

St Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral of Los Angeles  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



See the full calendar and the latest additions and updates to our [schedule on our website](#).

Beloved in Christ,

Our myrrh-bearing women of St. Nicholas did a *beautiful* job decorating the bier of Christ this afternoon, and it is all ready for the Matins service known popularly as the **“Funeral of Christ” at 6:30 this evening.**

**Tomorrow morning, please be sure to bring your children** to the Liturgy at 10 am. It is the most joyous and ancient Liturgy.



I have a custom of having all the children join me in throwing the leaves of victory. (The photo below shows one of the children with a basket of leaves, helping me throw them at the old St. George Church in Indianapolis—before we built the new church.)

The Saturday morning service is NOT the same as the late night service. Try to come to both if you possibly can, but the morning service will be a *good opportunity for those who can't drive at night or those with very small children to experience the joy of the Resurrection.*



Please see below the full schedule for the remainder of Holy Week and Pascha. It includes links to the service texts in English and Arabic. Just click on the blue, underlined text, and it will open the service for you on your phone or tablet. Since we're still not allowed to pass out service books or bulletins under the present circumstances, you can follow the service on your screen (or print out a copy at home, and bring it with you).

As we try to accommodate—*safely*—as *many* people as possible, please note and adhere to the following, necessary procedures.

[Sign up in Advance](#)

Remember to sign up for each service at

[www.stnicholasla.org/schedule](http://www.stnicholasla.org/schedule). See the detailed schedules below. Thank God, the worst of the pandemic has eased up in California, but we still have to stay within 50% capacity and to practice social distancing. Signing up allows us to know who was here on a given day, so we will notify you if it turns out—God forbid—that someone who came down with CoViD was in church the same day you were.

## Where to Park Your Car



- The **Cathedral** lot needs to be kept for those who really need it, the **handicapped** and elderly.
- Others can park in the **Photo Lot**, across 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Once the Photo Lot fills up, you will need to park in the **St. Vincent Medical Office Building garage**, across Grandview Street from the Cathedral.
  - Note that there is a \$5/vehicle charge to park in the medical office garage
  - Hint: arrive early, so you can avoid the overflow parking fee.

## Ushers Will Direct You Where to Be Seated

- Ushers will take your temperature and check you off the pre-registration list

- You will be able to
  - Buy Candles for the Procession
  - Leave your tithes and offerings in the donation box
- Those who arrive first and have pre-registered will be directed inside the Cathedral.
  - To maximize seating capacity and efficiency, ushers will escort you to your pew and may use a seating pattern this week that's different from what we've been using (when we were at 25% capacity)
- Overflow seating will be in the Heritage Hall, where chairs are set up in front of an audio and video feed.
- Any faithful who arrive and have not signed up in advance will be directed to seating in the plaza area, where they will be able to hear the service.
- If, at 15 minutes after the start of the service, there's still room inside the Cathedral or hall, those who have been waiting outside will be invited to take those seats.
- Holy Communion will be served in all locations: clergy will take chalices to the hall and to those in the plaza.



Last year, we couldn't have faithful in our churches for Holy Week at all. I am thankful that—even with the above limitations and procedures—we get to celebrate together!

With love and blessings in Christ,

*+Fr. Nabil*

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and  
Metropolitan of  
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

*Great and Holy Pascha 2021*

*O Thy divine and beloved and most sweet voice! Thou hast promised that Thou wouldst be with us unto the end of the world, O Christ; and we faithful rejoice, having this as an anchor of hope.*

*Ninth Ode of the Paschal Canon*

*Reverend Clergy, Esteemed Parish Council Members, and beloved faithful:*

***CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!***

*Pascha is the joyful revelation that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Although the world and the devil, sin and death, threw everything they had against Christ, God is still with us. His resurrection gives us boldness to face every difficulty with unflinching trust in God.*

*During this past year, we have needed this “anchor of hope,” as the winds and waves of crisis have beat against the ship of the Church. We still do. Let us rejoice that, in a world of uncertainty, Pascha’s promise is sure and true!*

*Praying that Paschal joy will blaze forth in your hearts, I remain,*

*Yours in the Risen Lord,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is preceded by a large, stylized blue cross.

