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TONE 2

OCTOBER 15, 2023

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SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL • 4TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

HIEROMARTYR LUCIAN OF ANTIOCH • VENERABLE EUTHYMIOS THE YOUNGER OF ATHOS SAVVINOS, BISHOP OF CATANIA

أحد آباء المجمع المسكوني السابع • والاحد الرابع من انجيل لوقا الشّهيد في الكّهَنة لوقِيان الأَنطاكِي، والبَارّ اوثِيميوس الصَغير الأَثوسِي، وأَبِينا القِدّيس سَابين القُبرصي



Today we celebrate the annual memorial of the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, who gathered in Nicaea in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, which held that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed.

The council confirmed the Church's tradition from Apostolic times that the veneration of icons was *not* idolatry (Exodus 20.4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint but passes to the prototype, the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1.18).

Many of these holy Fathers later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century.

LITURGY VARIATIONS

3RD ANTIPHON (TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, TONE 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hades with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee.

عِنْدَما اغْدَرْتَ إلى المؤتِ أَيُّها الحَياةُ الذي لا يَموت، حينَئِذٍ أَمَتَ الجَحيمَ بِبَرْقِ لاهوتِك. وعِنْدَما أَقَمْتَ الأَمْواتَ مِنْ تَحْتِ التَّرَى، صَرَحَ خُوكَ جَميعُ القُوّاتِ السَّماوِيين: أَيُّها المِسيخُ الإلهُ، مُعْطى الحَياةِ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

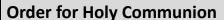
Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays: Matins, 9:15 AM Confession: After Saturday Vespers

Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

Saturdays: Great Vespers, 6:00 PM Or by Appointment

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled Please turn cell phones off!



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

During Sunday Matins

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 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself....

عِنْدَما انْحَدَرْتَ إلى المؤتِ....

Troparion of the Holy Fathers (Tone 8)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا المِسيخُ إِلَمُنَا الفَائِقُ التَّسْبيحِ، يا مَنْ أَسَّسْتَ آباءَنا القِدِّيسينَ عَلَى الأَرْضِ كُواكِبَ لامِعَة، وبِحِمْ هَدَيْتَنا جميعاً إلى القِدِيلِ الرَّحْمَةِ المِجْدُ لَكَ.

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 أَظْهَرَتْكَ أَفْعَالُ الحقِّ لِرَعِيَّتِكَ قانوناً للإيمانِ، وصورَةً لِلْوَداعةِ، ومُعَلِّماً لِلإمْساكِ، أَيُّها الأَبُ ورَئيسُ الكَهَنَةِ نيقولاوس. فَلِذلِكَ أَحْرَرْتَ بالتَّواضُعِ الرِّفْعَة، وبالمسكَنةِ الغِنى. فَتَشَفَّعْ إلى المسيح الإلهِ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نفوسَنا.

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, though 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.

يا شَفيعَةَ المسيحيينَ غَيْرَ الخازِيَة، الوَسيطَةَ لَدَى الخَالِقِ غَيْرَ المُؤدُودة، لا تُعْرِضِي عَنْ أصْواتِ طَلِبَاتِنا نحْنُ الخَطَأَة، بَلْ تَدارَكينا بالمعونَة بِمَا أَنَّكِ صالحِة، نحْنُ الصارِخِينَ إليْكِ بإيمانٍ: بادِرِي إلى الشَفاعَةِ وأَسْرِعِي في الطِلْبَةِ، يا والِدَةَ الإِلَه، المَتَشَفِّعَةَ دائِمًا بِمُكَرَمِيكِ.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Daniel 3.26, 27 LXX; Tone 4)

بروكيمنون (دانيال ٣,٢٦، ٢٧ سبع.؛ اللحن الرابع)

مُبارَكُ أَنْتَ يا رَبُّ إِلهَ آبائِنا.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus (3.8-15; Holy Fathers)

TITUS, MY SON, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8.5-15; 4th Sunday of Luke)

THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رِسالَةِ القِدّيسِ بولُسَ الرَّسولِ إلى تيطس (٧١-٦-١٧؛ لأحد الآباء)

