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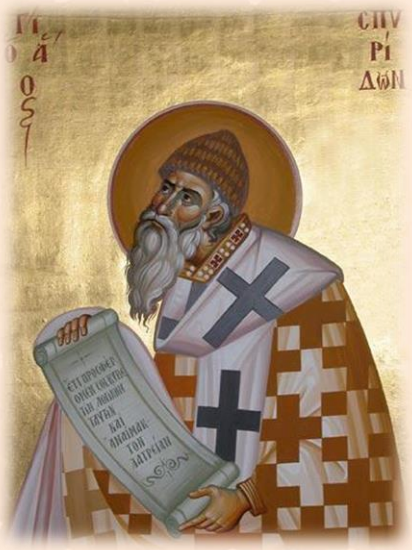
TONE 8 ***DECEMBER 12, 2021*** ***EOTHINON 3***

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS (ANCESTORS) OF CHRIST
ST. SPYRIDON OF TRIMYTHOUS, THE WONDERWORKER

JOHN, METROPOLITAN OF ZICHNON
HIEROMARTYR ALEXANDER, ARCHBISHOP OF JERUSALEM



Spyridon, the "Great Defender of Corfu and Boast of all the Orthodox," was a native of Cyprus. He was a simple shepherd of sheep—simple in manner and humble of heart. He and his wife had one daughter, Irene. After his wife's departure from this life, he was appointed Bishop of Trimythous (today called Tremetousia, in the district of Larnaca) and thus became a shepherd of rational sheep.

When the First Ecumenical Council was held in Nicaea, he was present and, by means of his simple words, countered the arguments of the Arians, who were wise in their own conceit.

By the divine grace which dwelt in him, he wrought such great wonders that he came to be called "Wonderworker." Having tended his flock piously, in a manner pleasing to God, he reposed in the Lord about the year 350, leaving his incorrupt relics as a consolation and source of healing for the faithful.

LITURGY VARIATIONS

THIRD ANTIPHON: TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 8)

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

انْحَدَرْتَ مِنَ العُلوِّ يا مُتَحَنِّن، وقَبِلْتَ الدَّفْنَ ذا الثَّلاثَةِ الأيام، لِكَيْ تُعْتِقَنا مِنَ الآلامِ، فَيا حَياتَنا وقِيامَتَنَا، يا رَبُّ المجْدُ لَك.

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**

Remember to turn cell phones off!

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled

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.

CHILDREN going to church school and their teachers 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.

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.

Coronavirus Precautions

Please be aware that the Los Angeles County Health Department requires everyone to wear masks indoors, in all public places, *including in churches*.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend….

اِنْحَدَرْتَ مِنَ العُلوِّ....

Troparion of the Holy Fathers (Tone 2)

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

لَقَدْ زَكَّيْتَ بالإيمانِ الآباءَ القُدَماءَ، وبِهِمْ سَبَقْتَ فخَطَبْتَ البيعَةَ التي مِنَ الأُمَمْ، فالقِدِّيسونَ بالمجْدِ يَفْتَخِرونَ، إذْ مِنْ زَرْعِهِمْ أَيْنَعَتْ ثَمَرةٌ حَسيبَةٌ، وهِيَ التي وَلَدَتْكَ بِغَيْرِ زَرْعٍ. فَبِتَضَرُّعِهِمْ أَيُّها المسيحُ الإلهُ ارْحَمْنا.

Troparion of St. Spyridon (Tone 1)

Thou wast shown forth as a champion of the First Council and a wonderworker, O Spyridon, our God-bearing Father. Wherefore, thou didst speak unto one dead in the grave, and didst change a serpent to gold. And while chanting thy holy prayers, thou hadst Angels serving with thee, O Most sacred One. Glory to Him that hath glorified thee. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

ناضَلْتَ بِثَباتٍ عَنِ المجْمَعِ الأوَّل، وَظَهَرْتَ لِلْمُعْجِزاتِ مُجْتَرِحًا عَجِيبًا. فالحَيَّةُ صارَتْ ذَهَبًا، والمَيْتَةُ خاطَبْتَها في القَبْر، والمَلائِكُ شارَكَتْكَ في الصَلوات، كُلِّيَّ الطُّهْرِ سبيريدون. فَالمجْدُ لِلْرَّبِّ الذي مَجَّدَك. ألمجْدُ لِلَّذي كَلَّلَك. ألمجْدُ لِلْمانِحِ بِكَ الأشفِيَةَ لِلْجَميع.

