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TONE 8

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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

COMMEMORATION OF OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT  
EUTYCHIOS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE  
VENERABLE PLATONIDA OF NISIBIS IN SYRIA  
VENERABLE GREGORY BYZANTIOS OF THE GREAT LAVRA ON ATHOS

خامس أحد من الصوم الكبير: الام البارّة مريم المصرية  
تذكار القديس إفتيخيوس بطريرك القسطنطينية والقديس غريغوريوس السينائي



When Mary was only twelve, she left her parents and went to Alexandria, where she lived a depraved life for seventeen years. Then, moved by curiosity, she went with many pilgrims to Jerusalem, so that she might see the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Even in the Holy City, she gave herself to licentiousness and enticed many to sin. Desiring to go into the church, an invisible power prevented her entrance, while others entered effortlessly. She decided to change her way of life. Asking the Theotokos to open the way for her to venerate the Cross, she vowed to renounce the world. Returning to the church, she entered easily.

When she had kissed the precious Wood, she departed that same day from Jerusalem and passed over the Jordan. She went into the wilderness and for forty-seven years lived a most harsh manner of life. Alone, she prayed to God and had no human contact until the priest Zosimas found her at the end of her life.

# LITURGY VARIATIONS

## 3<sup>RD</sup> 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.

أُنْحَدِرْتَ مِنَ الْعُلُوِّ يَا مُتَحَيِّنٌ، وَقَبِلْتَ الدَّفْنَ ذَا الثَّلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ،  
لَكِنِّي تُعَيْتِنَا مِنَ الْآلَامِ، فَيَا حَيَاتِنَا وَقِيَامَتِنَا، يَا رَبُّ الْمِحْدُ  
لَكَ.

### 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



See Calendar for Fast 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.

### نظام المناولة المقدسة

يجب على أعضاء الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية من سن السابعة وما فوق، الاستعداد للمناولة المقدسة باعتراف حديث والصلاة والصوم عن جميع الأطعمة والمشروبات من منتصف الليل (ما لم تكن هناك موانع طبية)، والتواجد في الكنيسة قبل قراءات الرسالة والإنجيل، وأن يكونوا في سلام مع الجميع.

**TEACHERS THEN CHILDREN** going to church school 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.

### ترحيب حار بضيوفنا

نحن سعداء لأنكم تشاركون معنا في الصلاة. يرجى ملاحظة أن المشاركة في المناولة المقدسة تقتصر على أعضاء الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية الذين استعدوا أيضا بالصلاة والصوم والاعتراف الحديث.

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.

## APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

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### Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)

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compassionate One, and Thou didst submit  
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لَكَ.

### Troparion of St. Mary of Egypt (Tone 8)

Through thee the divine likeness was  
securely preserved, O Mother Mary, for thou  
didst carry the cross and followed Christ. By  
example and precept, thou didst teach us to  
ignore the body, because it is perishable, and  
to attend to the concerns of the undying  
soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with  
the angels.

بِكَ حُفِظَتْ صُورَةُ خَلْقِنَا بِدِقَّةٍ أَيُّهَا الْأُمُّ مَرْيَمَ، فَإِنَّكَ حَمَلْتِ  
الصَّلِيبَ وَتَبِعْتِ الْمَسِيحَ، وَعَمَلْتِ وَعَلَّمْتِ أَنْ يُتَغَاضَى عَنِ  
الجَسَدِ لِأَنَّهُ زَائِلٌ، وَأَنْ يُعْنَى بِالنَّفْسِ غَيْرِ الْمَائِتَةِ. لِذَلِكَ تَبْتَهِّجُ  
رُوحَكَ مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ.

### Troparion of St. Raphael (Tone 3)

Rejoice, O Father Raphael, Adornment of the  
holy Church. Thou art Champion of the true  
Faith, Seeker of the lost, Consolation of the  
oppressed, Father to orphans and Friend of  
the poor, Peacemaker and good Shepherd,  
Joy of all the Orthodox, Son of Antioch, Boast  
of America. Intercede with Christ God for us  
and for all who honor Thee.