يا وَلدي تيطُس، صادِقَةٌ هِيَ الكَلِمةُ وَإِيّاها أُريدُ أَن تُقَرِّر حَتّى يَهتَمَّ الذينَ آمنوا بِاللهِ في القِيامِ بِالأَعمالِ الحَسَنَةِ، فَهذهِ هِي الأَعمالُ الحَسَنَةُ والنّافِعَة. أَمّا المباحثاتُ الهَذيانِيَّةُ والنّافِعَة. أَمّا المباحثاتُ الهَذيانِيَّةُ والأَنْسابُ والحُصوماتُ والمماحَكاتُ النّاموسِيَّةُ فاجْتَنِبها، فَإِضًا غَيرُ نافِعَةٍ وَباطِلَةٌ. وَرَجُلُ البِدْعَةِ بَعدَ الإِنْذارِ مَرَّةً وَأُخْرى أَعْضَى عَنهُ. عالِمًا أَنَّ مَنْ هُوَ كَذلِكَ قَدِ اعْتَسَفَ، وَهوَ في الخَطيئةِ يَقْضى بِنَفسِهِ عَلى نَفسِهِ.

وَمَتَى أَرْسَلَتُ إِلَيْكَ أَرْتِيماسَ أَو تيخيكُسَ، فَبادِرْ أَنْ تَأْتِينِي إِلَى نيكوبولِسَ لأَيِّ قَدْ عَزَمْتُ أَنْ أُشَيِّيَ هُناك. أَمّا زيناسُ مُعَلِّمُ النّاموسِ وَأَبُلُوسُ، فاجْتَهِدْ أَنْ تُشَيِّعَهُما مُتَأَهِّبَينِ لِقَلاَّ يُعوزَهُما شَيءٌ. وَلْيَتَعَلَّمْ ذَوونا أَنْ يَقوموا بِالأَعمالِ الصّالِحةِ لِيعوزَهُما شَيءٌ. وَلْيَتَعَلَّمْ ذَوونا أَنْ يَقوموا بِالأَعمالِ الصّالِحةِ للسَّاحِاتِ الضَّرورِيَّةِ حَتِّى لا يَكونوا غَيرَ مُثْمِرين. يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيكَ لِيمعُ الذينَ مَعي، سَلِّم عَلى الذينَ يُحِبُّونَنا في الإيمانِ، النِّعمَةُ مَعكُم أَجْمَعِينَ. آمين.

مِنْ بِشارَةِ القِدّيسِ لوقا الإِنْجيلِيِّ البَشيرِ والتلْميذِ الطاهِر (٨,٥-١٥؛ للأحد الرابع من لوقا)

قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا المَثِلَ: حَرَجَ الزَارِغُ لِيَزْرَعَ زَرْعَهُ. وفيما هُوَ يَزْرَغُ، سَقَطَ بَعْضٌ على الطريقِ، فَوُطِئَ وأَكَلَتْهُ طُيورُ السماءِ. والبَعْضُ سَقَطَ على الصَّحْرِ، فَلَمَّا نَبَتَ يَبِسَ لأَنَّهُ لَمْ تَكُنْ لَهُ رُطُوبَةٌ. وبَعْضٌ سَقَطَ بَيْنَ الشَّوْكِ، فَنَبَتَ الشَّوْكُ مَعَهُ فَحَنَقَهُ.

some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold."

And when his disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard: then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear. but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

وبَعْضٌ سَقَطَ في الأرْضِ الصالِحَةِ، فَلَمّا نَبَتَ أَثْمَرَ مائَةَ ضعْف.

