, thou hope of all Christians; keep and shelter and preserve them that set their hope in thee.

In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us the faithful contemplate a prefiguring: Every male child that openeth the womb is holy unto God. Therefore, do we magnify the first-born Word, the Son of the Father Who is without beginning, the first-born Child of a Mother who hath not known wedlock.

Oh Madre de Dios, esperanza de todos los cristianos; protege, ampara y preserva a los que ponen en ti su esperanza.

A la sombra y a la letra de la Ley, los fieles contemplamos una prefiguración: Todo niño varón que abre el seno materno es santo para Dios. Por eso magnificamos al Verbo primogénito, al Hijo del Padre que no tiene principio, al Hijo primogénito de una Madre que no conoció el matrimonio.

إِحْفَظي أُمَّ الإله، يا رَجاءَ المؤمنين، مِنْ أَدى هذي الحياة، طالبيكِ الواتقِين. لِنُعَظِّمْ أَيُّها المؤمِنونَ، الابْنَ البِكْرَ كَلِمَةَ الآبِ الأَزَلِيّ، المؤلودَ بِكْراً لِأُمِّ لَمُ تَعْرِفْ رَجُلاً، إِذْ قَدْ شاهَدْنا في ظِلِّ النّاموسِ والكِتابِ رَسْماً، وهو أَنَّ كُلَّ ذَكْرٍ يَفْتَحُ مُسْتَةُ دَعاً، ئُدْعِي قُدُّه ساً لله.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. El pan nuestro de cada día dánoslo hoy y perdona nuestras ofensas, así como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos han ofendido y no nos dejes caer en la tentación, más líbranos del mal.

أَبَانَا الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَات، لِيَتَقَدَّسِ اسْمُك، لِيَأْتِ مَلَكُوتُك، لِتَكُنْ مَشِيقَتُك، كَمَا فِي السَّمَاء، كَذَلِكَ عَلَى الْأَرْض. خُبْزَنَا الْبُوْهِرِي أَعْطِنَا الْيَوْم، وَاتْرُكْ لَنَا مَا عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا نَتُرُكُ خَنُ لِمَنْ لَنَا عَلَيْه، وَلَا تُدْخِلْنَا فِي جُرْبَة، لَكِنْ خَجِنَا مِنَ الشَّرِير.

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 into the Cathedral with candles <u>just before Holy Communion</u>, when we will offer special prayers and blessings for them.**

- 1. Before Communion, *right after we all recite the prayer "I believe, O Lord, and I confess...,"* 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 Communion Psalm.
- 3. We will pray for our boys/young men, and we will sprinkle them with holy water.
- 4. They will be the first ones to participate in Holy Communion.
- 5. They will then proceed to their Church School classes.

6. Boys can keep their candles, or they can put them in the sand box in the narthex before going to their 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.

COMMUNION HYMN (PSALM 115.4-7 LXX; TONE 8)

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Refrain: I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord.	Refrán: Recibiré la copa de la salvación e invocaré el Nombre del Señor.	اللازِمَة: كُلْسَ الخَلاصِ أَقْبَلُ، وباسْمِ الرَّبِّ أَدْعو.
My vows unto the Lord will I pay in the presence of all His people.	Ahora pagaré mis votos a Jehová delante de todo su pueblo.	أُوفِي نُذُورِي لِلرَّبِّ مُقَابِلَ كُلِّ شَعْبِهِ.
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.	Estimada es a los ojos de Jehová la muerte de sus santos.	عَزِيزٌ فِي عَيْنِي الرَّبِّ مَوْتُ أَتْقِيَائِهِ.
O Lord, I am Thy servant; I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaid. Thou hast broken my bonds asunder.	Oh Jehová, ciertamente yo soy tu siervo, siervo tuyo soy, hijo de tu sierva; Tú has roto mis prisiones.	آهِ يَا رَبُّ. لأَيِّ عَبْدُكَ. أَنَا عَبْدُكَ ابْنُ أَمْتِكَ. حَلَلْتَ قُيُودِي.
Alleluia!	Aleluya.	هَلِلوبِيا .

