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TONE 7

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • 9TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

THE HOLY PROPHET OBADIAH • MARTYR BARLAAM OF ANTIOCH
MARTYR AZI THE WONDERWORKER OF ISAURIA AND 150 SOLDIERS WITH HIM
MARTYR AGAPIOS OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE
MARTYR HELIODOROS OF MAGIDUM IN PAMPHYLIA
VENERABLE ABBOT BARLAAM OF THE KIEV CAVES

الأحد الرابع والعشرون بعد العنصرة • والاحد التاسع من انجيل لوقا
النبي عوبديا • الشهيد بزعام الأنطاكي • الشهيد عزيز العجائبي ورفقائه الجند المئة والخمسين

IOCC Sunday

CELEBRATING IOCC'S WORK

November 19, 2023



LITURGY VARIATIONS

3RD ANTIPHON (TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, TONE 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross;
Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou
didst turn the sadness of the ointment-
bearing women into joy and didst bid Thine
Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast
risen, O Christ, granting to the world the
Great Mercy.

حَطَمْتَ بِصَلْبِكَ الْمَوْتَ، وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصَّيْرِ الْفِرْدَوْسَ، وَحَوَّلْتَ
نُوحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ إِلَى فَرَحٍ، وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا،
بَأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ
الْعُظْمَى.

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 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.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross....

حَطَمْتَ بِصَلْبِكَ الْمَوْتَ....

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 أَظْهَرْتِكَ أَفْعَالَ الْحَقِّ لِرِعِيَّتِكَ قَانُونَاً لِلْإِيمَانِ، وَصُورَةً لِلْوَدَاعَةِ، وَمُعَلِّماً لِلْإِمْسَاكِ، أَيُّهَا الْأَبُ وَرئيسُ الْكَهَنَةِ نيقولاوس. فإِذْ لِكَ أَحْرَزْتَ بِالتَّوَاضُعِ الرِّفْعَةَ، وَبِالمَسْكِنَةِ الغِنَى. فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى المَسِيحِ الإِلهِ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.

Kontakion of the Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

The sacred Treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious Bridal Chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure Temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly Tabernacle.

اليَوْمَ الهَيْكَلُ الَّذِي لِلْمُخَلَّصِ، الْكُلِّيُّ التَّقَاءِ، العَدْرَاءُ الخِذْرُ ذُو التَّمَنِّ الجَزِيلِ، وَهِيَ الْكَنْزُ الطَّاهِرُ لِمَجْدِ الإِلهِ، إِذْ تَدْخُلُ بَيْتَ الرَّبِّ، تَدْخُلُ نِعْمَةَ الرُّوحِ الإِلَهِيِّ مَعَهَا. فَلْتَسَبِّحْهَا مَلَائِكَةُ اللهِ، لِأَنَّهَا المِظْلَةُ السَّمَاوِيَّةُ.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 28.11, 1 LXX; Tone 7)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

بروكيمنون (مزمو ٢٨، ١١، ١ سبع؛ اللحن السابع)

الرَّبُّ يُعْطِي قُوَّةً لِشَعْبِهِ.

قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا أَبْنَاءَ اللهِ.

Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2.14-22; 24th Sunday after Pentecost)

BRETHREN, Christ is our Peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his

فَصُلًّا مِنْ رِسَالَةِ القَدِيسِ بولس الرِّسُولِ إِلَى اهلِ افسُس

(٢، ١٤-٢٢؛ للأحد الرابع والعشرين)

flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one Body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(12.16-21; 9th Sunday of Luke)**

THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

يا إخوة، إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ هُوَ سَلَامُنَا، هُوَ جَعَلَ الْإِثْنَيْنِ وَاحِدًا، وَنَقَضَ فِي جَسَدِهِ حَائِطَ السِّيَاحِ الْحَاجِرِ، أَيِ الْعَدَاوَةِ. وَأَبْطَلَ نَامُوسَ الْوَصَايَا فِي فَرَائِضِهِ، لِيَخْلُقَ الْإِثْنَيْنِ فِي نَفْسِهِ إِنْسَانًا وَاحِدًا جَدِيدًا بِإِجْرَائِهِ السَّلَامِ. وَيُصَالِحُ كِلَيْهِمَا فِي جَسَدِ وَاحِدٍ مَعَ اللَّهِ فِي الصَّلِيبِ، بِقَتْلِهِ الْعَدَاوَةَ فِي نَفْسِهِ. فَجَاءَ وَبَشَّرَكُمْ بِالسَّلَامِ، الْبَعِيدِينَ مِنْكُمْ وَالْقَرِيبِينَ. لِأَنَّ بِهِ لَنَا كَلِيْنَا التَّوَصُّلَ إِلَى الْآبِ فِي رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ. فَلَسْتُمْ غُرَبَاءَ بَعْدَ وَتَزَلَاءَ، بَلْ مُوَاطِنُو الْقِدَائِسِينَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِ اللَّهِ. وَقَدْ بُيِّنْتُ عَلَى أُسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَحَجَرِ الزَّوَايَةِ هُوَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ نَفْسُهُ الَّذِي بِهِ يُنْسَقُ الْبُنْيَانُ كُلُّهُ، فَيَنْمُو هَيْكَلًا مُقَدَّسًا فِي الرَّبِّ، وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تُبْنَوْنَ مَعًا مَسْكَنًا لِلَّهِ فِي الرُّوحِ.

**مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ
(١٦، ١٢-٢١؛ لِلْأَحَدِ التَّاسِعِ مِنْ لُوقَا)**

قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ: إِنْسَانٌ عَمِيَ أَحْصَبَتْ أَرْضُهُ. فَفَكَّرَ فِي نَفْسِهِ قَائِلًا "مَاذَا أَصْنَعُ؟ فَإِنَّهُ لَيْسَ لِي مَوْضِعٌ أَحْزُنُ فِيهِ أَثْمَارِي." ثُمَّ قَالَ، "أَصْنَعُ هَذَا: أَهْدِمُ أَهْرَائِي وَأَبْنِي أَكْبَرَ مِنْهَا، وَأَجْمَعُ هُنَاكَ كُلَّ غَلَّائِي وَخَيْرَاتِي. وَأَقُولُ لِنَفْسِي، يَا نَفْسُ إِنَّ لَكَ خَيْرَاتٍ كَثِيرَةً فَاسْتَرِيحِي وَكُلِّي واشْرَبِي وافْرَحِي." فَقَالَ لَهُ اللَّهُ: "يَا جَاهِلُ! فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ تُطَلَّبُ نَفْسُكَ مِنْكَ. فَهَذِهِ الَّتِي أَعَدَدْتَهَا لِمَنْ تَكُونُ؟" فَهَكَذَا مَنْ يَدْخِرُ لِنَفْسِهِ وَلَا يَسْتَعْنِي بِاللَّهِ.

وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا نَادَى: مَنْ لَهُ أُذُنَانِ لِيَسْمَعَ، فَلْيَسْمَعْ.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Offered by	For the Health of	In Memory of
Elie, Seham, Elie, Rita, Andree, Wafik and their children		Minerva Haddad (35 years) and Joseph Haddad (15 years)
Family and Friends	Albert Malouf	
James and Beatriz Samore	Luke Tristan George (newborn grandson) and Juliana Sofia Sanchez (granddaughter)	
John L. and Suzi Sadd	Family and Friends (in thanksgiving for the blessing they are)	
Juliette Doss and the Fasheh families		Nabil Fasheh, Lisa Fasheh, Ibrahim Fasheh and Victoria Fasheh
The Fasheh children and their families		All the departed of the Fasheh family
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)

BLESSING OF GIRLS TODAY

As part of our celebration of the Entrance of the Theotokos today, all **our girls and young ladies will process with candles** to the front, just before Holy Communion, when **we will offer special prayers and blessings for them.**

1. Before Communion, *right after we all recite the prayer "I believe, O Lord, and I confess..."*, girls should make their way to the narthex to get candles and to line up.
2. The girls will then process forward, as the choir sings the Communion Psalm.
3. We will pray for our girls/young ladies, and I will sprinkle them with holy water.
4. They will be the first ones to participate in Holy Communion.
5. They will then proceed to their Church School classes.
6. Girls can keep their candles, or they can put them in the sand box in the narthex before going to their classes.

