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TONE 1

DECEMBER 3, 2023

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OBSERVANCE OF THE CATHEDRAL PATRONAL FEAST: ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA • 14TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Día de San Nicolás • 14^º Domingo Lucas

عيد القديس نيقولاوس الصانع العجائب • الاحد الرابع عشر من انجيل لوقا

ALSO COMMEMORATING THE HOLY PROPHET ZEPHANIAH
MARTYRS AGAPIOS, SELEUKOS AND MAMAS
VENERABLE THEODOULOS, EPARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE
VENERABLE THEODOULOS OF CYPRUS

Though we are observing his feast today, the Church usually remembers our Father among the Saints Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (present-day Turkey), on December 6.

His parents, Theophanes and Nona, returned to God His gift to them—a child—by dedicating Nicholas to God. Following their repose, Nicholas distributed his inheritance to the poor, not keeping anything for himself. *He especially gave gifts to poor children, so that he became popularized as “Santa Claus.”*

In his charity, Nicholas carefully concealed his works, fulfilling the words of the Lord: “when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing” (Matthew 6.3). Merciful, wise and fearless, Nicholas was a true shepherd to his flock and entered into eternal rest on December 6, in the year 343.



LITURGY VARIATIONS

THIRD ANTIPHON: TROPARION FOR 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.

Tú que por la verdad de tus actos te mostraste a tu rebaño como canon de la fe, un ejemplo de virtud y maestro de mansedumbre; así como por tu humildad alcanzaste las alturas, y por tu pobreza las riquezas espirituales, oh Padre y Jerarca Nicolás nuestro patrón ruega a Cristo Dios que salve nuestras almas.

لقد أظهرتُكَ أفعالُ الحقِّ لرعيَّتِكَ، قانوناً للإيمان، وصورةً للوداعة ومعلماً للامساك، أيها الأبُّ رئيسُ الكهنَةِ نيقولاوس، فلذلك أحرزتِ بالتواضع الرفعةَ وبالمسكنةِ الغنى، فتشفعِ إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ في خلاصِ نفوسِنَا.

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.

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.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world, for which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy Kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

Mientras estaba sellada la piedra por los Judíos y los soldados guardaban tu cuerpo purísimo, resucitaste al tercer día, oh Salvador, dando la vida al mundo. Por lo cual, los poderes celestiales clamaron a ti, oh Dador de vida: Gloria a Tu Resurrección oh Cristo! Gloria a tu Reino! Gloria a Tu Divina Providencia, oh único amante de la humanidad!

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَّا حُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ
الطَّاهِرَ حُفِظَ مِنَ الْجُنْدِ، قُتِمَتْ فِي الْيَوْمِ
الثَّلَاثِ أَيْهَا الْمَخْلُصُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ.
لِذَلِكَ قُوَّتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، هَتَفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا
وَاهِبَ الْحَيَاةَ: الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَيْهَا
الْمَسِيحِ، الْمَجْدُ لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ،
يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدَّكَ.

Troparion for St. Nicholas (Tone 4)

The verity of your actions....

Tú que por la verdad....

لقد أظهرتك أفعال الحق....

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

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

Hoy viene la Virgen a la cueva donde dará a luz de una manera inefable, al verbo que era antes de todos los siglos. Por eso regocije oh universo al oír la proclamación: Glorifícale con los Ángeles y los pastores, a él que eligió manifestarse como bebé recién nacido, El Dios antes de todos los siglos.

اليوم العذراء تأتي إلى المغارة لتلد الكلمة
الذي قبل الدهور، ولادة لا تُفسَّر ولا
يُنطق بها، فأفرحي أيتها المسكونة إذا
سمعت، ومجدي مع الملائكة والرعاة،
الذي سيظهر بمشيئته طفلاً جديداً وهو
إلهنا الذي قبل الدهور.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 115.15, 12 LXX; Tone 7)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Verse: What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?

Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (13.17-21; St. Nicholas)

BRETHREN, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be

Prokímenon (Salmo 115.15, 12 LXX; Tono 7)

Estimada es a los ojos del Señor la muerte de sus santos.

¿Qué pagaré al Señor por todos sus beneficios para conmigo?

Lección de la Epístola de San Pablo a los Hebreos (13.17-21)

HERMANOS, Obedeced a vuestros pastores y sujetaos a ellos, porque ellos velan por vuestras almas como quienes han de dar cuenta, para que lo hagan con alegría, sin quejarse, porque esto no os es provechoso.

