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TONE 1

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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

أحد الابن الشاطر تذكار الشهيد بمفيلس ورفقته

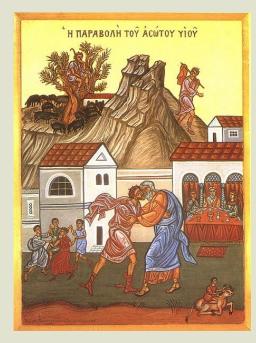
MARTYR PAMPHILOS, PRIEST OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE AND HIS COMPANIONS VENERABLE-MARTYR ROMANOS FROM SOLOVAK OF CARPENISION VENERABLE FLAVIAN THE HERMIT

I offer Thee, Lord, the voice of the Prodigal Son, crying, I have sinned in Thy sight, O good One, and have squandered the fortune of Thy gifts. Nevertheless, receive me repentant, O Savior, and save me.

I too have come, O compassionate One, like the Prodigal Son, I who have spent all my lifetime in estrangement, and squandered the riches which Thou gavest me, O Father. Wherefore, receive me, O God, repentant, and have mercy upon me.

When in extravagance I spent and squandered the fortune of fatherly riches, I became a wanderer, living in the country of the wicked. And unable longer to bear their company, I shall return to Thee, O compassionate Father, crying, I have sinned against heaven, and therefore I am no more worthy to be called a son of Thine: make me as one of Thy hired servants, O God, and have mercy upon me.

Praises Stichera from Matins, Sunday of the Prodigal Son



LITURGY VARIATIONS

3RD ANTIPHON: TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world, for which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy

إِنَ الحَجَرَ لِمَا حُتِمَ مِنَ اليَهودِ، وجَسَدَكَ الطَّهِرَ حُفِظَ مِنَ الجُنْدِ، قُمْتَ فِي اليَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ أَيُّها المِحَلِّصُ، مانِحاً العالمَ الحَياة. الحَياة. لِذلِكَ قُوَّاتُ السَّماوات، هَتَفُوا إليكَ يا واهِبَ الحَياة:

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 Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled Please turn cell phones off!



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 ايضا 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.

Kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

المِجْدُ لِقِيامَتِكَ أَيُّهَا المِسيح، المِجْدُ لِمُلْكِكَ، المِجْدُ لِتَدْبيرِكَ، يا مُجِبُّ البَشَر وَحْدَك.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews....

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَا خُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ....

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.

يا مُحارِباً عَنِ الإيمانِ، وَمُعَزِّياً مَنْ في الأحزانِ، وَأَبا الأَيْتام، وَصديق الفُقراء. الراعي الصَّالِحَ المِفتَقِدَ الضَّالِين، يا رَفائيل، يا فَحْرَ الأُرْثودُكُسيِّين. إِبْنَ أَنْطاكيا، وَفَحْرَ أَميرِكا ابتَهِلْ إلى المِسيح مِنْ أَجْل مُكَرِّمِيك.

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 أَظْهَرَنْكَ أَفْعالُ الحقِّ لِرَعِيَّتِكَ قانوناً للإيمانِ، وصورَةً لِلْوَداعةِ، ومُعَلِّماً لِلإمْساكِ، أَيُّها الأَبُ ورَئيسُ الكَهَنَةِ نيقولاوس. فَلِذلِكَ أَحْرَزْتَ بالتَّواضُعِ الرِّفْعَة، وبالمسكَنةِ الغِنى. فَتَشَفَّعْ إلى المسيح الإلهِ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نفوسَنا.

Kontakion of the Prodigal Son (Tone 3)

Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou didst give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now: I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.