**Prayer at the Blessing of Girls
On the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos**

O Almighty Lord, Fashioner of all that exists, Who dost dwell in unapproachable light, Who art light and in Whom is no darkness at all, O our Creator, Guardian of chastity and holiness, Thou hast bestowed upon Thy Holy Church the gift and care of these precious virgins. Through my hands and the prayers of these Thy people, bless O Lord, preserve, protect and confirm in purity these daughters of the Church, grant unto them ever-increasingly to love righteousness and to despise wickedness and all sin, to be devoted to the Most Holy, Immaculate, and All-Pure Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, to find refuge in her intercession, consolation in her protection, and inspiration in her living example of love for Thee. Keep these girls and those who watch over them ever vigilant to preserve their virginity, modesty, chastity and sobriety as precious gifts of grace to be jealously guarded and offered as a holy sacrifice unto Thee. Through the intercessions of the most pure Mother of God, of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, our Patron, and of all the saints. Amen.

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/chapel area) doors, and join us in the Heritage Ballroom for refreshments.

- Coffee hour is hosted today by the Ladies of St. Nicholas as a “Baby Shower:”

Acts of Mercy Baby and New Mother Baby Shower Today

Everyone is invited to the Heritage Ballroom after Liturgy for a light lunch and to bring gifts and donations to benefit the Elizabeth House in Pasadena.

The Elizabeth House provides assistance to new mothers and their children who need



St. Nicholas Ladies Society
Invites you to...

Baby and New Mothers' Shower

Supporting The Elizabeth House
(find out more about the Elizabeth House at:
www.elizabethhouse.net)

Please bring a donation of NEW:

- ★ Women's maternity, everyday wear and business casual clothing
- ★ Children's clothing (size Newborn - 5T)
- ★ Purses, shoes, accessories
- ★ New toiletries
- ★ Baby Wipes
- ★ Paper Towels
- ★ Gas gift cards - \$25 or \$50
- ★ Ralphs or Target cards - \$25 or more

ALL ARE INVITED!

Sunday, November 19 after Liturgy, in the Hall
Lunch, games, and fellowship!

Contact Lauren Malouf (818) 687-0406 or
Rose Samore (818) 378-2055 for more information

services such as housing, medical/mental help, and daily living supplies. The goal of the Elizabeth House is to support women and their babies until they can support themselves. We believe that in helping Elizabeth House, and other Christian-based programs like them, we are offering hope, encouragement, and the chance for stable lives for these women. There will be food, shower games and fellowship!

Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour after Liturgy. *The time of fellowship after the Divine Liturgy is integral to the life of our community. It provides an opportunity for visitors to be fully welcomed and for the rest of us to enjoy visiting with our church family members.*

We have many openings for YOU to host coffee hour. Please select a Sunday to host a coffee hour. You can also team up with another family. Bring whatever you would like to share—donuts, cookies, mini bagels, zaatar, etc. The Ladies Society will provide the coffee and paper goods. Call/text Joujou George (562)-522-1322, or email her at ginageorge@verizon.net to reserve a Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOLLOWS HOLY COMMUNION

We are taking a short break from our study of the book of Romas, as our students prepare a Christmas program that will take place on December 17.

You will find the **Church School Calendar online** and updated with changes (scan the QR code at right, or enter <https://bit.ly/SNCschool23-24>).



PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

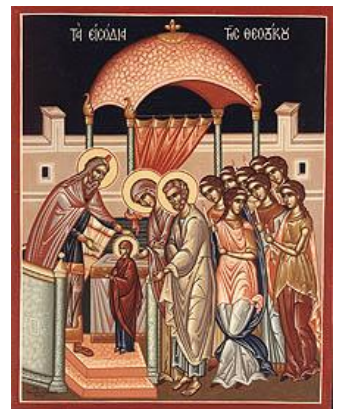
Our 40-day Fast in preparation for Christmas continues to Christmas. During this “Winter Lent” we prepare ourselves to receive Christ, born anew in our hearts, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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.

We do, also, make a general dispensation from fasting on Thanksgiving, as it is right to celebrate a holiday that recognizes God’s gifts to us.

CELEBRATING THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

Evening Divine Liturgy for the Great Feast:
6:30 pm Monday, Nov. 20.



FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS: LET'S CELEBRATE OUR CATHEDRAL PATRON SAINT TOGETHER

Join us for the **St. Nicholas Day Banquet** lunch, immediately after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, **December 3**, in the Heritage Ballroom.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for kids 12 years old and under. Stop by the registration table in the hall to sign up during coffee hour today, or call Georgette Malouf at 818-391-6217, or email her at gette0324@yahoo.com



A generous, anonymous donor is paying for all children enrolled in our St. Nicholas Church School program, but children still need to make their reservations to receive their tickets.

We hear that St. Nicholas 'himself' will visit and will have gifts for all the children.

