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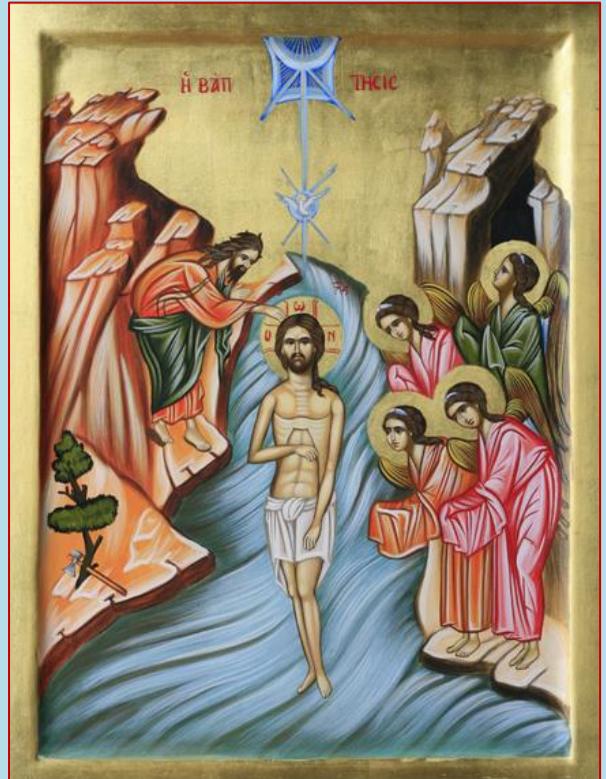
SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

الاحد بعد عيد الظهور الالهي

*RIGHTEOUS MOTHER DOMNICA OF
CONSTANTINOPLE AND HER COMPANIONS
VENERABLE GEORGE THE CHOZEBITE*

St. John of Damascus reminds us that “the Lord was baptized *not* because He Himself had need of cleansing, but to bury sin by water, to fulfill the Law, to reveal the mystery of the Holy Trinity and, finally, to sanctify the nature of water and offer us the form and example of baptism.”

Writing on this same Blessed Feast, St. Proclus of Constantinople, speaking as if he were in the place of John the Baptist, says, “How dare I stretch forth my hand and place it on the head of Him Who sustains all things? How dare I baptize the Creator of nature? I can only say ‘You, O Lord, are the Master, and I am the servant. ... You are the Light and I am the candlestick.’”



LITURGY VARIATIONS

FIRST ANTIPHON (PSALM 113.1, 2, 3, 5 LXX)

When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Judah was His sanctuary, and Israel His dominion. *Refrain*

The sea saw it and fled: Jordan was driven back. *Refrain*

What aileth thee, O Sea, that thou fleest? O Jordan, that thou turnest back? *Refrain*

Glory..., Now.... *Refrain*

عِنْدَ خُرُوجِ إِسْرَائِيلَ مِنْ مِصْرَ وَبَيْتِ يَعْقُوبَ مِنْ شَعْبٍ
أَعْجَبِيٍّ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخَلِّصُ، خَلِّصْنَا.

صَارَ يَهُودًا مَقْدِسًا لَهُ وَإِسْرَائِيلُ سُلْطَنَةً. اللازمة

أَبْصَرَ الْبَحْرُ هَذَا فَهَرَبَ وَالْأُرْدُنُّ رَجَعَ إِلَى الْوَرَاءِ. اللازمة

مَاذَا دَهَاكَ يَا بَحْرُ حَتَّى هَرَبْتَ؟ وَيَا أُرْدُنُّ حَتَّى رَجَعْتَ إِلَى

الْوَرَاءِ؟ اللازمة

المجدد ... الآن ... اللازمة

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays: Matins, 9:15 AM

Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

Saturdays: Great Vespers, 6:00 PM

Confession: After Saturday Vespers

During Sunday Matins

Or by Appointment

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.

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.

SECOND ANTIPHON (PSALM 114.1, 2, 3, 5 LXX)

I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

فَرِحْتُ جِدًّا لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ يَسْمَعُ صَوْتَ تَضَرُّعِي.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا، يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ اعْتَمَدَ مِنْ يوحَنَّا فِي الأَرْدُنِّ، لِنُرْتَلَّ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبَا.

