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**TONE 3**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**

**EOTHINON 1**

## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

الأحد الثاني وعاشر بعد العنصرة

*HIEROMARTYR BABYLAS, BISHOP OF ANTIOCH • PROPHET MOSES THE GOD-SEER  
MARTYRS JERUSALEM, SEKENDOS, SEKENDIOS AND KEGOUROS IN ALEPPO  
RIGHTEOUS FATHER ANTHIMUS OF COROUCLE IN CEPHALLENIA • ANTHIMOS THE NEW ASCETIC  
HERMIONE THE MARTYR, DAUGHTER OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON*



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: SAINTS  
BABYLAS, MOSES AND HERMIONE

Hermione is *not* just the name of a character in the *Harry Potter* series. The Holy Virgin Martyr Hermione was one of the four daughters of Saint Philip the Deacon. She had the gift of prophecy (Acts 21:8), and devoted herself to apostolic labors.

Saint Hermione mastered the healing arts, rendering assistance to many Christians, and healing the sick by the power of Christ.

When Emperor Trajan (98-117) heard of Saint Hermione's prophetic gift, he stopped at Ephesus to ask her to predict what his future would be. She told him that he would defeat the Persians in war. Then, Trajan discovered that Hermione was a Christian, and at first he tried to persuade her to renounce Christ with gentle admonitions. When this did not succeed, he commanded that she should be struck in the face for several hours, but she endured this suffering with patience.

Trajan gave up and released Hermione. Later she built a hospice where she cared for the sick, treating their physical and spiritual infirmities. Eventually she was beheaded by order of the Emperor Hadrian and buried in Ephesus.

# LITURGY VARIATIONS

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANTIPHON: TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

لِتَفْرَحِ السَّمَاوِيَّاتُ وَتَبْتَهِجَ الْأَرْضِيَّاتُ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ صَنَعَ عَجَبًا بِسَاعِدِهِ، وَوَطِئَ الْمَوْتَ بِالْمَوْتِ، وَصَارَ بِكُرِّ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَأَنْقَذَنَا مِنْ جَوْفِ الْجَحِيمِ، وَمَنَحَ الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

## APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

### Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice....

...لِتَفْرَحِ السَّمَاوِيَّاتُ وَتَبْتَهِجَ الْأَرْضِيَّاتُ....

### Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

<b>Sundays:</b>	<b>Matins, 9:15 AM</b>	<b>Confession:</b>	<b>After Saturday Vespers</b>
	<b>Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM</b>		<b>During Sunday Matins</b>
<b>Saturdays:</b>	<b>Great Vespers, 6:00 PM</b>		<b>Or by Appointment</b>



*See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled*

***Please turn cell phones off!***

### Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless a medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

As there are **NO CHURCH SCHOOL** classes today, children should sit with their parents and come to Communion with them. An usher will dismiss 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.

### Troparion for St. Babylas of Antioch (Tone 4)

By choosing the Apostles' way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Hieromartyr Babylas. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

صِرْتَ مُشَاهِماً لِلرُّسُلِ فِي أَحْوَالِهِمْ، وَخَلِيقَةً فِي كِرَاسِيهِمْ،  
فَوَجَدْتَ بِالْعَمَلِ الْمَرْفَاقَةَ إِلَى الثَّائُرِيَّاتِ يَا أَيُّهَا الْلاهِجُ بِاللَّهِ. لِذَلِكَ  
تَبِعْتَ كَلِمَةَ الْحَقِّ بِاسْتِقَامَةٍ، وَجَاهَدْتَ عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ حَتَّى  
الْدَّمِ. أَيُّهَا الشَّهِيدُ فِي الْكَهَنَةِ بَابِيلاسَ، فَتَشَمَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ  
الْإِلَهِيِّ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.

### 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 أَظْهَرْتَكَ أَعْمَالَ الْحَقِّ لِرِعِيَّتِكَ قَانُونًا لِلْإِيمَانِ، وَصُورَةً  
لِلدُّعَاةِ، وَمُعَلِّمًا لِلْإِنْسَانِ، أَيُّهَا الْأَبُ وَرَتِيسُ الْكَهَنَةِ  
نِيقُولَاوسَ. فَلِذَلِكَ أَحْرَزْتَ بِالتَّوَاضُعِ الرَّفْعَةَ، وَبِالْمَسْكِنَةِ الْغِنَى.  
فَتَشَمَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِيِّ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.

### Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

By thy holy nativity, O pure One, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death. Thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The Barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

إِنَّ يُوَاكِيمَ وَحَنَّةَ مِنْ عَارِ الْعُقْرِ أُطْلِقَا، وَآدَمَ وَحَوَّاءَ مِنْ فَسَادِ  
الْمَوْتِ، بِمَوْلِدِكَ الْمُقَدَّسِ يَا طَاهِرَةً أُعْتِقَا. فَلَهُ يُعْبَدُ شَعْبُكَ،  
وَقَدْ تَخَلَّصَ مِنْ وَصْمَةِ الزَّلَّاتِ، صَارِحًا نَحْوَكِ: أَلْعَاقِرُ تَلِدُ  
وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الْمَعْدِيَّةَ حَيَاتَنَا.

## THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Prokeimenon**  
**(Psalm 46.6, 1 LXX; Tone 3)**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

بروكيمنون (مزمور ٤٦، ١؛ اللحن الثالث)

رَتِّلُوا لِلْإِلَهِنَا، رَتِّلُوا.

يَا جَمِيعَ الْأُمَمِ صَفِّقُوا بِالْأَيْدِي.

**From St. Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians (15.1-11; 12th Sunday after Pentecost)**

BRETHREN, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (19.16-26; 12th Sunday of Matthew)**

AT THAT TIME, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling before Him and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? There is no good but One, and that is God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Jesus, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love

**فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ الْأُولَى إِلَى أَهْلِ كورنثوس (١٥، ١-١١؛ للأحد الثاني وعاشر)**

يا إخوة، أُعَرِّفُكُمْ بِالْإِنْجِيلِ الَّذِي بَشَّرْتُكُمْ بِهِ وَقَبِلْتُمُوهُ وَأَنْتُمْ قَائِمُونَ فِيهِ. وَبِهِ أَيْضاً تَخْلُصُونَ بِأَيِّ كَلَامٍ بَشَّرْتُكُمْ بِهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَذْكُرُونَ إِلَّا أَنْ تَكُونُوا قَدْ آمَنْتُمْ بَاطِلاً.

فَإِنِّي قَدْ سَلَّمْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ أَوَّلَ مَا تَسَلَّمْتُهُ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ مَاتَ مِنْ أَجْلِ خَطَايَانَا عَلَى مَا فِي الْكُتُبِ. وَأَنَّهُ قُبِرَ وَأَنَّهُ قَدِ قَامَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ عَلَى مَا فِي الْكُتُبِ. وَأَنَّهُ تَرَأَى لَصَقًا ثُمَّ الْإِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ. ثُمَّ تَرَأَى لِأَكْثَرِ مِنْ خَمْسِ مِئَةِ أَخٍ دُفْعَةً وَاحِدَةً، أَكْثَرُهُمْ بَاقٍ إِلَى الْآنَ، وَبَعْضُهُمْ قَدْ رَقَدُوا. ثُمَّ تَرَأَى لِيَعْقُوبَ، ثُمَّ لِجَمِيعِ الرُّسُلِ. وَآخِرَ الْكُلِّ تَرَأَى لِي أَنَا أَيْضاً كَأَنَّهُ لِلْسِّقْطِ. لِأَنِّي أَنَا أَصْغَرُ الرُّسُلِ، وَلَسْتُ أَهْلاً لِأَنْ أُسَمَّى رَسُولاً، لِأَنِّي اضْطَهَدْتُ كَنِيسَةَ اللَّهِ. وَلَكِنْ بِنِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ أَنَا مَا أَنَا. وَنِعْمَتُهُ الْمِعْطَاةُ لِي لَمْ تَكُنْ بَاطِلَةً بَلْ تَعِبْتُ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ جَمِيعِهِمْ. وَلَكِنْ لَا أَنَا بَلْ نِعْمَةُ اللَّهِ الَّتِي مَعِي. فَسَوَاءٌ كُنْتُ أَنَا أَمْ أَوْلِيكَ هَكَذَا نَكْرُرُ وَهَكَذَا آمَنْتُمْ.

**مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ (١٩، ١٦-٢٦؛ للأحد الثاني وعاشر من متى)**

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ شَابٌّ وَجَنَّا لَهُ قَائِلاً: أَيُّهَا الْمُعَلِّمُ الصَّالِحُ، مَاذَا أَعْمَلُ مِنَ الصَّلَاحِ لِيَتَكُونَ لِي الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: لِمَاذَا تَدْعُونِي صَالِحاً؟ وَمَا صَالِحٌ إِلَّا وَاحِدٌ وَهُوَ اللَّهُ. وَلَكِنْ إِنْ كُنْتُ تُرِيدُ أَنْ تَدْخُلَ الْحَيَاةَ، فَاحْفَظِ الْوَصَايَا. فَقَالَ لَهُ: أَيُّهُ وَصَايَا؟ قَالَ يَسُوعُ: لَا تَقْتُلْ، لَا تَزْنِ،

your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Jesus, “All these I have observed from my youth; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again, I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

لا تَسْرِقْ، لا تَشْهَدْ بِالزُّورِ. أَكْرِمِ أَبَاكَ وَأُمَّكَ، أَحْبِبْ قَرِينَكَ كَنَفْسِكَ. قَالَ لَهُ الشَّابُّ: كُلُّ هَذَا قَدْ حَفِظْتُهُ مُنْذُ صِبَايَ، فَمَاذَا يَنْقُصُنِي بَعْدُ؟ قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: إِنْ كُنْتَ تُرِيدُ أَنْ تَكُونَ كَامِلًا، فَادْهَبْ وَبِعْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لَكَ وَأَعْطِهِ لِلْمَسَاكِينِ، فَيَكُونَ لَكَ كَنْزٌ فِي السَّمَاءِ. وَتَعَالَ اتَّبِعْنِي. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الشَّابُّ هَذَا الْكَلَامَ، مَضَى حَزِينًا لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ ذَا مَالٍ كَثِيرٍ.

فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّهُ يَعْسُرُ عَلَى الْعَبْدِيِّ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ مَلَكُوتَ السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَأَيْضًا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّ مُرُورَ الْجَمَلِ مِنْ ثَقَبِ الْإِبْرَةِ لِأَسْهَلٍ مِنْ دُخُولِ غَنِيِّ مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ.

فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ تَلَامِيذُهُ هُجْتُوا جِدًّا وَقَالُوا "مَنْ يَسْتَطِيعُ إِذْنُ أَنْ يَخْلُصَ؟" فَنَظَرَ يَسُوعُ إِلَيْهِمْ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: أَمَّا عِنْدَ النَّاسِ فَلَا يُسْتَطَاعُ هَذَا، وَأَمَّا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ فَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ مُسْتَطَاعٌ.

## HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By Salwa Ayoub, for the health of her family, and in memory of Emil Ayoub and Gretta Casalnuovo.
- By George, Mariam, Mark, Antonio and Hend Bshara.
- 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.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

If you want to be spiritually tranquil, never part from someone while feeling agitated, but try in every way to forgive everyone in your soul and to make peace as much as possible. In so doing, you will part from others with a calm spirit, and you will enjoy serenity of the soul.

*Abba Moses*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER LITURGY

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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.



*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 and paper goods. Call/text Joujou George (562)-522-1322, or email her at [ginageorge@verizon.net](mailto:ginageorge@verizon.net) by Wednesday to reserve a Sunday.*

## PLEASE REGISTER ALL CHILDREN FOR CHURCH SCHOOL

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**Church School Starts Next Sunday, September 11.** *Just before Holy Communion, next Sunday, we will ask God to bless our students and teachers, as they begin their studies for the new Church School Year.*

Please register your children for Church School online (scan the QR code or enter <https://forms.gle/xRSfTz1dCGKJDPCv5> manually). There will also be a table set up for registration during coffee hour today. *Please register your children even if they were in our program last year, to confirm their enrollment and information.*

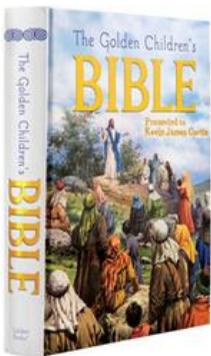


We have classes for youth from preschool through high school. (Three-year-olds may begin preschool if potty trained.) Please contact Lauren Malouf, our Church School Director, or Assistant Directors Salma Maalouf and Wafa Omeish, if you have any questions.

