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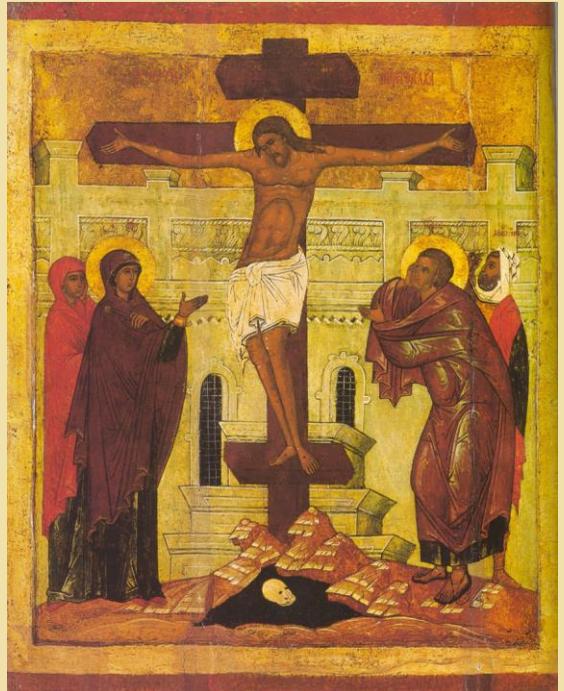
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REPOSE OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND THEOLOGIAN

By the time of His Crucifixion, most of Jesus' followers had fled in fear, but standing with Him at the foot of the Cross were His mother and the Apostle John (the two shown with halos, besides Christ) and just a few other women and bystanders.

As shown in this icon, John was still a beardless teenager at the time, but he took care of Mary for the rest of her days, and she was a mother to him. They took up residence in Ephesus, where John proclaimed the love of God in his preaching and writings, living to the age of about 95.

John wrote five of the books of the New Testament: the Gospel and three epistles that bear his name, plus Revelation (the Apocalypse), to strengthen the Christians of Ephesus and nearby towns, while he was in exile on the island of Patmos.



LITURGY VARIATIONS

3RD ANTIPHON: TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coëternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, for He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

لِنُسَبِّحَ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَنَسْجُدُ لِلْكَلِمَةِ، الْمَسَاوِي لِالآبِ وَالرُّوحِ
فِي الْأَزَلِيَّةِ وَعَدَمِ الْإِثْدَاءِ، الْمَوْلُودِ مِنَ الْعَدْرَاءِ لِخَلَاصِنَا، لِأَنَّهُ
سَرَّ بِالْجَسَدِ أَنْ يَغْلُوَ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ، وَيَخْتِمَلَ الْمَوْتَ، وَيُنْهَضَ
الْمَوْتَى بِقِيَامَتِهِ الْمَجِيدَةِ.

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



**Remember to turn
cell phones off!**

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled

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 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 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 5)

Let us believers praise....

لُنُسَبِّحْ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ....

Troparion for St. John the Theologian (Tone 2)

O Apostle John, beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people. He that allowed thee to recline on His breast receiveth thee bowing in intercession. Implore Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of the heathen, and ask for us His peace and Great Mercy.

أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولُ الْمَبْتَكَلِمُ بِاللَّاهُوتِ، حَبِيبُ الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِي، أَسْرِعْ
وَأَنْقِذْ شَعْبًا لَا عُذْرَ لَهُ. لِأَنَّ الَّذِي تَنَاوَلَ أَنْ تَتَّكِيَ عَلَى
صَدْرِهِ يَقْبَلُكَ مُتَوَسِّلًا. فَابْتَهِلْ إِلَيْهِ أَنْ يُشَيِّتَ سَحَابَةَ الشُّرُورِ
وَالْمِحْنِ، طَالِبًا لَنَا السَّلَامَةَ وَالرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

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 أَظْهَرْتَنِي أَفْعَالِ الْحَقِّ لِرِعَايَتِكَ قَانُونًا لِلْإِيمَانِ، وَصُورَةً
لِلْوَدَاعَةِ، وَمُعَلِّمًا لِلْإِمْسَاكِ، أَيُّهَا الْأَبُ وَرئيسُ الْكَهَنَةِ
نِقُولَاوَسَ. فَلِذَلِكَ أَحْرَزْتَ بِالتَّوَاضُعِ الرَّفْعَةَ، وَبِالْمَسْكِنَةِ الْغِنَى.
فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِي أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.