THIS IS STEWARDSHIP RECOMMITMENT SUNDAY

Over the past several weeks, we have been reflecting on the question of what should be our fitting response to the Lord, Who has saved us and continues to work in our lives.

Today, we conclude our reflections on how we can be cheerful givers—and how this is done tangibly through our offerings.

"With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness." (Sirach 35.9)

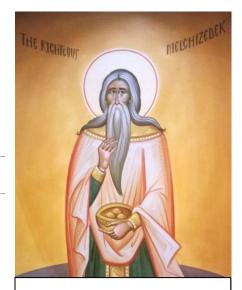
كُنْ بَشوشَ الوجهِ فِي كُلِّ عَطِيَّةٍ، وكَرِّسْ لِلرَّبِّ عُشْرَ غِلالِكَ بِفَرَحِ (سيراخ ٣٥,٩)

Stewardship Sunday: Renewing our Commitment to the Lord

This is the day we ask all to recommit their faith by pledging to be part of God's work. This is a basic way we make our faith tangible, not just some abstract philosophy. We committed to being Orthodox Christians when we were baptized/chrismated; now we renew that commitment to following Christ, doing His work together.

We ask you to consider prayerfully your stewardship commitment for the coming year. This is the pledge we make in support of our church operations and ministries for 2025. At the conclusion of Liturgy:

- We will offer a special prayer of thanksgiving for you, God's stewards, and ask Him to bless and reward all those who are recommitting to His Church.
- Then the clergy and Council members will proceed to put their pledge cards in the offering box.
- We respectfully ask everyone to follow and put a <u>confidential</u> pledge into the box.
 Pledge cards are inserted in your bulletin.



Melchizedek was the Priest-King of Salem to whom Abraham gave a tithe of all he had. Melchizedek then gave Abraham bread and wine.

Melchizedek is a prototype of Christ, "the Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek," to Whom we offer our tithes and Who gives us His own Body and Blood for the remission of sins, for healing of soul and body, unto life everlasting. (See Genesis 14.18-20 and Hebrews 7.1, 17)



Stewardship Commitment Prayer

O Lord, God Almighty, Who alone art holy, Who dost accept the sacrifice of praise from those Who call upon Thee with their whole heart:

Send down the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, and bless all aspects of our labor to maintain this holy cathedral to the glory of Thy holy Name and in honor and memory of Thy holy

Wonderworker Nicholas. Preserve this church in Thy peace, which is beyond human comprehension. Bless our congregation, council and all who commit themselves to Thee and who offer to Thee their tithes and offerings for the furtherance of the Holy Orthodox Christian Faith in our community.

Look upon us, O God, and receive our pledges of tithes and offerings as Thou didst receive the gifts of Abel, the sacrifices of Noah, the burnt-offerings of Abraham, the priestly offices of Moses and Aaron, the peace-offerings of Samuel. Even as Thou didst receive at the hands of Thy holy apostles this true worship, so also do Thou in Thy goodness, O Lord, receive from the hands of us sinners these gifts; that, we may receive the recompense of wise and faithful stewards in the fearful day of Thy just requiting, through the compassions of Thine only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 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. Coffee hour is hosted today by:

 Amaany Samaan and family in memory of father Poulos Samaan (4 years departed)

Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule			
Feb. 9	The Andrews, Hanna and Shalhoub	Mar. 2	OPEN
	families	Mar. 9	OPEN
Feb. 16	John Nahas family	Mar. 16	OPEN
Feb. 23	Lunch and General Assembly	Mar. 23	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 welcomed and for the rest of us to enjoy visiting with our church family members. Contact the Cathedral office or Joujou George at (562) 522-1322 or ginageorge@verizon.net to host a Sunday.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL CATHEDRAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our annual general assembly will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2025, 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 by February 2.)

If would like to nominate someone, or you are possibly interested in serving God through the Cathedral Council yourself, please contact Lamia Qafaiti (323-597-7332), qafaiti@yahoo.com, chairman of our nominations committee, by February 9.

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 2024. 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.