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 أَظْهَرَتْكَ أفْعالُ الحقِّ لِرَعِيَّتِكَ قانوناً للإيمانِ، وصورَةً لِلْوَداعةِ، ومُعَلِّماً لِلإمْساكِ، أيُّها الأبُ ورَئيسُ الكَهَنَةِ نيقولاوس. فَلِذلِكَ أحْرَزْتَ بالتَّواضُعِ الرِّفْعَة، وبالمسكَنَةِ الغِنى. فَتَشَفَّعْ إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ أنْ يُخَلِّصَ نفوسَنا.

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

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

اليومَ العَذْراءَ تَأْتي إلى المِغارَةِ لِتَلِدَ الكَلِمَةَ الذي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ، وِلادَةً لا تُفَسَّرُ ولا يُنْطَقُ بِها، فَافْرَحِي أَيَّتُها المِسْكونَةُ إذا سَمِعْتِ، ومَجِّدي مَعَ المَلائِكَةِ والرُّعاةِ، الذي سَيَظْهَرُ بِمَشيئَتِهِ طِفْلاً جَديداً وهُو إلهُنا الذي قَبْلَ الدُّهُور.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 149.5,1; Tone 7)

The saints shall rejoice in glory.
Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song.

بروكيمنن (اللحن ٧؛ مزمور ١٤٩,٥، ١)

يفتخِرُ الأبرارُ بالمجْد.
رنِّموا للربِّ ترنيمةً جديدةً.

Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (5.8-19; St. Spyridon)

BRETHREN, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand the will of the Lord. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رسالةِ القديسِ بولس الرسول إلى أَهْلِ أَفَسُس (٥,٨–١٩؛ للقديس سبيريدون)

يا إخْوَةُ، اسْلُكُوا كَأَوْلادٍ لِلْنورِ – فإنَّ ثَمَرَ الروحِ هُوَ في كُلِّ صَلاحٍ وبِرٍّ وحَقٍّ – مُخْتَبِرينَ ما هُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ لَدى الرَّبِّ ولا تَشْتَرِكوا في أَعْمالِ الظُّلْمَةِ غَيْرِ المثمِرَة، بَلْ بِالأَحْرى وَبِّخوا عَلَيْها. فإنَّ الأَفْعالَ التي يَفْعَلونَها سِرّاً، يَقْبُحُ ذِكْرُها أيضاً لَكِنَّ كُلَّ ما يُوَبَّخُ عَلَيْهِ، يُعْلَنُ بِالنور فإنَّ كُلَّ ما يُعْلَنُ هُوَ نورٌ ولِذَلِكَ يَقولُ: اسْتَيْقِظْ أيُّها النائِمُ وَقُمْ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْواتِ، فَيُضيءَ لَكَ المسيحُ. فَانْظُروا إذَنْ أَنْ تَسْلُكوا بِحَذَرٍ، لا كَجُهلاءَ، بَلْ كَحُكماءَ، مُفْتَدينَ الوَقْتَ فَإنَّ الأيامَ شِرّيرَةٌ. فَلِذَلِكَ لا تَكونوا أَغْبِياءَ، بَلِ افْهَموا ما مَشيئَةُ الرَّبِّ. ولا تَسْكَروا بالخَمْرِ التي فيها الدعارَةُ، بَلِ امْتَلِئُوا بالروح. مُكَلِّمينَ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضاً بِمَزاميرَ وتَسابيحَ وأَغانِيَّ روحِيَّةٍ مُرَنِّمينَ ومُرَتِّلينَ في قُلوبِكُمْ لِلْرَّبِّ.