يَا مُحَارِباً عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ، وَمُعَزِّياً مَنْ فِي الْأَحْزَانِ، وَأَبَا الْإِيْتَامِ،  
وَصَدِيقَ الْفُقَرَاءِ. الرَّاعِي الصَّالِحِ الْمَفْتَقِدِ الضَّالِّينَ، يَا زَفَائِلَ،  
يَا فَخْرَ الْأَرْثُوذُكْسِيِّينَ. ابْنِ أَنْطَاكِيَا، وَفَخْرَ أَمِيرِكَا ابْتِهَالِ إِلَى  
المَسِيحِ مِنْ أَجْلِ مُكْرَمِيكَ.

### Troparion of St. Nicholas (Tone 4)

The verity of your actions revealed you to  
your flock, a rule of faith, an icon of mild-  
ness, 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 أَفْعَالُ الْحَقِّ لِرِعِيَّتِكَ قَانُوناً لِلْإِيمَانِ، وَصُورَةً  
لِلْوَدَاعَةِ، وَمُعَلِّماً لِلْإِمْسَاكِ، أَيُّهَا الْأَبُ وَرَيْسُ الْكَهَنَةِ  
نِيقُولَاوسَ. فَلِذَلِكَ أَحْرَزْتَ بِالتَّوَاضُعِ الرِّفْعَةَ، وَبِالمِسْكِنَةِ  
الغِنَى. فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ إِلَهِهِ أَنْ يُجَلِّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.

## Kontakion of the Theotokos (Tone 2)

O undisputed Intercessor of Christians, the Mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners; come to us with aid in time, who cry unto Thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

يا شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرِ الْخَائِزَةِ، الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى الْخَالِقِ غَيْرِ الْمَرْذُودَةِ، لَا تُعْرِضِي عَن أَصْوَاتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنْتَ صَالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِخِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيمَانٍ: بَادِرِي إِلَى الشَّفَاعَةِ وَأَسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلِبَةِ، يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ، الْمَشْفُوعَةَ دَائِمًا بِمَكْرَمِيكَ.

## THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### Prokeimenon (Psalm 75.11, 1 LXX; Tone 8)

Make your vows to the Lord our God, and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah. His Name is great in Israel.

### From St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews (9.11-14; 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

### بروكيمنون (مزمو ٧٥، ١١، ١ سبع؛ اللحن ٨)

صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا نُذَوِّرْكُمْ.

اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي أَرْضِ يَهُودَا. إِسْمُهُ عَظِيمٌ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ.

### فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ (٩، ١١-١٤؛ خَامِسَ أَحَدٍ مِنَ الصَّوْمِ)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ إِذْ قَدْ جَاءَ رَئِيسَ كَهَنَةِ الْخَيْرَاتِ الْمَسْتَقْبَلَةِ، فَبِمَسْكَنِ أَعْظَمٍ وَأَكْمَلٍ غَيْرِ مَصْنُوعٍ بِأَيْدٍ، أَيُّ لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ. وَلَيْسَ بِدَمِ ثِيُوسٍ وَعُجُولٍ، بَلْ بِدَمِ نَفْسِهِ دَخَلَ الْأَقْدَاسَ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً فَوَجَدَ فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا. لِأَنَّهُ إِنْ كَانَ دَمُ ثِيرَانٍ وَثِيُوسٍ وَرَمَادُ عِجْلَةٍ يُرَشُّ عَلَى الْمُتَنَجِّسِينَ فَيَقْدَسُهُمْ لِتَطْهِيرِ الْجَسَدِ فَكَمْ بِالْآخَرَى دَمُ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بِالرُّوحِ الْأَزَلِيِّ قَرَّبَ نَفْسَهُ لِلَّهِ بِلا عَيْبٍ، يُطَهِّرُ صَمَائِرَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ الْمَيِّتَةِ لِتَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ الْحَيَّ.

**Holy Gospel according to St. Mark  
(10.32-45; 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

AT THAT TIME, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him, and after three days He will rise again."