فَسَأَلَهُ تلاميذُهُ ما عَسى أَنْ يَكُونَ هذا الْمَثَلُ. فَقَالَ: لَكُمْ قَدْ أَعْظِيَ أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا أَسْرارَ مَلَكُوتِ الله، وأَمَّا الباقُونَ فَبِأَمْثَالٍ، لَكِيْ لا يَنْظُرُوا وهُمْ ناظِرونَ، ولا يَفْهَمُوا وهُمْ سامِعُون. وهَذا لِكَيْ لا يَنْظُرُوا وهُمْ ناظِرونَ، ولا يَفْهَمُوا وهُمْ سامِعُون. وهَذا هُوَ المِثَلِ: الزَّرْعُ هُوَ كَلِمَةُ الله. والذينَ على الطَّرِيقِ هُمُ الذينَ يَسْمَعونَ، ثُمَّ يَأْتِي إِبْليسُ ويَنْزِعُ الكَلِمَةَ مِنْ قُلوبِهِمْ لِفَلَا يُؤْمِنوا فَيَحْلُصُوا. والذينَ على الصَّحْرِ هُمُ الذينَ يَسْمَعونَ الكَلِمَةَ ويَقْبَلُوهَا بِفَرَحٍ، ولَكُنْ لَيْسَ هُمُّ أَصْلٌ، وإمَّا يُؤمِنونَ إلى حينٍ، وفي وَقْتِ التَّهْرِبَةِ يَرْتَدُون. والذي سَقَطَ في الشَّوكِ، هُمُ الذينَ يَسْمَعونَ أَمُّ يَدْهَبُونَ فَيَحْتَنِقُونَ هِمُومِ هَذِهِ الحَياةِ وغِي وَقْتِ التَّهْرِبَةِ يَرْتَدُونَ والذي سَقَطَ في الشَّوكِ، هُمُ الذينَ يَسْمَعونَ الكَلِمَةَ فَيَحْفَظُوهَا في وغِناها وَمَلَذَاتِهَا، فَلا يَأْتُونَ بِثَمَرٍ. وأَمَّا الذي سَقَطَ في الثَّوفِ الجَياةِ وغِناها وَمَلَذَاتِهَا، فَلا يَأْتُونَ بِثَمَرٍ. وأَمَّا الذي سَقَطَ في الثَّرْضِ الجَيِّدَةِ، فَهُمُ الذينَ يَسْمَعونَ الكَلِمَةَ فَيَحْفَظُوهَا في وغِناها وَمَلَذَاتِهَا، فَلا يَأْتُونَ بِشَمَرٍ. وأَمَّا الذي سَقَطَ في الثَّرْضِ الجَيِّدَةِ، فَهُمُ الذينَ يَسْمَعونَ الكَلِمَةَ فَيَحْفَظُوهَا في قَلْبٍ جَيِّدٍ صالِحٍ، ويُغْمِرونَ بالصَمْرِ. ولَمَّا قالَ هَذا نادَى: مَنْ لُهُ أُذُنانِ للْسَمَع فَيْسُمَع فَيْسَمَع.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Offered by	For the Health of	In Memory of
Souheil and Hanan Helou		Antoine Bou Chahla (Hanan's father, 1-year memorial)
Esper and Shirley Kanaan and their grandchildren, Alison, Kaylin, Chloe and Andrew.		Kanaan Esper Kanaan (father/grandfather, 9 years departed)
Salma Maalouf and her children, Shirley Kanaan, Joseph Maalouf and Reema Maalouf, and their families		Joseph Maaloof (husband/father, on his birthday)
George, Mariam, Mark, Antonio and Hend Bshara		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

Throughout the Archdiocese every October, we introduce our teens to the many opportunities to serve in the Church, such activities as reading the Epistle, taking the collections, chanting, singing in the Choir, helping in the Church School, etc. While we want them to be active in the services of the Church all year, October has been set aside in particular to recognize our youth and to give them more opportunities to serve.

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 Maalouf and Kanaan families.

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

Today: our classes will continue the study of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Some Sundays, we will also share this material in a summary at the end of Liturgy, so you will be able to discuss it with your children at home and to reinforce their lessons.

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).

SPECIAL OLYMPICS Hwareness Day

AS NAC TEEN SOYO PREPARES TO SPONSOR THE 43RD ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPORTS CAMP, WE ASK FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND HELP IN MAKING THIS MINISTRY POSSIBLE. APPROXIMATELY 300 ATHLETES AND COACHES PARTICIPATE IN OUR CAMP EACH YEAR. TEEN SOYO MEMBERS TRAVEL FROM ACROSS OUR ARCHDIOCESE TO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME, TO LIVE IN SERVICE TO OTHERS AND TO FULFILL THE CALL TO DO ALL THINGS.

"AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR MEN." (COL. 3:23)

Next Sunday, October 22nd, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 43rd Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in August of 2024. Your donations make it possible for every athlete to attend this event free of charge and also help Teen SOYO members travel to serve as Coaches at the camp.

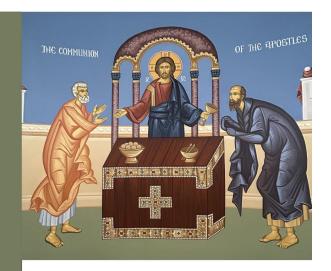
As an expression of gratitude for your donation to this effort, teens will be handing out bookmarks with the icon of the Communion of the Apostles.

Thank you for considering the support of this wonderful ministry that allows our children to be a witness and blessing to others!

