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TONE 5

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SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN

TARASIOS THE CONFESSOR, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE HIEROMARTYR MARKELLOS, BISHOP OF APAMEA IN SYRIA

Domingo del Fariseo y del Publicano

أحد الفريسي والعشّار

القديس طاراسيوس، رئيس أساقفة القسطنطينية • الشهيد في الكهنة مركيلوس، أسقف آفاميا في سوريا

HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY: HIS EMINENCE, METROPOLITAN SABA, PRESIDING

For the first time this year, today we sang the following penitential troparia at matins, as today begins our preparation for Lent, and then through Lent to the Holy Pascha.

Open to me the gates of repentance, O Giver of Life, For my spirit rises early to pray towards thy holy temple.

Bearing the temple of my body all defiled, but in Thy compassion, purify me by the loving kindness of Thy mercy.

Lead me on the paths of salvation, O Mother of God,



for I have profaned my soul with shameful sins, and have wasted my life in laziness. But by your intercessions, deliver me from all impurity.

When I think of the many evil things I have done, wretch that I am, I tremble at the fearful day of judgement.

But trusting in Thy loving kindness, like David I cry to Thee: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.

LITURGY VARIATIONS

ORDINATION OF CHRISTOPHER AJALAT AS A SUBDEACON

Following the Great Doxology of Matins—and before the concluding troparion he who will be ordained as a subdeacon, wearing a black cassock, approaches the bishop, kisses his right hand, and kneels before him.

The Bishop makes the Sign of the cross three times on his head with his hand. Laying his hand upon him, the Bishop says this Prayer:

Bishop: O Lord our God, Who through one and the same Holy Spirit,

distributing gifts of grace to each of them whom Thou hast chosen, hast given Thy Church diverse orders, Who, through



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!



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.

As there are **NO CHURCH SCHOOL** classes today, children should sit with their parents and come to Communion with them. An usher will dismiss 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.

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.

Thine inscrutable providence hast appointed degrees of ministry therein for the service of Thy holy, spotless Mysteries, and Who, through Thine ineffable foreknowledge hast ordained this Thy servant to be worthy to serve in Thy Holy Church: Do Thou, the same Lord, preserve him uncondemned in all things. And grant that he may behold the beauty of Thy house, stand before the doors of Thy holy Temple, and kindle the lamps in the tabernacle of Thy glory. And plant him in Thy holy Church like a fruitful olive tree, which bringeth forth the fruits of righteousness. And make him Thy perfect servant in the time of Thine advent, that he may receive the recompense of those who are well-pleasing in Thy sight, for Thine are the Kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of Ages.

People: Amen.

And after the Prayer, the Subdeacons give a pitcher and basin to him that is receiving the Laying-on of Hands, lay a towel upon his shoulder, and the Bishop recites the prayer:

Bishop: O Lord our God, who didst hallow the streams of Jordan by Thy saving

manifestation: Do Thou now, also, send down the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, and bless this water, to the sanctification of all Thy people for blessed art Thou unto

ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Bishop: I will wash my hands in innocence and I will compass thine altar, O Lord, that I

may hear the voice of thy praise and tell of all Thy wondrous works. O Lord, I have loved the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth. Destroy not my soul with the ungodly, nor my life with men of blood, in whose hands are iniquities; their right hand is full of bribes. But as for me, in mine innocence have I walked; redeem me, O Lord, and have mercy on me. My foot

hath stood in uprightness; in the congregations will I bless thee, O Lord.

And the Bishop washes his hands.

After this, he that is receiving the laying-on of hands and the other subdeacons kiss the Bishop's hand.

Then is sung the troparion of the Great Doxology of Matins, and the Divine Liturgy begins.