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

THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

مِنْ بِشارَةِ القِدّيسِ لوقا الإنْجيليِّ البَشيرِ والتلْميذِ الطاهِر (١٤,١٦–٢٤؛ للآباء والاحد الحادي عشر)

قالَ الرَّبُّ هذا الْمَثَل: إنسانٌ صَنَعَ عَشاءً عَظِيماً ودَعَا كَثيرين. فأرْسَلَ عَبْدَهُ في ساعَةِ العَشاءِ يقولُ لِلْمَدْعُوّينَ: تَعالُوا فإنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ قَدْ أُعِدَّ. فَطَفِقَ كُلُّهُمْ واحِدٌ فَواحِدٌ يَسْتَعْفُون. فقالَ لَهُ الأوَّلُ: قدِ اشْتَرَيْتُ حَقْلاً، ولا بُدَّ لي أنْ أَخْرُجَ وأنظُرَهُ، فأسألُكَ أنْ تَعْفِيَني. وقالَ الآخَرُ: قَدِ اشتريْتُ خَمْسَةَ فَدادينِ بَقَرٍ وأنا ماضٍ لأُجَرِّبَها، فأسألُكَ أنْ تَعْفِيَني. وقال الآخَرُ: قَدْ تَزَوَّجْتُ امرأةً، فلِذلِكَ لا أسْتَطيعُ أنْ أَجيءَ. فأَتَى العَبْدُ وأخبَرَ سيِّدَهُ بِذلِكَ. فَحينئِذٍ، غَضِبَ رَبُّ البيْتِ، وقالَ لِعَبْدِهِ: أُخْرُجْ سَريعاً إلى شَوارِعِ المدينَةِ وأزِقَّتِها وأَدْخِلِ المساكينَ والجُدْعَ والعُمْيانَ والعُرْجَ إلى هَهُنَا. فَقالَ العَبْدُ: يا سَيِّدُ، قَدْ قُضِيَ ما أمَرْتَ بِهِ، ويَبْقى أيْضاً مَحَلٌّ. فَقالَ السيِّدُ لِلْعَبْدِ: أُخْرُجْ إلى الطُرُقِ والأَسْيِجَةِ واضْطَرِرْهُمْ إلى الدُخولِ حَتَّى يَمْتَلِئَ بيْتي .فإنّي أقولُ لَكُمْ إنَّهُ لا يَذوقُ عَشائي أحَدٌ مِنْ أولئِكَ الرِجَالِ المدْعُوّين. لأنَّ المدْعُوّينَ كَثيرونَ والْمُختارينَ قَليلُون

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By the entire Cathedral community, with gratitude, for the good health of Rose Samore and of all those who helped with the St. Nicholas Day Banquet.
- By Ouberto, Jacqueline, Victoria, Joseph, Aaron and Layal Badaro, for the health of Jacqui's brother John Malouf, and for the repose of Ouberto's sister Jocelyn Badaro Tohme (40-day memorial).
- By Samir, Kimberly, Seila, Mia and Anthony Khoury and Elaine Mufarreh, for the health of Samir's mother, Farha Khoury, and family, and for the repose of father Elias Adeeb Khoury (40-day memorial).

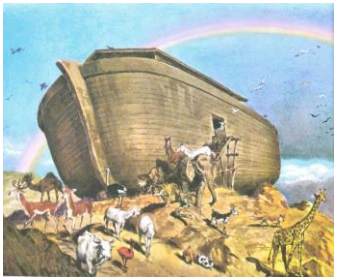
- By Ramzi and Halim Daniel, for the repose of father/grandfather Halim (40-day memorial) and uncle Salah Daniel (40-day memorial).
- By Martha "Adrianne," Fr. Andrew, Kh. Ruth, John, Daniel, Mary, Christina and Jonesy along with their children, for the health of Simon "Bob" Andrews on his 93rd birthday.
- By the Camp Committee, for the health of Fr. Nicholas Neyman, former pastor of the St. Paul Chapel and resident manager of Camp St. Nicholas.
- By Ronald and Rose Samore for the health of the Samore and Essay families, and for the repose of Ron's aunt Blanche Essay.
- By the Bshara family: George, Mariam, Mark and Antonio.
- By Ehab, Rania, Sami, Selena and Anthony Dahabreh, for the health of Rania's father, Hani Tadros, and in memory of Ehab's mother, Nawal Hawatmeh Dahabreh.

To offer Holy Oblations and Memorials please use the form at https://stnicholasla.com/makeaprayerrequest or call the Cathedral office by Wednesday.

Note that oblations just list the following: 1. Names of those offering it, 2. Names of the living and the occasion, and 3. Names of the departed and how long departed.

TODAY'S STUDY TOPIC: LESSON I.3 GENESIS 6-9 – NOAH AND THE ARK

All church school classes from first grade on up today will study Genesis 6-9 (pp 26-31 in *The Golden Children's Bible)*. Adults will study the same text simultaneously with our children.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER LITURGY

Following the dismissal and announcements, come forward for a blessing, then exit via the south (right side) doors, and join us in the Heritage Ballroom for refreshments.