Orad por nosotros, pues confiamos en que tenemos buena conciencia, ya que deseamos conducirnos bien en todo. Y más os ruego que lo hagáis así, para que pueda volver a estar pronto con vosotros.

Que el Dios de paz, que resucitó de los muertos a nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el gran pastor de las ovejas, por la sangre del pacto eterno, os haga aptos en toda obra buena para que hagáis su voluntad, haciendo él en vosotros lo que es agradable delante de él por Jesucristo; al cual sea la

بروكيمنون (مزمو ١٥, ١١٥, ١٢
سبع.؛ اللحن ٧)

كريمٌ بينَ يَدَيِّ الرَّبِّ مَوْتُ أَسْرَارِهِ.

بِمَاذَا نُكَافِيهِ الرَّبَّ عَنْ كُلِّ مَا أَعْطَانَا؟

من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى
العبرانيين (١٧. ١٣-٢١)

يا إِخْوَةُ، أَطِيعُوا مُدَبِّرِيكُمْ واحضَعُوا
هُمَّ، فَإِنَّهُمْ يَسْهَرُونَ عَلَى نَفُوسِكُمْ سَهْرًا
مَنْ سَيُعْطِي حِسَابًا، حَتَّى يُفْعَلُوا ذَلِكَ
بِسُرُورٍ لَا آتِينَ. لِأَنَّ هَذَا غَيْرٌ نَافِعٍ
لَكُمْ.

صَلُّوا مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، فَإِنَّا نَتَّقُ بَأَنَّ لَنَا ضَمِيرًا
صَالِحًا، فَتَرَعَّبْ فِي أَنْ نُحْسِنَ التَّصَرُّفَ
فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. وَأَطْلُبُ ذَلِكَ بِأَشَدِّ
إِلْحَاحٍ حَتَّى أَرُدَّ إِلَيْكُمْ فِي أَسْرَعِ وَقْتٍ.

وإله السلام، الذي أعادَ من بينِ
الأمواتِ راعي الخرافِ العظيمِ، بدمِ
العهدِ الأبديِّ ربَّنَا يسوعَ، يُكْتَلِّمُكُمْ فِي
كُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ، حَتَّى تَعْمَلُوا بِمَشِيئَتِهِ،
عَامِلًا فِيكُمْ مَا هُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ لَدَيْهِ بِيسوعَ
المسيحِ، الذي له المجدُ إلى أبدِ
الآبدينِ، آمين.

glory forever and ever. Amen.

gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18.35-43; 14th Sunday)

AT THAT TIME, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, He asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

El Santo Evangelio Según San Lucas (18.35-43; Domingo 14)

ACONTECIÓ QUE: acercándose Jesús a Jericó, un ciego estaba sentado junto al camino mendigando, y al oír a la multitud que pasaba, preguntó qué era aquello. Le dijeron que pasaba Jesús nazareno. Entonces gritó, diciendo: ¡Jesús, Hijo de David, ten misericordia de mí! Los que iban delante lo reprendían para que callara; pero él gritaba aún más fuerte: ¡Hijo de David, ten misericordia de mí!

Jesús entonces, deteniéndose, mandó traerlo a su presencia. Cuando llegó, le preguntó, diciendo: ¿Qué quieres que te haga? Y él dijo: Señor, que reciba la vista. Jesús le dijo: Recíbela, tu fe te ha salvado.

Al instante recobró la vista, y lo seguía glorificando a Dios; y todo el pueblo, cuando vio aquello, dio alabanza a Dios.

مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ لُوقَا (١٨,٣٥ -
٤٣ ؛ الاحد الرابع عشر)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ بِالْقُرْبِ مِنْ أَرِيحَا، كَانَ أَعْمَى جَالِسًا عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ يَسْتَعْطِي. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجُمُوعَ مُجْتَازًا، سَأَلَ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا، فَأَحْزَبُوهُ أَنْ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيِّ مُجْتَازًا. فَصَرَخَ قَائِلًا: "يَا يَسُوعُ ابْنِ دَاوُدَ، ارْحَمْنِي!" فَانْتَهَرَهُ الْمُتَقَدِّمُونَ لِيَسْكُتَ، أَمَّا هُوَ فَصَرَخَ أَكْثَرَ كَثِيرًا: "يَا ابْنَ دَاوُدَ، ارْحَمْنِي!" فَوَقَفَ يَسُوعُ وَأَمَرَ أَنْ يُقَدَّمَ إِلَيْهِ. وَلَمَّا اقْتَرَبَ سَأَلَهُ قَائِلًا: "مَاذَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ أَفْعَلَ بِكَ؟" فَقَالَ: "يَا سَيِّدِي، أَنْ أَبْصِرَ." فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "أَبْصِرْ؛ إِيمَانُكَ قَدْ شَفَاكَ." وَفِي الْحَالِ أَبْصَرَ، وَتَبِعَهُ وَهُوَ يُمَجِّدُ اللَّهَ. وَجَمِيعَ الشَّعْبِ إِذْ رَأَوْا سَبَّحُوا اللَّهَ.