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 Al coeterno Verbo, con el Padre y el Espíritu, al Nacido de la Virgen para nuestra salvación, alabemos, oh fieles, y prosternémonos. Porque se لِنُسَبِّحْ نَحْنُ المؤمِنينَ ونَسْجُدْ لِلْكَلِمَةِ، المساوي لِلآبِ والرُّوحِ في الأزَلِيَّةِ وعَدَمِ الائتِداء، المؤلودِ مِنَ العَذْراءِ لِخَلاصِنا، pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection. complació en ser elevado en وا كَانَّهُ سُرَّ أَنْ يَعْلُوَ بِالجُسَدِ على el Cuerpo sobre la Cruz y soportar la muerte, y levantar الصَّليبِ، ويُخْتَمِلَ المُوْتَ، ويُنْهِضَ المُوْتى a los muertos por su بِقِيامَتِهِ المُجيدة.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise....

Al coeterno Verbo....

لِنُسَبِّحْ نَحْنُ المؤمِنينَ....

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.

Tú que por la verdad de tus actos te mostraste a tu rebaño como canon de la fe, un ejemplo de virtud y maestro de mansedumbre; así como por tu humildad alcanzaste las alturas, y por tu pobreza las riquezas espirituales, oh Padre y Jerarca Nicolás nuestro patrón ruega a Cristo Dios que salve nuestras almas.

لَقَدْ أَظْهَرَتْكَ أَفْعالُ الحَقِّ لِرَعِيَّتِكَ قانوناً للإيمان، وصورَةً لِلْوَداعة، ومُعَلِّماً لِلإمْساكِ، أَيُّها الأَبُ ورَئيسُ الكَهنَةِ نيقولاوس. فَلِذلِكَ أَحْرَزْتَ بالتَّواضُعِ الرِّفْعَة، وبالمسكَنةِ الغِنى. فَتَشَفَّعْ إلى المِسيح الإلهِ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نفوسَنا.

Kontakion of the Pharisee and the Publican (Tone 4)

Let us flee the Pharisee's conceited vaunting; let us learn the Publican's humility, and cry with groans unto the Savior: Thou Who alone art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

Huyamos de la jactancia engreída del fariseo; aprendamos la humildad del publicano y clamemos con gemidos al Salvador: Tú, que eres el único que rápidamente te reconcilias, ten misericordia de nosotros. مِنْ شُموخِ الفَرِيسيِّ لِنَهْرُبَنَ، وَمِنْ تَواضُعِ العَشَّارِ لِنَتَعَلَّمْ، هاتِفينَ بِزَفَراتٍ إلى المَحَلِّصِ: إرْحَمْنا يا مُصَالِحاً حَسَناً وَحُدَك.

THE HIERARCHICAL TRISAGION

Refrain: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Refrán: Santo Dios, Santo Poderoso, Santo Inmortal, ten piedad de nosotros.

اللازمة: قُدُّوسٌ اللهُ، قُدُّوسٌ الْقَوِيُّ، قُدُّوسٌ الْقَوِيُّ، قُدُّوسٌ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ، ارْحَمْنَا.

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (*Twice*)

Then the bishop traces the cross over the gospel book with the dikirion, as he and the clergy sing:

Clergy: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

Bishop: Holy God, the Father, Who is without beginning. Holy Mighty, the Son Coëternal. Holy

Immortal, the Spirit and Comforter Who proceeds from the Father and rests in the Son, O

Holy Trinity, Glory to Thee.

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

The bishop traces the St. Andrew cross over the gospel book with the trikirion, as he and the clergy sing:

Clergy: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

Bishop: In the Jordan was the Holy Trinity made manifest; for the most Divine Person of the Father

proclaimed: He that is baptized is my beloved Son, and the Spirit was present with his

Coëqual, for which cause the people bless and elevate Him throughout the ages.

People: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and

ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

Then the two deacons exit the sanctuary through the holy doors and stand on the solea, before the holy doors, facing east, as the choir and/or chanters chant the following:

People: Holy God.

Standing in the holy doors facing west and holding the trikirion and dikirion, the bishop says:

Bishop:

O Lord, O Lord: Look down from heaven and behold, and visit this vine, and perfect that which Thy right hand hath planted.

Oh Señor, oh Señor: Mira desde el cielo y considera, y visita esta vid, y perfecciona lo que tu diestra ha plantado.

يا رب، يا رب، إطَّلِعْ من السماء وانظر، وتعهد هذه الكرمة التي غرستها يمينك، وأصلحها.