Classes will be in person. As we did last year, children and teachers will come to Communion first. Then they will go directly to their classes, while parents and the rest of us finish the Liturgy. Students will have their own snacks in class, and they will meet us in coffee hour, when they finish.

We will be continuing our multi-year journey through the whole Bible. All church school classes, from first grade on up, will study the same passage at an age-appropriate level. Through the sermon, adults will study the same text simultaneously with our children.

Our curriculum will utilize *The Golden Children's Bible*. In case your child doesn't already have one from last year, these are available in our bookstore.





## SERVICES FOR MARY'S BIRTHDAY

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For the Great Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, we will celebrate Liturgy on the Eve of the Feast. We hope that your whole family will be able to join us at **6:30 pm Wednesday, September 7** out of our love for our dear Lord's Mother.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

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We need to stay in touch with all our students away from home and to connect them with OCF chapters that exist on many campuses.

Please call or e-mail your student's college contact information to our church office ([cathedral@stnicholasla.org](mailto:cathedral@stnicholasla.org)).



Note that St. Nicholas Cathedral is the sponsor of the Orthodox campus fellowship at USC, where we hope to start having regular meetings, now that students are back on campus, after the pandemic.

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL



Fighting Hunger. Giving Hope.

## FIRST FOOD DISTRIBUTION SEPTEMBER 10

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FOCUS North America/St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral of LA is now an agency of the LA Regional Food Bank, and **we need your help distributing food the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday mornings every month, starting this Saturday.**

Our first distribution will be on Saturday, September 10. We will need about 25 volunteers from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Sign up at

[www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4AAEAA2CA6FE3-focus1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4AAEAA2CA6FE3-focus1)

***Come as a family!***

***Youth can fulfill their school community service hours.***

**We also need bags for food distribution:** grocery size paper or plastic or cloth with handles. Please place bags in a box located in the foyer of the Heritage Ballroom.

For questions and if God has given you a heart to serve, **please contact our Coordinator, Marta Chala** ([latifiechala@gmail.com](mailto:latifiechala@gmail.com), 323-630-7706), and **come be part of our Charity Ministry Team** that works to organize our food distribution and other charities.





## Fall 2022 Adult Education

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:45 pm

October 5 – December 14

*Skipping the Eve of Thanksgiving*

- We start with Vespers & Dinner
- During the adult study courses, youth may do homework or play.

Choose one of two courses:



### Early Christians Beliefs & Worship

Instructor: Fr. Nabil Hanna



### Life as Mystery

Instructor: Fr. Andrew Andrews

Using the text *Bread & Water, Wine & Oil: An Orthodox Christian Experience of God* by Archmandrite Meletios Webber

Oct. 5	<b>Introduction:</b> How Christians saw themselves	<b>Chapter 1:</b> The Mind, the Heart and Mystery
Oct. 12	<b>The Scriptures:</b> The Tradition of traditions	<b>Chapter 2:</b> Orthodoxy – A Relationship With God
Oct. 19	<b>A Sweep of History:</b> Creation, Fall and Salvation	<b>Chapter 3:</b> Distraction & Prayer
Oct. 26	<b>Christology:</b> Who is Jesus Christ?	<b>Chapter 4:</b> Askesis – Making the Sanctified Effort & <b>Chapter 5:</b> The Sanctification of Time
Nov. 2	<b>Soteriology:</b> How are we saved?	<b>Chapter 6:</b> Sacred Places for Sacred People & <b>Chapter 7:</b> Icons & the Incarnation
Nov. 9	<b>Eschatology:</b> Living in this world and the Second Coming	<b>Chapter 8:</b> Birth & Baptism
Nov. 16	<b>The Church:</b> The Community and Authority	<b>Chapter 9:</b> The Mystery of Chrismation & <b>Chapter 10:</b> Divine Liturgy & Holy Communion
Nov. 30	<b>Worship (Part I):</b> Baptism, Eucharist	<b>Chapter 11:</b> The Mystery of Confession & Forgiveness & <b>Chapter 12:</b> The Mystery of the Anointing of the Sick
Dec. 7	<b>Worship (Part II):</b> Prayer, Feasts and Fasts	<b>Chapter 13:</b> The Mystery of Marriage
Dec. 14	<b>Spirituality:</b> Holiness, saints and Mariology	<b>Chapter 14:</b> The Mystery of Ordination

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The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and  
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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

September 2, 2022

Beloved Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Esteemed Members of the Board of Trustees and all the Faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese,

I greet all of you as we begin the new Ecclesiastical Year with much love and gratitude to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

With God's mercy, on Saturday, September 3, 2022, I am traveling to the Monastery of Balamand in Lebanon for a meeting with Our Father in Christ, Patriarch John X scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2022. The only item on our agenda is the sorrowful attack on the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America via scandalous gossip regarding me at the head as its Metropolitan.