Kontakion of the Theotokos (Tone 2)

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

يَا شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرِ الْخَازِيَةِ، الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى الْخَالِقِ
غَيْرِ الْمَرْذُودَةِ، لَا تُعْرِضِي عَنِ أَصْوَابِ طَلِبَاتِنَا نَحْنُ
الْحَطَّاءَةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنْتِ صَالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ
الصَّارِحِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيمَانٍ: بَادِرِي إِلَيَّ الشَّفَاعَةَ وَأَسْرِعِي فِي
الطَّلِبَةِ، يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِي، الْمُتَشَفِّعَةَ دَائِمًا بِمُكْرَمِيكَ.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon

(Psalm 18.4, 1 LXX; Tone 8)

Their voice has gone forth into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God!

إِلَى كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ خَرَجَ صَوْتُهُ.

السَّمَاوَاتُ تُذَيِّعُ مَجْدَ اللَّهِ.

Reading from the First Epistle of St. John (4.12-19; St. John the Evangelist)

BRETHREN, no man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son as the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the Day of Judgment, because as He is so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا الرَّسُولِ الْأُولَى الْجَامِعَةِ.

يَا إِخْوَتِي، اللَّهُ لَمْ يَبْأَيُنْهُ أَحَدٌ قَطُّ. إِنْ أَحْبَبْنَا بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا
يَتَّبِعُ اللَّهُ فِينَا وَتَكُونُ مَحَبَّتُهُ لَنَا كَامِلَةً فِينَا.

وَبِهَذَا نَعْلَمُ أَنَّا نَتَّبِعُ فِيهِ وَهُوَ فِينَا، بِأَنَّهُ آتَانَا مِنْ رُوحِهِ. وَنَحْنُ
قَدْ عَلِمْنَا وَنَشْهَدُ أَنَّ الْآبَ قَدْ أَرْسَلَ الْإِبْنَ مَخْلَصًا لِلْعَالَمِ.
فَكُلُّ مَنْ اعْتَرَفَ بِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ ابْنُ اللَّهِ، يَتَّبِعُ فِيهِ وَهُوَ فِي
اللَّهِ. وَنَحْنُ قَدْ عَرَفْنَا وَأَمَنَّا بِالْمَحَبَّةِ الَّتِي عِنْدَ اللَّهِ لَنَا. اللَّهُ مَحَبَّةٌ،
فَمَنْ تَبَتَّ فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ فَقَدْ تَبَتَّ فِي اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ فِيهِ. بِهَذَا كَمُلَتْ
الْمَحَبَّةُ فِينَا حَتَّى تَكُونَ لَنَا نَفْعًا يَوْمَ الدِّينِ بِأَنَّ نَكُونَ كَمَا هُوَ
فِي هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. لَا مَخَافَةَ فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ، بَلِ الْمَحَبَّةُ الْكَامِلَةُ تَنْفِي
الْمَخَافَةَ إِلَى خَارِجٍ. لِأَنَّ الْمَخَافَةَ لَهَا عَذَابٌ، فَالْحَائِفُ غَيْرُ
كَامِلٍ فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ. نَحْنُ نُحِبُّ اللَّهَ لِأَنَّهُ قَدْ أَحَبَّنَا.

Holy Gospel according to St. John (19.25-27; 21.24-25; St. John the Theologian)

AT THAT TIME, standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your Son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold,

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ
فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، كَانَتْ وَأَقْفَةُ عِنْدَ صَلِيبِ يَسُوعَ أُمُّهُ وَأُحْتُ
أُمِّهِ مَرْيَمُ الَّتِي لِكَلَاوْبَا وَمَرْيَمُ الْمِجْدَلِيَّةِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى يَسُوعَ أُمُّهُ
وَالْتَلَمِيذُ الَّذِي كَانَ يُحِبُّهُ وَأَقْفًا، قَالَ لِأُمِّهِ: يَا امْرَأَةَ، هُوَذَا

your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own.