GOD BLESS YOUR HOME AND BLESS YOU!

After the Twelve Days of Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, which includes taking the blessed water to the homes of all our parishioners.

Kindly return the coupon below to request your house blessing. Fr. Nabil will take all the requests and group them geographically and assign them to one of his assistants or to himself. We will let you know in advance when a priest will be coming. (We would like to do our best to see as many as possible before Lent, which will start March 3).

House Blessing Scheduling Form		
Name	Telephone	
Address Email		
Check ALL Possible Days: ☐ Su	n □ 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.		

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28: PIZZA AND MOVIE NIGHT AT THE CATHEDRAL

That's Friday of Cheesefare week, so let's have some cheese pizza, cheesecake, etc., together!

6:30 pm Friday, Feb. 28: Pizza and Movie

- The Ladies will provide pizza and popcorn
- Bring salads, side dishes, desserts or drinks

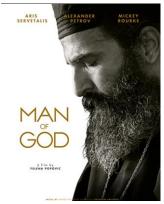
So that we can plan properly and make sure we have enough pizza, please let us know you're coming. Scan this QR code to reply online, or call Rose Samore at (818) 378-2055. There's NO charge.



The movie will be *Man of God* about
St. Nektarios, the great Saint of the 20th century.
This is the movie that was a big hit in
theatres just three years ago.

Note also that the bus trip to the St. Nectarios Shrine in Covina has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 15. More details will be coming soon, but seeing the movie (or seeing it again) will be good preparation.

Organized by the Ladies' Society for men, women and the whole family.



RESPONDING TO OUR NEIGHBORS AFFECTED BY WILDFIRES

We are aware of <u>four St. Nicholas families who lost their homes</u> on account of the wildfires. Another lost a free-standing garage. Some of our families are still displaced, as some homes that are still standing will need extensive cleaning from smoke damage.

Please let us know of anyone who still needs help, as we also work on the needs of the greater community.

How You Can Help: Donate Needed Items: You can bring them either to St. Nicholas (office hours and Sundays) or St. Sophia Cathedral (1324 S. Normandie Ave, 9-5, M-F)

- Non-perishable food
- New Clothing
- Toiletries
- Blankets

- Baby supplies (diapers, formula, etc.)
- You can make **Monetary donations** through St. Nicholas (earmarked "Fire Relief") or IOCC (<u>www.iocc.org</u>).





WORSHIP: MEANING TO THE RHYTHMS OF OUR LIFE

The St. Nicholas **Young Adult Bible Study** continues every other Monday. We're starting a new series on understanding the Liturgy tomorrow.

The February 10 session will be *both* in person (Cathedral conference room) and online at **7 pm**. To join online, find the link in our Young Adult GroupMe chat, or ask Fr. Nabil, and he'll text or email it to you. We will explore:

Jan. 27: What Is Worship, and Why We Do It

Feb. 10: The Eucharist

Feb. 24: The Liturgy of Time Mar. 10: Sharing the Light

WHAT ARE THE ENVELOPES IN THE BACKS OF THE PEWS FOR?

- 1. **For confidentiality:** you can place your donations in an envelope. We handle all donations in strict confidence.
- 2. **For cash:** be sure to write your name in the space provided inside the flap, so we can credit your donations properly.
- 3. **For NOT appearing "before the Lord empty handed"** (see Deuteronomy 16.16b-17): if you're giving by mailing a check to the Cathedral or by automatic credit card donations, etc., please just put a yellow envelope in the collection basket. You <u>don't</u> even need to put money in it, and don't write anything in it (so we can then reuse the envelopes). In this way, everyone is visibly participating in the offering, and <u>no one</u> should feel embarrassed for not putting anything in the basket.







Camp St. Nicholas 11770 Frontier Road Frazier Park, CA

ST NICHOLAS **LENTEN FAMILY CAMP**

MARCH 29-30, 2025

Scan to Register:



Register at: https://form.jotform.com/250086230570146

SATURDAY

11:00AM Check In and Rooming Assignments 8:30AM Orthros

12:00PM Lunch

1:00PM Workshop

2:30PM Games, Sports, Crafts (Snow??)