As the bishop blesses with trikirion and dikirion, the choir chants:

People: Eis polla etē despota. [Many years, Master!]

Holy Mighty.

Facing south and holding the trikirion and dikirion, the bishop says:

Bishop: Grant speedy and steadfast consolation unto Thy servants, O Jesus, when our spirit is cast down within

us. Depart not from our souls in affliction; be not far from our thoughts in time of trouble; but always

defend us.

Bishop: O Lord, O Lord....

Choir: Eis polla etē despota.

Holy Immortal.

Facing north and holding the trikirion and dikirion, the bishop says:

Bishop: Draw near unto us, draw near unto us, Thou who art omnipresent! As Thou art ever with Thine Apostles,

so also, O Bountiful One, unite Thyself unto those who long for Thee; that with one accord we may sing

praises unto Thee, and laud Thy most Holy Spirit.

Bishop: O Lord, O Lord....

People: Eis polla etē despota.

Have mercy on us.

The bishop and deacons return to the holy table. The bishop gives the trikirion and dikirion to the deacons. The first deacon stands in the holy doors, facing west, and says:

Deacon: *Dynamis!* [With power!]

The deacon returns to his place at the holy table as the choir concludes the thrice-holy hymn:

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

The first deacon, standing in the holy doors, facing west, says:

Deacon: O Lord, save the faithful.

The first deacon returns to his place at the holy table, while the clergy chant:

Clergy: O Lord, save the faithful.

The second deacon, standing in the holy doors, facing west, says:

Deacon: O Lord, save the faithful.

The second deacon returns to his place at the holy table, while the choir chants:

People: O Lord, save the faithful.

Again, standing in the holy doors facing west, the first deacon says:

Deacon: O Lord, save those of true worship.

The first deacon returns to his place at the holy table, while the choir chants:

People: O Lord, save those of true worship.

Again, standing in the holy doors facing west, the second deacon says:

Deacon: And hear us.

The second deacon returns to his place at the holy table, while the clergy chant:

Clergy: And hear us.

The bishop and deacons then proceed to the high place.

PHIMI FOR METROPOLITAN SABA

Deacon: Saba, the most devout, the most reverend, chosen by

God, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America, our Father and chief Shepherd: May

God grant him many years.

Clergy: Repeat
People: Repeat



THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 75.11, 1 LXX; Tone 8)

Make your vows to the Lord our God, and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

2nd Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy (3.10-15; Pharisee and Publican/33rd Sunday)

TIMOTHY, MY SON, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me.

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will

Prokímenon (Salmo 75.11, 1 LXX; Tono 8)

Hagan votos al Señor su Dios, y cúmplanlos.

Dios es conocido en Judá; su nombre es exaltado en Israel.

De la Segunda Epístola de San Pablo a Timoteo (3.10-15; Fariseo y Publicano/ Domingo 33)

TIMOTEO, MI HIJO, tú has seguido mi doctrina, conducta, propósito, fe, entereza, amor, paciencia, persecuciones, padecimientos, como los que me sobrevinieron en Antioquía, en Iconio, en Listra; persecuciones que he sufrido, pero de todas me ha librado el Señor.

Y también todos los que quieren vivir piadosamente en Cristo Jesús padecerán

بروكيمنون (مزمور ١٠٧٥,١١ سبع.؛ اللحن ٨)

حَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وِبَارِكْ مَيْرَاثَك. إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ أَصْرُخُ وإِلَى إِلَهَي أَتَضَرَّع.

من رسالةِ القديسِ بولس الرسول الثانية إلى تيموثاوس (٣,١٠-١٥؛ الفَرِيسيّ وَالعَشَّار \الأحد ٣٣)

يا وَلَدي تيموثاوسَ، إنَّكَ قَدِ اسْتَقْرَيتَ تَعْليمي، وسِيرَتِي، وقَصْدِي، وإيماني، وأنَاتِي، وَمَحَبَّتِي، وصَبري. واضْطهاداتي، وآلامي، وما أصابني في إنطاكِيَة وأيقونية ولِسترةَ. وأيَّة اضْطهاداتٍ احْتَمَلْتُ، وقَدْ أنقذني الرَّبُّ مِنْ

be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from hombres y los engañadores bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom sabiendo de quién has aprenyou learned it and how from childhood vou have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

persecución; pero los malos irán de mal en peor, engañando v siendo engañados. Pero persiste tú en lo que has aprendido y te persuadiste. dido y que desde la niñez has sabido las Sagradas Escrituras, las cuales te pueden hacer sabio para la salvación por la fe que es en Cristo lesús.