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of Man also came not to be

مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقِدِّيسِ مَرْفَسِ الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيذِ  
الطَّاهِرِ (٣٢، ١٠-٤٥؛ خامس أحد من الصوم)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، أَخَذَ يَسُوعُ تَلَامِيذَهُ الْإِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ وَابْتَدَأَ يَقُولُ لَهُمْ مَا سَيَعْرِضُ لَهُ. "هُوَذَا نَحْنُ صَاعِدُونَ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَابْنُ الْبَشَرِ سَيُسَلَّمُ إِلَى رُؤَسَاءِ الْكَهَنَةِ وَالْكَتَّابَةِ، فَيَحْكُمُونَ عَلَيْهِ بِالْمَوْتِ وَيُسَلِّمُونَهُ إِلَى الْأُمَمِ. فَيَهْزَأُونَ بِهِ، وَيَبْصُقُونَ عَلَيْهِ، وَيَجْلِدُونَهُ، وَيَقْتُلُونَهُ، وَفِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ يَقُومُ."

فَدَنَا إِلَيْهِ يَعْقُوبُ وَيُوحَنَّا ابْنَا زَبَدَى قَائِلَيْنِ: "يَا مُعَلِّمُ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ تَصْنَعَ لَنَا مَهْمَا طَلَبْنَا." فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: "مَاذَا تُرِيدَانِ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكُمَا؟" قَالَا لَهُ: "أَعْطِنَا أَنْ يَجْلِسَ أَحَدُنَا عَنْ يَمِينِكَ وَالْآخَرُ عَنْ يَسَارِكَ فِي مَجْدِكَ." فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: "إِنَّكُمَا لَا تَعْلَمَانِ مَا تَطْلُبَانِ. أَتَسْتَطِيعَانِ أَنْ تَشْرَبَا الْكَأْسَ الَّتِي أَشْرَبُهَا أَنَا، وَأَنْ تَصْطَبِعَا بِالصَّبْغَةِ الَّتِي أَصْطَبِعُ بِهَا أَنَا؟" فَقَالَا لَهُ: "نَسْتَطِيعُ." فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: "أَمَّا الْكَأْسُ الَّتِي أَشْرَبُهَا فَتَشْرَبَاهَا، وَبِالصَّبْغَةِ الَّتِي أَصْطَبِعُ بِهَا فَتَصْطَبِعَانِ. وَأَمَّا جُلُوسُكُمَا عَنْ يَمِينِي وَعَنْ يَسَارِي فَلَيْسَ لِي أَنْ أُعْطِيَهُ إِلَّا لِلَّذِينَ أُعِدُّ لَهُمْ." فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الْعَشْرَةُ، ابْتَدَأُوا يَعْضَبُونَ عَلَى يَعْقُوبَ وَيُوحَنَّا. فَدَعَاهُمُ يَسُوعُ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "قَدْ عَلِمْتُمْ أَنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحْسَبُونَ رُؤَسَاءَ الْأُمَمِ يَسُودُونَهُمْ، وَعُظَمَاءُهُمْ يَتَسَلَطُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ. وَأَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَلَا يَكُونُ فِيكُمْ هَكَذَا. وَلَكِنْ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ فِيكُمْ كَبِيرًا، فَلْيَكُنْ لَكُمْ خَادِمًا. وَمَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ فِيكُمْ أَوَّلًا، فَلْيَكُنْ لِلْجَمِيعِ عَبْدًا. فَإِنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ لَمْ يَأْتِ لِيُخْدَمَ بَلْ لِيُخْدِمَ، وَلِيَبْدُلَ نَفْسَهُ فِدَاءً عَنْ كَثِيرِينَ."

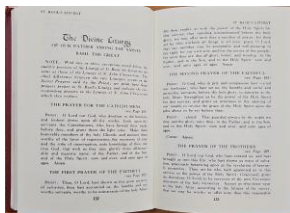
served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

## HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Offered by	For the Health of	In Memory of
Ralf and Marina Zacky		Father <b>George</b> Zacky (31 years), mother <b>Nelly</b> Zacky (9 years) and daughter baby <b>Christa</b> (46 years)
Saleem, Mirna, Elian and Elie Khashoun	<b>Essa</b> (Saleem’s brother), <b>Lina</b> (sister), <b>Fr. Alixie, Peter</b> and <b>Mania</b> (sister)	Saleem’s parents <b>Elian</b> and <b>Soaad</b> , and grandparents <b>Essa</b> and <b>Beheja</b> , and Mirna’s parents <b>Habsah</b> and <b>Assad</b>
Salma Maalouf	Brother-in-law <b>Elie</b> Maalouf (speedy recovery) and <b>Shirley, Esper, Alison, Kaylin, Chloe</b> and <b>Andrew</b> (safe travel) and <b>Joey, Christine, Joseph, Jacqueline, James, Reema, Elia</b> and <b>Liam</b>	Husband <b>Joe</b> and grandson <b>Lucas</b> Maalouf
George, Mariam, Mark, Antonio and Hend Bshara		
Ehab, Rania, Sami, Selena and Anthony Dahabreh	<b>Hala</b> Tadros (Rania’s mother)	<b>Hani</b> Tadros (Rania’s father) and <b>Nawal</b> Hawatmeh Dahabreh (Ehab’s mother)

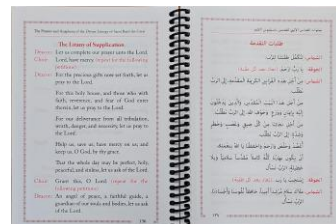
To offer Holy Oblations and Memorials please use the form at <https://stnicholasla.com/makeaprayrequest> or call the Cathedral office by Wednesday.

## WE SERVE THE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL TODAY



### To follow the text of the service:

- If you’re using the Archdiocese Service Book (all English, pictured at left), from the point where Father invites us, saying, “Let us give thanks unto the Lord,” turn to the middle of page 134 in the brown hardback books to continue participating in the Prayer of the Anaphora.
- But, if you’re following in the new, spiral-bound English/Arabic book, immediately after the Great Entrance, turn to page 136. *You’re welcome to take one from the candle stand, to use during today’s service. Please just return it after the service.*



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE LITURGY

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



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### Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule

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Apr. 13	Palm Sunday bake sale	May 11	Mother's Day Lunch by the Men's Fellowship
Apr. 20	Pascha: Breakfast of Love		
Apr. 27	Robin Nicholas (Aunt Dorothy's birthday)	May 18	OPEN
May 4	The Fasheh family	May 25	The Najjar family

*Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour after Liturgy. Contact the Cathedral office or Joujou George at (562) 522-1322 or [ginageorge@verizon.net](mailto:ginageorge@verizon.net) to host a Sunday.*

## ***2025 LENTEN SERVICES – Final Week of Lent!***

*In Addition to the regular, weekly services:*

***Saturday Vespers, 6 p.m.***

***Sunday Matins: 9:15 a.m. • Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.***

**Monday** — On Mondays in Lent we will serve **Great Compline at 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday** — Join us at **6:30 p.m. for the Presanctified Liturgy**. Fast from all food and drink from *at least* noon in preparation for Holy Communion (if your health allows). *Then, we share a meal together. Various Cathedral organizations or groups will host dinner. A short spiritual discussion will follow.*

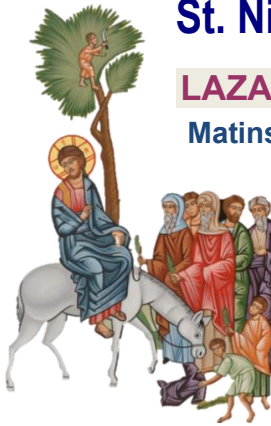
- *April 9 Rose Samore, Georgette Malouf and Robin Nicholas hosting*

**Fridays** — Little Compline with the **Canon of Lazarus at 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday** — We begin our Holy Week schedule with Lazarus Saturday. See that full schedule below.

