

# St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

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#### TONE 8

JANUARY 21, 2024

#### **EOTHINON 11**

# 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE

# **الأحد التاسع والعشرون بعد العَنصرة • الأحد الثاني عشر من انجيل لوقا** تذكار البار مكسيموس المعْتَرف

VENERABLE MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR MARTYR NEOPHYTOS OF NICAEA • VENERABLE ZOSIMAS, BISHOP OF SYRACUSE IN SICILY



# LITURGY VARIATIONS

### **3<sup>RD</sup> ANTIPHON (TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, TONE 8)**

Confession:

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial that Thou mightest deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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# **Schedule of Regular Weekly Services**

Sundays: Matins, 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM Saturdays: Great Vespers, 6:00 PM

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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 a medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

# نظام المناولة المقدسة

يجب على أعضاء الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية من سن السابعة وما فوق، الاستعداد للمناولة المقدسة باعتراف حديث والصلاة والصوم عن جميع الأطعمة والمشروبات من منتصف الليل (ما لم تكن هناك موانع طبية)، والتواجد في الكنيسة قبل قراءات الرسالة والإنجيل، وأن يكونوا في سلام مع الجميع.

**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. ed Please turn cell phones off!

# A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

After Saturday Vespers

**During Sunday Matins** 

**Or by Appointment** 

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.

# ترحيب حار بضيوفنا

نحن سعداء لأنكم تشاركون معنا في الصلاة. يرجى ملاحظة أن المشاركة في المناولة المقدسة تقتصر على أعضاء الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية الذين استعدوا ايضا بالصلاة والصوم والاعتراف الحديث.

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.



#### Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)

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#### Troparion of St. Maximos the Confessor (Tone 8)

Thou hast shown thyself, O God-inspired Maximos, as a guide to the Orthodox Faith, a teacher of true worship and purity, O Star of the universe and Companion of the bishops, O wise One. Through thy light thou hast enlightened all, O Harp of the Spirit. Therefore, intercede with Christ God to save our souls. يا دليلَ الإِيمانِ القَويمِ، ومُعلَّمَ التَّقوى والسَّيرَةِ الحَكيمَة. كَوَّكَبَ المسْكونَةِ وزينَةَ المتَوَحِّدين، مَكْسيموسُ الحَكيمُ المُلْهَمُ مِنَ الله. لَقَدْ أَنَرْتَ الجَميعَ بِتَعاليمِكَ، يا قيثارَةَ الرُّوح. فتَشَقَّعْ إِلى المِسيح الإِله في خَلاصِ نفُوْسِنا.

#### **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 أَفْعالُ الحقِّ لِرَعِيَّتِكَ قانوناً للإيمانِ، وصورَةً لِلْوَداعةِ، ومُعَلِّماً لِلإمْساكِ، أَيُّها الأبُ ورَئيسُ الكَهَنَةِ نيقولاوس. فَلِذلِكَ أَحْرَزْتَ بِالتَّواضُعِ الرِّفْعَة، وبالمسكَنَةِ الغِنى. فَتَشَقَّعْ إلى المِسيحِ الإلهِ أَنْ يُحَلِّص نفوسَنا.

#### Kontakion of the Meeting of the Lord (Tone 1)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us, preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind. أَيُّها المسيحُ الإلهُ، يا مَنْ بِمَوْلِدِهِ قَدَّسَ الْمُسْتَوْدَعَ البَتولِيِّ، وبارَكَ يَدَيْ سِمْعانَ كَما لاقَ، وأَدْرَكَنا الآنَ وحَلَّصَنا؛ إحْفَظْ رَعِيَّتَكَ بِسَلامٍ في الحُروبِ، وأَيِّدِ الملوكَ الذينَ أَحْبَبْتَهُمْ، بِما أَنَّكَ وَحْدَكَ مُحِبِّ لِلْبَشَرِ.

#### THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

#### Prokeimenon (Psalm 103.24, 1 LXX; Tone 4)

O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

#### From St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians (3.4-11; 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

BRETHREN, when Christ Who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away, anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Iew. circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

#### Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (17.12-19; 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke)

AT THAT TIME, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. Then one of them, when بروكيمنون (مزمور ٢٤،٣،٢٤، ١ سبع.؛ اللحن ٤) ما أَعْظَمَ أعْمالَكَ، يا ربُّ، كُلَّها بِحِكْمَةً صَنَعْتَ. باركي يا نَفْسي الرَّبّ.