إِذْ عَصَيْتُ مَجْدَكَ الأَبَويَّ بَجَهْلٍ، وبالمعاصي بَدَّدْتُ غِناكَ الذي أَعْطَيْت، فَبِصَوْتِ الإبنِ الشَّاطِرِ إليكَ أَهْتِف: أَيُّها الذي أَعْطَيْت، فَبِصَوْتِ الإبنِ الشَّاطِرِ إليكَ أَهْتِف: أَيُّها الأَبُ الرَّؤوف، حَطِئْتُ خَوْكَ، فَتَقَبَّلْ مني التَّوْبَةَ واجْعَلْني كَأْحَدِ أُجَرائِك.

Prokeimenon (Psalm 32.22, 1 LXX; Tone 1)

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

From Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians (6.12-20; Prodigal Son)

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So, glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (15.11-32; Prodigal Son)

THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many

بروكيمنون (مزمور ٣٢,٢٢، ١ سبع.؛ اللحن ١)

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا.

إبتَهِجوا أيُّها الصِّديقونَ بالرَّب.

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رسالةِ القديسِ بولس الرسول الأولى إلى أهْلِ كورنتُوس (٦,١٢ - ٢٠؛ الإبن الشَّاطِر)

يا إخْوَةُ، كُلُّ شَيءٍ مُبَاحٌ لِي، وَلَكِنْ لِيْسَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ يُوافِق، كُلُّ شَيْءٍ مُبَاحٌ لِي ولَكِنْ لا يَتَسَلَّطُ عليَّ شَيْءٌ. إِنَّ الأطعِمَةَ لِلْجَوْفِ والجُوْفَ لِلْأَطْعِمَةِ، وَسَيُبِيدُ اللهُ هَذِهِ وَذَاك. أَمَّا الْحَسَدُ فَلَيْسَ لِلْزِنَى، بَلْ لِلْرَّبِ والْرَّبُّ لِلْجَسَدِ، واللهُ الَّذِي أَقَامَ الرَّبَّ سَيُقِيمُنا خَنُ أَيْضًا بِقُوَّتِهِ. أَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ أَجْسَادَكُم الرَّبَ سَيُقِيمُنا خَنُ أَيْضًا بِقُوَّتِهِ. أَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ أَجْسَادَكُم الرَّبَ سَيُقِيمُنا خَنُ أَيْضًا بِقُوَّتِهِ. أَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ أَجْسَادَكُم الرَّبَ سَيُقِيمُنا فَيْنُ أَيْضًا بِقُوْتِهِ. أَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ مَنِ اقْتَرَنَ بِزانِيةٍ صَارَ هِيَ أَعْضَاءَ المِسِيحِ وأَجعَلُ مِنْهَا أَعْضَاءَ الرَّانِيةِ صَارَ وَإِينَاهَا جَسَدًا وَاحِدًا. وَإِينَاهَا جَسَدًا وَاحِدًا. وَاحِدًا. وأَحِدًا اللهِ نَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ مَنِ الزِّنِي فَإِنَّهُ يَعْلَمُونَ مَعَهُ رُوحًا وَاحِدًا. وأَحِدًا أَمْنُ الزِّنِي فَإِنَّهُ يَعْلَمُهَا الإِنْسَانُ هِي فِي فَاكُونَ الزِّنِي فَإِنَّهُ يَعْلَمُونَ اللهِ وأَنَّكُمْ هُوَ هَيْكُلُ الرُّوحِ القُدُسِ الَّذِي فِيكُمْ الَّذِي فِيكُمْ اللّذِي فِيكُمْ اللّذِي فِيكُمْ اللّذِي فِيكُمْ اللّذِي فِيكُمْ اللّذِي فِي أَمْونَ اللهُ وأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ ؟ لِأَنْكُمْ قَدِ الللهَ قِي أَجْسَادِكُمْ وَفِي أَرْوَاحِكُمُ النَّي هِيَ لِلهِ.