# HOLY WEEK & PASCHA 2025

## St. Nicholas Cathedral • Los Angeles



### LAZARUS SATURDAY • APRIL 12 • سبت لعازر

**Matins 9:30 AM • Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM**

**Great Vespers, 6 PM • Confessions Follow**

Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead shows He can raise all mankind. *Please also join us for lunch after Liturgy, and help us prepare for the Feast by preparing and decorating the Lord's house.*

### PALM SUNDAY • APRIL 13 • احد الشعانين

**Matins, 7:30 AM • Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM ~AND~ 11:00 AM**

We celebrate the triumphant entry of our Lord into Jerusalem, to face his voluntary death. "We like the children carry the palms of victory," in procession. Adults and children may also bring decorated candles. *To accommodate the large number of worshippers, we will have **two liturgies Palm Sunday morning, with Bishop Anthony presiding.** Join us at either 9 am or 11 am. Both Liturgies will be celebrated in a mix of languages. There will be a procession, coffee hour and pre-holiday bake sale after each liturgy.*

### PALM SUNDAY EVENING • APRIL 13 • مساء الشعانين

**Bridegroom Matins, 6:30 PM • Confessions Follow**

The Procession with the icon of Christ, the Bridegroom of the Church, takes place, and we remember the righteousness of Joseph who, like Christ, suffered unjustly with patience and was exalted.



### GREAT MONDAY • APRIL 14 • الاثنين العظيم

**Presanctified Liturgy, 10 AM • Bridegroom Matins, 6:30 PM • Confessions Follow**

We remember the example of the ten virgins waiting for the Bridegroom.

### GREAT TUESDAY • APRIL 15 • الثلاثاء العظيم

**Presanctified Liturgy, 10 AM • Bridegroom Matins, 6:30 PM • Confessions Follow**

We remember the woman who anointed the head and feet of our Lord, wiping them with her hair, in contrast with Judas and his betrayal of Christ. The Hymn of Kassiane expresses these contrasts with profound poetry and majesty.

### GREAT WEDNESDAY • APRIL 16 • الاربعاء العظيم

**Presanctified Liturgy, 10 AM • Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 PM**

We are anointed for healing of soul and body as Christ was anointed in anticipation of his burial.



## GREAT THURSDAY MORNING • APRIL 17 • صباح الخميس العظيم

**Matins, 9 AM • Liturgy of St. Basil, 10 AM**

On this day, when Jesus first said to his disciples, "Take, eat; this is my Body," Orthodox Christians make it a point to participate in Holy Communion. *Following the Liturgy, we will perform the rite of the Footwashing with the Church School. A Communion breakfast follows.*

## GREAT THURSDAY EVENING • APRIL 17 • مساء الخميس العظيم

**Matins with the Twelve Passion Gospels, 6:30 PM**

We walk with our Lord through the Passion. A procession with the Cross commemorates Christ's voluntary Crucifixion.



## GREAT FRIDAY • APRIL 18 • الجمعة العظيمة

**Royal Hours, 10 AM • Un-nailing Vespers, 3 PM**

We try to spend this day in Church, heeding our Lord's words to "watch and pray." Then help us decorate the bier (نعش). At Vespers, Christ is taken down from the Cross and placed in it. *Dinner is served after Vespers.*

## GREAT FRIDAY EVENING • APRIL 18 • مساء الجمعة العظيمة

**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 • APRIL 19 • صباح سبت النور

**Liturgy of St. Basil, 10 AM**

As we keep vigil, the Victory of Christ over death and his Resurrection 'explode' with throwing the leaves of victory. *Please bring your children to this service. They will have an egg hunt after, too.*



## THE RESURRECTION • SATURDAY, APRIL 19 • القيامة

**RUSH/MATINS/LITURGY, 11 PM**

We receive the new Light and the Good News that "Christ is Risen." *We will bless red eggs, and you may also bring Easter Baskets to be blessed. An Agape Breakfast will follow.*



## AGAPE VESPERS • SUNDAY, APRIL 20 • الباعوث

**Paschal Service in Spanish, 7:30 AM • 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).

## LIKE THE PRODIGAL SON, WE RETURN TO OUR FATHER IN HUMILITY

Everyone should make a confession at least once during Lent.

- A priest is always available for confessions after Saturday Vespers and during Matins on Sundays, or you can make an appointment.
- Just wait in a pew near the St. Raphael Shrine, and a priest will come out and meet you by the shrine.



### FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

As we fast, we always need to remember the poor. Please take a Food for Hungry People offering box from the narthex, and make it a practice to put something into it as you sit down for every meal. *Then, bring back your filled boxes on Palm Sunday. If you didn't use a box, you may also make donations by cash or check, earmarking them "FFHP."*

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR.... A BREAKFAST OF LOVE

AS WE CELEBRATE THE RISEN  
CHRIST

**Saturday Night, April 19**

**Immediately Following the  
Paschal Liturgy**

**\$10.00 per Person**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE FOOD FOR HUNGRY PROGRAM**

Donations Accepted: Please Contact Ed Malouf 310-923-4347

**"Let no one go away hungry!"**

*If you can't afford it, just see Fr. Nabil, Fr. Andrew or Fr. Paul privately, and we'll take care of it. We just want our whole Cathedral family together for this Love Feast.*



## FFHP Sunday Bulletin Quotes from the Fathers

- It is pointless for someone to say that he has faith in God if he does not have the works which go with faith...namely, deeds of love and compassion.  
*St. Gregory Palamas*
- We are not sanctified by the place in which we live, but by the way we live.  
*St. Iakovos Tsalikis of Evia*
- Devils take delight in fullness, drunkenness and bodily comfort. Fasting possesses great power and it works glorious things. To fast is to banquet with the angels.  
*St Isaac the Syrian*

## THANKS AND BLESSINGS ON ALL WHO HAVE MADE THEIR STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS FOR 2025

*“With every gift show a cheerful face,  
and dedicate your tithe with gladness.” (Sirach 35.9)*

كُنْ بِشَوْشَ الْوَجْهِ فِي كُلِّ عَطِيَّةٍ،  
وَكَرِّسْ لِلرَّبِّ عَشْرَ غَلَالِكَ بِفَرَحٍ (سيراخ ٣٥، ٩)

- If you haven't done so yet, we ask you to consider prayerfully your stewardship commitment for this year. Please place your pledge card in the collection basket, in the offering box at the candle stand, or return it by mail.

St. Nicholas Young Adult Ministry Presents...

✠ THE 3RD ANNUAL ✠  
YOUNG ADULT

*Paschal Party*

April 26 2025

Vespers at 6:00 PM  
Party at 7:00 PM

St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral  
2300 W 3rd St. Los Angeles, 90037

\$40 Price (ends 4/22)  
\$55 At the Door

CLICK THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

FEATURING:  
DJ HEARTSTART  
Arabic & Greek Music  
Dabke Dancing  
Interactive Games  
Cash Bar & Arabic Coffee

Middle Eastern Feast by Cafe X20




**Regular Stewardship Pledge for 2025**  
2300 W. 3rd Street • Los Angeles, CA 90037

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

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Renew my pledge at the same level as last year  
 Increase my pledge by  5%  10%  15%  20%  
 Start with a fresh pledge of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per  week  month  year

Giving by Check/Cash/Book, etc.  Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_ Please include routing check  
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 Giving by Credit/Debit Card:  MasterCard  Visa  Discover  AmEx  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization: By signing this card, I/we authorize the Cathedral to debit my/our account for the amount stated and to bill me/us periodically as outlined above. I/we understand that the Cathedral may require billing information through the authorized card payment gateway.

Go back to our website [stnicholasla.org](http://stnicholasla.org) to sign online.

- You will find extra pledge cards in the narthex. (They look like the facsimile at right.) You can even enter your pledge as a recurring donation online yourself at [stnicholasla.org/contributions](http://stnicholasla.org/contributions)



CAMP ST. NICHOLAS

# SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

FEBRUARY 22ND,  
10:00AM

COST: \$620  
DEPOSIT: \$100

## DATES

WEEK 1: JULY 6TH-12TH

WEEK 2: JULY 13TH-19TH (Teen Week)

WEEK 3: JULY 20TH-26TH

WWW.CAMPSTNICHOLAS.ORG

## NEW CAMPING OPPORTUNITY

We have a BRAND NEW PROGRAM which is intended for **those who will be graduating high school the spring of 2025.**

This program is called "**Bridge Week.**" It is a full week of camping but only for this year's high school graduates. Enrollment will likely be approximately 30 campers. The focus of this program is to equip our young people to 'bridge' from high school to whatever comes next (practically, emotionally, and spiritually). The program also includes familiar camping afternoon and evening activities with a few surprises (including an off-campus activity). Bridge Week will be held June 15-21.

## REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP IS NOW OPEN

Register online at [www.campstnicholas.org](http://www.campstnicholas.org)

*St. Nicholas Cathedral will pay half the cost for all our campers. If you need additional help, just ask Fr. Nabil privately. Just register, and pay the deposit for now.*

Please contact Fr. Andrew if you are having any problems with the online sign-up process.

Camp is the most important and most effective part of our youth ministry program. We are offering these generous scholarships because we believe Camp is *that* important.

## CAMP ST. NICHOLAS Bridge Week 2025

### Summer Camp for 2025 High School Grads

#### What Is This?

- Summer Camp for Current Year High School Graduates
- Similar to Regular Camp St Nicholas Summer Program
- Focused on Bridging the Gap Between High School and What Comes Next

#### What Will We Do?

- Morning Program Focused on Strengthening our Faith, Skills for Success, and Connection with Orthodox Christians While Away from Home
- Afternoon and Evening Program Similar to Regular Summer Camp
- Off Camp Day Trips and New Activities

#### When Is It?

- Sun, June 15 to Sat, June 21
- Limited to 30 Campers
- Registration Opens Feb 22
- Cost is \$100 per Camper (through philanthropic support from the Orthodox Vision Foundation)





# Baked Goods Sale



Homemade by Our St. Nicholas Cathedral's Ladies  
Palm Sunday April 13, 2025

Baked Goods	Pre-order / on-Site Price	Quantity	Total Amt.
Date Fingers	\$20.00 per dozen / \$27.00 per dozen		
<u>Maamool Walnut</u>	\$27.00 per dozen / \$27.00 per dozen		
<u>Maamool Pistachio</u>	\$27.00 per dozen / \$27.00 per dozen		
<u>Maamool Date</u>	\$27.00 per dozen / \$27.00 per dozen		
Macaroons	\$15.00 per dozen / \$20.00 per dozen		
Baklawa Fingers	\$16.00 per lb. / \$18.00 per lb.		
Baklawa	\$18.00 per lb. / \$20.00 per lb.		
<u>Ka'ak</u>	\$14.00 per dozen / \$16.00 per dozen		
<u>Ghraibie</u>	\$15.00 per dozen / \$18.00 per dozen		
<u>Namoor</u>	\$12.00 per lb. / \$14.00 per lb.		
Spinach Fatayer	\$18.00 per dozen / \$18.00 per dozen		
Meat Bread	\$15.00 per 6 pcs. / \$15.00 per 6 pcs.		
Veggie Bread	\$15.00 per 6 pcs. / \$15.00 per 6 pcs.		
Cheese Pies	\$20.00 per dozen / \$20.00 per dozen		
Kibbeh Balls	\$30.00 per dozen		
Zaatar	\$15.00 per 6 pcs.		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:</b>			

**All preorders are due by Sunday, April 6, 2025.**

Ordered By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \$: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **St. Nicholas Cathedral Ladies Society**  
**For questions and orders; contact the Bake Sale Chairperson:**  
 Jacqui Badaro (626) 476-9070 Email: [jmbadaro@hotmail.com](mailto:jmbadaro@hotmail.com)



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Sunday, May 4, 2025  
5:30 p.m.**

The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch  
Diocese of Los Angeles and the West  
presents a  
Middle Eastern Dinner  
welcoming

Right Reverend Bishop ANTHONY  
Diocese of Los Angeles and the West  
Auxiliary to the Metropolitan

With special guest  
Dennis Awad  
Chairman of the Board  
Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage

Phoenicia Restaurant  
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Glendale, CA 91203  
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3RD ANNUAL

# ST. BARBARA *Lebanon Relief Fund* FUNDRAISING EVENT



**SATURDAY | MAY 3 | 2025**

Vespers: 5:00 pm | Cocktail: 6:00 pm | Event: 7:00 pm



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For questions please contact Ramona : 661-433-9561  
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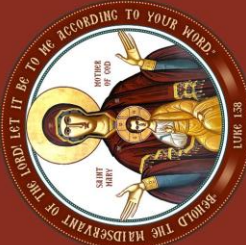
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*"Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her."  
Luke 1:38*