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رسالةِ القديسِ بولس إلى أَهْلِ كولوسّي (٣,٤–١١؛ الأحد التاسع والعشرون بعد العنصرة)

يا إحْوَةُ، مَتى ظَهَرَ المِسِيحُ الذي هُوَ حَياتُنا، فَأَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً تُظْهَرونَ حينَئِذٍ مَعَهُ في المِجْد.

فَاميتوا أَعْضاءَكُمُ التي على الأرْضِ: التِّنِى، والنَّجاسَةَ، والهَوَى، والشَّهْوَةَ الرَّدِيَّةَ، والطَّمَعَ الذي هُوَ عبادَةُ وَثَنٍ. لأَنَّهُ لأَجْلِ هَذِهِ يَأْتِي غَضَبُ اللهِ على أَبْناءِ العِصْيانِ. وفي هَذِهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً سَلَكْتُمْ حيناً إذْ كُنْتُمْ عائِشينَ فيها. أمّا الآنَ، فَأَنْتُمْ أيضاً الْمُرَحوا الكُلَّ: العَضَبَ، والسَّحْطَ، والخُبْثَ، والتَّجْديفَ، والكَلامَ القَبيحَ مِنْ أَفْواهِكُمْ. ولا يُكَذِّبْ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضاً، بَلِ الحُلَعوا الانسانَ العتيقَ مَعَ أَعْمالِه. والْبَسوا الانسانَ الجَديدَ الذي يَتَجَدَّدُ لِلْمَعْرِفَةِ على صورَةِ خالِقِه. حَيثُ لَيْسَ يونايِنُّ ولا يَهوديُّ، لا خِتانٌ ولا قَلَفٌ، لا بَرْبَرِيُّ ولا اسْكيثِيُّ، لا عَبْدٌ ولا حُرٌّ، بَلِ المسيحُ هُوَ كُلُ شَيْءٍ وفي الجميع.

مِنْ بِشارَةِ القِدّيسِ لوقا الإنْجيلِيِّ البَشيرِ والتلْميذِ الطاهِر (١٧,١٢–١٩؛ الأحد الثاني عشر)

في ذلكَ الزمانِ، فيما يَسوعُ داخِلٌ إلى قَرِيَةٍ استَقبَلَهُ عَشرَةُ رِجالٍ بُرصٍ وَوَقَفوا مِن بَعيدٍ، وَرَفعوا أَصواتَمُم قائِلينَ: يا يَسوعُ المِعَلِّمُ ارحَمنا. فَلَمّا رَآهُم قالَ لَهُم امضوا وَأَروا الكَهَنَةَ he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to Him, "Rise, and go your way; your faith has made you well." أَنفُسَكُم. وَفيما هُم مُنطَلِقونَ طَهُروا. وَإِنَّ واحِدًا مِنهُم، لَمَّا رَأَى أَنَّهُ قَد بَرِئَ، رَجَعَ يُمَجِّدُ اللَّهَ بِصَوتٍ عَظيم. وَحَرَّ عَلى وَجهِهِ عِندَ قَدَمَيهِ شاكِرًا لَهُ وَكانَ سامِرِيًّا، فَأَجابَ يَسوعُ وَقالَ، أَلَيسَ العَشرَةُ قَد طَهُروا فَأَينَ التِّسعَة؟ أَلَم يُوجَد مَن يَرِحِعُ لِيُمَجِّدَ اللَّهَ إِلاَّ هَذا الأَجنَبِيَّ؟ وَقالَ لَهُ، قُم وامضِ إِيمَانُكَ قَد حَلَّصَك.

#### HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Offered by	For the Health of	In Memory of
Fr. Andrew and Kh. Ruth Andrews	Fr. Stephen and Mat. Mona Soot and family	<b>Ronald</b> Davis (Kh. Ruth's father, 3/9-day memorial) and <b>Rosemary</b> Soot (former parishioner of St Nicholas Cathedral and mother of Fr. Stephen, 3/9-day memorial)
Diana Kronfli and family, Alex, Wassim and Wadid Gedeon and their families		Clemence Gedeon (mother, 40-day memorial)
Salma Maalouf	Her family and all our Church School children and parents	<b>Joseph</b> Maalouf (husband) and <b>Lucas</b> Maalouf (grandson)
George, Mariam, Mark, Antonio and Hend Bshara		
<b>Ehab</b> , <b>Rania</b> , <b>Sami</b> , <b>Selena</b> and <b>Anthony</b> Dahabreh		<b>Hani</b> Tadros (Rania's father) and <b>Nawal</b> Hawatmeh Dahabreh (Ehab's mother)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CHURCH SCHOOL FOLLOWS HOLY COMMUNION**

**Today:** our classes will continue the study of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans— **Lesson 9: "Living a Life of Peace" (Romans chapters 12-14)**. Please discuss it with your children at home, to reinforce their lessons. You will find the **Church School Calendar online** and updated with changes (scan the QR code at right, or enter <u>https://bit.ly/SNCschool23-24</u>).



