

Beloved in the Lord,

This has been a challenging year for everyone. I have not been able to visit the sick in hospitals like usual, nor have I been able to meet most of you in your homes. Most weddings and baptisms have been postponed to next year.

I look forward to a more 'normal' church life, and I want you to know that I am eager to see you and to celebrate life's events with you as family. "Father" is not just a formal title to me, but it means we're family. Thus, when I see you and celebrate these occasions with you, please know that I never come with a 'hand out,' looking receive anything. I only care about *you*, and I just want to be there for you.



I thank you for supporting my wife and me with a regular salary, so I can devote myself completely to serving you. Gone are the days when, in a village, the priest just had to live on 'chickens and eggs' and whatever else may be given him on his visits. It was a reality of life that he needed to make these visits and to perform sacraments just in order to survive. Thankfully, we do not treat the father or the Church of God as a beggar any more.

On the other hand, we need to give to the Church, and I know that many people *want* to make *voluntary* expressions of thanksgiving to God; far be it from me to refuse them. Thus, I have established a **Good Samaritan Fund** at the Cathedral, where I will deposit all donations that you might wish to make for house blessings, visits to the sick, sacraments, etc.

The account will be maintained by the Dean of the Cathedral for the purpose of providing charitable assistance to members of the Cathedral (primarily) and to others of the greater community who may turn to the Church for assistance. The Good Samaritan Fund will be distinct from other charitable endeavors of the Cathedral, as it is geared to providing assistance quickly and discreetly to individuals in need, as opposed to programs whose recipients are identified publicly. An accounting summary of the Good Samaritan Fund will be included in the Annual Report to the Cathedral General Assembly.

Please also note that we will be starting to share with you on Sunday what we will do to help the poor right around the Cathedral this Christmas. Even though restrictions won't allow us to do the full *Kids' Club* program for which the Cathedral's generosity is known in the neighborhood in the past, we still have to do something. We cannot ignore the plight of those in need, especially that the need is greater than ever.

Finally, as a family, we are here to help each other. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance at this time, please let me know privately, and we will do what we can to help. On the other hand, if the Lord has blessed you

materially, please keep up your tithes and offerings, so we can help those in need—both those who are members of the Cathedral and the poor right around us. The Good Samaritan did NOT walk on the other side of the street, pretending not to see his injured ‘neighbor,’ but he went out of his way and spent his own money to take care of the man in need.

With appreciation and blessings in Christ,
+Fr. Nabil

Upcoming Schedule and Links

Date	Time	Event or Service (click link for service text)	How to Participate
Friday, Oct. 30	7:00 pm	Church School Classes	See links for each class, below
	7:00 pm	Arabic Bible Study on the Parables - درس الكتاب بالعربي	Sign up with Dn. Eliya at Louia@hotmail.com
Saturday, Oct. 31	6:00 pm	 Great Vespers	Livestream only (church closed)
Sunday, Nov. 1	7:45 am	Divine Liturgy in Spanish	In person outdoors AND livestream
	9:15 am	 Matins	In person outdoors AND livestream
	10:30 am	 Divine Liturgy	In person outdoors AND livestream
Tuesday, Nov. 3	7:00 pm	Bible Study: Worship, Liturgy and Sacraments	Join via Zoom
Friday, Nov. 6	7:00 pm	Church School Classes	See links for each class, below
	7:00 pm	Arabic Bible Study on the Parables - درس الكتاب بالعربي	Sign up with Dn. Eliya at Louia@hotmail.com
Saturday, Nov. 7	9:15 am	Matins in Arabic – صلوات السحر بالعربي	In person outdoors AND livestream
	10:30 am	 Divine Liturgy in Arabic – القداس الإلهي بالعربية	In person outdoors AND livestream
	6:00 pm	 Great Vespers	Livestream only (church closed)

Please note that you do NOT need to have a Facebook account to join our services via livestreaming. Also, if you cannot join the services live, they remain on the Facebook site, so you can participate when your schedule allows.