Know that the church, from its beginning, has always and will always be attacked. This is a time for serious fasting and prayer and as your father in Christ, I beseech you to do so as earnestly as you can. Pray for the church, pray for me, pray for our accusers and for those who wish us harm. Pray with all your heart that the truth be revealed in God's time and for His purpose, to spare His church from harm and evil doers and to be merciful on us and on all those who disobey Him.

From the holy fathers we read, *"...do not take pleasure in listening to gossip or criticisms, or the calumnies, which some people spread about their brethren; but either stop them, if you can, or withdraw, so as not to bear them."* (from *Unseen Warfare*)

It is the hour for this Archdiocese to stand in unity, strength and to be unwavering in our devotion to God and His holy church. Love one another and forgive one another.

Yours in the service of Christ,

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

**+JOSEPH**

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
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The Ecclesiastical New Year, September 1, 2022

**To be read from the pulpit and printed in the bulletin.**

Brother Hierarchs, reverend Clergy, and beloved Faithful in Christ,

Greetings and blessings to all of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we celebrate the beginning of the new ecclesiastical year!

The transition from one year to the next is a moment to take stock and renew our perspective. It prompts us to reflect on things we might be taking for granted and to make resolutions to remedy this neglect. Just as the world does this at the start of the civil new year (January 1), so might we do the same at the start of our ecclesiastical new year today.

Last year at about this time, I asked you to reflect on the place of our youth in our parishes and archdiocese. Unfortunately, this was a subject many of us had previously taken for granted. However, after putting our heads together and putting our shoulders to the wheel, our engagement with young people is making great advances, and momentum is building toward even greater progress in the future.

Now, as another year begins, I want to draw your attention toward another often-neglected subject: vocations, particularly the calling to priestly ministry. Sometimes it seems like people think priests grow on trees or hatch from eggs in some distant fairyland. Their priest is always there for them, and when he is transferred or retires, the metropolitan sends them a new one. In many parishes, few people imagine that one of their boys might end up in this role. Unfortunately, in some parishes or families, young men might even be discouraged from following this path. Yet we always expect that the priest will be there when we need him.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, priests come from parishes and families. They are called by God and nurtured in this calling by those around them. We all have a role to play in raising them up.

Beyond this one calling, there are many other vital callings in the Church: deacons, monastics, chaplains, youth directors, pastoral assistants, musicians, administrators, iconographers, healers, caregivers, and the like. In fact, each of us is called by God and empowered by His Spirit to serve the Church and the wider world in some way, as St. Paul tells us in his epistles. Within the Body of the Church, we are Christ's hands, feet, and mouth—each receiving from Him some part to play in the salvation of the world. But fulfilling that calling is up to us, and it is up to each of us to help one another discern and prepare for those callings.

Throughout the next twelve months, I urge all of you to focus on fulfilling and supporting vocations in the Church. First, I encourage each of you to pray regularly concerning the need for

priests, deacons, and other vocations in the Church, following the exhortation of our Lord: “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few; therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest that He might send out workers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:37–38). Pray also that the Lord would help you follow His calling in your life and enable you to see and support the callings of your friends and family members in the Church.

Second, I urge our priests and parishes to discuss the subject of vocations in homilies, classes, written articles, and retreats throughout the coming year, teaching our faithful how to discern their vocations and how to support the vocations of others within the Church—especially the calling to priestly ministry. For our part, the archdiocese will be providing some resources for this effort over the coming months. To start with, the upcoming issue of *The Word* will feature interviews with several of our seminarians, in which they describe their paths toward finding and following their own vocations. I encourage you to read these stories and consider how God is leading you toward your own particular service in the Church.