مِنْ بِشارَةِ القِدِّيسِ لوقا الإِنْجيلِيِّ البَشيرِ والتلْميذِ الطاهِر (١ ٥,١ ١ - ٣٢؛ الإبن الشَّاطِر)

قالَ الرَّبُّ هَذا المِثَل: "إنْسانٌ كانَ لَهُ ابْنانِ، فَقالَ أَصْغُوهُما لِأَبيهِ: يا أبتِ، أَعْطِني النَّصيبَ الذي يَخُصُّني منَ المالِ. days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So, he went and ioined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you: I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him. 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But the son was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated

فَقَسَمَ بَيْنَهُما مَعِيشَتَهُ. وبَعْدَ أيامِ غَيْر كَثيرَةٍ، جَمَعَ الابْنُ الأَصْغَرُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لَهُ، وسافَر إلى بَلَدٍ بَعِيدٍ، وبَدَّرَ مالَهُ هُناكَ عائِشاً في الخَلاعَةِ. فَلَمَّا أَنْفَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لَهُ، حَدَثَتْ في ذَلِكَ البَلَدِ مَجاعَةٌ شَديدَةٌ، فَأَخَذَ في العَوَزِ. فَذَهَبَ وانْضَوى إلى واحد مِنْ أَهْل ذَلِكَ البَلَدِ، فَأَرْسَلَهُ إلى حُقولِهِ يَرْعي خَنازير. وكانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَمْلَأُ بَطْنَهُ مِنَ الخَرْنوبِ الذي كَانَتِ الْخَنازِيرُ تَأْكُلُهُ، فَلَمْ يُعْطِهِ أَحَدٌ. فَرَجِعَ إلى نَفْسِهِ وقالَ "كَمْ لِأَبِي مِنْ أُجَرَاءَ يَفضُلُ عَنْهُمُ الْخُبُرُ، وأَنا أَهْلِكُ جوعاً. أَقومُ وأَمْضي إلى أبي وأقولُ لَهُ "يا أبَت، قَدْ أَخْطَأْتُ إلى السَّماءِ وأَمَامَكَ، ولَسْتُ مُسْتَحِقًا بَعْدُ أَنْ أُدْعَى لَكَ ابْناً، فَاجْعَلْنِي كَأَحَد أُجَرائِكَ. " فَقامَ وجاءَ إلى أبيه. وفيما هُوَ بَعْدُ غيرُ بَعيدٍ، رَآهُ أَبوهُ، فَتَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهِ وأَسْرَعَ وأَلْقِي بنَفْسِهِ على عُنُقِهِ وقَبَلَّهُ. فَقالَ لَهُ الابْنُ: "يا أَبَتِ، قَدْ أَخْطَأْتُ إلى السَّماءِ وأَمامَكَ ولَسْتُ مُسْتَحِقًا بَعْدُ أَنْ أُدْعِي لَكَ ابْنا. " فَقالَ الأَبُ لِعَبيدِهِ: "هاتوا الحُلَّةَ الأولى وألْبسُوهُ، واجْعَلوا خاتَماً في يَدِهِ، وحِذاءً في رجْلَيْهِ، وأُتوا بالعِجْل المِسَمَّن واذْبَحُوهُ، فَنَأْكُلَ ونَفْرَحَ، لأنَّ ابْني هَذا كانَ مَيّتاً فَعاشَ، وكانَ ضَالاً فَوْجِدَ. فَطَفقوا بفرَّحُونَ.

وكانَ ابْنُهُ الأكبَرُ فِي الحَقْلِ. فلَمَّا أَتَى وقَرُبَ مِنَ البَيْتِ، سَمِعَ أَصُواتَ الغِناءِ والرَقْصِ. فَدَعا أَحَدَ الغِلْمانِ وسَألَهُ ما هذا. فقالَ لَهُ: "قَدْ قَدِمَ أَخوكَ، فَذَبَحَ أَبُوكَ العِجْلَ المسمَّلَ لأنَّهُ لَقِيهُ سالِماً." فَعَضِبَ ولَمْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يَدْحُلَ. فَحَرَجَ أَبُوهُ وطَفِقَ يَتُوسَّلُ إليهِ، فَأَجابَ وقالَ لأبيهِ: "كَمْ لي مِنَ السِّنينَ يَتُوسَّلُ إليهِ، فَأَجابَ وقالَ لأبيهِ: "كَمْ لي مِنَ السِّنينَ أَخْدِمُكَ، ولمَ أَتَعَدَّ لكَ وَصِيَّةً قَطُّ، وأَنْتَ لَمْ تُعْطِني قَطُّ جَدياً لِأَفْرَحَ مَعَ أَصْدِقَائي. ولما جاءَ ابنكَ هذا الذي أَكلَ

him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost and is found."