He has inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live. *Refrain*

إِنَّهُ أَمَالَ أُذُنَهُ إِلَيَّ فَأَنَادِيهِ مَا حَيِّثُ. اللازمة.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hades took hold of me: I found trouble and sorrow, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. *Refrain*

عَمَرَاتُ المَوْتِ اكْتَنَفَنِي وَأَهْوَالُ الجَحِيمِ أَذْرَكْتَنِي. لَقِيتُ الصِّيقَ وَالْأَسَى، فَدَعَوْتُ بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ. اللازمة

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous, and our God is Merciful. *Refrain*

الرَّبُّ رَحِيمٌ وَصَدِيقٌ، إِهْنَأ رُؤُوفٌ. اللازمة

Glory..., Now.... O only-begotten Son....

المجْدُ ... الآنَ ... يا كلمةَ اللهِ الإِبْنَ الوحيدِ....

THIRD ANTIPHON (PSALM 117.1, 2, 3, 4 LXX): TROPARION OF THEOPHANY AS REFRAIN (TONE 1)

O give thanks to the Lord for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

إِحْمَدُوا الرَّبَّ لِأَنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، لِأَنَّ إِلَى الأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ.

Refrain: When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the likeness of a dove, confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

اللازمة: باعْتِمَادِكَ يَا رَبُّ فِي نَهْرِ الأَرْدُنِّ، ظَهَرَتِ السَّجْدَةُ لِلثَّالوثِ، لِأَنَّ صَوْتَ الآبِ تَقَدَّمَ لَكَ بِالشَّهَادَةِ، مُسَمِّياً إِيَّاكَ ابْناً مَحْبُوباً، وَالرُّوحَ بِهَيْئَةِ حَمَامَةٍ يُؤَيِّدُ حَقِيقَةَ الكَلِمَةِ، فَمَا مَنْ ظَهَرَتْ وَأَنْزَتْ العَالَمَ، أَيُّهَا المَسِيحُ الإِلَهُ المَجْدُ لَكَ.

Let the house of Israel now confess that He is Good: for His mercy endureth forever. *Refrain*

لِيَقْلَ بَيْتُ إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ. اللازمة

Let the house of Aaron now confess that He is Good: for His mercy endureth forever. *Refrain*

لِيَقْلَ بَيْتُ هَارُونَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ. اللازمة

Let them that fear the Lord now confess that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. *Refrain*

لِيَقْلَ خَائِفُو الرَّبِّ جَمِيعاً إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ.

اللازمة

ENTRANCE HYMN

Clergy: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, *Who art risen from the dead*,

People: who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

هَلِّمُوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَزْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَهَلِينَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ
اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ،
لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, for He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

لِنُسَبِّحَ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَنَسْجُدَ لِلْكَلِمَةِ، الْمَسَاوِي لِأَبِ وَالرُّوحِ
فِي الْأَرْزَلِيَّةِ وَعَدَمِ الْإِبْتِدَاءِ، الْمَوْلُودِ مِنَ الْعَدْرَاءِ لِخَلَاصِنَا، لِأَنَّهُ
سُرُّ أَنْ يَغْلُوبَ بِالْحَسَدِ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ، وَيَخْتَمِلَ الْمَوْتَ، وَيُنْهَضَ
الْمَوْتَى بِقِيَامَتِهِ الْمَجِيدَةِ.

Troparion of Theophany (Tone 1)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the likeness of a dove, confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

بِعْتِمَادِكَ يَا رَبُّ فِي نَهْرِ الْأُرْدُنِّ، ظَهَرَتِ السَّجْدَةُ لِلثَّلَاثِ،
لِأَنَّ صَوْتَ الْأَبِ تَقَدَّمَ لَكَ بِالشَّهَادَةِ، مُسَمِّياً إِيَّاكَ ابْناً
مُحِبُّوباً، وَالرُّوحَ بِمِثْلَةِ حَمَامَةٍ يُؤَيِّدُ حَقِيقَةَ الْكَلِمَةِ، فَمَا مَنْ
ظَهَرْتَ وَأَنْزَرْتَ الْعَالَمَ، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

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 أفعالَ الْحَقِّ لِرِعِيَّتِكَ قَانُوناً لِلإِيمَانِ، وَصُورَةً
لِلْوَدَاعَةِ، وَمُعَلِّماً لِلإِنْسَانِ، أَيُّهَا الْأَبُ وَرئيسَ الْكَهَنَةِ
نِيقُولَاوسَ. فَلِذَلِكَ أَحْرَزْتَ بِالتَّوَاضُّعِ الرِّفْعَةَ، وَبِالْمَسْكِنَةِ الْغِنَى.
فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.