MEGALYNARION FOR ST. NICHOLAS (TONE 8)

SUNG IN ADDITION TO THE MEGALYNARION OF THE THEOTOKOS, "IT IS TRULY MEET..."

O Blessed Nicholas, do now stand beside us as a protector and guardian, and deliver all of us from all kinds of

Oh Bendito Nicolás, ahora permanece a nuestro lado como protector y guardián, y libranos de todo peligro, a

أيُّهَا الأبُّ نِيْقُولَاوسُ لَقَدْ حَدَّثَتْ بِنَاطِرٍ لَا يَزِيغُ، إِلَى دُرُورَةِ الْمَعْرِفَةِ. وَأَمَعْنَتِ

dangers, all those upon the earth and the sea, those who fervently call upon thee and magnify thee.

todos los que estamos sobre la tierra y el mar, a aquellos que te invocamos fervientemente y te magnificamos.

تبحث في أعماق الحكمة بحثًا خفيًا، فأغنيت العالم بتعاليمك. فيا رئيس الكهنة إبتهل إلى المسيح، من أجلنا دائمًا.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. El pan nuestro de cada día dánoslo hoy y perdona nuestras ofensas, así como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos han ofendido y no nos dejes caer en la tentación, más líbranos del mal.

أبانا الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، لِيَتَقَدَّسَ اسْمُكَ، لِيَأْتِ مَلَكُوتُكَ، لِيَتَكُنْ مَشِيئَتُكَ، كَمَا فِي السَّمَاءِ، كَذَلِكَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ. خُبْزَنَا الْجُوهْرِي أَعْطِنَا الْيَوْمَ، وَاتْرُكْ لَنَا مَا عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا تَرْتُكُ نَحْنُ لِمَنْ لَنَا عَلَيْهِ، وَلَا تُدْخِلْنَا فِي بَحْرِيَّةٍ، لَكِنْ نَجِّنَا مِنَ الشَّرِّيرِ.

REFRAINS OF THE COMMUNION HYMNS (PSALM 148.1; 112.6; TONE 8)

Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise him in the highest. Alleluia.

Alabad a Dios desde los cielos; alabadle en las alturas. Aleluya.

سَبِّحُوا الرَّبَّ مِنَ السَّمَاوَاتِ، سَبِّحُوهُ فِي الْأَعَالِي. هَلْلُويا.

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia.

Por lo cual no resbalará para siempre, en memoria eterna será el justo. Aleluya.

الصَّالِحِينَ يَكُونُ لِذِكْرِ أَبَدِيٍّ. لَا يَخْشَى مِنْ خَيْرِ سُوءٍ. هَلْلُويا.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Offered by	For the Health of	In Memory of
Richard and Joyce Ayoob	Paul, Elizabeth, Elizabeth and Steven	
The Wacker, Ghiz, Aboohamad, Martin, Deeb, Kushner and Andrews families	Roger, Angelle, Grace, Martina, Rene, Gregory, Anisa, Michelle, JJ and Fifi	Sally Lou Ghiz (6 years), George, James, Jazelle and Edward Ghiz

Mabel Mona		Mary Dibs (sister, 1 year) and Joseph Mona (husband, 20 years)
Dorothy and Robin Nicholas	Nicholas and Toney families	Ted, Ann, Teddy, Asper, Bahejay, Johnny, Frank and Frieda Nicholas, Tom and Susie Toney, and Chuck Nassif
Sam, Ziad, Jayden and Justin Saleh	Elen and Roula Saleh (on their birthdays)	
Souheil and Alex Helou		Colette Daccache (mother), Emile Helou (father), Anna (sister), Marwan (brother), and Lana (Souheil's departed wife)
George, Mariam, Mark, Antonio and Hend Bshara		
Ehab, Rania, Sami, Selena and Anthony Dahabreh		Hani Tadros (Rania's father) and Nawal Hawatmeh Dahabreh (Ehab's mother)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. NICHOLAS DAY BANQUET

Instead of the usual coffee hour, we hope everyone will join us today at a banquet in celebration of St. Nicholas. **We have a limited number of seats still available, on a first-come-first-served basis.**



We welcome Fr. Timothy Baclig as our special guest and speaker. We will also recognize a dedicated lay person of the Cathedral, *to be announced*.

