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APRIL 20, 2025

PASCHA: THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

عيد الفصح: قيامة المسيح



ALL NEED CANDLES TO CARRY IN THE PROCESSION

Remember ***NOT*** to light your processional candles or any other candles *until* we take the new light, as you exit for the procession.

Please also be sure to hold your candles straight, vertically; that way they will not drip wax or burn the person in front of you.

تذكر ألا تضيء أي شموع حتى نأخذ النور الجديد، عند الخروج للموكب.

يرجى أيضا التأكد من تثبيت الشموع بشكل مستقيم وعموديا؛ بهذه الطريقة لن يقطروا الشمع أو يحرقوا الأشخاص الذي أمامكم.



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.

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.

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.

LITURGY VARIATIONS

PLEASE REFER TO THE PASCHA SERVICE BOOKS

Please use the special booklets for tonight to pray and participate with us in the Rush Service, Matins and Liturgy. The booklets include all the variations from the normal order of the Liturgy.

No Kneeling from Pascha to Pentecost

Because we have been raised up with Christ, we do not kneel on any day of the week until Pentecost, June 8.

Also, there's no fasting; even Wednesday and Friday fasts are suspended until the Ascension (May 29).

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the health of all those who participated in the Holy Oblations for our needs during this Holy Week and those for whose health and in whose memory they offered them, who have been remembered at the preparation of the Holy Gifts at this Liturgy:
- By Robert Andrews Sr., for the health of Fr. Andrew, Kh. Ruth, Nick, John, Daniel, Mary, James, Chris, Matthew, Christina, Jonesy, RJ, Christian and Sam, in memory of Adrianne. (*Palms*)
- By anonymous, in memory of Tom H. Assaley and Mary Abdo Assaley. (*Oil*)
- By Yacoub and Lina Atalla, for Lina's health. (*Flowers for Bier*)
- By Richard and Joyce Ayooob, for the health of Paul and Lizzie, Alice, Marianne, Elizabeth, Steven, in memory of John and Marjorie Sadd, and Fred and Alice Ayooob. (*Easter Lillies*)
- By Nouri and Saltieh Ayoub, for the health of Iskandar, Irizeh, Nour, Anwar, Nourah and Innawar Rabadi, and in memory of Eugob, Fathih, Saltan, Iman, Osama, Salama, Nagla, Lama and Dani Rabadi.
- By Salwa Ayoub, for the health of Joseph, Nadia, MaryAnn, Michael, Andrew, Hannah, Olivia, Diana, Nicole, Joseph, Samira and family, Thuraya, Kamal and family, Azar and family, in memory of Emil, Gretta, Azar, Hanneh, Karimeh, Ibrahim, Samir, Amira, Farideh, May, Jamil, Ristum, Towfiq, Ayoub, Hend, Yousef, Isabel, Mary, Pete, Girges and Hasibeh. (*Prosphora*)
- By Amaany, Scott and Alex Bytof, for the health of the Mikhail family, George Sr. family, Attalla family and Wolfendon family, Eva, and Jeff, in memory of Poulos, Lydia, Clarence, Melia, Gabi, Karima and Michael.

