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ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CATHEDRAL

*His Eminence, The Most Reverend Metropolitan JOSEPH Archbishop of New York
and Metropolitan of All North America*

Beloved in Christ,

I pray this finds you all in good health.

It looks like the grip of the coronavirus will hang on a while longer. We thought that restrictions were about to be loosened in Los Angeles County; unfortunately, cases have increased, instead, so we will be worshipping outdoors a bit longer, as we follow the guidelines and do everything as safely as possible.

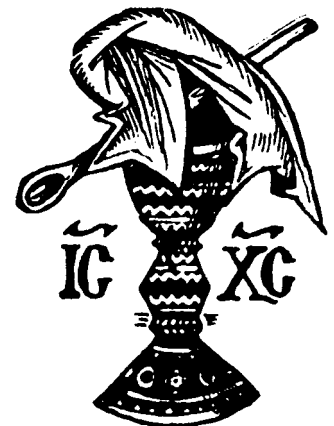
Nevertheless, we need to worship, and we need Holy Communion and the sacraments more than ever, the “medicine of immortality.”

Of course, those who are elderly, who have diabetes or other conditions that compromise their immune systems are still advised NOT to come to church. Thus, **I will be very happy to bring you the Sacraments to your homes or to have you come to the Cathedral privately, by appointment.** Please call me directly at (213) 915-6269 to schedule.

On another matter, as we prepare to re-enter the Cathedral at some point—that we pray will be sooner than later—we are using this time to clean and polish and repair God’s house. To this end, we have some wonderful news to share with you:

The St. Nicholas Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Committee is pushing forward with the plan to install the new air conditioning system in the Cathedral. The members of the committee wish to express their gratitude for everyone’s patience with the process. They are also grateful for the generosity of those who have already donated to make the new air conditioner a reality.

A new, anonymous, donor has stepped forward and has committed to donating \$25,000 in a matching fund campaign to raise the amount of funding still needed to pay for the new system. The HVAC committee urges all the faithful of the Cathedral who have not yet contributed to meet this challenge with your own generous donations. Your commitment is very necessary to making the new air conditioning system for the Cathedral become a reality. How wonderful it would be to walk into a blessedly cool Cathedral in the near future! Please mail your donations to St. Nicholas Cathedral, 2300 W. 3rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90057. Or you may go to the St. Nicholas website, stnicholasla.org, and donate online. **Be sure to earmark your check or online donation “AC.”** Contact Ron Samore with any questions at 818-378-2055 or ronsamore18@gmail.com.



With appreciation and blessings in Christ,

+Fr. Nabil

Upcoming Schedule and Links

Date	Time	Event or Service (click link for service text)	How to Participate
Friday, Oct. 9	7:00 pm	Church School Classes	See links for each class below
	7:00 pm	Arabic Bible Study on the Parables - درس الكتاب بالعربي	Sign up with Dn. Eliya at Louia@hotmail.com
Saturday Oct. 10	9:00 am	Metropolitan's Address, start of Virtual Diocese Fall Meeting	Register here to get link
	6:00 pm	Great Vespers	Livestream only (church closed)
Sunday, Oct. 11	7:45 am	Divine Liturgy in Spanish	In person outdoors AND livestream
	9:15 am	Martins	In person outdoors AND livestream
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy	In person outdoors AND livestream
Tuesday, Oct. 13	7:00 pm	Bible Study: Worship, Liturgy and Sacraments	Join via Zoom
Wednesday, Oct. 14	7:00 pm	Church School Staff meeting	
	8:00 pm	Men's Fellowship meeting	Will be sent by email

Please note that you do NOT need to have a Facebook account to join our services via livestreaming. Also, if you cannot join the services live, they remain on the Facebook site, so you can participate when your schedule allows.

Church School 7 pm Friday, October 9

Class	Zoom Link	Meeting ID and Password (Not needed if you use the link)	Text and Discussion Material
Preschool & Kindergarten	None – discuss at home	None	View or print for Preschool
1st – 4th Grades	Join 1st – 4th Class	950 0406 4284 602971	View or print for Grades 1-4
5th – 8th Grades	Join 5th – 8th Class	966 6787 2317 283692	View or print for Grades 5-8
High School	Join High School Class	964 9146 2720 439263	View or print for High School

Holy Oblations and Prayer Requests

Offered by Nabil Alrabadi and his children and family, for the repose of aunt Sa'da Alsa'd Alrabadi (40-day memorial), and also in memory of the Priest Jeries Alrabadi, Jamil Alrabadi, Najib Alrabadi, Jamilah Alrabadi, Sa'd Eldeeb Alrabadi, Na'imah Alayoub Alrabadi, Nour Iskandar Alrabadi, Anwar Iskandar Alrabadi, Manawer Eskandar Alrabadi, Noura Iskandar Alrabadi, Iskandar Ayoub Alrabadi and Kraizah Jallad Alrabadi.