#### THIS IS STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION MONTH

«THE SOWER OF GOOD SEEDS:-

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Over the course of this month, we are reflecting on the question of what should be our fitting response to the Lord, Who has saved us and continues to work in our lives.

Today, Lamia Qafaiti will give a testimonial.

The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9.6-7)

هذَا وَإِنَّ مَنْ يَزْرَعُ بِالشُّحِ فَبِالشُّحِ أَيْضًا يَحْصُدُ، وَمَنْ يَزْرَعُ بِالْبَرَكَاتِ فَبِالْبَرَكَاتِ أَيْضًا يَحْصُدُ. كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ كَمَا يَنْوِي بِقَلْبِهِ، لَيْسَ عَنْ حُزْنٍ أَوِ اضْطِرَارٍ. لأَنَّ الْمُعْطِيَ الْمَسْرُورَ يُحِبُّهُ اللهُ.

Stewardship Sunday: Renewing our Commitment to the Lord

We will conclude on Sunday, January 28, Stewardship Sunday at the Cathedral this year. That is the day we ask all to recommit their faith by pledging to be part of God's work through a monetary commitment.

#### OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL CATHEDRAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our annual general assembly will be held after Liturgy on Sunday, February 18, 2024, immediately after the Liturgy and lunch.

Reports from the organizations and financial reports are being compiled in a packet and will be made available via a download link to be emailed in advance of the meeting. A few paper copies will also be printed and made available for those who desire them. (If you are an organization head or treasurer, please submit your report to the Cathedral office by January 28.)

If would like to nominate someone, or you are possibly interested in serving God through the Cathedral Council yourself, please contact a member of our nominations committee, by February 10: John Nahas (818-438-9707), sjohn.nahas@gmail.com Shadi Omeish (702- 743-5747), Shadi.omeish@1hotels.com Lamia Qafaiti (323-597-7332), gafaiti@yahoo.com

Voting members at the Annual Meeting are comprised of all adult members of the Orthodox Church, who are in good spiritual standing at St. Nicholas Cathedral and whose pledges and contributions are current through 2023. Note that "nominations from the floor" means that voting members can make nominations, but they must still go through the committee, prior to the meeting to confirm they meet basic eligibility requirements: candidates must be in good spiritual standing, have made and fulfilled their stewardship pledge, be at least 18 years of age and members of the Cathedral for at least one year. Candidates must have accepted nomination and signed the Archdiocese standard affirmation form.

# 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 Kronfli family and the Gedeon family, in memory of Clemence Gedeon (on her 40-day memorial).

	Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule
January 28	Edward Awad (lunch in memory of wife Lila, 3-year memorial)
February 4	Hend, John, and Maria Nahas (lunch in memory of Sarkees Nahas)
February 11	OPEN
February 18	Lunch and Annual General Assembly Meeting
February 25	Lunch with Metropolitan Saba
March 3	OPEN
March 10	Ladies' Society: "Hamburger Bar" for Meatfare Sunday
March 17	Joyce Ayoub
March 24	OPEN

**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. Call/text Joujou George (562) 522-1322, or email her at ginageorge@verizon.net to reserve a Sunday.

# METROPOLITAN SABA WILL BE VISITING US

News Flash! We just received word that His Eminence, Metropolitan Saba, will be making his first pastoral visit to this area next month. Plans and details are still being formulated, but here's what we know now:

**Saturday, February 24: 6 pm Great Vespers -** *Tentative* Sayidna <u>might</u> be with us at that time, but this is yet to be confirmed. If so, we would receive him formally into the Cathedral at the start of Vespers. We would likely also have some kind of reception afterwards, with time for getting acquainted, with questions and answers.

#### Sunday, February 25: 9 am

**Reception of the Metropolitan, Matins and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy** A lunch in honor of Sayidna's first visit will follow Liturgy.

### GOD BLESS YOUR HOME AND BLESS YOU!

Kindly return the coupon below to request your house blessing. Fr. Nabil will take all the requests and group them geographically and assign them to one of his assistants or to himself. We will let you know in advance when a priest will be coming. (We would like to do our best to see as many as possible before Lent, which will start March 17).



