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TONE 3

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EOTHINON 11

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS MARTYR KALLIOPIOS OF CILICIA REPOSE OF TIKHON, PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ENLIGHTENER OF NORTH AMERICA

> **الأحَد الثالث منَ الصومِ الكبيرِ: السجود امام الصليب الكَريمِ المُحيي** تَنْكارُ القدّيس كليوبيوس الشهيد والقدّيس جاورجيوس أسقف ميتليني البار رقاد القديس تيخن، مطران موسكو ومنير أمريكا الشمالية

"Come, ye faithful, let us adore the life-giving wood, on which Christ the King of glory, stretched out his hands of his own will."

With the help of God, we have reached the middle of the course of the Fast, where our strength has been worn down through abstinence, and the full difficulty of the labour set before us becomes apparent. Therefore our holy Mother, the Church of Christ, now brings to our help the all-holy Cross, the joy of the world, the strength of the faithful, the staff of the just, and the hope of sinners, so that by venerating it reverently, we might receive strength and grace to complete the divine struggle of the Fast.



Reading from the Synaxarion

LITURGY VARIATIONS

1ST ANTIPHON FOR THE VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (PSALMS 4.7; 59.4; 67.19; 60.5 LXX)

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, hath been signed upon us.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

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

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.

As the start of Church School will be delayed until after the Veneration of the Holy Cross today, CHILDREN should stay with their families for Communion and then return to their places, with their families.

Please 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.

After Saturday Vespers **During Sunday Matins Or by Appointment**

Please turn cell phones off!

قَدِ ارْتَسَمَ عَلَيْنا نُورَ وَجْهكَ يا رَبُّ.

اللازمة: بشفاعات والدة الإله، يا مُخَلِّصُ خلِّصْنا.

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 الحدىث.

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.



Thou hast given a sign unto them that fear Thee, that they may flee from before the face of the bow. *Refrain*

Thou hast ascended on high; Thou ledest captivity captive. *Refrain*

Thou hast given an inheritance to them that fear thy Name. *Refrain*

Glory... both now.... Refrain

أَعْطَيْتَ الَّذِينَ يَرْهَبُونَ اسْمَكَ مِيرَاثاً، لِيَهْرُبوا مِنَ

القَوْس. *اللازمة*

صَعِدْتَ إلى العَلاءِ وَسَبَيْتَ سَبْياً *اللازمة*

وَأَعْطَيْتَ مَوَاهِبَ للذينَ يَخافونَ اسْمَكَ يا رَب. اللازمة

ألمجد...الآنَ.... اللازمة

2ND ANTIPHON FOR THE VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (PSALMS 97.5; 131.7; 73.13; 112.4; 96.10 LXX)

All the ends of the earth have seen the في كُلّ الأرض رَأَيْنا خَلاصَ إلْهَنا. salvation of our God. اللازمة: خَلِّصْنا يا ابْنَ اللهِ، يا مَنْ قامَ مِنْ بَين الأَمْوات، Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing unto Thee: Alleluia. لِنُرَتّالَ لَكَ. هَلِلوبيا. اسْجُدُوا عِندَ مَوْطِئ قَدَمَيْهِ. اللازمة Let us worship at the place where His feet have stood. Refrain اللهُ هُوَ مَلِكُنا مُنْذُ القِدَمِ. صَنَعَ الخَلاصَ في وَسْطِ God is our King before the ages; He hath الأَرْضِ. اللازمة wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. Refrain وَاعْلَمُوا أَنّي أَنَا هُوَ اللهُ. أَرْتَفِعُ في الأُمَم وَأَتَعَالى في High above all the nations is the Lord. Thou art Lord Most High over all the earth. Refrain الأَرْضِ. اللازمة Glory... both now.... O only-begotten Son.... المِجْدُ... الآنَ.... يا كَلِمَةَ اللهِ الإبنَ الوَحيد....