Finally, I ask you to support (in particular) those men among your friends and family in whose lives you see the calling and gifts of priestly ministry. Too often, our young men have been steered away from this beautiful ministry toward practical professions, for the sake of their financial success. There is nothing wrong with those professions, but the men whom God is calling to the priesthood can find an even higher and more lasting success there—a heavenly reward. Let us support them wholeheartedly in this aspiration.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let each one of us devote ourselves with utmost fervor to serving God and cooperating with His great work of salvation in this world. Although He is almighty, He calls us to work alongside Him—not because He lacks anything in Himself, but because He wants to share with us the joy of bringing light into this dark world. He is calling us. Do you hear Him? How will you respond?

With fervent prayers for all of you and all our parishes, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

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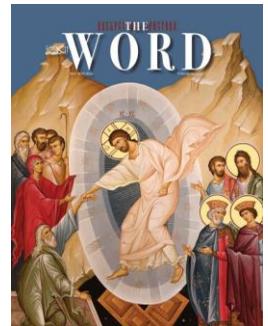
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## ARE YOU GETTING THE WORD?

Are you receiving *The Word* magazine from the Archdiocese? It is now available in print format or electronic format. If you are a pledging and faithful member of St Nicholas Cathedral, you are entitled to receive *The Word* Magazine for free.

To subscribe or unsubscribe: <https://forms.gle/xiQ7jnVB7PyGd23n8>

To Update an address: <https://forms.gle/hT7XqYgeNdjHBN617>



## OCTOBER 1-2

Mark your calendars now, and plan to be with us the first weekend of October. We need everyone working together as one family for the Festival.



**Please stop by the Festival Table in the hall, during coffee hour today.**

We are forming the Festival team now. Please see Ehab Dahabreh ([tony@sspetro.com](mailto:tony@sspetro.com)) or Mike Zeeb ([fast-fix@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fast-fix@sbcglobal.net)), or talk with them during coffee hour today.

- See Lamia Qafaiti to donate items for the auction. We can use new items, antiques and gift certificates for services. This year it will be a **combination of silent and live auction** over the course of the two days.



- We have **sponsorship opportunities**, where you can showcase your business. Let fellow Cathedral members know about services you can provide them, as well as advertising your business to all our guests, as you will be recognized in our publicity, in a brochure to be handed out to all our Festival guests and on our website. *See Ehab or Mike at the Festival table for more information.*
- Please find a **Festival flyer** inserted into this bulletin. On the backside, you will find a sponsorship form. ***Please help us get the word out*** by sharing the flyer with friends or posting it to a bulletin board where you work or shop.
- The **Festival Sweet Booth** is back! The St. Nicholas Ladies are looking forward to presenting a table full of delicious, sweet treats to all our guests at the Festival this year. We will be selling the sweets on both days of the Festival, so a lot of help is needed from the St. Nicholas Ladies. We need donations of sweets, money and help to sell on both days. Please contact Rose Samore at 818-378-2055 or [rosesamore@gmail.com](mailto:rosesamore@gmail.com); or Jacqui Badaro at 626-476-9070; or Salwa Ayoub at 818-383-5808 to help in any way you can.

St Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Christian Cathedral  
Men's Fellowship Presents

**A Men's Retreat @ At Camp St Nicholas**

Details

Date: Saturday, September 17  
Time: 9:30AM-5:00PM  
Location: Camp St Nicholas  
11700 Frontier Rd  
Frazier Park, CA 93225  
Cost: \$45  
RSVP: Cathedral Office  
213-382-6269 or  
Cathedral@StNicholasLA.COM

Agenda

9:30-10:00 Check In  
10:00-12:00 Session 1 & 2  
12:00-12:30 Break  
12:30-1:30 Lunch  
1:30-3:30 Session 3 & 4  
3:30-4:15 Break  
4:15-5:00 Great Vespers  
5:00 Departure

Retreat Theme

What it Truly Means to be an Orthodox Christian Man

- The Pursuit of Authenticity
- The Pursuit of Intentionality
- The Pursuit of Priorities
- The Pursuit of God

*Each participant will receive their own retreat workbook, which is theirs to keep as a reference both during and after the retreat.*

Retreat Leader: Fr Andrew Andrews

## **2022 Fall Gathering Hotel Information**

October 7-9

Hosted by

St. Simeon Orthodox Mission Church

Santa Clarita, CA

[www.sevorthodox.com](http://www.sevorthodox.com)

We have a block of rooms for the discounted rate of \$149 + tax (single or double occupancy) for Friday and Saturday nights at the:



### **COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT**

28523 Westinghouse Place

Valencia, CA 91355

(661) 257-3220

**Make a reservation by cutting and pasting the following link to your web browser:**

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1657296024126&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

**OR**

**call the hotel directly and request the  
“St. Simeon Antiochian Orthodox Fall Gathering Rate”**

*Please note that the discounted rate will be available for those who wish to extend their stay either before or after the Fall Gathering any time from October 4th to October 11th.*

*Simply request the desired dates on the reservation form or when you call.*

The hotel is 25 miles north of Bob Hope Airport (Burbank) and is an easy 2-minute drive to St. Simeon. The room rate includes free parking and free high-speed Internet. For those without a car transportation will be provided to and from St. Simeon. Please be sure to **reserve your hotel room by September 8, 2022** to lock in our discounted rate. After September 8th the normal rate of at least \$198+ tax will take effect and availability of rooms will not be guaranteed.



# 2022 Fall Gathering

**October 7-9**

St. Simeon Orthodox  
Mission Church  
Santa Clarita, CA

## **Friday, October 7**

3-6 pm                      Arrival & registration  
6:30 pm                     Vespers at St. Simeon  
7:30 pm                     Welcome reception at St. Simeon

## **Saturday, October 8**

8:00 am                     Registration  
                                    Continental Breakfast available at St. Simeon

9:00 am                     Morning Prayers and Opening Address

9:30 am-1:00 pm         Meetings Diocesan Organizations  
                                    (Light refreshments available in each meeting room)

1:00 pm                     Lunch provided by St. Simeon

2-5 pm                      Free time (Shopping 1-2 miles away,  
                                    Magic Mountain within walking distance)

5:30 pm                     Great Vespers at St. Simeon  
6:30 pm                     Dinner at St. Simeon (ticketed event)

## **Sunday, October 9**

8:30 am                     Orthros  
9:30 am                     Divine Liturgy  
11:30 am                    Lunch at St. Simeon

## 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

Joyce Ayoob, home, 10/7

Carl Fred Milkie, hospital, 10/4

Natalie Ann Waimrin, home, 9/22

Jason Perkins, home, 9/6

Gregory Malouf, nephew of Al Malouf, 10/9

Ronald Davis, Kh. Ruth Andrews' brother, 9/29

Wael Madanat, George's brother, 9/19

**All those suffering from illness, violence and want in this country, in Ukraine and everywhere**

### DEPARTED

Met. Kallistos (Timothy Ware), 10/3

Samira Dabbah, 9/28

George Rafeedie, 9/17

Ross Buck, uncle of Kh. Ruth Andrews, 10/12

Vehanoush Nercessian, Varouj's mother, 9/29

Ralph Parker, uncle of Fr. Andrew, 9/14

James Sears, uncle of Marta Chala, 9/8

Victoria Elac, Isabel's sister-in-law, 9/4

**Victims of the pandemic and of violence in this country, in Ukraine and everywhere**

## ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

### September 2022

<b>Sun. 4</b>	<b>Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship</li> </ul> <b>Matins, 9:15 am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship</li> </ul>
<b>Tue. 6</b>	<b>Church School Staff meeting, 7 pm via Zoom</b>
<b>Wed. 7</b>	<i><b>Eve of the Nativity of the Theotokos</b></i> <b>Divine Liturgy, 6:30 pm</b>
<b>Sat. 10</b>	<b>Charity Food Distribution, 8:30 am</b> <b>Teen SOYO Lunch and Bowling, 12:30 pm</b> <b>Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm</b>
<b>Sun. 11</b>	<b>Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish</li> </ul> <b>Matins, 9:15 am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church School Blessing</li> <li>• Church School</li> <li>• Coffee Hour</li> </ul>
<b>Tue. 13</b>	<i><b>Eve of the Elevation of the Holy Cross</b></i> <b>Divine Liturgy, 6:30 pm</b>
<b>Sat. 17</b>	<b>Men's Retreat at Camp St. Nicholas, 9:30 am</b> <b>Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm</b>
<b>Sun. 18</b>	<b>Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish</li> </ul> <b>Matins, 9:15 am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church School</li> <li>• Coffee Hour</li> </ul>
<b>Mon. 19</b>	<b>Cathedral Council, 7 pm</b>

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR and latest additions and updates at [stnicholasla.org/parishcalendar](https://stnicholasla.org/parishcalendar)