CELEBRATING GREAT SAINTS OF THE PATRIARCHATE OF ANTIOCH



Tomorrow morning, December 4, we celebrate two more great saints: the Holy Great-martyr Barbara of Heliopolis (now known as Ba'albek, Lebanon) and the Venerable John of Damascus.

Join us for Liturgy at 10:30 am, including the blessing of the special *koliva* for this day, known as *Barbara*.



نحتفل يوم الاثنين بقديسين أنطاكية ممتازين: القديسة الشهيدة العظيمة باربرة من هليوبوليس (المعروفة الآن باسم بعلبك، لبنان) وابينا البار يوحنا الدمشقي. القداس الإلهي ١٠:٣٠ صباحاً

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Our 40-day Fast in preparation for Christmas continues to Christmas. During this “Winter Lent” we prepare ourselves to receive Christ, born anew in our hearts, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this time, we abstain from meat and dairy products. Then the last few days of the fast—Dec. 20-24—become stricter, when fish is also excluded.

Schedule for Christmas

Friday, December 22

10 am **Royal Hours**

Sunday Morning, December 24

7:45 am **Spanish Mission Liturgy**

9:15 am **Matins**

10:30 am **Liturgy for the
Sunday *before* Christmas**


Sunday Night, December 24 – Christmas Eve

8:00 p.m. **Matins**

9:30 p.m. **CHRISTMAS LITURGY**



Presented by the Society of St Benedict of St Michael Orthodox Church



The Call We Should Have Expected
An Advent Retreat by Bishop JOHN

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9
8:30 A.M. UNTIL 3 P.M.

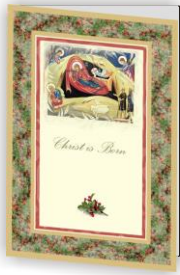
Lunch provided. Donations accepted. RSVP Requested.

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PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS: RETREAT WITH BISHOP JOHN

There is still time to send your RSVP for the Saturday, December 10, Advent Retreat at St Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church in Whittier with His Grace Bishop JOHN. The retreat begins with prayer at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 2 p.m. Meals are provided, but there is no provision for childcare. St Michael Church is located at 3333 Workman Mill Road, Whittier CA 90601. Please RSVP by sending an email to StMichaelWhittier@gmail.com or by telephoning the parish office (562.692.6121).



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

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

Second, through your generosity, it will generate funds for our Charity Ministry. We will be distributing **Food, Gifts, Toys, etc.** in a special program to the needy in our neighborhood, on Saturday, December 16.

Like in the Kids' Club program, your generosity in the Christmas Card will provide a meal and Christmas cheer for the needy, *and it will fund our Charity programs through the coming year.*



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

Christmas card forms are available at the candle stand in the narthex. Please complete the form, include your donation, and drop it in the offering box ***no later than December 10.*** You can also submit your Christmas card participation online at www.stnicholasla.org/contributions or just call the Cathedral office. ***There is no set amount, but please be generous.***

THE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Winter Retreat

January 12-15, 2024
@ Camp St Nicholas ~ Frazier Park, CA

Building Relationships through Christ

Keynote Speakers:
Rev Fr George & Kh Miray Katrib

Early Bird Registration (ends 11/28) ~ \$225
General Registration (ends 12/29) ~ \$260



register with QR Code



REGISTER FOR CSNU!

WHEN? January 4th-7th, 2024
WHERE? Camp St. Nicholas
WHO? College Age Adults
HOW MUCH? Early bird price of \$275 until November 22nd

Register today
<https://events.circuitree.com/CampStNicholas>




A RULE OF PRAYER FOR READING THE BIBLE



So often we hear the words in the Gospel, the words of our Lord, calling us to prayer. This call to prayer is something we do alone in the privacy of our homes, and it includes regular prayer within the context of the community. Most of us have grown accustomed to the prayer life of the community and the divine services celebrated throughout the year in the Church but personal prayer is equally important. To facilitate a rule of prayer for those of who may be searching for something simple and not too time-consuming, I suggest the following prescription:

FIRST THING IN THE MORNING – 15 MINUTES

Three prostrations. These can be full body prostrations to the floor, if you are physically able, or simply to touch the floor in front of your toes. Do this slowly, picturing the Lord in front of you. Make the sign of the cross before each prostration. Sit in a hard chair with your prayer rope. The hard chair helps keep the mind attentive, whereas a soft chair is made for comfort and sleep. Keeping the mind attentive, recite the Jesus prayer slowly: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.” It is best not to create any pictures in your mind. Recite the prayer for each knot on the prayer rope until you make the complete circle.