This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things, which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

ابْنُكَ! ثُمَّ قَالَ لِلتِّلْمِيذِ: هُوَذَا أُمُّكَ! وَمِنْ تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ أَحَدَهَا إِلَى خَاصَّتِيهِ.

هَذَا هُوَ التِّلْمِيذُ الشَّاهِدُ بِحَدِيثِ الْأُمُورِ وَالْكَاتِبُ لَهَا، وَقَدْ عَلِمْنَا أَنَّ شَهَادَتَهُ حَقٌّ. وَأَشْيَاءٌ أُخْرَى كَثِيرَةٌ صَنَعَهَا يَسُوعُ، لَوْ أَنَّهَا كُتِبَتْ وَاحِدَةً فَوَاحِدَةً، لَمَا ظَنَنْتُ الْعَالَمَ يَسَعُ الصُّحُفَ الْمَكْتُوبَةَ.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the health of all our Church School students, teachers and staff.
- By Laila and all the Ghurani family, for the repose of Kamel Ghurani (40-day memorial).
- By Asad Aboud and children Mirna Aboud Khashoun, Wafaa Aboud Hodeib, Amal Aboud Barbar Askar, Suliman Aboud, Samir Aboud, for the health of all their families, for the repose of wife/mother Habsah Hadib (40-day memorial), and also in memory of her parents Mousa Hadib and Naema Ayash, brothers Abd Almaseh and Nabil, sister Eivon Hadib, parents-in-law Sulaiman Aboud and Afdokia Ayash, brother-in-law Michel Aboud, sisters-in-law Mary and Souad, and all the departed of the Aboud, Hadib and Hodeib families.
- By the Naccache and Kaimie families, in memory of mother Tjessy Abdulkarim Kaimie (16 years departed).
- By Antoine Naccache and family, for the repose of mother Martha Naccache (newly departed in Athens, Greece).
- By the Abdul Karim and Khoury families, for the repose of Amal Tabanji (newly departed in Beirut, Lebanon).
- By Natalie Waimrin, for the health of Walid Nassif and Frank Ashook.
- By her family, for the health of Isabel Elac on her birthday.
- By Salwa Ayoub, for the health of her family.
- By the Bshara family: George, Mariam, Mark and Antonio.
- By Ehab, Rania, Sami, Anthony and Selena Dahabreh, in memory of newly-departed grandmother Feda Batarseh Dahabreh.

To offer Holy Oblations and Memorials please use the form at

<https://stnicholasla.com/makeaprayrequest> or call the Cathedral office by Wednesday.

CHURCH SCHOOL BLESSING

Just before Holy Communion, we will ask God to bless our students and teachers, as they begin their studies for the new Church School Year.

O Lord our God and Creator, Who hast honored us men with Thine Image; Who hast taught Thine elect, Who revealest wisdom to infants, Who hast instructed Solomon and all them that have sought Thy wisdom: Do Thou open the hearts, minds and lips of these Thy servants, that they may receive the power of Thy law, and, with success, come to know the useful teachings which shall be taught them, to the glory of Thy most-holy Name, to the profit and building up of Thy Holy Church, and that they may understand Thy good and perfect will. Deliver them from every snare of the Enemy; preserve them in the Orthodox Faith and in all godliness and purity all the days of their life, that they may advance in understanding, and in the fulfilling of Thy commandments, that they may glorify Thy most-holy Name, and become heirs of Thy Kingdom. For Thou art God, mighty in mercy, and gracious in strength; and unto Thee is due all glory, honor and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Class	Teacher(s)
Preschool and Kindergarten	Mirna Aboud
1 st and 2 nd Grades	Colette Helou
3 rd and 4 th Grades	Wafa Omeish, Reema Mamar
5 th and 6 th Grades	Marina George
7 th and 8 th Grades	Ruth Andrews, Meray Ammari
High School	Nassif and Randa Shammaa
Director	Lauren Malouf
Assistant Directors	Salma Maalouf, Wafa Omeish

REFRAIN OF THE COMMUNION HYMN (PSALM 18.4, 1 LXX; TONE 8)

Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia.