وجَميعُ الذينَ يُريدونَ أَنْ يَعيشوا بالتَقْوى في المسيح يسوع يُضْطَهَدونَ. أمّا الأَشْرارُ والمغْوُونَ مِنَ الناسِ، فَيَزْدادونَ شَرّاً، مُضلّينَ ومُضلّينَ. فَاسْتَمرَّ أَنْتَ على ما تَعَلَّمْتَهُ وأَيْقَنْتَ بهِ، عالِماً مِحَّن تَعَلَّمْتَ. وأنَّكَ مُنْذُ الطُّفوليَّةِ تَعْرفُ الكُتُبَ المِقَدَّسَةَ القادِرَةَ أَنْ تُصَيِّرِكَ حَكيماً لِلْخَلاص بالإيمانِ بالمسيح يسوع.

Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18.10-14; Pharisee and Publican/16th Sunday)

THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE: "Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee subieron al templo a orar: and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes Pero el publicano, estando to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me los ojos al cielo, sino que se a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he

El Santo Evangelio Según San Lucas (18.10-14; Fariseo y Publicano)

EL SEÑOR HABLÓ ESTA PARÁBOLA: «Dos hombres uno era fariseo y el otro publicano. El fariseo, puesto en pie, oraba consigo mismo de esta manera: "Dios, te doy gracias porque no soy como los otros hombres: ladrones. injustos, adúlteros, ni aun como este publicano; avuno dos veces a la semana. diezmo de todo lo que gano". lejos, no quería ni aun alzar golpeaba el pecho, diciendo: "Dios, sé propicio a mí, pecador". Os digo que este descendió a su casa justificado antes que el otro, porque cualquiera que se enaltece

مِنْ بِشارَةِ القِدّيس لوقا الإنْجيلِيّ البَشير (١٨,١٠) الفَرّيسيّ وَالْعَشَّارِ \الأحد ٣٣)

قالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا المِثَل: إنْسانانِ صَعِدا إلى الهَيْكُل ليُصَلِّيا، أَحَدُهُما فَرّيسِيٌّ والآخَرُ عَشَّارٌ. فَكَانَ الفَرّيسِيُّ واقِفاً يُصَلِّي في نَفْسِهِ هَكَذا، "اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّى أَشْكُرُكَ لِأَنَّى لَسْتُ كَسائِر الناس الخَطَفَةِ، الظالمينَ، الفاسقين، ولا مثل هذا العشَّار. فإني أَصُومُ فِي الأسبوعِ مَرَّنَيْنِ، وأُعَشِّرُ كُلَّ ما هُوَ لِي. أُمَّا العَشَّارُ فَوَقَفَ عَنْ بُعْدٍ، ولَمْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يَرْفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ إلى السَّماءِ، بَلْ كَانَ يَقْرَعُ صَدْرَهُ قَائِلاً، "اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْنِي أَنَا الخاطئ." أُقولُ لَكُمْ، إنَّ هَذا نَزَلَ إلى

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Offered by	For the Health of	In Memory of
Robin and Dorothy Nicholas	The Nicholas and Toney families	Archbishop Michael (Khallouf), Gabriel, Mary, John, Kathryn, Edmon, Ronald and Paul Beyrooty, Ted, Ann, Teddy, Asper, Bahejay, Johnny, Frank and Frieda Nicholas, Tom and Susie Toney, Charles Nassif
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Ehab, Rania, Sami, Selena and Anthony Dahabreh		Hani Tadros (Rania's father) and Nawal Hawatmeh Dahabreh (Ehab's mother)

HYMN DURING THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

I will love Thee, O Lord, my
Strength: the Lord is my firm
Foundation, my Refuge and
my Deliverer.