Kontakion of Theophany (Tone 4)

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

قَدْ ظَهَرْتَ لِلدُّنْيَا، ذَا الْيَوْمِ يَا رَبُّ، وَضِيَاؤُكَ ارْتَسَمَ عَلَيْنَا نَحْنُ
الْمُرْسَلِينَ لَكَ التَّسْبِيحَ عَنْ مَعْرِفَةٍ قَائِلِينَ: جِئْتَ وَبُنْتَ يَا نُورًا
لَا يُدْنَى مِنْهُ.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 32.22, 1 LXX; Tone 1)

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

بروكيمنون (اللحن ١؛ مزمو ٣٢، ٢٢، ١ سبوع.)

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا.

ابْتَهِجُوا أَيُّهَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ.

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians (4.7-13; Sunday after Theophany)

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high, He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He Who descended is He Who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

فَصَلِّ مِنَ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولَسَ إِلَى أَهْلِ أَفَسُسَ
(٤، ٧-١٣؛ الأحد بعد الظهور الالهي)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا أُعْطِيَتْ النِّعْمَةُ عَلَى مِقْدَارِ مَوْهَبَةِ
الْمَسِيحِ. فَلِذَلِكَ يَقُولُ "لَمَّا صَعِدَ إِلَى الْعُلَى سَبَى سَبِيًّا وَأَعْطَى
النَّاسَ عَطَايَا." فَكَوْنُهُ صَعِدَ، هَلْ هُوَ إِلَّا أَنَّهُ نَزَلَ أَوْلًا إِلَى
أَسْفَلِ الْأَرْضِ؟ فَذَلِكَ الَّذِي نَزَلَ، هُوَ الَّذِي صَعِدَ أَيْضًا فَوْقَ
السَّمَاوَاتِ كُلِّهَا لِيَتِمَّ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ. وَهُوَ قَدْ أَعْطَى أَنْ يَكُونَ
الْبَعْضُ رُسُلًا، وَالْبَعْضُ أَنْبِيَاءَ، وَالْبَعْضُ مُبَشِّرِينَ، وَالْبَعْضُ
رِعَاةً، وَمُعَلِّمِينَ. لِأَجْلِ تِكْمِيلِ الْقَدِيسِينَ، وَلِعَمَلِ الخِدْمَةِ،
وَبُنْيَانِ جَسَدِ الْمَسِيحِ. إِلَى أَنْ نَنْتَهِيَ جَمِيعُنَا إِلَى وَحْدَةِ الْإِيمَانِ
وَمَعْرِفَةِ ابْنِ اللَّهِ، إِلَى إِنْسَانٍ كَامِلٍ، إِلَى مِقْدَارِ قَامَةِ مِلءِ
الْمَسِيحِ.

**Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(4.12-17; Sunday after Theophany)**

AT THAT TIME, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ
(١٢، ٤-١٧؛ الأحد بعد الظهور الالهي)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، لَمَّا سَمِعَ يَسُوعُ أَنَّ يُوْحَنَّا قَدْ أُسْلِمَ، انْصَرَفَ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ. وَتَرَكَ النَّاصِرَةَ، وَجَاءَ فَسَكَنَ فِي كَفَرْنَاحُومَ الَّتِي عَلَى شَاطِئِ الْبَحْرِ فِي نَحْوِ زَبُولُونَ وَنَفْتَالِيمَ. لِيَتِمَّ مَا قِيلَ بِأَشْعِيَاءَ النَّبِيِّ الْقَاتِلِ: أَرْضُ زَبُولُونَ وَأَرْضُ نَفْتَالِيمَ، طَرِيقَ الْبَحْرِ، عَبْرَ الْأُرْدُنِّ، جَلِيلُ الْأُمَمِ. الشَّعْبُ الْجَالِسُ فِي الظُّلْمَةِ أَبْصَرَ نُورًا عَظِيمًا، وَالْجَالِسُونَ فِي بُقْعَةِ الْمَوْتِ وَظِلَالِهِ أَشْرَقَ عَلَيْهِمْ نُورٌ. وَمُنْذُئذٍ ابْتَدَأَ يَسُوعُ يَكْرِزُ وَيَقُولُ: تَوْبُوا، فَقَدْ اقْتَرَبَ مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By Ronald and Rose Samore, for the health of their children and grandchildren, of nephew Paul and grandniece Laila.
- By Yesmean Morrison, Loretta Rihbany, Charles Rihbany, Annette Aranda and their families, for the repose of mother Elvira Rihbany (40-day memorial), and in memory of grandparents Charles and Yasmear Rihbany (58 years departed).
- By her family, for the repose of Bernadette Elac Krank (6-month memorial).
- By Isabel Elac, for the health of Debby Verba and Nancy Krank, on their birthdays.
- By Nassif and Randa Shammaa and family, in memory of Renee Azar (14 years), Nawal Azar (13 years) and Elias I. Shammaa (11 years).
- By James Samore, for the repose of Michael Corey.
- By George, Mariam, Mark, Antonio and Hend Bshara.
- By Ehab, Rania, Sami, Selena and Anthony Dahabreh, in memory of Rania's father, Hani Tadros, and 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.

THIS IS STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION MONTH

Fr. Nabil will preach after the Gospel today. In the context of the sermon, he will introduce our stewardship theme for the year:

They shall not appear before the Lord empty handed; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessings of the Lord your God which He has given you. (Deuteronomy 16.16b-17)

*وَلَا يَحْضُرُوا أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ فَاَرْغِينِ. كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ حَسَبَمَا تُعْطِي يَدُهُ،
كَبْرَكَةِ الرَّبِّ إِلَهِكَ الَّتِي أُعْطَاكَ. (تثنية ١٦، ١٦-١٧)*



Over the course of this month, we are reflecting on the question of what should be our fitting response to the Lord, Who has saved us and continues to work in our lives. We will hear from two members of the Cathedral who will offer testimonials. On Sunday, January 29, Bishop Anthony of Toledo will be our special guest speaker.

We will conclude on Sunday, January 29, Stewardship Sunday at the Cathedral this year. That is the day we ask all to recommit their faith by pledging to be part of God's work.



TODAY'S STUDY TOPIC: LESSON I.23 THE PEOPLE MURMUR AND WANDERING CONTINUES

All church school classes from first grade on up today will study Numbers chapters 13-14 and 20-21 (pp 156-63 in *The Golden Children's Bible*).

Adults will study the same text simultaneously, at the end of Liturgy, while our children are in their classes.

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 in memory of Bernadette Elac Krank, by her family.

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 by Wednesday to reserve a Sunday.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

8:30AM-1:00PM.

Sign up at tinyurl.com/focus-la

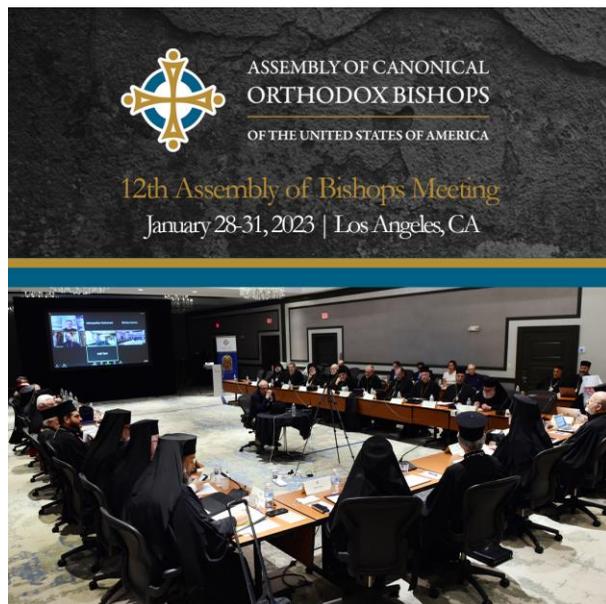
Thanks be to God! What a joy it is do His work and to behold the smiles He allows us to bring to the faces of children and their families!