Church School 7 pm Friday, October 30

Class	Zoom Link	Meeting ID and Password (Not needed if you use the link)	Text and Discussion Material
Preschool & Kindergarten	None – discuss at home	None	 View or print for Preschool
1st – 4th Grades	Join 1st – 4th Class	950 0406 4284 602971	 View or print for Grades 1-4
5th – 8th Grades	Join 5th – 8th Class	966 6787 2317 283692	 View or print for Grades 5-8
High School	Join High School Class	964 9146 2720 439263	 View or print for High School

Holy Oblations and Prayer Requests

Happy birthday auntie Concetta we love you, Nicholas, Luke, Joseph, Amiria, Layla, Elizabeth, Amelia.

In loving memory of Emil Ayoub and Gretta Ayoub Casalnuovo (4 years), offered by Salwa, Joe and Nadia Ayoub, Mary Ann, Mike, Andrew, Hannah and Olivia Mitchell. Memory Eternal

Cathedral Prayer List:

Please include in your daily prayers the following—those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, which is the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)

Living

John L. Sadd, home, 12/9
Jason Perkins, home, 11/18
Lilla Awad, home, 11/18
Fred Wehba, hospital, 11/14
Henry Roum, home, 11/13
Abdo Hanna, home, 11/8
Richard Ayoob, home, 11/8
Conner Capata grandson of Julian Jr. and Shirley, hospital, 11/20

Departed

Metropolitan Theodosios, retired OCA Archbishop of Washington DC, 11/28
Tanos Habr, 11/21
William Saba Sr., 11/18
Barbara Waian Abraham, cousin of Suzi Sadd, 11/23
Elias Khalaf, relative of Patrick Haddad, 11/21

*To offer Holy Oblations and Memorials and for any announcements to be included in the bulletin, please email Cathedral@stnicholasla.com or contact the Cathedral office at (213) 382-6269 by **Wednesday noon**.*



If you missed a session of our Tuesday Bible Study on Worship, you can see the recordings via the following links to previous classes:

[October 6](#)
[October 13](#)
[October 20](#)
[October 27](#)

MOST REVEREND JOSEPH
ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES
METROPOLITAN OF NORTH AMERICA

V. REV. FATHER NABIL L. HANNA
DEAN



REV. FATHER PAUL OLSON
ASSISTANT PASTOR

REV. FATHER ANDREW S. ANDREWS
ASSISTANT PASTOR

ONLINE Fall 2020 Adult Study: Worship: Liturgy and Sacraments

Tuesdays: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Connect via Zoom: Meeting ID 964 9146 2720 • Password 439263

Instructor: Father Nabil L. Hanna • (213) 915-6269 • fnabilh@stnicholasla.com

Syllabus - Approximate

- Nov. 3** **Baptism and Chrismation**
How are we saved? • The Body of Christ, the Community
and Priesthood
- Nov. 10** **Marriage and Other Sacraments**
Holy Unction, Holy Orders, etc. •
Sacraments and Sacramentals
- Nov. 17** **The Liturgy of Time**
Being in This World but Not
of This World • The Hours
of Prayer



Arabic Bible Study on the Parables – الامثال بالعربي - الامثال

Every Friday at 7PM

Classes will be led by Dn. Eliya Ammari

Contact him at (818) 433 5523 or Louia@hotmail.com to sign up.

He will then send you an invitation for a Zoom meeting one day before the discussions.

Date	Topic of Discussion	Bible Readings
10/30/2020	مثل البنانيين	(مت 46- 49 :مت 27 -24 ، لو 6)
11/6/2020	مثل الكرامين الأشرار	(لو 20 : 9- 916 -1 : 12مت 21 : 33- 41 ، مر)
11/13/2020	مثل الحجر المرفوض	(و 11 ، لو 20 : 17- 1019 -12 : مت 21 : 42- 46 ، مر)

Do You Need Books or Icons?