In loving memory of our father and grandfather Kanaan Esper Kanaan, six years, given by Esper and Shirley Kanaan and his grandchildren, Alison, Kaylin, Chloe, and Andrew. May his memory be eternal.

Please prayers requested in loving memory of my dear Father Alphonse Ibrahim offered with love by his daughter Madeleine Alphonse Horner

As we celebrate Joe Maalouf's 92nd birthday, we wish him continued good health and happiness. May God grant him many, many years. Given by his wife, Salma Maalouf, his children, Shirley Kanaan, Joey Maalouf, and Reema Maalouf and their families.

In loving memory of our beloved parents: Yousef Tanas Fasheh (28 years) and Naheel Fasheh (17 years) offered by their loving children Jamal, Anna, Hani and Mary and their families. May their memory be eternal.

In loving memory of Henry Y. Fasheh, (3 years) offered by his wife, Mary Fasheh and his children Joseph and Simon and his brothers, Jamal and Hani and his sister Anna and their families. Memory Eternal.

In loving Memory of All the Dearly Departed one's of the Fasheh Family, offered by all the Fasheh children and their Families. May their memory be eternal.

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

Lilla Awad, hospital, 11/18
William Saba Sr., hospital, 11/17
Fred Wehba, hospital, 11/14
Henry Roum, hospital, 11/13
Abdo Hanna, home, 11/8
Richard Ayoob, home, 11/8

Departed

Sa'da Alrabadi, 10/12
Manuel Saad, 10/12

To offer Holy Oblations and Memorials and for any announcements to be included in the bulletin, please email Cathedral@stnicholasla.com or contact the Cathedral office at (213) 382-6269 by Wednesday noon.

If you missed the first session of our Tuesday Bible Study on Worship, you can see the recording [here](#).



**Fall 2020 Adult Study:
Worship - Liturgy and
Sacraments**

V. Rev. Nabil Hanna
Dean
St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral
Los Angeles, California

Session 1: What is Worship?
6 Oct 2020



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MOST REVEREND JOSEPH
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METROPOLITAN OF NORTH AMERICA

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DEAN



REV. FATHER PAUL OLSON
ASSISTANT PASTOR

REV. FATHER ANDREW S. ANDREWS
ASSISTANT PASTOR

ONLINE Fall 2020 Adult Study: Worship: Liturgy and Sacraments

Tuesdays: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Connect via Zoom: Meeting ID 964 9146 2720 • Password 439263

Instructor: Father Nabil L. Hanna • (213) 915-6269 • frnabilh@stnicholasla.com

Syllabus - Approximate

- Oct. 6** **What is Worship?**
Sacrifice in Pre-Christian Worship • What Is the Same or New in Christian Worship • The Temple and the Home
- Oct. 13** **Overview of the Eucharist**
The Banquet in the Wilderness • Institution of the Lord's Supper • The Walk to Emmaus • Patristic Descriptions of the Eucharist
- Oct. 20** **Byzantine Liturgy – Part I**
The Church Building • Stational Liturgy • *Enarxis, Synaxis*, Liturgy of the Word, Entrance with the Gifts
- Oct. 27** **Byzantine Liturgy – Part II**
Eucharistic Prayer • Anaphora of St. Basil the Great • Communion and Dismissal
- Nov. 3** **Baptism and Chrismation**
How are we saved? • The Body of Christ, the Community and Priesthood
- Nov. 10** **Marriage and Other Sacraments**
Holy Unction, Holy Orders, etc. • Sacraments and Sacramentals
- Nov. 17** **The Liturgy of Time**
Being in This World but Not of This World • The Hours of Prayer



درس الكتاب بالعربي - الامثال - Arabic Bible Study on the Parables

Every Friday at 7PM

Classes will be led by Dn. Eliya Ammari

Contact him at (818) 433 5523 or Louia@hotmail.com to sign up.

He will then send you an invitation for a Zoom meeting one day before the discussions.