فِي كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ خَرَجَ صَوْتُهُ، وَإِلَى أَقْصَى الْمَسْكُونَةِ كَلِمَاتُهُ.
هَلِّلُويا.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

Please be aware that the Los Angeles County Health Department requires everyone to wear masks indoors in all public places, including in churches.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER LITURGY

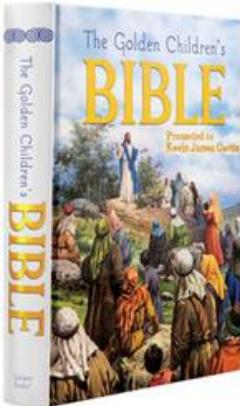
Following the dismissal and verbal announcements, come forward for a blessing, then exit via the south (right side) doors, and join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments.



- Coffee hour is hosted today by the Aboud family in memory of Habsah Hadib, on her 40-day memorial.

Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour after Liturgy. Bring whatever you would like to share—donuts, cookies, mini bagels, zaatar, etc. What we eat isn't as important as sharing the fellowship of our Cathedral Family. The Ladies Society will provide the coffee, coffee supplies and paper goods. Call/text Joujou George (562) 522-1322, or email her at ginageorge@verizon.net to reserve a Sunday.

PRESENT A BIBLE TO EACH OF YOUR CHILDREN



Today, we will have a special blessing for our children and their teachers just before Communion. After partaking of Communion, they will then go to their classes for a snack and lessons, while the adults finish the Liturgy. We will then meet up in the hall at coffee hour.

Our curriculum for 1st grade up this year will utilize *The Golden Children's Bible*. We ask parents to purchase a copy for each child from our bookstore for only \$10 and present it to your children to keep. *If you can't afford it, let us know, and we'll take care of it.* The church is also providing the workbooks and other materials.

We will have classes for preschool through high school. Three-year-olds are eligible to begin preschool if they're potty trained. **There will be a registration table at coffee hour.** All returning *and* new students need to register. You can also register your children online at form.jotform.com/212386522989165

FALL BIBLE STUDY SERIES AT ST. NICHOLAS

Sundays: for All Ages

Today, we start an approximately three-year journey through the Bible. While the children are in their classes, adults will finish up the Liturgy, and then we'll have a 10-minute lesson on the same chapters of the Bible that the young people are studying.



Wednesdays: Adult Electives

6:30 – 8:30 pm • October 6 – December 8

Skipping the Eve of Thanksgiving

- We start with Vespers & Dinner
- During the adult study courses, youth may do homework or play.

Choose a course:

“HOT TOPICS:”

CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES



In-person at the Cathedral Only

Father Nabil will lead a study and discussion of timely issues, including:

- medical ethics
- abortion
- suicide, euthanasia,
- homosexuality, marriage
- *and the issues you want to ask about*

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITH AND PRACTICE



In-person at the Cathedral and on Zoom

Subdeacon Seraphim and Father Andrew will give an overview of Orthodoxy, including the Bible, the Creed, tradition, salvation, sacraments, worship, prayer and spirituality.

This class will be good both for enquirers into Orthodoxy and for long-time Church members, as a refresher about our Faith.

Fridays at 7 pm: Bible Study in Arabic on the Miracles of Christ

الساعة السادسة كل يوم جمعة: درس كتاب على معجزات المسيح

Deacon Eliya will conduct this class *via Zoom only*, starting October 15. He will start with Jesus turning the water into wine, and proceed to the calming of the storm, healings, etc.