- Coffee hour is hosted today by the Ouberto Badaro family, in memory of Jocelyn Badaro Tohme.

Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour after Liturgy. Bring whatever you would like to share—donuts, cookies, mini bagels, zaatar, etc. What we eat isn't as important as sharing the fellowship of our Cathedral Family. The Ladies Society will provide the coffee, coffee supplies and paper goods. Call/text Joujou George (562) 522-1322, or email her at ginageorge@verizon.net *to reserve a Sunday.*

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

December 12, 2021
Choir and Chanter Appreciation Sunday

Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians 5:18–20

Beloved Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy and Christ-Loving Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we prepare ourselves in eager anticipation of the feast of His glorious Nativity in the flesh.

In the above quotation, St. Paul describes the Christian life itself as essentially musical. It is a life of holy joy, which naturally draws melodies of praise and thanksgiving up from the heart to the lips, so that every corner of Creation might resound with the glories of God. This musical way of life is taught us, first and foremost, by the choirs and chanters who week after week—and sometime day after day—fill our ears with the sweet hymnography of the Church. From the earliest age, these melodies sink into our hearts, so that it is not unusual to hear Orthodox Christians, from toddlers to seniors, spontaneously bursting into sacred song as they go about their daily life. These hymns are the spiritual air we breathe, and they stick with us thanks to the work of all our chanters and choirs.

While we set aside this Sunday in December each year to recognize these dedicated chanters, we strive throughout the year as an archdiocese to give them the resources and support they need, by providing the proper liturgical texts for each service, a growing online library of sacred music, and two annual Sacred Music Institutes (SMIs). This year's SMIs will be in Wichita, KS, (Feb. 17–20) and at the Antiochian Village (July 14–17). We encourage all our parishes to likewise support their choirs and chanters locally, especially by helping them attend training events such as the SMIs.

We truly want to thank the chair of our archdiocesan Department of Sacred Music, Ms. Mareena Boosamra-Ball, and all her team, as well as all our choir directors, chanters and choir members throughout our archdiocese, for their dedicated ministry. Most of you serve on a volunteer basis, and the time and talents you share, each and every week, are an inestimable blessing.

Wishing you and your families a blessed remainder of the Nativity Fast and a joyous feast, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

+JOSEPH
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

From Last Sunday's Glorious Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas.

Christmas Eve Schedule: Friday, December 24

It was night when Jesus was born, when angels appeared, praising God, and they were seen by shepherds "out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night" (Luke 2.8), and they, in turn, immediately went over to Bethlehem and proclaimed the Good News.

With the angels, the shepherds, the wise men, let us come to adore Him Christmas Eve.

8:30 a.m. **Royal Hours of Christmas**

10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** (Paramon of Christmas)
While we encourage all to come to <u>both</u> the morning and night services (which are not the same), this may be an excellent opportunity for young children and entire families to celebrate the birth of Christ together, especially if attendance at the late service be impossible.

8:30 p.m. **Christmas Matins**

10:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY
In celebration of the Feast and as a token of our love and appreciation of you, Fr. Nabil, Kh. Elaine, Fr. Andrew and Kh. Ruth will host dinner in the Heritage Hall immediately following Liturgy.

CELEBRATING OUR FIRST AMERICAN ORTHODOX SAINT

Monday, Dec. 13: Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

He is known as the "Wonderworker of All America." In one of Saint Herman's most famous sayings, he urges:

"From this day, from this hour, from this minute,
let us strive to love God above all and to fulfill His holy will."