Date	Topic of Discussion	Bible Readings
10/9/2020	مثل الباب الضيق والباب المغلق	(لو 13 : 23 - 30)
10/16/2020	مثل الراعي الصالح	(30 - يو 10 : 11 - 18 و 25)
10/23/2020	مثل البنانيين	(مت 7 : 24 - 27 ، لو 6)
10/30/2020	مثل الكرامين الأشرار	(، لو 9 : 9 - 16 - 1 : 12 مت 21 : 33 - 41 ، مر)
11/6/2020	مثل الحجر المرفوض	(و 11 ، لو 20 : 17 - 19 : 10 مت 21 : 42 - 46 ، مر)

DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES AND THE WEST

2020 VIRTUAL FALL GATHERING

CALLING ALL THE FAITHFUL

*for a special address
to the Diocese by
our Father in Christ,
His Eminence,
Metropolitan Joseph*



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020

9:00 AM | Metropolitan Address to the Diocese

10:00 AM | Organizational Meetings:
Antiochian Women
Fellowship of Antiochian Men
Young Adult Ministry
Teen SOYO

Register at <https://saint-matthew.net/fallgathering>

Details and Links provided on registration.

Housekeeping Reminders

1. Parking

Our parking lot has always been reserved for clergy, elderly and families with newborns in strollers. Everyone else should park at the photo lot. Now that we're back to one service and—praise the Lord—greater attendance, it is critical that all able-bodied worshippers show courtesy to the elderly and those with little children.

2. Social Distancing and Masks

Please remember to maintain sufficient between your household and others. Your family may all sit together, if you live in the same house, but please keep six feet distance between yourself and members of other households.

Remember too that masks are required. There have been a few people who have not worn masks during services or who have worn them in a way that doesn't fully cover nose and mouth. This makes other people feel uncomfortable and unsafe. Again, with the blessing of higher attendance, let us practice this important courtesy to others who may have health issues and for everyone's comfort and peace of mind.

3. Communion

Holy Communion is the "medicine of immortality," given "for the remission of sins, for healing of soul and body and for life everlasting."

It has long been the practice throughout our Archdiocese—out of respect for Communion, *rather than unthinkable* concern for germs—for the faithful to approach the Chalice with their mouths wide open and their heads tilted back. *Remember that you have to do both – a mouth that's open wide but tilted downward doesn't help!* This will allow the priest or deacon to insert the spoon, turn it over in your mouth and pull it out *without* touching your tongue or lips.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE PROPHETS WHAT OR WHO IS A PROPHET

We recite in our Orthodox Creed: "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life...Who spoke by the prophets." But what is a prophet?

The prophet is a person who is chosen by God and inspired by the Holy Spirit to **prophecy**. The prophet speaks as God's messenger—He always begins, "Thus says the Lord..."—and calls the people to repentance. Often, prophecy includes an element of what will happen in the future, given to confirm the message.

Between the time of Moses and John the Baptist (the end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New Testament), there is a period of approximately 1500 years during which God sent many significant prophets.

The Old Testament names five female prophetesses as well, Mariam (Exodus 15:20-21), Deborah (Judges 4:4-5), Isaiah's wife (Isaiah 8:3), Huldah (2 Kings 22:14), Noadiah (Nehemiah 6:14), and there were presumably more. Also, for several centuries (when Israel and Judah had kings), hundreds more men belonged to groups called "the sons of the prophets" (1 Kings 20:35; 2 Kings 2:3,7,15), based in various towns. God had revealed His messages in a dream or a vision to those prophets, who related them to an individual person or to a group of people.

There were New Testament prophets as well: John the Baptist, Anna, Agabus, Judas, Silas, Philip's daughters, and others (Matt.11:9, 10; Luke 2:36; Acts 11:27, 28; Acts 13:1; Acts 15:32; Acts 21:9; 1Cor 12:28). John the Baptist spoke for God to the Jewish nation; Agabus warned the church about a coming famine and persecution.

The Bible says, "No prophecy of Scripture is for private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:20, 21).

Here we find that the prophet must be a holy man, filled with the Holy Spirit, a role-model and his life agrees with God's holiness and commandments.

Also, God inspired the prophets with prophecies about the future especially about the coming of the promised Messiah, the Savior of the world, because it is written, "To Him (Christ) all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). Moreover, God supported some prophets with the power of performing miracles and signs.

Sometimes a person was filled with the Holy Spirit to prophesy just once; others had been given to prophecy more often. People might consult a prophet about something (1Sam. 3), but, generally speaking, God sent prophets for more serious problems. Of these prophets, the Bible records the words and deeds of only 23 of them, whose messages were included in the sacred Scripture of the Old Testament.

There also appeared false prophets, who claimed to be prophets sent by God, but they were not. Our Lord Jesus Christ warned us about false prophets who come to us in guise of lambs but who are really ravening wolves (Matt. 7:15). We can easily recognize them from their lies or wicked deeds, a lack of prophecy about Christ's divinity, a denial of redemption through the cross or speaking of things that did not come to pass (Deut. 18:21).

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