3RD ANTIPHON FOR THE VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (PSALMS 98.5; 27.9 LXX): TROPARION OF THE CROSS AS REFRAIN (TONE 1)

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet.

إِرْفَعوا الرَّبَّ إِلْهَنَا وَاسْجُدُوا عِندَ مَوْطِئَ قَدَمَيْهِ.

Refrain: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, granting to thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross, preserving thy Commonwealth.

Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. *Refrain*

Shepherd them, and bear them up unto eternity. *Refrain*

اللازمة: حَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاثَكَ، وَٱمْنَحْ عَبِيدَكَ المؤمِنِينَ الغَلَبَةَ عَلَى الشِّرِير، وَٱحْفَظْ بِقْوَّةِ صَلِيبِكَ جَمِيعَ المحْتَصِينَ بِك.

يا رَبُّ، خَلِّصْ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاثَكَ. *اللازمة*

وَارْعَهُمْ وَارْفَعْهُمْ إِلَى الأَبَد. *اللازمة*

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy. لِتَفْرِحْ السَّماويَّاتُ وتَبْتَهِجِ الأرْضِيَّات، لأَنَّ الرَّبَّ صَنَعَ عِزَّا بِساعِدِهِ، ووَطِئَ الموْتَ بالمؤتِ، وصارَ بِكْرَ الأَمْواتِ، وأَنْقَدَنا مِنْ جَوْفِ الجَحيمِ، ومَنَحَ العالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ العُظْمى.

Troparion of the Holy Cross (Tone 1)

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, granting to thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross, preserving thy Commonwealth. حَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاثَكَ، وَٱمْنَحْ عَبِيدَكَ المَوْمِنِينَ الغَلَبَةَ عَلَى الشِّرِّير، وَٱحْفَظْ بِقُوَّةِ صَلِيبِكَ جَمِيعَ المختصِّينَ بِك.

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 أَحْرَرْتَ بِالتَّواضُعِ الرِّفْعَة، وبالمسكَنَةِ الغِنى. فَتَشَفَّعْ إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ أَنْ يُحَلِّص نفوسَنا.

Kontakion of the Annunciation (Tone 8)

O victorious Leader of triumphant hosts, we your servants, who have been delivered from danger, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos. As you have power, which is invincible, set us free from every danger that we may cry out to you: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride! إني أنا عبدُكِ يا والدةَ الإله، أكْتُبُ لكِ راياتِ الغَلَبَة، يا مُنْدِيَّةً مُحامِيَةً، وأُقَدِّمُ لَكِ الشُّكْرَ كَمُنْقَدَةٍ مِنَ الشَّدائِد، لَكِنْ بِما أَنَّ لكِ العِرَّةَ التي لا تُحَارَب أعْتِقِيني مِنْ صُنوفِ الشدائِد حَتى أصْرُخَ إليكِ: إفْرَحي يا عَروساً لا عَروس هَا.

ANTI-TRISAGION (IN PLACE OF "HOLY GOD")

لِصَلِيبِكَ يَا سَيِّدَنَا نَسْجُد، وَلِقِيَامَتِكَ المَقَدَّسَةِ نُمَجِّد. (ثَلاثًا)

People: Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify. *(Thrice)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. And Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify.

Deacon: Dynamis!

People: Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify.

أَلِجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالاِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ القُدُسِ، الآنَ وَكُلَّ أوانٍ، وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِين. آمِين. وَلِقِيَامَتِكَ المَقَدَّسَةِ ثُمَجِّد. قُوَّةٌ!