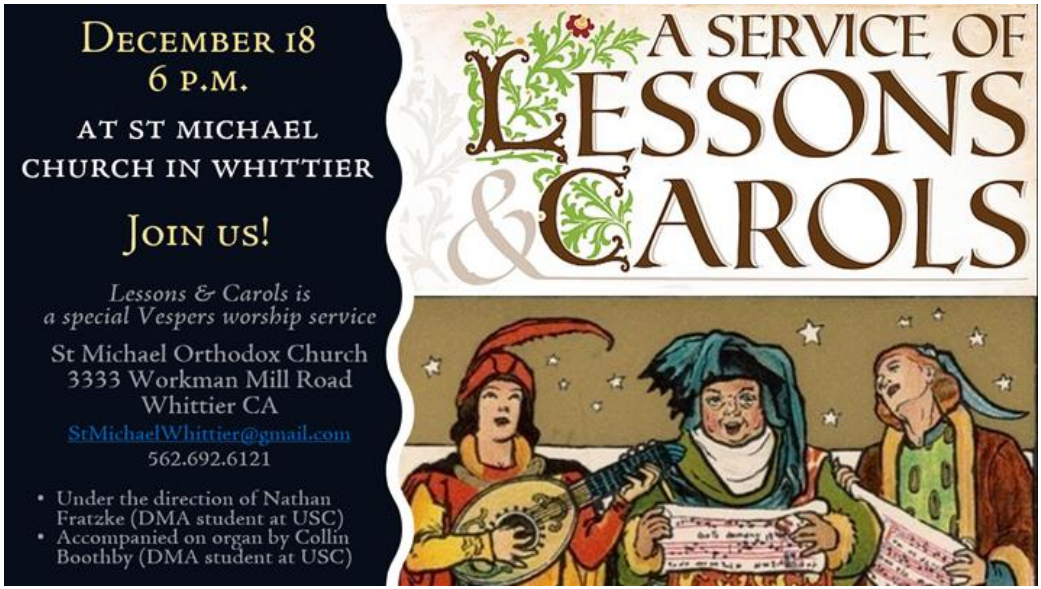
"من هذا اليوم ، من هذه الساعة ، من هذه اللحظة ،
دعونا نسعى جاهدين لنحب الله قبل كل شيء ونحقق ارادته المقدسة."
القديس غرمانوس الالاسكي

PICK UP 2022 CALENDARS IN NARTHEX

Our new church icon calendars are now available. Please take one. The calendar grid includes each day's scripture readings and indicates fasting days and commemorations, and it includes space for your own notes and appointments.

SEE'S CANDY

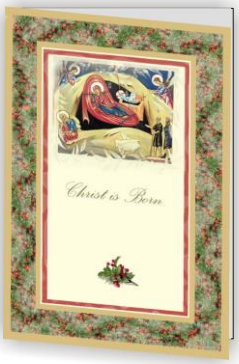
Please remember to order and purchase your holiday See's Candy from Diane Brooks, just in front of the bookstore. Diane also sells See's Candy Gift Cards. That way, you can give a gift at any time during the holidays! Contact Diane at 562-761-8436 or rockinwomom@gmail.com.



ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food…" (Matthew 25.35)

As we approach the Holiday Season, we must be mindful of those around us who are struggling to try and make the Holidays meaningful for their families.



Community Christmas Card – *Last Call TODAY*

Our Christmas card serves two purposes:

First, this is our greeting to each other as part of our Christmas Celebration and to convey to others that they are close to our hearts and in our thoughts and prayers. When you contribute to the Christmas card, your name will appear on it, and it is mailed to all our parishioners.

Second, it will generate funds for our Charity Ministry. We will be distributing Food Bags to the needy in our neighborhood, as part of our program on Saturday, December 18. Your generosity in the Christmas Card will provide Christmas dinner to the needy. (See details below.)

Make this Christmas card *your* holiday greeting to your friends at St. Nicholas. We'll take care of mailing it out to all our members and friends.

Christmas card forms and envelopes are available at the candle stand, in the narthex. Please complete the form, include your donation, and drop it in the offering box, as the ***deadline is TODAY***. You can also submit your Christmas card participation online TODAY at www.stnicholasla.org/contributions or call the Cathedral office first thing Monday.

St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral
2300 W. 3rd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90057

Community Christmas Card
Make this Christmas Card your holiday greeting to your friends at St. Nicholas.

Your contribution will help needy families this holiday season.
May God bless you richly in return.

Print your name(s) as they should appear on the card.

Enclosed donation amount (circle one): $25 $50 $100 other: $_____

Given by _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Email _____

Place in envelope, and put in collection tray, or mail to the church office by the first Sunday in December.

Please make checks payable to St. Nicholas Cathedral.

There is no set amount, but please be generous. Note that the cost of each Food Bag is approximately $35. For example, then, if you want to help provide Christmas dinner for two needy families, you might contribute at least $70 to the Christmas Card.