We will supply the Zoom links to you directly in email bulletins.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops is trying to address the mental health needs of the Orthodox communities in the US. The information you provide in this survey is confidential and will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

You can find the survey at <https://www.assemblyofbishops.org/ministries/mental-health-task-force/mental-health-needs-assessment-survey>



EXCERPT FROM METROPOLITAN JOSEPH'S URGENT MESSAGE REGARDING OUR YOUTH

Thank you for joining me in tackling this great crisis of our time. Pooling all our knowledge and skills, with the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit, I know that we can restore our youth to their rightful place in our parishes.

In order to promote this dialogue at the archdiocesan level, our Youth and Young Adult Ministry Task Force (chaired by Fr. Nicholas Belcher) is launching an online survey for clergy, teens, young adults, youth workers, parents, and teachers. Please complete the survey yourselves and encourage all of your parishioners to do the same. I would love to see full participation of all these groups in this survey, since we urgently need to get a deeper understanding of the current state of our relationship with our youth.

The survey can be found on the Task Force's new website: antiochianyouth.org. There you will also find the encyclical and more information and resources from the Task Force. Please encourage your parishes to visit this website and learn more about how we are revitalizing these important ministries.

Read the full letter at antiochianyouth.org/index.php/encyclical

Take the survey at antiochianyouth.org/index.php/survey

ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL OCTOBER 3

Please save the date for the Festival. We've been monitoring the coronavirus situation, and we've decided to move ahead with the Festival (in modified form, with precautions, of course), under the chairmanship of Ehab Dahabreh. **Let's all pull together to enjoy the fellowship and to welcome our guests.** We have a lot to do in a short time to get ready!

One of our new features will be a silent auction. We need new and collectible items. Perhaps you can donate professional services through your business with a gift certificate. We also need contacts and people helping to obtain items. Please contact either Ehab Dahabreh (tony@sspetro.com) or Nassif Shammaa (nassif@theaccountancy.com).



ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3, 2021

2300 W. 3RD STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90057

12:00PM - 9:00PM

LIVE MUSIC & INTERNATIONAL DJ



MAURICE RAAD



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**\$3
ENTRANCE
FEE**

Smoking in
designated
areas only

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO FILL SHIFTS

It takes a village to host an event like this! **Please contact Mike Zeeb**, our Volunteer Coordinator (909-561-0363, fast-fix@sbcglobal.net), and sign up where you are most experienced or would enjoy working the most. If you have no idea what you want to do, then just pick a spot and we will train you, or you can be used as a floater. We need as many people as we can get for as long as you can donate your time! If you are able to sign up for more than one 4-hour shift, we appreciate it greatly!



Please plan to be with us for setup on Saturday, Oct. 2, and for the Festival itself on Sunday, Oct. 3. And don't forget that we also need help cleaning up after the Festival closes.



HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

Flyers are available for you to take and help us get the word out.

- Please take flyers and posters to put wherever there's a bulletin board that allows it. Flyers will be available at coffee hour.
- Post about the Festival on Facebook, Twitter, etc., and

personally invite all your friends.

BECOME A FESTIVAL SPONSOR

Businesses or individuals can sponsor different Festival overhead and expenses. They will be recognized as sponsors on our main contributors' marquee. Please contact Ehab Dahabreh (tony@sspetro.com) for more information and to become a sponsor.

1. Band \$7,000.00
2. Food \$15,000.00
3. Rental \$12,000.00
4. Drinks \$7,000.00
5. Misc. \$5,000.00



NEWS FROM THE ST. NICHOLAS LADIES' SOCIETY

Ladies Society Sweet Booth—The Ladies Society will be sponsoring the Sweet Booth at the Festival as always. We need everyone's help! Please make and bring your favorite sweets to sell at the Festival on October 3. Any sweets or donations would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Jacqui Badaro to donate at 626-476-9070.

October 8-10---Diocese of the West Fall Gathering –All Antiochian Women (that’s us) are encouraged to attend the annual Fall Gathering for the first time since the Fall of 2019 - we will be meeting in person & we have the blessing of having our beloved Metropolitan JOSEPH with us!