لِصَلِيبِكَ يَا سَيّدَنَا نَسْجُد، وَلِقِيَامَتِكَ الْقَدَّسَةِ نُمَجّد.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 27.9, 1 LXX; Tone 6)	بروكيمنون (مزمور ٢٧,٩، ١ سبع.؛ اللحن ٦)
O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.	حَلِّصْ يا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وبَارِكْ مِيراثَك.
Verse: To You, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.	إليكَ يا ربُّ أَصْرُخُ إلهي.
From St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews	
(4.14-5.6; 3 rd Sunday of Lent)	فُصْلٌ مِنْ رسالةِ القديسِ بولس الرسول إلى العِبْرانِيين
BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the	(٤,١٤) ٥,٦-٤,٩؛ ثالث أحد من الصوم)
Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable	يا إِحْوَةُ، إِذْ لنا رَئِيسُ كَهَنَةٍ عَظِيمٌ قَدِ اجْتازَ السَّماواتِ،
to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one	يَسوعُ ابنُ اللهِ، فَلنَتَمَسَّكْ بِالإعْتِرافِ. لأنَّ ليسَ لَنا رئيسُ
who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with	كَهَنَةٍ غَيْرُ قادِرٍ أَنْ يَرْثِيَ لأَوهانِنا، بلْ مُحَرَّبٌ في كُلِّ شيءٍ

confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him Who said to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee;" as He says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (8.34-9.1; 3rd Sunday of Lent)

THE LORD SAID, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

مِثْلَنَا ما حَلا الخَطيئَة. فَلْنُقْبِلْ إذَنْ بِثِقَةٍ إلى عَرْشِ النِّعمَةِ. لِنَنالَ رَحْمَةً ونَجِدَ ثِقَةً لِلإغاثَةِ في أوانجا.

فإنَّ تُحُلَّ رئيسِ كَهَنَةٍ مُتَّحَدٍ مِنَ الناسِ يُقامُ لأَجْلِ النَّاسِ فيما هُوَ للهِ، ليُقَرِّبَ تقادِمَ وذَبائِحَ عَنِ الخطايا، في إمْكانِهِ أنْ يُشْفِقَ على الذينَ يَجْهَلونَ ويَضِلُونَ، لِكَوْنِهِ هُوَ أَيْضاً مُتَلَبِّساً بالضُّعْفِ. ولِمِذا يَجِبُ عَلَيْهِ أَنْ يُقَرِّبَ عَنِ الخطايا لأَجْلِ نَفْسِهِ كَما يُقَرِّبُ لأَجْلِ الشَّعْبِ. ولَيْسَ أَحَدٌ يأْخُذُ لنَفْسِهِ الكَرامَةَ، بَلْ مَنْ دَعَاهُ اللهُ كَما دَعا هارون. كَذلِكَ المسيحُ لَمَ يُمَجِدْ نَفْسَهُ لِيَصيرَ رئيسَ كَهَنَةٍ، بَلِ الذي قالَ لهُ "أنتَ ابْنِي وأنا اليَوْمَ وَلَدْتُكَ". كَما يَقولُ في مَوْضِعٍ آخَرَ "أنتَ كاهِنٌ إلى الأبَدِ على رُثْبَةٍ مَلكيصادَق".

مِنْ بِشارَةِ القِدّيسِ مَرْقُسَ الإنْجيلِيِّ البَشيرِ والتلْميذِ الطاهِر (٨,٣٤–٩,١؛ ثالث أحد من الصوم)