- By Arsenios Dabbour, for the health of Bana, Sofia and Valeria Dabbour.
- By Kathleen Everhart, for the health of Thomas, Roye and Jeanne.
- By Nellie Haick, for the health of William Haick, in memory of Wil Haick. (*Easter Lilies*)
- By Amer Hanna, for the health of Marie Hanna, in memory of Issa Hanna and family. (*Candles*)
- By Fr. Nabil and Kh. Elaine Hanna, for the health of their children, Anastasia, Basil and Gregory, mother Lucy Hanna, aunt Mary Samiha Kamel, Fr. Joseph Abud, in memory of parents Lotfy Hanna and Nicholas and Thalia Gounaris and uncle Nasry Iskander. (*Candles and Incense*)
- By Seraphim Helms, in memory of Maria, Robert, Adriana, Rebecca, Rita, John, Fr. Wayne, Protodeacon George, Archimandrite Elijah.
- Alex and Anne Helou, for the health of Ellie, Emile, Aaron and Arielle Helou, in memory of Anna, Marwan, Emile and Colette. (*Incense, Candles, Oil*)
- By Saleem Khashoun, for the health of Mirna, Elian and Elie, in memory of Elian, Soaad, Essa, Baheja, Habsah and Assad. (*Wine*)
- By Michael and Mary Khoury.
- By John Koudsi and family, in memory of Joseph and Linda Koudsi. (*Candles*)
- By Salma Maalouf, for the health of Shirley Kanaan and family, Joey Maalouf and family, Reema Maalouf and family, in memory of Joe and Luca Maalouf. (*Candles*)
- By Michael and Thalia Madanat, for the health of their sons George, Nicholas, and Christopher.
- By Sami and Najah Madi, for the health of children Naji, Nada and Nabil, and grandchildren Yara, Jeanne, Charlie, Nicole, Jean Paul and Christopher, in memory of Naim, Adma, Bahig, Lody, Anis and Chehade. (*Bay Leaves*)
- By Richard and Rima Malouf. (*Eggs*)
- By Amal Matar, for the health of George Matar and family, in memory of George and Rached Matar. (*Flower for Bier, Easter Lillies*)
- By Hala Matar, for the health of the Matar family, in memory of George and Jean Matar. (*Flower for Bier*)
- By Laila Milke and family, for the health of Dan, Diana, Paige Nixon, Fred, Tanya, Dominick, Alek, Elisa, Ed, Zoe, Gwendolyn, Charlotte, Genevieve Milkie, Danny, Mary, James, Christopher and Mathew Andrews, in memory of Fredrick Milkie, Adrienne Andrews, Emma Milkie, Carl Milkie, Afifi Chammas, Nakhle Chammas, George Milkie, Nassima Milkie, Baby Leila Milkie, Ed Mond Chammas, Souhil Chammas, Soheila Chammas, Mary Shammas, Corinne Khawli, Albert Khawli, Marwan Chammas. (*Flowers for the Bier*)
- By Caterina Monroy, for the health of Adam English. (*Candles*)

- By Tiffany and George Mychaskiw, for the health of Sandra, Brandon, Lamia, Samantha, in memory of Warren, Saliba, Bassam, Shawkat, E.B., Ouida and Joe. (*Flower for Bier*)
- By Attieh Nasrallah, for the health of Shadi and Laila. (*Flowers for the Bier*)
- By Nadia Nassif, son Floyd and their family.
- By Ronin Nicholas, for the health of Dorothy Nicholas, in memory of Asper, Bahejay, Ted, Ann and Teddy Nicholas.
- By Loretta Rihbany, in memory of Michael and Elvira Rihbany. (*Flower for Bier*)
- By James and Roberta Sadd. (*Bay Leaves*)
- By Dimitri and Reem Sebastian Saleh, for the health of Aunt Suad and Suraya, in memory of Ingrid, Maurice, Samira Lata, Margo, Ibrahim, George Saleh, Mary, Iham, Sari, Mitri, Katran, Michael, Abe, Abed El Had and Hanneh. (*Candles*)
- By Saleh and Elen Saleh, for the health of Ziad, Roula, Jayden and Justin. (*Prospora*)
- By Maximus and Agape Sauskojus, for the health of Dn. Mark, Rebecca, Tammir, Mark, Elizabeth, Abigail and Payton, in memory of James, Ella, May, Alan, Walter and Walter.
- By Nassif and Randa Shammaa, for the health of Souad, Samira, Nelly, Fouad, Carie, Samar, Nabil, Kirby, Elaine, Fadi, Joyce, Michel, Caroline, Attieh, Coco, Joy, Annie, Ilyn, Elias, Nour, George, Stacey, Waleed, Allen, Sheryl, Nicholas, Philippe, Marina, Elee, Sofia, Yara, Petra, Roman, Alex and Celine, and in memory of Elias, Adeeb, Renee, Patti, Richard, Youssef, Archdeacon George, Nawal, Alya and Osama. (*Candles, Prospora and Oil*)
- By Ann Simon, for the health of Afifeh Simon and family, in memory of those departed from the Assaad and Simon families.