Yo te amo, Señor, fortaleza mía. El Señor es mi roca, mi Baluarte y mi libertador. أَحِبُكَ يا رَبِّ يا قَوْتِي، الرَّبُ ثباتِي وملجأي ومنقذي.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in
heaven, hallowed be Thy
Name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as
it is in heaven. Give us this

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. El pan أَبَانَا الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَات، لِيَتَقَدَّسِ اسْمُك، لِيَأْتِ مَلَكُوتُك، لِتَكُنْ مَشِيئَتُك، كَمَا فِي السَّمَاء، كَذَلِكَ عَلَى الْأَرْض. day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

nuestro de cada día dánoslo hoy y perdona nuestras ofensas así como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos han ofendido y no nos dejes caer en la tentación, más líbranos del mal.

خُبْزَنَا الْجَوْهَرِي أَعْطِنَا الْيَوْم، وَاتْرُكْ لَنَا مَا عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا نَتْرُكُ نَحْنُ لِمَنْ لَنَا عَلَيْه، وَلَا تُدْخِلْنَا فِي تَحْرِبَة، لَكِنْ نَجِّنَا مِنَ الشَّرير.

POLYCHRONION AT THE DISMISSAL

Ton despoten kai archierea emon, Kyrie fylate. Preserve, O Lord, our Master and Archpriest. Eis polla ete despota! Eis polla ete despota! Eis Many years, Master! Many years, Master! polla ete despota!

Many years, Master!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY

We will all together celebrate with our new Metropolitan today. You will find the **Church School Calendar online** and updated with changes (scan the OR code at right, or enter https://bit.lv/SNCschool23-24).



LUNCH BANQUET TO WELCOME METROPOLITAN SABA

A Formal Lunch in honor of Sayidna's first visit will follow immediately after Liturgy. Adults \$30, Children (12 and under) \$15.

We are sold out, but check with Georgette Malouf after Liturgy to see if we can squeeze you in.

Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule			
March 3	Fr. Andrew and Kh. Ruth (in memory of Ruth's father, Ronald Davis)		
March 10 March 17 March 24 March 31	Ladies' Society: "Hamburger Bar" for Meatfare Sunday Dale and Robin Nicola (in memory of son Gregory) OPEN Nassif and Randa Shammaa (birthday celebration for Elia		



THANKS AND BLESSINGS ON ALL WHO HAVE MADE THEIR STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS FOR 2024

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 decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9.6-7)

هذَا وَإِنَّ مَنْ يَزْرَعُ بِالشُّحِّ فَبِالشُّحِّ أَيْضًا يَحْصُدُ، وَمَنْ يَزْرَعُ بِالْبَرَكَاتِ فَبِالْبَرَكَاتِ أَيْضًا يَحْصُدُ. كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ كَمَا يَنْوِي بِقَلْبِهِ، لَيْسَ عَنْ حُزْنٍ أَوِ اضْطِرَارٍ. لأَنَّ الْمُعْطِيَ الْمَسْرُورَ يُحِبُّهُ اللّهُ. (٢ كورنثوس ٩,٦-٧)

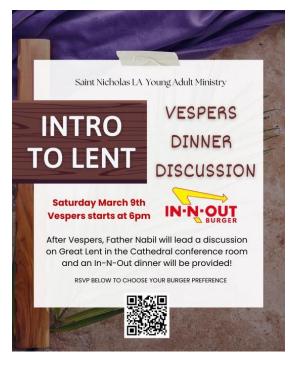
If you haven't done so yet, we ask you to consider prayerfully your stewardship commitment for this year. Please place your pledge card in the collection basket, in the offering box at the candle stand, or return it by mail.

You will find extra pledge cards in the narthex. (They look like the facsimile at right.) You can even enter your pledge as a recurring donation online yourself at

stnicholasla.org/contributions

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:THE SOWER OF GOOD SEEDS:



FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUST DAYS AWAY!