مَعيشَتَكَ مع الرَّواني، ذَجُتَ لَهُ العِجْلَ المِسَمَّنَ. فقالَ لَهُ: "يا ابْني، أَنْتَ معي في كُلِّ حينٍ، وكُلُّ ما هوَ لي فَهُوَ لكَ. ولَكِنْ كانَ يَنْبَغي أَنْ نَفْرَحَ ونُسَرَّ، لأَنَّ أَخاكَ هَذا كانَ مَيِّتًا فَعاشَ، وكانَ ضالاً فَوْجِدَ."

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Offered by	For the Health of	In Memory of
Hend, Sarkees John, Maria, Madeline and Zoe Nahas	Sarkees Michael Nahas (on his 1st birthday)	Sarkees Nahas (8-year memorial)
Jihad, Lina, Jaylene, Jennifer and Jeffrey Kassir		Marriette Kassir (Jihad's mother) and Mona Abu Zeid Hajarian (Lina's mother)
Edward and Georgette Malouf	Their children and grandchild	Albert and Freda Nader, Charles and Leila Malouf, Joe and Josephine Ferris, Jack Hanna, Abboudie Nader and Chuck Malouf
Concetta Smarius	Sloane Josephine Saliano (for her churching) and Nicholas, Dominique and Mason Saliano	
Bob and Rene Crawford and family	Sloane Josephine Saliano (for her churching)	
James and Jack Naify, Rosaline Saba and Diane Saba Nassir		Josphine Naify (2 years)
George, Mariam, Mark, Antonio and Hend Bshara		
Ehab, Rania, Sami, Selena and Anthony Dahabreh	Hala Tadros (Rania's mother)	Hani Tadros (Rania's father) and Nawal Hawatmeh Dahabreh (Ehab's mother)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY

- We are starting to work on projects for the Creative Arts Festival, whose theme revolves around the Annunciation of the Holy Theotokos
 - **Luke 1:38** "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word."
 - Key characteristics of the Theotokos: she is kind, patient, humble, obedient, and loving
- 3rd through 6th grades will come back into the Cathedral after the dismissal of Liturgy for an "Ask Abouna" session



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:

 Hend, John and Maria Nahas (for Mikey's first birthday and in memory of husband/father Sarkees Nahas)

Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule

Feb. 23	Lunch and General Assembly	Mar. 16	OPEN
Mar. 2	Nina and Alberto Fayad	Mar. 23	OPEN
Mar. 9	John Nahas and family	Mar. 30	OPEN

Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour after Liturgy. Contact the Cathedral office or Joujou George at (562) 522-1322 or ginageorge@verizon.net to host a Sunday.

JOURNEY TO PASCHA

Today is our second pre-Lent Sunday. Let's start planning NOW to observe the "bright sadness" of the Lenten season. This includes dedicating time for Lenten services (including Wednesday and Friday evenings, at least, in addition to Sundays, and for Holy Week), scheduling confession and obtaining fasting foods.

The last day we eat meat will be February 23. Then we begin the Great Fast proper by eliminating cheese (i.e., dairy products) and fish after Forgiveness Vespers on March 2.