PASCHAL GREETINGS AND RESPONSES

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| English: | Christ is risen! / Truly He is risen! |
| Arabic: | Al-Maseeh qam! / Háqqan qam! المسيح قام / حقًا قام |
| Armenian: | Kristos haryav ee merelotz! / Orhnial eh harootyunuh kristosee! |
| Greek: | Christós anéste! / Alethós anéste! Χριστός ανέστη / Ἀληθῶς ανέστη |
| Romanian: | Christós a inviáht! / Adevarát a inviáht! |
| Slavonic: | Christós voskrése! / Vo-ístinu voskrése! |
| Spanish: | ¡Cristo ha resucitado! / ¡En verdad ha resucitado! |

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The Most Reverend
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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

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Great and Holy Pascha - 2025

Beloved in Christ:
The Most Reverend Hierarchs,
The Reverend Priests and Deacons,
And the devout People of God in this blessed Archdiocese,

Christ is risen! I greet you with the most beautiful proclamation on this radiant and divine Pascha. I offer my heartfelt prayers for each of you daily, asking for God's abundant mercy and the joy of victory over death—every kind of death—for all of you.

I will not address the glorious event of the Resurrection from a doctrinal perspective today, but instead, I wish to offer a brief reflection.

In our Church, each feast is a moment where we relive the event itself. At Pascha, as you know, we walk with our Lord Jesus through every step of His salvific journey, culminating in His resurrection from the dead. The Cross precedes the Resurrection; death precedes life. This is why we begin our Paschal celebration on Great and Holy Friday evening. In the middle of the service, immediately after the chanting of the lamentations for the death of the Lord, we begin chanting the Resurrectional verses: *"Blessed art thou, O Lord, teach me thy statutes."*

There is a beautiful tradition in some churches where this funeral service begins with clergy wearing dark purple vestments, the color of the Lenten season. Then, following the lamentations, they change into white vestments. It is worth noting that white, the color of the Resurrection, becomes predominant in the church coverings and clergy vestments following the service.

All of this is an outward expression affirming that the Cross (death) and the Resurrection are one inseparable event. If we walk with Christ in His Passion, it is to prepare for the joy of His Resurrection.

Thus, it is only the repentant—those who recognize their sins and feel the need to be freed from them—who know how to crucify their sins with Christ, bury them in His tomb, and rise with Him in His Resurrection, striving toward the face of the Risen Lord. Then their eyes become fixed on Christ the Risen One, and through His Resurrection and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit,

they come to understand that they are called to live not on earth, but in heaven—and thus realize that their Christian calling is to make earth itself a piece of heaven.

After our Christ defeated death, we now understand—by the grace of the Risen Lord—that we are responsible for transforming the world and restoring it to the Kingdom of God, beginning by purifying it from sin. But we have also begun to understand that this great work does not begin with others – it begins with us and within us.

What remains is for us to live a new life: a life free of sin, a life the world does not know, for it is according to God's will, not our own. I invite you to reflect with me on words written by Metropolitan Georges Khodr on Pascha 2014, when he had reached the age of ninety-one:

“I am a crossing, O Lord, until I meet You. Do not allow me to distract myself: ‘Shine Your face upon Your servant,’ that I may become of Your light. Take me to You, that I may know You. Do not leave me in the wilderness of this world. Do not leave me prey to the beasts. Come, for in Your coming I am formed. If You come to me, I will complete my journey toward Your face, O Lord. If I see You, Your face becomes my world. Nothing benefits me but Your face. That is Pascha. Let no other face distract me from You. Fix my eyes upon it. Each day, I desire Your face, O Master. Let it suffice for me as my life. Train me to see You as my all in this age and the one to come, so that I may understand You are existence itself. Discipline me to forsake all things to see You. If I attain You, You will take care of me. I will become Paschal in You. And if I reach You, my journey ends.” (From **"Who Am I at Pascha," Pascha 2014**)

May the joy of our Risen Lord flood your hearts at all times.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+SABA". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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عيد الفصح العظيم والمقدس، ٢٠٢٥

أحبائي في المسيح:
السادة الأساقفة الكلي برّهم،
قدس الكهنة والشمامسة الموقرين،
شعب الله الورع، في هذه الأبرشية المباركة،

المسيح قام! أجمل هتاف أعيدكم به في هذا الفصح الإلهي المنير، وأرفع صلواتي ذاكرا إياكم
يوميا، وطالبا رحمة الله الغامرة وفرح الانتصار على الموت، كل موت، لكم جميعا.