You asked for it! You wanted to have Family Camp while there's still snow on the mountain. Now it's coming March 8-10.

It will be a combination of religious discussions and services, coupled with lots of fun activities and time for families to spend quality time together, without the usual distractions.

We need to know who's coming by Wednesday, Feb. 28, so we can plan for each family to have its own space and so we can order the right amount of food.

Please see the flyer below, and register online ASAP.



KICK-OFF MEETING

NEW FOCUS CENTER

FEBRUARY 29, 2024 @ 6:00PM

Saint Nicholas Cathedral Los Angeles CA 90057 2300 West 3rd Street

Christian service and outreach ministry. We'll (i) review Help us serve our needy neighbors in Los Angeles. Join us as we begin developing a new Orthodox the plan, (ii) build our team, and (iii) get to work! Dinner will be served. All are invited.

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 22: SCHRISTOFOROU@FOCUSNA.ORG









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MARCH 8-10, 2024

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LAUNCHING FOCUS LOS ANGELES

With the wonderful growth of our charity work Angeles, Orange and San Diego Counties, each throughout Southern California, we are now launching separate FOCUS Centers for Los with its own full-time director. Orthodox Christians from across LA County, who dinner and planning at St. Nicholas Cathedral on February 29. FOCUS already received a \$65,000 want to help lead this effort, will gather for matching grant for the launch.

RSVP, then come and join us!

Join us for a fun filled weekend at Camp St Nicholas. We will arrive on Friday evening, March 8 and return home on Sunday afternoon, March snow (hopefully). We will celebrate Vespers on Saturday evening and workshop on Saturday followed by an afternoon of family fun and 10. All ages are invited to participate. We will have a spiritual the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning in the Camp Chapel.

Under 7 - Free. 7-17 Years - \$100. Adults - \$145.

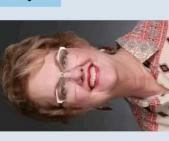
For more information contact the Cathedral Office at (213) 382-6269

APRIL 19 - 21, 2024

DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES AND THE WEST **ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT 45th ANNUAL**



We are honored to have Kh. Susan Wallace from St. James Antiochian Orthodox Church in Stillwater, OK as our Retreat Speaker.



'Ascending the Mountain; moving deeper into the Heart of God" Her topic will be

Watch for full registration details soon! SAVE THE DATE - PLAN TO ATTEND

For questions, please contact Georgette Malouf via email: gette0324@yahoo.com



With the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA, St. Luke's invites you to join Singers/Chanters from the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West for: A HUSICAL JOURNEY FROM BEAST AND THE WORKSHOP BEAST AND BEAT A



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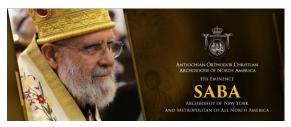
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REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP IS NOW OPEN

Register online at www.campstnicholas.com/site/summer-camp/

St. Nicholas Cathedral will pay <u>half</u> **the cost for all our campers.** If you need additional help, just ask Fr. Nabil privately. Just register, and pay the deposit for now.

Camp is the most important and most effective part of our youth ministry program. We are offering these generous scholarships because we believe Camp is that important.



One year ago, the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Antioch elected His Eminence Saba to be Archbishop of New York and, thus, Metropolitan of North America.

We pray for our Metropolitan Saba and for his success in leading the Archdiocese of North America with godly wisdom, integrity and love, unto the faithful ministry of the gospel of Christ.

The following is a reflection penned by Metropolitan Saba when he was still Metropolitan of Bosra-Hauran.

I Dream of a Church

- + I dream of a church; her master is Jesus Christ alone.
- + I dream of a church; her members seek the life of righteousness at all times.