House Blessing Scheduling Form			
Name	Telephone		
Address	Email		
Check ALL Possible Days: 🛛 Sun 🔾	Mon 🗅 Tue 🗅 Wed 🗅 Thu 🗅 Fri 🗅 Sat		
Check ALL Possible Times:	ornings 🛛 Afternoons 🖓 Evenings		
Do not schedule me for a house blessing at this time. I will call Father when I'm ready.			
Please place in tray in church, or mail back as soon as possible.			



### THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH LOS ANGELES AREA FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Please join us for dinner and an evening of fellowship with current and prospective members of The Order at

#### **Sunday, January 21, 2024 Phoenicia Restaurant** (343 N. Central Ave., Glendale 91203, 818-956-7800) 5:30 p.m. Social (no host bar) • 6:30 p.m. Dinner

- Roger David, North American Chair, will update us on the good works of The Order.
- The Director of FOCUS Southern California will share a short presentation on the rewarding activities of FOCUS in our area.
- One of our founding members will be honored in a special tribute.

•	Bring a family
	member or
	friend to learn
	more about our
	beloved
	organization!

Valet parking is available (\$15

fee)

Name:	No. Attending: Total (@ \$75 ea): \$
Phone:	Email:
Please make your check payable to <i>Order of St. Ignatius</i> and mail to: Concetta Smarius 3750 Newhaven Road Pasadena, CA 91107 (213) 700-0229 concettasmarius@yahoo.com	

#### "BE A GIVER — CHEERFUL ONE"

Homily by Fr. James C. Meena, Pastor of (then) St. Nicholas Church of Los Angeles, 1951-61. This article appeared in The Word magazine, January 1978.

St. Paul says "Do not forget thin sowing means thin reaping. The more you sow the more you reap." (II Cor. 9:6)

You don't need to be a farmer or live in an agrarian society to understand the meaning of this. There are house plants in almost every home, gardens in almost every yard and you know that if you are stingy with the seeds that you plant, then the earth is going to be stingy in its returns.

If you plant sparing you will harvest sparingly. And if you give grudgingly to those who need your support, if you give grudgingly to the charitable works of the Church, if you pay your dues grudgingly, if you respond to our appeals for charity grudgingly, then God is not pleased. "God loves a cheerful giver."

When I was a little boy my parents did not give me an allowance. Every time I needed something I had to ask for it. If my father gave happily, then I was happy. But, if he was upset about something or if he was distracted or impatient and he gave me the money grudgingly, I felt bad. If we give happily, then God is happy with us, but if we give grudgingly, God is not happy with us. This is what St. Paul is saying to us. He is saying also that there is an example that comes to us from God about giving cheerfully, "because there is no limit to the blessings which God can send you. He will always make sure that you will have all you need for yourselves in every circumstance, and still have something to spare for all sorts of good works."

Now how about you in this hubbub of a society, the self-centered ego maniacal society in which we live, in which the primary credo is "Gratify yourself. Make yourselves happy. Get everything you can out of life." Isn't that a real contradiction of the things which we understand to be the teachings of Christ to go outside of ourselves, to help others to do for others, and to do it happily, cheerfully and not grudgingly because "God loves a cheerful giver?"

St. Paul goes on to make another promise, He says "The one who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide you with all the seed you want and make a harvest of your good deeds a larger one, and made richer in every way, you will be able to do all the generous things which through us are the cause of thanksgiving to God." (V.10-11)

Do you know one of the reasons why our Orthodox churches have not progressed more than they have over the past 40 years? It's because we have placed mean limitations upon ourselves. We have never accepted the concept that "the sky is the limit", insofar as our ministry to others is concerned. People come to me and say, "Look at the church up the street who has just as many members as we have and whose budget is five times as great as ours, and 80 per cent of whose budget is devoted to helping other people." Do you know why we are not able to do that? It's because the earth is our limit and not the sky. The church walls are our limit, with electric bills and gas bills and repair bills, and salaries, and once in a while we raise a little money to help the poor at Thanksgiving and Christmas. These are our limits, not the sky, therefore God only provides us what we need because we don't need anymore. What do we need it for, to put it in the bank to draw interest? We are a Church, not a bank.

So, if you ever stopped and wondered why or how, stop wondering! How is it that some churches can get away with saying to their people, "10 per cent is your obligation, and anything you give over that is a contribution"? How do they get away with that while we have to fight to raise our dues by a few dollars? They can get away with it because "the sky is their limit", not the earth. They can get away with it because it is their ambition to convert the whole world to their concept of Christianity. They may never do it, but they are going to try because the sky is their limit.