لن أتطراً إلى حدث القيامة المجيدة عقائديا، بل سأأمل قليلا فيه.

العيد، في كنيستنا، محطة نستعيد فيها حدث العيد. في الفصح، كما تعلمون، نرافق أحداث
الرب يسوع الخلاصية خطوة خطوة، وصولاً إلى قيامته من بين الأموات. فالصليب يسبق
القيامة، الموت يسبق الحياة. لذلك تلاحظون أن الفصح عندنا يبتدئ مساء الجمعة العظيمة؛
ففي منتصف خدمة جناز الرب، نبدأ بترتيل قياميات الملائكة: "مبارك أنت يا رب علمني
حقوقك!"

ثمة تقليد جميل في بعض الكنائس حيث تبدأ خدمة الجناز والكهنة يرتدون بذلاتهم الكهنوتية
باللون الصيامي البنفسجي الغامق، وبعد انتهاء التقاريط يستبدلون باللون الأبيض. جدير
بالذكر أن اللون الأبيض، لون القيامة هو الذي يسود في كل أغطية الكنيسة وبذلات الكهنة بعد
خدمة الجناز.

هذا كله تعبير خارجي يؤكد فيه ارتباط الصليب (الموت) بالقيامة وأن كليهما حدث واحد. فإذا
رافقنا المسيح في خطوات آلامه فإنما كي نستعد لفرح قيامته.

من هنا وحدهم التائبون الذين وعوا خطاياهم وأدركوا حاجتهم إلى التحرر منها، يعرفون كيف يصلبونها مع المسيح، ويدفنونها مع قبره، ويقومون منها بقيامته، ناهدين إلى وجه المسيح القائم. إذ ذاك تتسمر عيونهم على المسيح القائم ويعون، من بعد قيامة المسيح وحضور الروح القدس فيهم، باتوا مدعويين إلى العيش في السماوات، لا على الأرض، وتاليا يدركون أن دعوتهم كمسيحيين باتت في جعل الأرض قطعة من السماء.

بعد أن هزم مسيحا الموت، صرنا نعي، بنعمة المسيح القائم، أننا مسؤولون عن تحويل العالم ليستعاد إلى ملكوت الله، وذلك بتنقيته من الخطيئة. لكننا بدأنا نعي أن هذا العمل العظيم لا يبدأ من غيرنا بل يبدأ بنا وفينا.

بقي علينا أن نحيا حياة جديدة، حياة خالية من الخطيئة، حياة يجهلها العالم، لأنها بحسب مشيئة الله، لا مشيئتنا نحن. وأدعوك للتأمل معي فيما كتبه المطران جورج خضر في فصح 2014، وكان قد بلغ الواحدة والتسعين آنذاك:

"أنا عبورٌ يا سيّدُ حتّى ألقاك. لا تدعني أتلهى بنفسي: "أضئْ بوجهك على عبدك" لأكون من ضيائك. خذني إليك لأعرفك. لا تدعني في وحشة هذا العالم. لا تتركني فريسةً للوحوش. تعالْ في مجيئك أتكون. وإذا جئتُ إليّ أكملْ سيرتي إلى وجهك يا ربّ. إذا رأيتُك يصبح وجهك هو العالم. لا ينفعي إلّا وجهك. إنّه هو الفصح. لا يُلهني عنك وجه. سمّر عينيّ عليه. كلّ يوم أريدُ وجهك يا سيّد. اكتفي به حياة لي. درّبني على أن أراك كلّاً لي في هذا الدهر وفي الدهر الآتي، فأفهم أنّك الوجود. روّضني على أن أتذكّ كلّ شيء لأراك. إذا أدركتُك أنت تتدبرني. أصبحُ فصحيّاً فيك. فإذا وصلتُ إليك تنتهي مسيرتي."