Stocking the Food Bags for the Needy

In addition to cash donations through the Christmas Card, you can purchase food items directly, as part of our participation in the Archdiocese **World Food Day** program**.** A list of what to purchase is provided below.

This is a great way to involve our children and is an excellent, tangible way to teach them about being compassionate to the needy.

Please bring <u>only</u> these items, and ensure that the expiration dates are in 2022 or after. *You can place your items in the large cardboard food box in the foyer of Heritage Hall.*

FOOD BAG LIST

1 - 15 Oz. Can Corn
2 - 15 Oz. Can Rosarita Refried Beans
1 - 15 Oz. Can Chili Con Carne W/Beans
1 - 15 Oz. Can Black Beans
1 - Large Can Sliced Jalapenos
2 - Packages Kraft Macaroni & Cheese
1 - 10 Oz. Bottle Tapatio Hot Sauce
1 - 15 Oz. Can Cranberry Sauce
1 - 2 Lb. Bag of Rice
1 - 16 Oz. Jar Peanut Butter

No Additions or Substitutions please. This will allow uniformity in each Food Bag. *The Charity Ministry will purchase tortillas and grocery store gift cards to include with the Food Bags, so the needy can buy items like fresh vegetables, meat and milk for themselves.* **Please contact Ed Malouf for any questions at (310) 923-4347.**

Help Us Pack and Distribute Food to the Needy

<u>Friday, December 17, 6 pm</u>

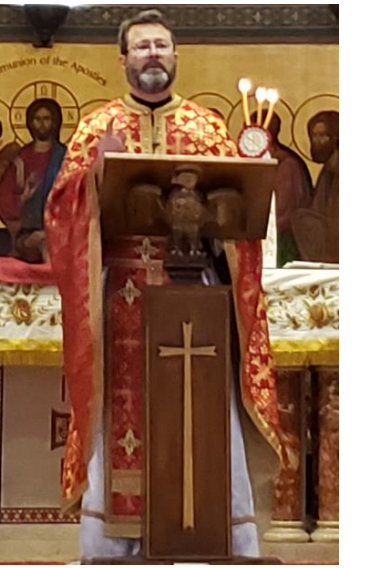
We will pack the food bags and set up for distributing them in the morning. ***Many hands make light work!*** If you can't get there right at 6 pm, come as soon as you can.

<u>Saturday, December 18, 7:30 am</u>

We will distribute the food, but we also want to create a festive setting for the needy families and their children. We will have live music and St. Nicholas will give gifts to the children.

"Charity" means love. Above all, we need to show the love of God that's in us to those who are struggling and losing hope.

December 9, 2021



The Very Reverend Nabil L. Hanna
St Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral
2300 West 3rd Street
Los Angeles, California 90057

Via e-mail to frnabilh@stnicholasla.com

Dear Father Nabil,

Christ is in our midst!

Please accept this brief note expressing my heartfelt appreciation for all that you, the parish council, the ladies and the faithful of St Nicholas did, to welcome me back to the Cathedral for the feast of St Nicholas. Being present with all of you and being able to pray together at the beautiful divine services was a blessing and joy beyond words. I will look back on the event with warm memories for years to come.

I wish to also thank you for your kind words and generosity, and for the love and honor from everyone at the banquet.

Being a member of the St Nicholas family has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. It gave me great joy to see the enthusiasm and participation among all, especially the youth. I thank you above all for your prayers. Please know that you are all in mine. I wish you every success in the Lord, and pray that He continue to bless your endeavors and fruitful ministry, unto His glory.

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Calinic Berger

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Merry Christmas

Join us for Christmas
Lunch, DJ, and Gifts
Santa Claus is coming on December 25
3:00pm - 8:00 pm
At St.Nicholas
Cathedral
2300 W 3rd st. Los
Angeles, CA 90057

Adult: $55
Kids: $30

For reservations, contact
George Bshara:
(323)-474-9898
Issa Kazma:
(323)-684-5279

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 AT 9:00PM

2022

DJ GIOVANI

INTERNATIONAL HIT SONGS, MUSIC, AND DRUMMER

MENU

EXTENSIVE APPETIZERS, BUFFET, DELICIOUS MIDDLE EASTERN DINNER, AND ARRAY OF DESERTS, SOFT DRINKS, WINE, AND CHAMPAGNE

ADULT PRICING

AGES 18+ :
$95 PER SEAT
($125 AFTER 12-5-21)

CHILDREN AND MINOR PRICING

AGES 12-17:
$65 PER SEAT
($85 AFTER 12-5-21)

FREE FOR KIDS: AGES 6-11
(DESGINATED TABLES AND MENU INCLUDED)

FREE BABY SITTING SERVICE: AGES 5 & UNDER

SPONDSORED BY THE ST. NICHOLAS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL OR TEXT 909-561-0363
ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE DONE AND PAID BY 12-26-21 AND NO REFUNDS ON ALL CONFIRMED PAID RESERVATIONS.