See Diane Brooks or Isabel Elac for anything from the Cathedral bookstore. While we can't have you go into the bookstore to peruse the stock at this time, they will be happy to bring out to you what you would like.

Good News: Let's Make the Best of This Opportunity

The St. Nicholas Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Committee is pushing forward with the plan to install the new air conditioning system in the Cathedral. The members of the committee wish to express their gratitude for everyone's patience with the process. They are also grateful for the generosity of those who have already donated to make the new air conditioner a reality.



A new, anonymous, donor has stepped forward and has committed to donating \$25,000 in a matching fund campaign to raise the amount of funding still needed to pay for the new system. The HVAC committee urges all the faithful of the Cathedral who have not yet contributed to meet this challenge with your own generous donations. Your commitment is very necessary to making the new air conditioning system for the Cathedral become a reality. How wonderful it would be to walk into a blessedly cool Cathedral in the near future!

Please earmark donations "AC" on your check, or use the "AC Challenge" link on the online donations page on the Cathedral website stnicholasla.org. Please deposit donation in the offering box, or mail them to St. Nicholas Cathedral, 2300 W. 3rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90057.

Contact Ron Samore with any questions at 818-378-2055 or ronsamore18@gmail.com.

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom!" (Luke 12:32)

«لَا تَخَفْ أَيُّهَا الْقَطِيعُ الصَّغِيرُ لِأَنَّ أَبَاكُمْ قَدْ سَرَّ أَنْ يُعْطِيَكُمْ الْمَلَكُوتَ.»

As we take the coronavirus pandemic seriously, with faith and love, please note the following procedures:



1. Parking

As our parking lot is small, it is reserved for elderly and families with newborns in strollers. Everyone else should park at the photo lot. It is essential that all able-bodied worshippers show courtesy to the elderly and those with little children.

2. Social Distancing and Masks

Please remember to maintain sufficient distance between your household and others. Your family may all sit together, if you live in the same house, but please keep six feet distance between yourself and members of other households.

Remember too that **masks are required**. Be sure to wear them in a way that covers your nose and mouth fully. Not wearing masks or wearing them incorrectly makes other people feel uncomfortable and unsafe. Let us practice this important courtesy to others who may have health issues and for everyone's comfort and peace of mind.

3. Communion

Holy Communion is the "medicine of immortality," given "for the remission of sins, for healing of soul and body and for life everlasting."

It has long been the practice throughout our Archdiocese—more out of respect for Communion, *rather than unthinkable* concern for germs—for the faithful to approach the



Chalice with their mouths wide open and their heads tilted back. *Remember that you have to do both – a mouth that's open wide but tilted downward doesn't help!* This will allow the priest or deacon to insert the spoon, turn it over in your mouth and pull it out *without* touching your tongue or lips.

4. Venerating Icons

Venerate icons or the gospel book or the cross with just a 'gesture,' but **do not actually touch the item with your lips or hand**. While the Greek word in the Bible for veneration literally means to "approach and kiss," for now, approach *as if* to kiss, but then back away. The same goes for the priest's hand.

5. Antidoron (Blessed Bread)

For receiving the antidoron (blessed bread) after Holy Communion and at the dismissal, the Archdiocese has directed us to implement the more ancient practice. That is, *instead* of everyone reaching into the bowl with their own hands, **cup your hands together, and the priest (at dismissal) or an assistant (after Communion) will drop a piece of the blessed bread in them**. The priest and assistants will have washed their hands thoroughly and will be wearing gloves, so please **do not touch or kiss their hands**. While it is traditional to kiss the priest's hand when receiving a blessing, for the time being, please just make a 'gesture' of veneration for the priest's hand (as described above).