(من أكون في الفصح، فصح 2014)

ليغمركم إلهنا القائم بفرح حضوره في كل حين.

الداعي لكم،

+سأبا



رئيس أساقفة نيويورك ومتربوليت أميركا الشمالية

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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Great and Holy Pascha 2025 – Reflections on the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West,

المسيح قام! حقاً قام!

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!
¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!

Death is not normal. It is not a part of the life cycle. Even though it says in Ecclesiastes: “*For everything there is a season, a time to be born and a time to die*” (3.2a), the Christian considers it to be unfinished business! Christians challenge death in a fight to the death. That is the whole meaning of Lazarus Saturday, when Christ strikes the first blow in that ultimate contest. Death, it says in the hymns, “*is put on notice.*” We don’t explain death; we exterminate it. The whole Gospel is shouting: Christ is Risen! We win!

Okay, the part of physically dying remains until our Lord’s Second Coming (for Christians, coming from the words of our Lord, we call our physical death “*falling asleep in the Lord*”). But that is not to die, really. Jesus said: “*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit*” (John 12:24). Christ died and rose again and is “*The first fruits, then, at His coming, those who belong to Christ*” (1 Corinthians 15:23). After we are buried, we bloom!

“*God did not make death, and He does not delight in the death of the living*” (Wisdom of Solomon 1:3). “*God created man for incorruption and made him the image of His own eternity,*” or nature, (Wisdom of Solomon 2:23). In other words, God made us in the image of His Son. That’s why God, in Christ, could become like us when He was born of the Theotokos. We are alike, and we look alike!

God wants to give us everything He has given to His Son, because He sees Christ’s resemblance in us. All Our Lord’s familiar features are in us. “*What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him*” (1 Corinthians 2:9; Isaiah 64:4).

It says movingly and powerfully in the hymns of the Great and Holy Week, and especially in Matins of Holy Thursday, that Our Lord came from heaven to earth, becoming one of us, to look for us. “*Adam, where are you?*” He cried, “*where are my beloved ones, all my loved ones?*” Christ suffered so much as He went searching for us through the thicket and thorns of the world become wilderness because of sin. He had to cut His own trail, make His own path through the swamp of sin to build a road for our salvation. He was scourged, scratched and scorched, beaten and bloodied, wounded and killed.

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

But He wouldn't stop looking until He found us, helpless in Hades. Thus, He took us by the hands and raised us up, out of the darkness and shadows of death, into the bright sunshine of the "never ending Day of His Kingdom," when He rose again on Pascha Sunday.

Death is not a final farewell. It is a family reunion "with the spirits of the righteous made perfect." And it is a joyful greeting: I couldn't wait to be with you again – and forever and ever!"

May the message of our Resurrected Lord always live in our minds and hearts.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

+ Bishop Anthony

+Bishop ANTHONY
Bishop of Los Angeles
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER LITURGY

Following the dismissal and announcements, come forward for a blessing, then exit via the south (chapel) door, and join us in the Heritage Ballroom.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR....

A BREAKFAST OF LOVE

AS WE CELEBRATE THE RISEN CHRIST

Immediately Following the Paschal Liturgy

\$10 per Person

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ARCHDIOCESE FOOD FOR HUNGRY PROGRAM

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

"Let no one go away hungry:" If you can't afford it, just see Fr. Nabil privately, and we'll get you complimentary tickets. We just want our whole Cathedral family together for this Love Feast.

Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule

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| Apr. 27 | Robin Nicholas (Aunt Dorothy's birthday) | June 1 | OPEN |
| May 4 | The Fasheh family | June 8 | OPEN |
| May 11 | Mother's Day Lunch by the Men's Fellowship | June 15 | Father's Day Lunch by the Ladies |
| May 18 | The El-Shammas family | June 22 | OPEN |
| May 25 | The Najjar family | June 29 | OPEN |

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

GOSPEL OF LOVE IN MANY TONGUES • انجيل الباعوث

Agape Vespers will be at **1 p.m. today**. At this service, the "Good News" of the Resurrection will be proclaimed in many languages, demonstrating the universality of the Church and of the Christian Faith.