**+JOSEPH**

*Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America*

For a fuller video message from His Eminence, see: [Metropolitan JOSEPH'S Paschal Message 2021 - YouTube](#)



## Upcoming Schedule and Links

Date	Time	Event or Service (click link for service text)	How to Participate
<b>Friday, April 30</b> <b>Great and Holy</b> <b>Friday</b>	6:30 pm	 <a href="#">Matins of "Christ's Funeral"</a> with the <a href="#">Encomia</a> <a href="#">التقارظ</a>	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
<b>Saturday, May 1</b> <b>Great and Holy</b> <b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	<a href="#">Liturgy of the "Victory over Death"</a>	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
	11:00 pm	THE RESURRECTION – <a href="#">Rush, Matins and Divine Liturgy</a> ( <a href="#">Bilingual</a> version - includes extra material)	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
<b>Sunday, May 2</b> <b>Great and Holy</b> <b>Pascha</b>	7:45 am	Paschal Liturgy in Spanish	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
	1 pm	<a href="#">Agape (Love) Vespers</a>	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
<b>Monday, May 3</b> <b>Bright Monday,</b> <b>Feast of St.</b> <b>George</b>	10:00 am	<a href="#">Divine Liturgy</a>	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>

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

## Holy Oblations and Prayer Requests Offered

- By Richard, Joyce, Paul, Lizzie, Elizabeth and Sitto Marjorie, for the health of Steven Ayoob on the occasion of his birthday. May God continue to bless him and watch over him.
- By Ehab and Rania Dahabreh and family, for the repose of mother Nawal Dahabreh.

## 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, until the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)*

### Living

Barbara Brae, home, 6/4  
Diala Madanat, home, 6/2  
Veronica Harlo Atalla, home, 6/1  
Mark Bshara, home, 5/14  
Nellie Annabi, home, 5/14  
Simon Robert Andrews Sr., home, 5/11  
Albert Malouf, home, 5/10  
Nancy Malouf, home, 5/10  
George Madanat, home, 5/9

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Rose, Basem, Subdeacon Kevin, Chanttel and Christine Tarazi, hospital, 5/29  
Physicians, nurses and all the healthcare professionals on the front lines of the pandemic  
All those suffering from illness, violence and want in this country and throughout the world

### Departed

Issa Faggouseh, 6/7  
Maurice Farah, 5/24  
Adib Kahouch, 5/23  
Nour Namah, 5/17  
Nadia Sawabini, 5/14  
Nawal Dahabreh, 5/8  
Marilyn Nassif, 5/4

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Aziz Haddad, brother-in-law of Ron and Rose Samore, 6/1  
Victims of the pandemic and of violence everywhere

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

## GREAT FRIDAY EVENING • APRIL 30

### Resurrectional Matins of Christ's Funeral, 6:30 PM

We join Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus and the Myrrh-bearing Women to sing in Praise of the buried Christ, and we process with the Bier and passing under it as if joining Christ in the tomb.

## GREAT SATURDAY MORNING • MAY 1

### Liturgy of St. Basil, 10 AM

As we keep vigil, the Victory of Christ over death and his Resurrection 'explode' with throwing of the leaves of victory. *Please bring your children to this service.*

## THE RESURRECTION • SATURDAY, MAY 1 / SUNDAY, MAY 2

### RUSH/MATINS/LITURGY, 11 PM

We receive the new Light and the Good News that "Christ is Risen." *You may also bring Easter Baskets to be blessed.*

## AGAPE VESPERS • SUNDAY, MAY 2

### Love Vespers, 1 PM

The Good News (Gospel) of the Resurrection will be proclaimed in as many languages as possible. A sign-up list will be posted during Holy Week for you to read any language you know (we might have the text available, if you don't).

*"What shall I render to the Lord,  
for All His Bounty to Me?"*

*I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of  
Thanksgiving, and I will call  
upon the Name of the Lord.*

*(Psalm 116.12, 17)*



*Thanks and blessings on all who already stepped up and made their stewardship commitments for 2021. May the Lord remember them in His Kingdom!*

We are looking for 100% participation. Everybody can do *something*, according to ability.

If you haven't done so yet, please place your pledge card in the offering box at the candle stand, or return it by mail. You will find extra pledge cards in the narthex, or you can use the facsimile, below. You can even enter your pledge as a recurring donation online yourself at <https://stnicholasla.org/contributions>



## Regular Stewardship Pledge for 2021

2300 W. 3rd Street • Los Angeles, CA 90057

I/we pledge to St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral a reasonable and fair share of the blessings received from God as a token of thanksgiving and in support for His Holy Church.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Renew my pledge at  the same level, or increase it by  5%  10%  15%  20% from last year  
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Giving by Credit/Debit Card:  MasterCard  Visa  Discover:

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**Authorization**  
By selecting the Bank Draft or Credit Card options, I authorize St. Nicholas Cathedral to charge my account the amount stated until I provide a written cancellation. The convenience of automatic recurring billing is processed through the *authorize.net* payment system.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  Keep my name anonymous (amounts are never published).

## Food for Hungry People

Please bring back your boxes *filled*. If you did not use the alms boxes, you can still support the Food for Hungry People program. Please make your donation to St. Nicholas Cathedral, and earmark it "FFHP."



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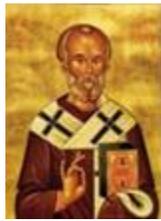
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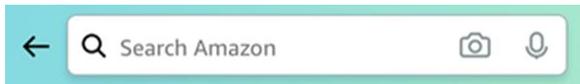


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