5:00PM Vespers

6:00PM Dinner

7:00PM Ask Abouna + Evening Program

SUNDAY

9:30AM Divine Liturgy

11:00AM Brunch

12:00PM Pack, Clean and Depart Camp

For more information email frandrewa@stnicholasla.org

ST LUKE'S GOLF CLASSIC

ALTA VISTA COUNTRY CLUB Monday, February 10th, 2025

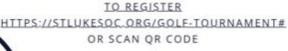
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:00AM SHOT GUN AT 11:00AM DINNER TO FOLLOW 4:30

Golf Packages

- Single Golfer \$250: Includes green fees, breakfast burrito, one drink ticket, and dinner
- . Foursome \$900: Includes 4 single golfer packages
- Dinner (only) \$75: Includes one drink ticket and meal
 On course beverages available (water and gatorade) and raffle opportunities will be available

Sponsorship Opportunities

- <u>Platinum</u> \$5,000: Includes foursome golf package and four additional dinner tickets, reserved seating, four tee signs, company logo displayed on tournament website, and recognition during dinner.
- <u>Gold</u> \$2,500: Includes foursome golf package and four additional dinner tickets, reserved seating, two tee signs, company logo displayed on tournament website, and additional recognition during dinner.
- <u>Silver</u> \$1,500: Includes foursome golf package, a tee sign, and additional recognition.
- . Tee sponsorship \$500: based on availability first come first serve





FOR QUESTIONS

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DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES & THE WEST PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

JUNE 25 - 29, 2025

HOSTED BY:

ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX
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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

Fr. Joseph Abud, friend of Fr. Nabil and Kh. Elaine, 3/4

Leroy Simon, hospital, 3/11

Gabriel Matta, hospital, 3/8

Rosario Elias, hospital, 2/24

Marta Chala, rehab., 2/22

Georgette Malouf, home, 2/20

Rose Kakish, home, 2/17

Samira El-Shammas, hospital, 2/14

Lyman Parrigin, hospital, 2/13

Dominique Saliano, home, 2/12

Hala Tadros, Rania Dahabreh's mother, 3/11 Elham Alloush, mother of Arij Alchammas,

3/11

Maryanne Haddad, cousin of Dale Nicola, 3/9 Lisa Granillo, neice of Nancy Malouf, 3/8 Colin Gantus, John and JoAnn's grandson, 3/3 Jeanette Dawn Reedy, mother of Dante

Solano, 2/28

Atef Iskander, cousin of Lucy Hanna, 2/28 Johanna Olson, Fr. Paul's stepmother, 2/12

All those displaced by the fires in our area, frontline workers, community leaders and all who are providing aid

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

DEPARTED

Archbishop Anastasios, Primate of the Church of Albania, 3/8 George Bitar, 2/6

Mona Abu Zeid Hajarian, mother of Lina Kassir, 3/8

Kassir, 3/8

Georgiann Jacobson, cousin of Kh. Elaine, 3/2

Beyhan Vartanyan, aunt of Ferah Dauzat, 2/13

Hany Youhanna, cousin of Lucy Hanna, 2/13

Nun Miriam Mark, cousin of Elie Constantine, 2/9

Victims of the fires in our area

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

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR	
February 2025	
Sun. 2	Great Feast of the Meeting of the Lord Matins, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Presentation of Boys and Young Men Church School Coffee Hour
Tue. 4	Church School staff meeting, 7 pm online
Wed. 5	Bereavement Group online meeting, 7 pm
Sat. 8	FOCUS food and clothing distribution, 9 am Great Vespers, 4:30 pm Sweetheart Ball, 6 pm Hilton Universal City
Sun. 9	Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins, 9:15 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • Church School • Coffee Hour
Mon. 10	Young Adult Bible Study, 7 pm
Tue. 11	Choir dinner and practice, 6:30 pm
Wed. 12	Bereavement Group online meeting, 7 pm
Fri. 14 – Mon. 17	Diocese Winter Camp at Camp St. Nicholas
Sat. 15	Great Vespers, 6 pm