Clothing Needed

As the weather turned colder, we have seen a need for clothing in our community. We and FOCUS SoCal are, therefore, conducting a clothing drive at St. Nicholas Cathedral. **Please bring new or gently-used and clean clothing you would like to donate to the foyer of the Cathedral hall, and place them in the large marked box.**

We need sizes, from infant to adult, for both males and females. Please contact, Marta Chala at latifechala@gmail.com, our coordinator, with any questions.



HELP NEEDED: AND GET SOME QUALITY TIME WITH A BISHOP

The 56 Orthodox bishops in the United States will be meeting in Los Angeles the end of this month. Each of the LA cathedrals—St. Sophia (Greek), Holy Virgin Mary (OCA), St. Stephen (Serbian) and we, St. Nicholas (Antiochian)—have a role in hosting them.

Our task is to shuttle the bishops from the airport to their hotel. We need at least ten people who are willing to help shuttle.

Please text or email Fr. Nabil if you can help: (317) 919-0841 or frnabilh@stnicholasla.org

Purpose and Mission Statement: The Assembly of Bishops, in bringing together the Orthodox Christian hierarchy, serves to bring the clergy, monastics, and laity closer to Christ and each other. The Assembly of Bishops preserves and contributes to the unity of the Orthodox Church in the United States of America by furthering her spiritual, theological, ecclesiological, canonical, educational, missionary, and philanthropic aims.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for the services and events being held during this year's
Assembly of Bishops Meetings.

For over a decade, members of the Assembly of Canonical
Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America have gathered
annually to discuss and decide important matters affecting the life,
growth, and unity of the Orthodox Church, its ministries, finances,
and philanthropic concerns.

Prior to these important meetings, the Hierarchs will gather at local
parishes to celebrate Vespers and Divine Liturgy with the Orthodox
Christian faithful. The Assembly Meetings also offer excellent
networking opportunities with the Bishops through receptions and
other public events.

Register
Today!



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL CATHEDRAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our annual general assembly will be held after Liturgy on Sunday, February 5, 2023, immediately after the Liturgy and lunch.

Reports from the organizations and financial reports are being compiled in a packet and will be made available via a download link to be emailed in advance of the meeting. A few paper copies will also be printed and made available for those who desire them. (If you are an organization head or treasurer, please submit your report to the Cathedral office by January 22.)

If you would like to nominate someone, or you are possibly interested in serving God through the Cathedral Council yourself, please contact a member of our nominations committee, by January 29:

John Nahas (818-438-9707), sjohn.nahas@gmail.com

Edmond Scott Ratliff (323-270-1347), edmondratliff@gmail.com

Rose Samore (818-378-2055), rosesamore@gmail.com

Chad Wehba (310-386-9700), chad@rcw2.com

Note that "nominations from the floor" means that the general membership can make nominations, but they must still go through the committee, prior to the meeting to confirm they meet basic eligibility requirements: candidates must be in good spiritual standing, have made and fulfilled their stewardship pledge, be at least 18 years of age and members of the Cathedral for at least one year. Candidates must have accepted nomination and signed the Archdiocese standard affirmation form.

NEWS FROM THE ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN OF ST. NICHOLAS

The January Ladies Society Meeting will be held **Sunday, January 15**, upstairs in the Conference Room of the Cathedral directly after Divine Liturgy. This meeting is very important as we seek new goals and direction for the coming year. The Ladies are always at the center of Cathedral activities.

Our leadership is always so important and valuable; and now is the time to discuss new ideas and set new goals. So, grab your coffee and attend this meeting and give your input and thoughts for what you would like to see the Ladies accomplish in the coming months.

FASHION SHOW

The Debutante Fashion Show will take place on **Saturday, February 4, 2023**, starting at 11:00 a.m. with a Social Hour. Lunch and Program begin at 12:00 pm, at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Universal City.

This is shaping up to be a beautiful and exciting event. We need to fill the room in support of our beautiful debutantes! There will be special tributes to past debutantes as well!