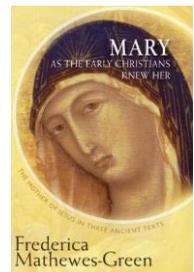
Our Antiochian Women Meeting will be held on Saturday morning, October 9th - from 9:30 - 1pm -- We will enjoy fellowship together, discuss our business items for the year ahead & hear from both Sayidna JOSEPH and our Spiritual Advisor – Fr. David Hovik. We are hoping to send at least 3 delegates from our Ladies Society. Please contact Georgette Malouf to volunteer to be a delegate or with any questions at 818- 563-2838 or by email at gette0324@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, October 19---Men’s Fellowship Social – All men of the Cathedral are invited to attend our first Men’s Social of the Church Year. We will meet at Raffi’s Catering and Banquet located at 3887 E Sierra Madre Blvd in Pasadena. Social hour begins at 6PM with dinner at 7PM followed by a presentation by a guest speaker. For more information and to RSVP, please contact George Hanna (dalool@aol.com) or Curt Annett (caluvssc@yahoo.com). The cost will be \$40 per person.

Saturday, October 23---Save the Date for a One Day Spiritual Retreat The St. Nicholas Ladies Society will be hosting a One Day Spiritual Retreat on October 23 at the home of Rose Samore: 1817 Maginn Dr., Glendale, CA 91202. More information will follow shortly. Please contact Lauren Malouf at lmalouf@hchc.edu or 818-687-0406 with any questions.

Saturday, November 27---St. Nicholas Sweetheart Ball You are cordially invited to attend the 57th Sweetheart Ball on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at the Universal Hilton Hotel. Join the Ladies Society as we honor our beautiful Debutantes. It’s time for a party!! Please see the attached flyer for details. Tickets are \$195 per person. Make your reservations now! Contact Ticket Chair Lauren Malouf at lmalouf@hchc.edu or 818-687-0406.

New Book Club Selection: The Antiochian Women will be reading *Mary as the Early Christians Knew Her* by Frederica Mathewes-Green. This book takes a look at three ancient texts and uses them to show us how Mary was thought of in the early church. We also get a deeper glance into the life of Mary and her heart. Especially as we deal with such chaotic times, what a blessing we have to study and grow closer to the Theotokos.



Copies of this book can be found at the Ancient Faith Store (ancientfaith.com) or on Amazon ([Amazon.com : mary as the early christians knew her](https://www.amazon.com/mary-as-the-early-christians-knew-her)) (There is also an Audible version of the book as well). Study questions, with the help of Khouria Frederica, will be sent out soon as well as posted to the Antiochian Women’s website.

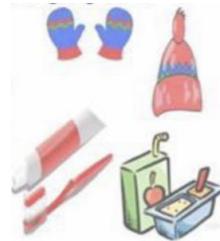
ST NICHOLAS LADIES OUTREACH: HYGIENE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS

*And the King will answer them,
'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'
(Matthew 25:40)*

The St. Nicholas Ladies Society will be collecting hygiene supplies and other needs to pack into kits for the Union Rescue Mission in downtown Los Angeles. Here is a sample list of items (travel sizes are best so that they will fit in the large Ziplock).



Bottles of Hand Soap, Deodorant, Disinfecting Wipes, Face Shields, Gloves, Hand Sanitizer, Masks (N95/KN95), Body Wash, Shampoo, Soap Bars, Surgical Gowns, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Socks



WHEN: Start gathering items now.

HOW: Drop them off in the Cathedral Hall kitchen area.

Or, shop online at <https://tinyurl.com/SNCAWKits>.

Or, make a donation and we'll do the shopping for you.

WORK: Join us after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 7 to help assemble the kits.

INFO: Contact Rose Samore by email at rosesamore@gmail.com, or by phone at 818-378-2055.



Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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**2021 Fall Gathering
October 8-10, 2021**

With the Blessing of Metropolitan JOSEPH

Hosted by:

St. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

501 Moraga Way
Orinda, CA 94563

925-258-4255 <https://stjohnorinda.org/>
kimberlynicola@gmail.com

YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE

<https://fallgathering2021.eventbrite.com>

Friday, October 8, 2021

Welcome, Check-in/Registration 5:30 PM
Vespers 6:30 PM
Evening Social with Appetizers and Desserts

Saturday, October 9, 2021

Morning Prayers/Breakfast/Check-in/Registration 8:00 AM
Meetings 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Lunch 1:00 PM

Optional Activities or Free Time: 2:00-4:30 PM

- Lafayette Reservoir Walk/Hike
- Shopping downtown Walnut Creek (on your own)

Vespers 5:00 PM
Fellowship Dinner at St. John's - El Paisa (Mexican) 6:30 PM \$25.00

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM
Light Lunch 11:30 AM

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS:

We have a contracted rate of \$149 per night at the **Residence Inn by Marriott – Walnut Creek (8.8mi from church)**

**Parking Fee of \$20 per day with in and out privileges*

**Full Buffet Breakfast Included.*

2050 N. California Blvd.

Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Please book your room by 09-29-2021

REFERENCE CODE: "FALL GATHERING EVENT" or by clicking this link:

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1630617860930&key=GRP>

Other hotels in the area:

Walnut Creek Marriott - \$179 per night + tax - 9.5mi from church

Embassy Suites by Hilton Walnut Creek - \$179 per night + tax - 10.8mi from church

Concord Clarion Hotel - \$144 per night + tax - 13.7mi from church

COVID-19:

The health and safety of all attendees is our #1 priority. Per county guidelines, masks will be **REQUIRED** while indoors. Masks and hand-sanitizer will be readily available on-site, and we will be adhering to social distancing guidelines where possible.



*St. Nicholas Orthodox
Cathedral Ladies Society*

Invites You to Attend

THE 57TH
Sweetheart
BALL

Saturday, November 27, 2021
Universal Hilton Hotel, Universal City

Tickets: \$195 per person

For tickets and information, contact:
Lauren Malouf text: 818-687-0406
email: lmalouf@hchc.edu

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

Salma Maalouf, hospital, 11/2
Simon Robert Andrews Sr., hospital, 10/26
Kh. Patricia Romley, 10/23
Abdullah Matar, home, 10/8
Soud Chammaa, rehab., 10/5
Carl Fred Milke Sr., home, 10/3
Ronald Davis Jr., Kh. Ruth's brother, 11/2
Malak Kaouk, uncle of Christins Maalouf, 11/2
Raouf Salib, relative of Christine Maalouf, 11/2
Genevieve Maria Vine, child from Indiana, 10/8
Anna Acevedo, wife of custodian Armando Cano, 10/8
Connor Capata, Julian and Shirley's grandson, 10/1
All those suffering from illness, floods, fires, earthquakes, violence and want

DEPARTED

Josephine Ferris, 11/2
Ernest Rehbani, 10/20
Kamel Ghurani, 9/29
Habsah Hadib, 9/27
Jiries Rabadi, father of Monique Rabadi, 10/30
Martha Naccache, Antoine's mother, 10/30
Linda Simon, Mark's mother, 10/24
Amal Tabanji, Rony Khoury's grandmother, 10/21
Feda Batarseh Dahabreh, Ehab's grandmother, 10/18
Kh. Helen Ashie, St. Luke's, 10/3
Emile Skaff, St. Michael's, 10/3
Tresja Denesenko, friend of Christopher and Noel Plourde, 9/28
Victims of the pandemic, of natural disasters and of violence everywhere

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

September 2021

Sun. 26	Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School classes follow Holy Communion • Coffee hour fellowship
Mon. 27	Cathedral Council, 7 pm

October 2021

Sat. 2	Festival Setup, 9 am Great Vespers and Confession, 6 pm
Sun. 3	Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM – note time Festival, noon
Wed. 6	Evening Prayer, 6:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner • “Hot Topics” Bible Study on Contemporary Moral Issues • Orthodoxy 101 Class
Fri. 8 – Sun. 10	LA Diocese Fall Meeting, Orinda, CA
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SEE THE FULL CALENDAR and latest additions and updates at stnicholasla.org/parishcalendar