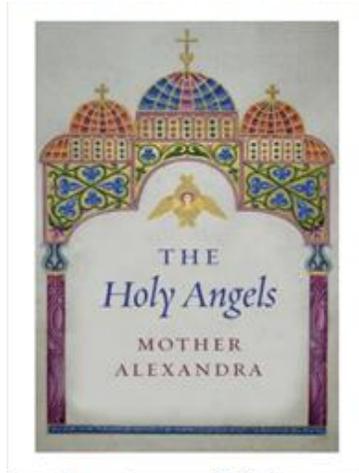
6. Who Should NOT Come to Church

Of course, those who are elderly, who have asthma, diabetes or other conditions that compromise their immune systems are still advised NOT to come to church at this time. Thus, **Fr. Nabil will be very happy to bring you the Sacraments to your homes or to have you come to the Cathedral privately, by appointment**. Please call him directly at (213) 915-6269 to schedule.

See's Candy Please remember to order and purchase your holiday See's Candy from Diane Brooks. Diane also sells See's Candy Gift Cards. That way, you can give a gift at any time during the holidays! Contact Diane at 562-761-8436 or rockinwomom@gmail.com.

St. Nicholas Antiochian Women Book Club Our Chaplain, Lauren Malouf, is organizing a book club for us! Our first book is one recommended by the Antiochian Women of the Archdiocese. More information about meetings to discuss the book will follow.

Join St. Nicholas Cathedral's
Antiochian Women's
Book Club!



Learn more about our faith and enjoy time
with your sister's in Christ!

Order at: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/the-holy-angels/>

For all details, contact Lauren Malouf
(818) 687-0406
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The Antiochian Women of the Diocese Los Angeles and the West are asking for articles for their Winter Newsletter coming out in December. Do you have a story about your life or experiences in the church to share with your sisters across the Diocese? The deadline to submit an article is December 1. Please contact Lauren Malouf at lmalouf@hchc.edu for more information.



The Antiochian Women are selling face masks. The masks are black and have an Orthodox cross in gold printed on them. Each mask costs \$15. To order please email Georgette Malouf at gette0324@yahoo.com or call her at 818-391-6217.

HALLOWEEN: HALLOWED OR HARMFUL?

“Halloween” is a contraction of “All Hallows’ Eve” or All Saints’ Eve. It was yearly celebration, observed in a number of countries on the 31st October, the Eve of the Feast of All Saints on the Western Calendar. (We Orthodox celebrate the Feast of All Saints on the Sunday after Pentecost, instead.)

It was a celebration of the victory of good over evil.

In time, people forgot and turned this celebration around. Evil thoughts came up with different ideas to encourage people to replace the holy feast to a glorification of evil. It was also commercialized by selling Candy, costumes, decorations, and party goods, making of Halloween one of the major retail seasons of the year.

People celebrating Halloween today are naturally not thinking about the darkness and evil that underlies most Halloween practices. They are just thinking of it as a fun time.

As Christians, would we please God by celebrating Halloween? Let us see what the Bible answers:

In the Book of Deuteronomy, God gives clear instructions to His people concerning associating with such practices. "Now if you enter the land the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to do the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who purifies his son or daughter in the fire, or one who practices divination, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spirit, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord your God, and because of these abominations the Lord your God will destroy them before you. You shall be perfect before the Lord your God. For all these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the Lord your God has not appointed such for you." Deuteronomy 18:9-14

This means that the background behind Halloween is not something which is fun and nice. It has evil connotations that Christians must be aware of. For what does it mean as Christian to dress your child as a witch or devil? Is this what our Lord has asked us to teach our children? Some might say that, "this helps us to teach our children not to be afraid of anything."

Dearly beloved this is not the way to teach our children not to fear anything. Let us teach them that in Jesus Christ our Lord only all our fears disappear. It is in Jesus Christ that fear is cast out and peace and comfort prevail.

Let us rethink how we spend this day. Let us educate our young people about the facts of Halloween. We can still enjoy the fun *without* getting into bad aspects of some Halloween observances. As an idea, we can choose to dress our children as saints or angels instead of witches or the grim reaper. Even something neutral like Bugs Bunny or Mickey/Minnie Mouse would be far superior to anything that normalizes witchcraft, skeletons, death and such.

Christ has freed us from death and from slavery to the demons!

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