We have texts for John 20.19-25 in many languages. Please arrive by 12:45 pm if you can read any foreign language.



FEAST OF ST. GEORGE ON WEDNESDAY

عيد مار جاورجيوس يوم الاربعاء

Join us at 10 am Wednesday, April 23, for this joyful Paschal Liturgy, celebrating one of the most beloved saints of the Middle East and the world over.

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

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



HOUSE BLESSINGS RESUME

Fr. Nabil, Fr. Paul and Fr. Andrew were not able to get to all our families, to bless your homes before Lent (when the pace of home blessings slowed down greatly on account of the Lenten services). They are now anxious to resume home blessings. Please email Fr. Nabil at frnabilh@stnicholasla.org to request a home blessing.

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, 90057

\$40 Price (ends 4/22)

\$55 At the Door

DRESS CODE: FORMAL



**FEAUTURING:
DJ HEARTSTART**

Arabic & Greek Music
Dabke Dancing
Interactive Games
Cash Bar & Arabic Coffee

Middle Eastern Feast by Cafe X20

CLICK THE QR
CODE TO REGISTER





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

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)





The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch
Los Angeles Area Fellowship Dinner

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

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
343 N. Central Avenue
Glendale, CA 91203
(818) 956-7800
 Valet parking \$15

Name _____ No. Attending _____ Total (@ \$80 pp) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please make check payable to *Order of St. Ignatius* and mail by **April 25, 2025** to:
Mary Milkie-Andrews
8001 Corte Rey
Bakersfield, CA 93309
(661) 364-3898 or mandeawsmd@yahoo.com for any questions

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



STARRING...LIVE

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL, HERITAGE BALLROOM
Registration Deadline: April 28

\$100 PER PERSON

SCAN ME
TO PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS



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FOR MAIL-IN
REGISTRATION



For questions please contact Ramona : 661-433-9561
stbarbaralebanonrelief@gmail.com



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

Donald Andrews, hospital, 5/21

Elie Maalouf, home, 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

Mittry Mor, home, 4/20

Leroy Simon, hospital, 4/20

Naguib Mekhel, in LA hosp. from Bakersfield, 5/25

Jeanette Dawn Reedy, mother of Dante Solano, 5/20

Caroline Sayegh Kizwani, Dina Doll's sister, 5/16

Fouad Bitar, Pierre's father, 5/14

Elham Alloush, Arij Alchammas' mother, 4/20

All those suffering from fires, earthquakes, illness, violence and want in this country, in the Middle East and Ukraine, and throughout the world

DEPARTED

Archdn. George Shishim, 5/10

Fr. George Manneh, retired Pastor of St. George Church, Upland, 4/20

Nasry Iskander, Lucy Hanna's brother, 5/22

John Bibby, Maurice Koudsi's grandson, 4/15

Victims of fires and earthquakes, of the Middle East and Ukraine conflicts and of violence everywhere

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

April 2025

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| Sun. 20 | PASCHA – the Resurrection of Christ Spanish Liturgia de La PASCUA, 7:30 am Agape Vespers, 1pm |
| Wed. 23 | Feast of St. George Divine Liturgy, 10 am Church School Staff meeting, 7 pm online |
| Sat. 26 | FOCUS food and clothing distribution, 9 am Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm Young Adult Paschal Party, 7 pm |
| Sun. 27 | Thomas Sunday Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • Church School • Coffee Hour |
| Mon. 28 | Cathedral Council meeting, 7 pm |
| Tue. 29 | Church School Staff meeting, 7 pm online |
| May 2025 | |
| Sat. 3 | Great Vespers, 5 pm St. Barbara Benefit Dinner for Lebanon Relief Fund, 6 pm |
| Sun. 4 | Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • Church School Coffee Hour |
| Sat. 10 | FOCUS food and clothing distribution, 9 am Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm |

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