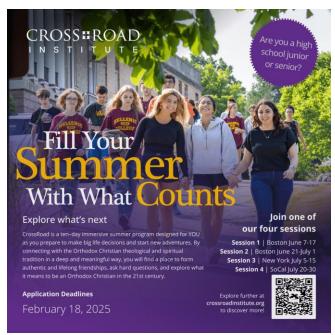
Lent Starts: Night of March 2 • Palm Sunday: April 13 • Pascha: April 20

سبت جميع الراقدين • Saturday of Souls: February 22

Divine Liturgy 7 am (before the FOCUS Food Distribution) and Memorial for All the Departed at the end of Liturgy

This is a day for remembering as many of our forebears as we can, praying that God will remember them in His Kingdom always.

- Bring with you a list of names of all the departed you wish to remember. Please just list the Christian names of your beloved departed (i.e., first names as given at baptism, not nicknames and no last names).
- It is also customary to bring with you a small bowl of Koliva (as you see in the photo), but if you don't have time to make it, don't worry, as we will be making a large bowl on behalf of everyone.





CROSSROADS INSTITUTE

Are you an 11th or 12th grader looking ahead to the summer? Learn more today about CrossRoad Institute
Summer Program, a 10-day academic institute made just for you! Travel to Boston, New York, or Southern
California to connect with other
Orthodox Christians as you prepare to make big life decisions and start new adventures. Applications close on
Tuesday, February 18.
Learn more today at
www.CrossRoadInstitute.org or

iavlene@stnicholasla.org (she is both

our Youth Director at St. Nicholas, and

she's on the national Crossroads staff).

contact Jaylene Kassir at



St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral

Pizza and Movie Night!

FEBRUARY 28 AT 6:30PM



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

THANKS AND BLESSINGS ON ALL WHO HAVE MADE THEIR STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS FOR 2025

"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)

 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 20<u>25</u>

w my pledge at the same level as last year asse my pledge by \$\infty\$ 5% \$\infty\$ 10% \$\infty\$ 15% with a fresh pledge of \$\infty\$ per \$\infty\$ week

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 **TODAY**.)

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, **TODAY**.

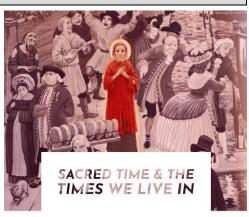
Voting members at the Annual Meeting are comprised of all adult members of the Orthodox Church, who are in good spiritual standing at St. Nicholas Cathedral and whose pledges and contributions are current through 2024. Note that "nominations from the floor" means that voting members can make nominations, 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.

RETREAT: MARCH 8 IN WHITTIER

The Rt. Rev. Bishop ANTHONY of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West will be the guest speaker on Saturday, March 8, at St Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church for the annual Lenten Retreat.

His Grace will present three meditations on the theme: "Sacred Time & the Times We Live In." Bishop ANTHONY's meditations will be 'surrounded' by Liturgy, silence for reflection, private prayer, and opportunities for confession. The retreat begins with First Hour prayers at 9 a.m. and concludes by 3 p.m. with Ninth Hour and Benediction. Fast-friendly meals will be provided. Childcare is not offered.

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



LENTEN RETREAT

By Rt Rev Bishop Anthony (Michaels) Saturday March 8, 8:30 am to 3 pm Lunch Provided Donations Accepted Please RSVP to StMichaelWhittier@gmail.com Or Call (562) 692 - 6121

> St Michael Orthodox Church 3333 Workman Mill Rd Whittier CA 90601 StMichaelWhittier.org



(<u>StMichaelWhittier@gmail.com</u>) or by telephoning the parish office (562.692.6121). This retreat is open to all and is designed to aid your Lenten Fast with prayer and meditation.



PILGRIMAGE TO ST. NECTARIOS SHRINE



St. Nectarios Orthodox Church and Shrine in Covina

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Join us for a field trip to the

RSVP is a must!

Deadline by Monday, March 10

\$20 per person including lunch

Please call/text Diana Kronfli to sign up (818) 468-3733

10:30 AM - Bus Departure From Cathedral

All are encouraged to be together on the bus!