We have kept the cost of the banquet as low as possible, so that we can gather our whole Cathedral family. If you cannot afford it, please see Fr. Nabil privately, and we'll take care of it discreetly; we just want you there!

HELP WANTED FOR ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

Many hands make light work!! The St. Nicholas Day committee is looking for helpers with setting up and serving. Please contact Rose Samore (818-378-2055) to help.

We would also appreciate your generous donations to help cover the cost of the luncheon. Please contact Georgette Malouf (818-391-6217) to donate.

WINTER CAMP

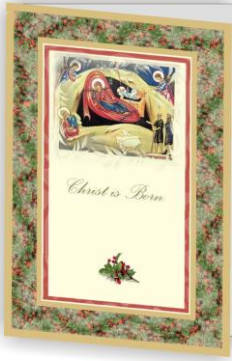
Winter Camp will be held February 16-19, 2024, at Camp St. Nicholas. Sign up online at

events.circuitree.com/campstnicholas/

DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES AND THE WEST CAMPING PROGRAM
CAMP ST. NICHOLAS
WINTER CAMP 2024
IF IT IS POSSIBLE, AS MUCH AS DEPENDS ON YOU,
LIVE PEACEFULLY WITH ALL MEN.
ROMANS 12:18
AGES: SEVENTH - TWELFTH GRADES
COST: \$265
ARRIVE: 4:00PM, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
DEPART: 10:00AM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND FULL OF FRIENDSHIPS,
FAITH, FUN (IN THE SNOW, HOPEFULLY) AND THE
BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION.
REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 1, 2023 8:00 PM.
SIGN UP USING THIS LINK
<https://events.circuitree.com/campstnicholas/>

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food..." (Matthew 25.35)



As we approach the Holiday Season, we must be mindful of those around us who are struggling to try and make the Holidays meaningful for their families.

Community Christmas Card

Our Christmas card serves two purposes:

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 either drop it in the offering box, or mail it to the Cathedral, ***no later than December 10.*** You can now also submit your Christmas card participation online at www.stnicholasla.org/contributions or just call the Cathedral office.

St. Nicholas Cathedral
Cathedral
2000 W. 9th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90007

Community Christmas Card
Make this Christmas Card your holiday greeting to your friends at St. Nicholas.

Your contribution will help needy families this holiday season.
May God bless you richly in return.

Print your name(s) as they should appear on the card.

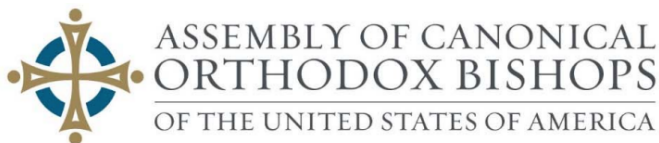
Enclosed donation amount (circle one): \$25 \$50 \$100 other: \$ _____

Given by _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Place in envelope, and put in collection tray, or mail to the church office by the 10th Sunday in December. Please make checks payable to St. Nicholas Cathedral.

There is no set amount, but please be generous. Note that the cost of each Food Bag is approximately \$35. For example, then, if you want to help provide Christmas dinner for two needy families, you might contribute at least \$70 to the Christmas Card.

Note that we are not collecting canned food this year, because we can get food through the LA Food Bank. Having our children bring in non-perishable items was a tangible way to teach them to remember the poor, especially whenever they were getting food for themselves. Instead, we now have wonderful, safe opportunities to instill the spirit of love and generosity through our twice-monthly FOCUS charity days. We encourage you 1. To support the charity work through the Christmas Card, and 2. To come as a family and volunteer on one of the upcoming Saturdays when we distribute food.



November 19, 2023
Humanitarian Relief Sunday

*“And the King will answer and say to them,
‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you
did it to one of the least of these My
brethren, you did it to Me.’”*

- *Matthew 25:40*

To the Most Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics, and Devout Faithful of the Holy Orthodox Churches in the United States:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Orthodox faithful in the United States offer thanks together to our Almighty God for the privilege of serving Christ by serving our neighbors in need. The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America has designated this Sunday as Humanitarian Relief Sunday to highlight humanitarian relief. Therefore, we lift up the ministry of International Orthodox Christian Charities. IOCC is the Assembly of Bishops’ Agency which, since 1992, has helped people in dire need around the world.