Join the women from past Sweet-heart Ball years at special tables and share the memories, as our current Debutantes make their own new memories. *New this year: Some of the Escorts are participating in the runway show!*

There are some great times to be had at the Fashion Show this year. Join us for the fun! Tickets are \$85 for adults and \$50 for children under 12.

See Concetta Smarius at table during coffee hour today, or contact Lauren Malouf at 818-678-0406 or at lmalouf@hchc.edu to make your reservations. You can also get your tickets online through the St. Nicholas website at stnicholasla.org/ball



Sweetheart Ball

The **2023 Sweetheart Ball** will be held Saturday, April 29. at the Universal Hilton Hotel in Universal City. Tickets and other information regarding the Ball are on our website at stnicholasla.org/ball



Program Book Sponsorships Available

Please consider sending your well wishes for any or all of our Debutantes by sponsoring an ad in the Sweetheart Ball Program Book. The Sweetheart Ball is a beautiful affair, but it takes great financial assistance to make it a success. Our souvenir program book is not a commercial book for advertising but for congratulatory messages. The sponsorship form is available, at stnicholasla.org/ball

GOD BLESS YOUR HOME AND BLESS YOU!

Please help yourself to extra bottles of holy water from Epiphany, available in the narthex.

Our celebration of the Feast of Epiphany includes the priest taking the blessed water to the homes of all our parishioners.

Thus, we would like to come and visit with you, get to know you, pray with you and ask God to bless your home. Fr. Nabil will take all the requests and group them geographically. Either he or one of his assistants will come to your home (or they may come together).

Kindly return the coupon below to request your house blessing, or simply email Fr. Nabil at fnabilh@stnicholasla.org, indicating the days and times you're available.

We would like to do our best to see as many as possible before Lent (which starts Feb. 27).



House Blessing Scheduling Form

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Check ALL Possible Days: Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Check ALL Possible Times: Mornings Afternoons Evenings

Please place in tray in church, or mail back as soon as possible.

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

Julian E. Capata, home, 2/10
Albert and Nancy Malouf, home, 1/23
Sol Ajalat, hospital, 1/20
Thomas Saliba, home, 1/13
Malaka Adam Kawough, home, 1/12
Clemence Gedeon, nursing home, 1/10
All those suffering from illness, violence and want in this country, in Ukraine and throughout the world

DEPARTED

Elvira Rihbany, 1/13
Michael Corey, former member of the Cathedral, 2/12
Imad Khalil, brother of Amal Khalil Algharbi, 1/11
Marie Brooks, relative of Diane Brooks, 1/10
Victims of violence in Ukraine and everywhere

Pease also remember this week all the clergy and delegates who will be nominating candidates for our next Metropolitan, in a special Archdiocese convention. From the Cathedral:

Fr. Nabil
Fr. Andrew
Nassif Shammaa (Council Chairman)
Concetta Smarius (Council Secretary)
Fadi Madanat (Council)
Sarkees John Nahas (Council)
Richard Ayoub (Archdiocese Board)
Robert Crawford
Randa Shammaa

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

January 2023

Sun. 8	Spanish Mission Liturgy , 7:45 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins , 9:15 am Divine Liturgy , 10:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School • Coffee Hour
Tue. 10	Church School online staff meeting, 7 pm
Wed. 11	Bereavement Group meeting, 7 pm online
Fri. 13	<i>Archdiocese Special Convention to Nominate New Metropolitan</i>
Sat. 14	FOCUS Food Distribution , 8:30 am Great Vespers and Confession , 6 pm
Sun. 15	Spanish Mission Liturgy , 7:45 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins , 9:15 am Divine Liturgy , 10:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School • Coffee Hour • Ladies' meeting
Mon. 16	Cathedral Council , 7 pm
Tue. 17	Choir dinner and practice, 6:30 pm
Wed. 18	Bereavement Group meeting, 7 pm online
Sat. 21	Great Vespers and Confession , 6 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teen SOYO meeting
Sun. 22	Spanish Mission Liturgy , 7:45 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins , 9:15 am Divine Liturgy , 10:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School • Festival "Thank You" Lunch

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