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JUNE 25 – 29, 2025

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### SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS:

#### THURSDAY JUNE 26

- Morning and Afternoon Workshops
- Order of St. Ignatius Reception
- Young Adult Dinner
- Taco Thursday Welcome Reception

#### FRIDAY JUNE 27

- Organization Meetings
- Bible Bowl
- Ice Cream Social & Teen Dance
- "Candyland" Theme

#### SATURDAY JUNE 28

- Young Adult Pilgrimage to Holy Virgin Mary Russian Cathedral
- Awards Brunch
- Oratorical & Choir Festival
- Middle Eastern Dinner and Dance (Hafi)

#### SUNDAY JUNE 29

- Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

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## 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.*

### **LIVING**

**Fr. Joseph** Abud, friend of Fr. Nabil and Kh. Elaine, 4/13  
**Elie** Maalouf, hospital, 5/14  
**Mirna** Aboud, undergoing tests, 5/14  
**Marta** Chala, rehab., 5/14  
**Georgette** Malouf, home, 5/12  
**Adrienne** Nahas, hospital, 5/8  
**Samira** El-Shammas, rehab., 5/5  
**Dorothy** Nicholas, home, 4/23  
**Mittry** Mor, home, 4/20  
**Leroy** Simon, hospital, 4/20  
**Caroline** Sayegh Kizwani, home, 4/6  
**Fouad** Bitar, Pierre's father, 5/14  
**Elham** Alloush, Arij Alchammas' mother, 4/20  
**Jeanette** Dawn Reedy, mother of Dante Solano, 4/10  
**Nasry** Iskander, Lucy Hanna's brother, 4/9  
**All those suffering from fires, earthquakes, illness, violence and want in the Middle East and Ukraine conflicts, in this country and throughout the world**

### **DEPARTED**

**Archdn.** George Shishim, 5/10  
**Fr. George** Manneh, retired Pastor of St. George Church, Upland, 4/20  
**Fr. Wayne** Wilson, founding Pastor of St. Barnabas Church, Costa Mesa, 4/10  
**John** Bibby, Maurice Koudsi's grandson, 4/15  
**Atef** Iskander, cousin of Lucy Hanna, 4/7  
**Victims of fires and earthquakes, of the Middle East and Ukraine conflicts and of violence everywhere**

*See the detailed schedule for Holy Week, inside this bulletin.*

## ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

**April 2025**

<b>Sun. 6</b>	<b>Spanish Mission Liturgy</b> , 7:45 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish</li> </ul> <b>Matins</b> , 9:15 am <b>Divine Liturgy</b> , 10:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church School</li> <li>• Coffee Hour</li> </ul>
<b>Mon. 7</b>	<b>Great Compline</b> , 6:30 pm
<b>Tue. 8</b>	<b>Ladies</b> preparing for Bake Sale, 10 am <b>Choir</b> dinner and practice, 6:30 pm
<b>Wed. 9</b>	<b>Presanctified Divine Liturgy</b> , 6:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lenten Dinner</li> <li>• Spiritual Q&amp;A Discussion</li> </ul>
<b>Thu. 10</b>	<b>Ladies</b> preparing for Bake Sale, 10 am
<b>Fri. 11</b>	<b>Ladies</b> preparing for Bake Sale, 10 am <b>Little Compline</b> with Canon to Lazarus, 6:30 pm
<b>Sat. 12</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Lazarus Saturday</b></i></p> <b>Matins</b> , 9:30 am <b>Divine Liturgy</b> , 10:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch</li> <li>• Polishing and decorating for Holy Week</li> <li>• Ladies preparing for Bake Sale</li> </ul> <b>Great Vespers</b> and Confessions, 6 pm
<b>Sun. 13</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Palm Sunday</b></i></p> <b>Matins</b> , 7:30 am <b>Divine Liturgy</b> , 9 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procession</li> <li>• Bake Sale</li> </ul> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> , 11 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procession</li> <li>• Bake Sale</li> </ul> <b>Bridegroom Matins</b> , 6:30 pm

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