- Veneration of St. Nectarios's relics
- · Prayer and supplication for healing
- Talk by Father Demosthenes on the life and message of St. Nectarios
- Lenten lunch catered by: Grape Leaf Greek Kouzina

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

SUNDAYS

THEMES / GOSPEL READING TRIODION WEEKS

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Fast - Free Week **FEBRUARY 9th**

Normal Fast Week

FEBRUARY 16th



Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

The Prodigal Son Returns!

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Epistle: Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.

Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Matthew 25:31-46

Meatfare



The Last Judgement

Epistle: Gospel:

Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.

Ask each other for

forgiveness each evening this

week before bed.

Bring a prayer rope to be

blessed today!

Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer

each day this week.

Cheesefare

MARCH 2nd

Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY 1st Sunday of Lent



GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS

SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Bring an icon to church for a procession.

2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 16th

MARCH 9th



Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3

ST GREGORY PALAMAS

3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 23rd



Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

HALF WAY TO PASCHA!

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 30th



ST JOHN of the LADDER

Epistle:

Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!

Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

Every time you climb stairs this week Hebrews 6:13-20 ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!

5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 6th



ST MARY of EGYPT

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 10:32-45 Gospel:

Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.

FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAYI

APRIL 13th GREAT WEEK BEGINS GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18

Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

APRIL 18th

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE

Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.



BRIGHT WEEK

HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!





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التريودي – الصوم الأربعيني المقدس – أسبوع الآلام – الفصح المقدس الزمن القصحي – الصعود – العنصرة – عيد الرسل لعام 2025 من الرعية الارثوذكسي

الأحد القادم 9 فبراير: بداية التربودي - أحد الفريسي والعشار (لا يصام في هذا الأسبوع يومي

الأربعاء والجمعة حتى لا نتمثل بالفريسي - أسبوع المخالفين).

أحد الابن الشاطر (الضال).

الأحد 23 فيرابو: أحد مرفع اللحم. (أحد الدينونة)

الأحد 16 فيرايو:

الاثنين 3 مارس:

الاثنين 14 أبريل:

الأحد 20 أبريل:

أحد مرفع الجين. (أحد الغفران) الأحد 2 مارس:

بداية الصوم الأربعيثي المقدس

الأحد الأول من الصوم. أحد الأرثونكسية. أحد رفع الأيقونات المقدسة. الأحد 9 مارس:

الأحد الثاني من الصوم. تذكار القديس غريغوريوس بالاماس. الأحد 16 مارس:

الأحد الثالث من الصوم. عيد السجود للصليب الكريم. الأحد 23 مارس:

غيد بخارة والحة الإله الحائمة البتولية مريه. (مسموح فيه بأكل السمك) الاثنين 25 مارس:

الأحد 4 من الصوم. تذكار أبينا البار يوحنا السلمي مؤلف كتاب سلم الفضائل. الأحد 30 مارس:

الأحد الخامس من الصوم. تذكار أمنا البارة مربع المصرية.

الأحد 6 أبريل:

أحد الشعافيين (مسموح فيه بأكل السمك) الأحد 13 أبريل:

بداية أسبوع الآلام.

أحد الفصح المقدس - عيد القيامة المجيد

الأحد الأول للقصح - الأحد الجديد - أحد توما. الأحد 27 أبريل:

الأحد الثاني للفصح - أحد حاملات الطيب. الأحد 4 مايو:

> الأحد الثالث للقصح - أحد المخلّع. الأحد 11 مايو:

الأحد الرابع للقصح - أحد السامرية. الأحد 18 مايو:

الأحد الخامس للقصح - أحد الأعمى. الأحد 25 مايو:

وداع عيد الفصح المقدس. الأربعاء 28 مايو:

خميس المعود عيد معود ربنا والمنا يسوع المسيع إلى السماء. الخميس 29 مايو:

> الأحد 1 يونيو: آباء المجمع المسكوني الأول المجتمعين في نيقية.