Please make checks payable to your local Teen SOYO group with "SOAD 2023" in the memo. Donations can also be made online at www.teensoyo.org/special-olympics.







DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, NAC Teen SOYO covers the cost of the camp, approximately \$75,000, through the generosity of our fellow parishioners. Through the years, we have hosted more than 8,500 athletes and coaches. Around 1,200 of our teens have had the unique experience of being a coach or volunteer at the camp.



ARCHDIOCESAN SUNDAY FOR AHOS

(Antiochian House of Studies)

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

Archdiocesan Sunday for AHOS

will take place every year on the Sunday of the Parable of the Sower.

The purpose of Archdiocesan Sunday for AHOS (Antiochian House of Studies) is to raise awareness to support the future clergy & lay leaders of our archdiocesan. We kindly ask you to bring an offering on this day.



Sunday, October 15, 2023

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3RD ANNUAL VIGIL FOR ST. RAPHAEL OF BROOKLYN

We remember our first Antiochian Orthodox saint of America with a special vigil on the first Friday night of November.

Everyone is invited to join in the vigil, starting 6:30 PM Friday, Nov. 3. *Feel free to leave after the first part* or to stay for all of it, through Liturgy and breakfast. In preparation for Holy Communion, fast from all food and drink after lunch.

- Starting 6:30 p.m. Friday, November 3
- Vespers Artoklasia Matins Divine Liturgy
- Veneration of the Saint's Relics
- Concludes with Breakfast

We will be joined in this special celebration by clergy and

laity from our area parishes. It will also be a real treat to the 'ears,' as some of the best Byzantine musicians from our area come together, joining our own wonderful chanter, Patrick Haddad.







LOTS OF HAPPY PEOPLE AT THE ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL!

Congratulations and blessings on Ehab Dahabreh (chairman), all the members of the Festival Committee, all the booth chairs and all who gave of their time, labor and



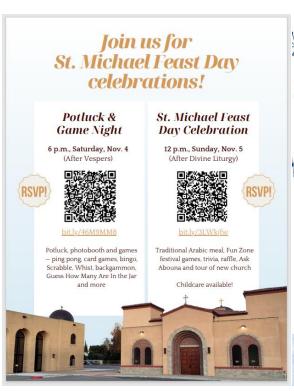


WE HAVE BEEN INVITED

You can reserve your seat today by clicking on the flyer above or going to www.saint-matthew.net. Once reserved, you can pay for your reservation:

- 1) Cash or check in person
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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

Fr. Antony and Kh. Dina Bahou, St. George
Church, San Diego, 10/18

Albert Malouf, home, 11/12

Ousama Zabaneh, home, 11/8

Adrianne Andrews, home, 11/7

Evonne Chala, home, 10/31

Dorothy Nicholas, home, 10/28

Veronica Chala, home, 10/18

Jorge Habib Dogre, nephew of Nina Fayad, 11/4

Nicholas Nicola, brother-in-law of Renée
Crawford and Barbara Bray, 10/26

Kristen Schamp, goddaughter of Fr. Nabil

Foster Dauzat, uncle of Jordan Dauzat, 10/23 Charles Malouf, brother of Ed Malouf, 10/15 All those suffering from natural disasters,

illness, violence and want in this country and throughout the world

and Kh. Elaine, 10/26

DEPARTED

Nadia Sahakian, 11/12
Laila Khashram, Lina Atalla's mother, 11/8
Victims of natural disasters and violence in
this country and everywhere

Future Dates to Remember

- Pre-Christmas Fast starts Nov. 15
- Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos, Nov. 21
- St. Nicholas Day celebration, Dec. 3

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR		
October 2023		
Sun. 15	Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • Church School • Preschool/Kindergarten "Ask Abouna" • Coffee Hour	
Mon. 16	Cathedral Council meeting, 7 pm	
Tue. 17	Choir Dinner and Practice, 6:30 pm	
Wed. 18	Men's Fellowship online meeting, 5 pm	
Sat. 21	Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm	
Sun. 22	Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • Church School • High School "Ask Abouna" • Coffee Hour Young Adult Beach Bonfire, 6 pm at Dockweiler Beach	
Tue. 24	Church School Staff meeting, 7 pm	
Wed. 25	Eve of the Feast of St. Demetrios Divine Liturgy, 6:30 pm	
Sat. 28	FOCUS food distribution, 9 am Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm	
Sun. 29	 Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Church School 1st and 2nd Grade "Ask Abouna" 	

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Coffee Hour