Through humanitarian service, IOCC connects Orthodox Christians in the United States with our fellow human beings, near and far, who face conflict, drought, famine, disaster, economic crisis, and other catastrophes. In an uncertain world with deep, persistent needs, IOCC remains a crucial channel for our offerings of Christian service.

Because of the faithful generosity of people like you, IOCC responds. IOCC offers help that is practical and meets basic human needs, whether urgent or more enduring. To name just one instance, as conflict in Ukraine approaches the two-year mark, IOCC continues providing shelter, groceries, emergency supplies, and care, both in Ukraine itself and across the region, including in my home country, Romania. There, and in Poland and Moldova, IOCC and its partners—especially through the local Churches—are serving our neighbors whose lives are upended by conflict.

Other areas where IOCC serves span Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and of course, the US. I name only a few examples of goods and services that have been offered: emergency food and supplies for Ethiopian farming families facing devastating drought and conflict; specialized equipment and businesses training for microenterprises in Greece as they rebuild their economy; food for schoolchildren in Lebanon amid deep social and economic turmoil; eyeglasses, hearing aids, and other necessary devices for people in need in Jordan; psychological support for children living with the trauma of conflict in Syria and Gaza; emotional care and help cleaning up and rebuilding after US disasters.

In these ways and many more, through IOCC, we can feed, clothe, and care for one another in the spirit of Christ's love. Thus, we answer Christ's call in the Gospel to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, and care for the sick. This Thanksgiving, in a spirit of gratitude, I invite you—through your prayers and in any other way you are able—to support IOCC's work serving our brothers and sisters in need.

May our loving Lord shine His mercy upon you and your loved ones during this Nativity season. May your hearts and homes be filled with His peace!

With paternal blessings and love in Christ,



+Metropolitan Nicolae
Episcopal Liaison to IOCC

AN ADVENT RETREAT BY BISHOP JOHN

His Grace Bishop JOHN will lead the annual Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 9, at St Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church in Whittier. Hosted by the parish's Society of St Benedict, this retreat is designed to aid your Nativity Fast with prayer and meditation. Sayenda's meditations will be encompassed by with Divine Liturgy, the Prayer Hours, silence for reflection, private prayer, and opportunities for confession. The retreat begins with First Hour (Prime) prayers at 8:30 a.m. and concludes by 2 p.m. with Ninth Hour (None) and Benediction. Fast-friendly meals will be provided; however, childcare is not offered. 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).

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WHERE? Camp St. Nicholas
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January 12-15, 2024
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Building Relationships through Christ
Keynote Speakers:
Rev Fr George & Kh Miray Katrib

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General Registration (ends 12/29) ~ \$260



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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. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)

LIVING

Albert Malouf, hospital, 12/22

Ousama Zabaneh, home, 12/18

Adrienne Andrews, home, 12/7

Nicholas Nicola, brother-in-law of Renée Crawford and Barbara Bray, 11/30

Natalie Waimrin, home, 12/15

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

Ronald and Eunice Davis, parents of Kh. Ruth, 12/1

All those suffering from natural disasters, illness, violence and want in this country and throughout the world

DEPARTED

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

Caroline Barkett, aunt of Kh. Ruth 12/14

Victims of natural disasters and violence in this country and everywhere

Future Dates to Remember

- Pre-Christmas Fast started Nov. 15
- Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos, Eve of Nov. 21
- St. Nicholas Day celebration, Dec. 3
- Children's Christmas Play, Dec. 17
- Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

November 2023

Sun. 19	Spanish Mission Liturgy , 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins , 9:15 am Divine Liturgy , 10:30 am • Church School • Lunch/Shower for New Mothers
Mon. 20	<i>Eve of the Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple</i> Divine Liturgy , 6:30 pm
Sat. 25	Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm
Sun. 26	Spanish Mission Liturgy , 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins , 9:15 am Divine Liturgy , 10:30 am • Coffee Hour
Tue. 28	Choir Dinner and Practice , 6:30 pm
Wed. 29	Decorating for St. Nicholas Day, 10 am
December 2023	
Sat. 2	FOCUS food distribution, 9 am • Teen SOYO lunch and meeting Great Vespers with Artoklasia for St. Nicholas Feast, 6 pm
Sun. 3	<i>Observance of the Feast of St. Nicholas</i> Matins , 9:15 am Divine Liturgy , 10:30 am • St. Nicholas Day Banquet
Mon. 4	<i>Feast of St. Barbara and St. John of Damascus</i> Divine Liturgy , 10:30 am

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