> > أحد العنصرة العظيم الأحد 8 يونيو:

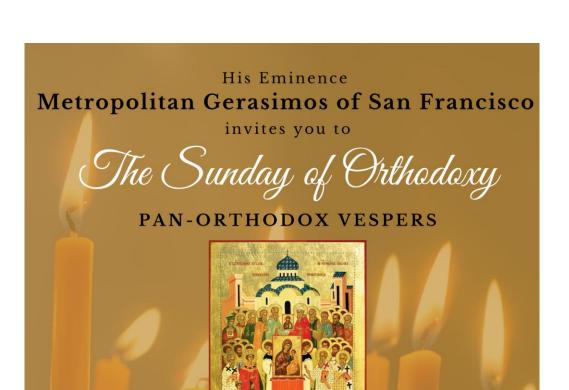
الأحد الأول بعد العنصرة - أحد جميع القديسين. الأحد 15 يونيو:

> بداية صوم الرسل الاثنين 16 يونيو:

غيد عامتي الرمل بطرس وبولس الاحد 29 يونيو:

تذكار جامع للرسل الاثنى عشر - عيد الرسل. الاثنين 30 يونيو:

{كل عام وانتم يخير }



SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025 AT 6:30 PM St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church 4949 Alton Parkway, Irvine

Celebrating Our Faith & Honoring

His Eminence
Archbishop Benjamin of
San Francisco and the West

All of the faithful are invited to join the surrounding Southern California Orthodox Hierarchs and Clergy for Vespers and the Procession of Icons, sung by a Pan-Orthodox Choir.

A Lenten reception will follow services.

All four Orthodox bishops of the area will be concelebrating, and our Bishop Anthony will be the homilist. He asks that we turn out and support him and show a good Antiochian presence in his debut on the local pan-Orthodox scene.

WORSHIP: MEANING TO THE RHYTHMS OF OUR LIFE

The St. Nicholas **Young Adult Bible Study** continues every other Monday. We continue our series on understanding the Liturgy tomorrow.

The February 24session 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 Eucharist *continued* Mar. 10: The Liturgy of Time Mar. 24: Sharing the Light

GOD BLESS YOUR HOME AND BLESS YOU!

Following the Feast of Epiphany each year, we take 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. We will also resume house blessings after Pascha.)



Н	ouse 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	ce in tray in church, or mail back as soon as possible.	



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Group rate is valid 3 days

plus local taxes/fees

MARCH 29-30, 2025

Frazier Park, CA

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

10% discount at all hotel food

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"Candyland" Theme

Organization Meetings FRIDAY JUNE 27

Bible Bowl

Young Adult Pilgrimage to Holy Virgin Mary Russian Cathedral

SATURDAY JUNE 28

Oratorical & Choir Festival

Awards Brunch

Self parking \$15/Day

Complimentary shuttle to & from San Francisco airport

Conference

Taco Thursday Welcome Reception

SUNDAY

2:30PM Games, Sports, Crafts (Snow??) :00PM Workshop

12:00PM Pack, Clean and Depart Camp

9:30AM Divine Liturgy

11:00AM Brunch

5:00PM Vespers 6:00PM Dinner

7:00PM Ask Abouna + Evening Program





For more information email frandrewa@stnicholasla.org

Visit our website for more information

· Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY IUNE 29

(Hafli)



Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

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Beloved Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Archdiocesan Trustees, Department Heads, Organization Presidents, Parish Councils and Faithful of this God-protected Archdiocese:

We pray this letter finds you well as we send you this official Call to the 57th Biennial Archdiocesan Convention. We would like to direct your attention to the following matters:

- ➤ The Fifty-Seventh Convention of this Archdiocese will be held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont, Illinois from July 20 27, 2025. The host parish of St. George Church, Cicero, IL is working diligently to welcome us all to Chicago. All information about the convention can be accessed through the official convention website: https://www.ac2025chicago.org and through the enclosed flyer which includes important information as well. You are required to send delegates from your parish and Parish Council to attend the departmental meetings and to vote on your behalf at the General Assembly.
- All Reverend Clergy must be in Chicago no later than Monday evening July 21, 2025. The General Assembly of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch will be held in the morning on Tuesday, July 22nd and all members of the Order are encouraged to attend. The Department Heads and members of each department must be in Chicago by Wednesday, July 23rd, unless you have scheduled a meeting for your department and need to arrive earlier.
- The Archdiocesan Constitution specifies that each parish and mission is entitled to one voting delegate for every one hundred (100) baptized souls or fraction of one hundred which exceeds fifty (50). In addition, each fulltime pastor, and fulltime assistant pastor is eligible to one vote. You will receive, after Pascha, the proxy form and Delegate List electronically from the Department of Statistics and Credentials by email, which requests that you identify your delegates by name, and submit the form electronically no later than July 1, 2025. The voting Forms will be distributed to pastors on Tuesday, July 22nd at 10:00am in the same room as the clergy meeting. Clergy who are not present during the meeting or who "forget" to pick up the voting form will not have the possibility to do so later on.

- Your financial obligation to the Archdiocese under the Proportional Giving System for 2025 has already been established based on the forms and worksheets that you have submitted. In addition, every parish is expected to contribute according to the minimum requirements for the three special trays, which are collected throughout the year. All parishes are strongly encouraged to make sure that your payments are up to date so that your delegation may be properly seated and allowed to vote at the General Assembly which begins on Thursday morning, July 24th. Parishes who did not submit census numbers will not be able to vote.
- It is the sacred duty of all clergy and parish councils to attend the convention. It is also the sacred duty of every parish to pay their pastor's expenses so that he may attend both the diocesan Parish Life Conference, and the Archdiocese Convention. For missions who may not be able to afford these expenses, the Order of St. Ignatius can accept an application which requests some financial assistance for the pastor to attend these events.
- It is the policy of this Archdiocese that no resolutions may be accepted from the floor of the General Assembly. If you would like to introduce a resolution, please submit the written resolution to the Archdiocese Office in Englewood, NJ no later than June 10, 2025
- A very important part of every convention is the Convention Journal, which depends heavily on support from every community in the Archdiocese. We strongly encourage you to contribute to this journal by purchasing an ad, and that this be done without any further delay.
- The <u>theme</u> of this year's convention is "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word". Homilies at the divine services will be based on this theme and we urge everyone to be in Chicago to hear these inspirational words and to prepare to work together for a very bright future.

Looking forward to seeing you in Chicago, we remain,

Yours in the Service of Christ,

+SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America



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"Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her." Luke 1:38

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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

Samira El-Shammas, hospital, 3/26 Dorothy Nicholas, undergoing tests, 3/14 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 Hala Tadros, Rania Dahabreh's mother, 3/11 Elham Alloush, Arij Alchammas' mother, 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 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

Marriette Kassir, Jihad Kassir's mother, 3/26 Mona Abu Zeid Hajarian, Lina Kassir's mother, 3/8

Georgiann Jacobson, cousin of Kh. Elaine, 3/2 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. 16	Sunday of the Prodigal Son Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • Church School • Coffee Hour • "Ask Abouna" with 3 rd – 6 th Grades	
Mon. 17	Cathedral Council, 7 pm online	
Tue. 18	75 th Anniversary Committee, 7 pm online	
Wed. 19	Bereavement Group online meeting, 7 pm	
Sat. 22	Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy and Memorial, 7 am FOCUS food and clothing distribution, 9 am Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm Young Adult "Meat Farewell" Dinner, Eden Garden Restaurant	
Sun. 23	Sunday of the Last Judgement/Meatfare Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • Church School • Coffee Hour	
Mon. 24	Young Adult Bible Study, 7 pm	
Tue. 25	Choir Dinner and Practice, 6:30 pm	
Wed. 26	Bereavement Group online meeting, 7 pm	
Fri. 28	Pizza and Movie Night, 6:30 pm	