But the Orthodox Church is concerned with the transformation and redemption of the world as well, and if we have not the sky as our limit it's only because we are not Orthodox in the truest sense of the word. If we are satisfied to just lope along from year to year, imposing upon good hearted, volunteering people to maintain the "status quo" of our parish, then we are indeed earth-bound creatures and there is little hope for us. Are we going to just sit on our duff s and maintain the status quo? Well, you may compel me to accept that, but I will do so most unhappily, and I will do it grudgingly, because I know that God loves a cheerful giver, not a fleet-footed evader.



# ADDITIONS TO THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

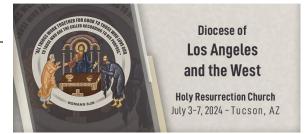
The following names were received after we printed the Community Christmas card.

• Mousa Alghrbi and family

#### PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE UPDATE

The Bible Bowl will be held on Friday, July 5 at the Parish Life Conference in Tucson, AZ.

We may register teams in the Pre-Teen (Ages 10-12), Junior (Ages 13-15), and Senior (Ages 16-19) divisions and we can



have multiple teams in each division. The questions this year are from the Book of Romans (the same book we are focused on in Sunday School).

Anyone interested in participating should see Fr. Andrew or Fr. Nabil, so that we can add you to the roster and the training schedule.

# **PROJECT MEXICO** & St. Innocent Orphanage

# "Missionaries of the Church"

# **Project Mexico**

Project Mexico provides safe, secure, permanent homes for families in Baja California with the help of selfless and hardworking volunteers with over thirty years of experience. Many families endure squalid conditions in shacks pieced together with cardboard, old tarps, and wooden pallets. With no protection from the elements, children and elderly are vulnerable to the elements and victimization. Our mission provides sturdy structures and a foundation for families to build a better future and community.

# St. Innocent Orphanage

St. Innocent Orphanage was founded in 1996 to provide children with love, hope and a safe home. The children are given a chance to live successful, productive lives and receive a comprehensive education at St. Innocent School that also includes vocational training, sports and psychological counseling. Most importantly, they are instructed in the Orthodox Christian life. All of this, including a structured and loving environment, fosters a miraculous transformation.

# **JOIN US!** Sunday, Feb. 4th

Fr. Nicholas Andruchow, the Executive Director of Project Mexico, will be giving the homily at liturgy and speak on this great ministry!



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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, until the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)

#### LIVING

Havat Kassab Alchammas, home, 2/29 Leila Milkie, hospital, 2/27 Fadi Nakhleh, home, 2/13 Albert Malouf, home, 1/31 Ousama Zabaneh, home, 1/27 Natalie Waimrin, home, 1/24 Adrianne Andrews, home, 1/16 Elham Alloush, mother of Arij Watfa Alchammas, 2/29 Julian F. Capata, son of Julian and Shirley Capata, 2/11 Angele Wahhab, mother of Lamia Qafaiti, 1/27 All those suffering from illness, violence and want in the Gaza conflict, in this country and throughout the world DEPARTED Isabel Elac. 2/17 Jeanette Shammas, 2/17

- Bachir Chahin, 1/23 Clemence Gedeon, 1/22 Ronald Davis, Kh. Ruth's father, 2/27
- Kh. Dina Bahou, St. George Church, San Diego, 2/11Kh. Hannah Sally Howell, St. Athanasius
- Church, Fair Oaks/Sacramento, 2/4 Victims of the Gaza conflict and of

violence everywhere

# ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

#### January 2024

Sun. 21	<ul> <li>Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am</li> <li>Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins, 9:15 am</li> <li>Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am</li> <li>Church School</li> <li>Coffee Hour</li> </ul>	
Mon. 22	Vigil for Isabel Elac, 5 pm Choir practice for funeral, 5:45 pm Funeral for Isabel Elac, 7 pm • Reception	
Tue. 23	<ul> <li>Interment for Isabel Elac, 1 pm at St.</li> <li>Nicholas Garden, Valhalla Memorial Park</li> <li>Mercy Meal at St. Nicholas Cathedral</li> </ul>	
Wed. 24	Funeral and Interment for Jeanette Shammas, 9:30 am at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills (White Chapel)	
Sat. 27	FOCUS Food Distribution, 9 am Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm	
Sun. 28	Stewardship Recommitment Sunday Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • Church School • Coffee Hour	
Tue. 30	<i>Feast of the Three Great Hierarchs</i> <b>Divine Liturgy,</b> 10:30 am	
February 2024		
Thu. 1	Eve of the Great Feast Of the Meeting of the Lord Divine Liturgy, 6:30 pm	
Sat. 3	Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm	

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