2300 W. 3RD STREET. LOS ANGELES CA 90057

Diocese of Los Angeles and the West Camping Program

Camp St. Nicholas

ACCREDITED

Winter Camp–2022

The Way, The Truth and The Life

Ages:	Seventh–Twelfth Grades
Cost:	$230
Arrive By:	5:00PM Friday, February 18
Depart At:	10:00AM Monday, February 21
Theme:	I am the way, the truth and the life

Join us for a weekend full of friendships, faith, fun (in the snow, hopefully) and the beauty of God's creation.

Camper Registration Opens December 13, 2022 at https://www.campstnicholas.com/site/home/.

St Nicholas Cathedral Presents SOYO Holiday Movie Night Screening "Elf"

Date: Tuesday, December 28
Time: 6:00 PM
Where: St Nicholas Cathedral
2300 W 3rd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90057

Join us in the Heritage Ballroom as we use our new giant projection screen and sound system to screen ELF and enjoy food and fellowship. We will provide pizza, popcorn and drinks. A freewill offering at the door to offset costs is appreciated.

RSVP at
tinyurl.com/SOYO-ELF

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

LIVING

Fr. Nicholas Neyman, former assistant at the Cathedral for the Camp, 1/16
Kh. Patricia Romley, 1/11
Abdullah Matar, home, 12/27
Wilfred "Will" Haick, home, 12/24
Hend Nahas, home, 12/22
Carl Fred Milkie Sr., home, 12/22
Fuad Farradj, father of Christian Farradj, 1/21
Ronald Davis, Kh. Ruth Andrews' brother, 1/21
John Malouf, Jacqueline Badaro's brother, 1/16
Anna Acevedo, wife of custodian Armando Cano, 12/27
Connor Capata, Julian and Shirley's grandson, 12/20
All those injured and made homeless in the tornadoes in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Kentucky
All those suffering from illness, violence and want in this country and everywhere

DEPARTED

Mary Rose Grimm, 1/16
Blanche Essay, aunt of Ronald Samore, 1/13
Rebecca Bytof, sister-in-law of Scott Bytof, 1/9
Elias Adeeb Khoury, father of Samir Khoury, 12/23
Salah Daniel, uncle of Ramzi Daniel, 12/17
Halim Daniel, father of Ramzi Daniel, 12/14
Jocelyn Badaro Tohme, sister of Ouberto Badaro, 12/13
Victims of the tornadoes, the pandemic and of violence everywhere

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

December 2021	
Sun. 12	**Spanish Mission Liturgy,** 7:45 am • **Spanish Bible Study** **Matins,** 9:15 am **Divine Liturgy,** 10:30 am • **Church School** follows Holy Communion
Mon. 13	***Feast of St. Herman of Alaska*** **Divine Liturgy,** 10 am
Tue. 14	**Ladies' Society** meeting, 7 pm at the home of Rose Samore (1817 Maginn Dr., Glendale)
Friday, 17	**Assembling Charity Food bags,** 6 pm
Sat. 18	**Distribution of Charity Food bags,** 7:30 am **Great Vespers** and Confessions, 6 pm
Sun. 19	**Spanish Mission Liturgy,** 7:45 am • **Spanish Bible Study** **Matins,** 9:15 am **Divine Liturgy,** 10:30 am **Church School** follows Holy Communion
Mon. 20	**Cathedral Council** meeting, 7 pm
Fri. 24	***Christmas Eve*** **Royal Hours of Christmas,** 8:30 am **Paramon of Christmas Liturgy,** 10 am **Christmas Matins,** 8:30 pm **CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY, 10 PM**
Sat. 25	***Christmas Day*** **Cathedral Christmas Party,** 3 pm

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