From the Scriptures read two chapters from the Old Testament, and one chapter from the New Testament. Again, while sitting in the hard chair, keeping the mind attentive. (By the end of two years, you will have read the entire Bible.)

Still seated in the hard chair, complete one more prayer rope, reciting the Jesus prayer. Three prostrations (as before). Then, continue with your normal morning routine.

IN THE EVENING – 15 MINUTES

When you have completed your day’s work, and after you have prepared yourself fully for bed, repeat the same rule of prayer as you did in the morning. Using this rule, the Lord becomes our first thoughts in the morning, and our last thoughts at night.

**This rule of prayer is undistracted time with God, to strengthen your spirit and increase your faith. Do not be concerned with the doorbell, the telephone, the television or the radio. Nothing on the stove or in the oven. Absolute silence. If you are baking prosfora, you can use this rule while the breads are rising and baking.*

Fr. Dionysius of Simonas Petras (on Mt. Athos)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS SATURDAYS, DEC. 9 AND 16



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

Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve

This Saturday, Dec. 9: 9 am

This is one of our regular FOCUS distribution days, in association with the LA Food Bank.



Saturday, Dec. 16: 7:30 am

We will be hosting a **Neighborhood Family Prayer and Breakfast with St. Nicholas.**

We will invite families into the Cathedral for a prayer and message before serving them breakfast in the hall. St. Nicholas will provide toys to the kids, all while our own assistant pastors, Frs. Paul and Andrew, provide an ambiance of Christmas music.

The event will start at 8:30 am, but we need our volunteers at 7:30.

Clothing Needed

As the weather turns colder, we have seen a need for clothing in our community. **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 lati-fiechala@gmail.com, our coordinator, with any questions.

St Nicholas Cathedral
Welcomes You

2024

New Year Celebration

Heritage Ballroom
DECEMBER 31, 2023 / 8 PM
2300 W 3rd Street, Los Angeles

Music From Around the World
Mezza, Full Dinner, Sodas, Adult
Beverages and Desserts

Tickets: \$155 - Children 5-12: \$55

Reservations Will Be Taken Starting December 3
All Net Proceeds Will Support Gaza Relief

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

Edward Awad, home, 1/6

Laila Milkie, rehab., 12/26

Albert Malouf, hospital, 12/22

Ousama Zabaneh, home, 12/18

Natalie Waimrin, home, 12/15

Adrienne Andrews, home, 12/7

George Syriani, father of Loyal Badaro, 1/11

Nicholas Nicola, brother-in-law of Renée Crawford and Barbara Bray, 1/9

Christine Kouri, friend of Fr. Andrew and Kh. Ruth, 12/15

All those suffering from illness, violence and want in the Gaza conflict, in this country and throughout the world

DEPARTED

Fr. William Clark, assisted at St. Nicholas, 12/24

Samir Fasheh, 1/10

Ilham Theodory, 12/30

Leigh Trenham, mother of Fr. Josiah of Riverside, 1/8

Steve Moseley, friend of Scott Bytof, 1/6

Eliana Bahou, daughter of Fr. Antony and Kh. Dina of San Diego, 12/31

Caroline Barkett, aunt of Kh. Ruth 12/14

Victims of the Gaza conflict and of violence everywhere

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

December 2023

Sun. 3	Observance of the Feast of St. Nicholas Matins, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • St. Nicholas Day Banquet
Mon. 4	Feast of St. Barbara and St. John of Damascus Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am
Tue. 5	Choir Dinner and Practice, 6:30 pm
Thu. 7	Funeral of Ilham Theodory, 10 am
Sat. 9	FOCUS food distribution, 9 am Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm
Sun. 10	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 • Ladies' meeting
Wed. 13	Feast of St. Herman of Alaska Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am
Sat. 16	Neighborhood Family Prayer and Breakfast with St. Nicholas, 7:30 am Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm
Sun. 17	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 • Church School Christmas Program
Mon. 18	Cathedral Council, 7 pm

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