- + I dream of a church; her youth see the Life flow from their church.
- + I dream of a church; her elders enjoy her warmth in the sunset of their lives.
- + I dream of a church; rooted in her heritage, and present always to face all new.
- + I dream of a church; who allows the Holy Spirit to act.
- + I dream of a church; who does not attribute false names to the Holy Spirit, to justify her decay.
- + I dream of a church; her spiritual fathers are pure and righteous.
- + I dream of a church; who opens the door for the youth to find themselves in Christ. And I detest a church who teaches the youth that the only way to God is the blind obedience that erases their personality that God created.
- + I dream of a church; who welcomes the world with joy.
- + I dream of a church; who does not confine the world within its walls, but goes off into the world to make it a church.
- + I dream of a church; who does not handle the issues with human wisdom, but by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- + I dream of a church; that gives the last word to her Master and seeks, ceaselessly, to determine the compatibility of her decisions with His vision.
- + I dream of a church; who gets up after every fall.
- + I dream of a church; who plants her feet on the ground but she looks up to heavens.
- + I dream of a church; who leaves the human scales and seeks to take on the stature of Jesus Christ.
- + I dream of a church; who deals with money to serve the needs of God's people.
- + I dream of a church; who does not limit herself to just being a building, but realizes that the true church is the living church.

- + I dream of a church; who shares with the believers their worries, and concerns, and sorrows.
- + I dream of a church; who is an oasis for consolation in the desert of this world.
- + I dream of a church; who knows how to rejoice in God, and how to give this joy to the people.
- + I dream of a church; who discerns the peace of Jesus Christ from the peace of the world.
- + I dream of a church; who lives the fulfillment of the life.
- + I dream of a resurrectional church.
- + I dream of a church; who prioritizes welfare.
- + I dream of a church; who knows the language of this world, and evangelizes it in a language that the people of the world will understand.
- + I dream of a church; who lives love every day.
- + I dream of a church; who integrates the talents of her people without putting them in the race of completion.
- + I dream of a church; who does not differentiate between clergy and laity, but deals with all as royal priesthood.
- + I dream of a church; who does not accept a goal less than sainthood, and works to nourish the life with the kingdom of God.
- + I dream of a church; who is not led by human desires.
- + I dream of a church; who her poorest and richest are equal in value and respect.
- + I dream of a church; who doesn't stop working to actualize the Kingdom of God.
- + I dream of a church; who is the body of Christ on earth.
- O God, save us from the institutionalized church that puts her Master to death and keeps only His name!
- Metropolitan Saba (Esber) of Bosra, Horan and Jabal Al-Arab (Translated by Fr. Damaskinos Issa)

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

Asad Aboud, hospital, 3/31
Julian E. Capata, home, 3/30
Leroy Simon, hospital, 3/16
Kamile Waimrin, home, 3/12
George Ghaoui, home, 3/10
Ousama Zabaneh, home, 3/7
Natalie Waimrin, hospital, 3/4
Hayat Kassab Alchammas, home, 2/29
Leila Milkie, rehab., 2/27
Julian F. Capata, son of Julian and Shirley Capata, 3/22
Angele Wahhab, mother of Lamia Qafaiti, 3/7

Elham Alloush, mother of Arij Watfa Alchammas, 2/29

All those suffering from illness, violence and want in the Gaza conflict, in this country and throughout the world

DEPARTED

Protodeacon George Moubayed, St. Mark Church, Irvine, 3/15 Adrianne Andrews, 3/19 Albert Malouf, 3/16 Nimer Hanna, 3/15 Ronald Davis, Kh. Ruth's father, 2/27 Victims of the Gaza conflict and of violence everywhere

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR		
February 2024		
Sun. 25	Metropolitan Saba's First Visit to St. Nicholas Cathedral Reception of Metropolitan into Cathedral, 9 am • Matins and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy • Lunch Banquet	
Wed. 28	Choir practice for funeral, 5:45 pm Funeral for Adrianne Andrews, 7 pm	
Thu. 29	FOCUS LA Dinner/Launch, 6 pm	
March 2024		
Sat. 2	Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm	
Sun. 3	Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • Church School • Coffee Hour	
Fri. 8 – Sun. 10	Family Camp at Camp St. Nicholas	
Sat. 9	Divine Liturgy and All-souls Memorial, 7 am FOCUS Food Distribution, 9 am Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm	
Sun. 10	Meatfare Sunday Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • Church School • "Hamburger Bar" lunch	
Mon. 11	Cathedral Council meeting, 7 pm	

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