قَالَ الرَّبُّ: مَن أرادَ أَنْ يَتْبَعَنِي فَلْيَكْفُرْ بِنَفْسِهِ وِيَحْمِلْ صَليبَهُ وِيَتْبَعْنِي، لأَنَّ مَنْ أرادَ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفْسَهُ يُهْلِكُها، ومَنْ أَهْلَكَ نَفْسَهُ مِنْ أَجْلي ومِنْ أجلِ الإنجيل يُخَلِّصُها. فإنَّهُ ماذا يَنْتَفِعُ الإنسانُ لَوْ رَبِحَ العالَمَ كُلَّهُ وحَسِرَ نَفْسَهُ؟ أَمْ ماذا يُعْطِي الإنسانُ فِداءً عَنْ نَفْسِهِ؟ لأَنَّ مَنْ يَسْتَحي بِي وبِكَلامِي فِي هذا الجيل الفاسِقِ الخاطِئِ. يَسْتَحي بِهِ ابْنُ البَشَرِ مَتى أَتى فِي عَدِ أَبِهِ مَعَ المَلائكةِ القِديسينَ. وقالَ لَهُمْ: الحقَّ أقولُ لَكُمْ، إنَّ قَوْماً مِنَ القَائِمينَ هَهُنا لا يَدوقونَ المُوْتَ حَتَّى يَرَوْا مَلَكُوتَ اللهِ قَدْ أَتى بِقُوَّةٍ.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Offered by	For the Health of	In Memory of
Nabeel Hanna , Nael Hanna, Isaac and Naela Kusto, Nabeela Hanna and Nisreen Hanna		Nimer Hanna (father, 40-day memorial)
Benjamin, Ann, David and Ana Haddad and Rosemarie and Mitri Hajjar	The Haddad and Hajjar families	William Haddad (father, 40-day memorial)
Alice Mikesell, Shirley Cameron, Connie Burrell and their families.		Melveen Fadoul (mother, 2 years departed)
Michael, Diana, Christopher and Joseph Nofal	The Rafeedie and Nofal families	George Rafeedie and George Nofal (fathers/grandfathers)
Salma Maalouf	Her children, grandchildren and all her family	
Leila Beebe (flowers for the Cross)	Her children, grandchildren and all her family	Jameel Beebe (husband)
George, Mariam, Mark, Antonio and Hend Bshara		
Ehab , Rania , Sami , Selena and Anthony Dahabreh		Hani Tadros (Rania's father) and Nawal Hawatmeh Dahabreh (Ehab's mother)

To offer Holy Oblations and Memorials please use the form at

https://stnicholasla.com/makeaprayerrequest or call the Cathedral office by Wednesday.

WE SERVE THE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL TODAY

From the point in the service where Father invites us, "Let us give thanks unto the Lord," turn to the middle of page 134 in the brown hardback books to continue participating in the Prayer of the Anaphora.

MEGALYNARION OF ST. BASIL'S LITURGY (TONE 8)

All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed Temple and spiritual Paradise, Glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God Who is before all the ages; for إنَّ البَرايا بِأَسرِها، تَفرَحُ بِكِ يا مُمَتَلِئَةً نِعمَةً: مَحافِلَ المِلائِكَةِ، وَأَجناسَ البَشَرِ. أَيَّتُها الهَيكَلُ المتقَدِّس، والفِردَوسُ النّاطِقُ، فَخرُ البَتولِيَّةِ مَرِيم، التي مِنها بَحَسَّدَ الإلَهُ، وصارَ طِفلًا، وَهوَ He made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee. إِلَهُمُا الذي قَبلَ الدُّهور. لِأَنَّهُ صَنَعَ مُستَودَعَكِ عَرشًا، وَجَعَلَ بَطنَكِ أَرحَبَ مِنَ السَّماوات. لِذَلِكَ يا مُمَتَلِفَةً نِعمَةً، تَفرَحُ بِكِ كُلُّ البَرايا وَتُمَجِدُك.

REFRAIN OF THE COMMUNION PSALM (PSALM 4.7; TONE 8)

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, hath been signed upon us. Alleluia.

لَقَدِ ٱرْتَسَمَ عَلَيْنَا نُورُ وَجْهِكَ يَا رَبّ. هللويا.

PROCESSION OF THE HOLY CROSS AND ANTI-TRISAGION

Following "Blessed be the Name of the Lord...," the Cross, upon a tray with branches of basil (or flowers), is placed on the Holy Table.

People: All kneel and sing "Holy God..." to a slow and solemn melody.

The priest goes around the Holy Table censing the Cross from four sides. Taking the tray upon his head, preceded by the processional torches and fans and the deacon with the incense, the priest goes around the Holy Table and out the north door of the sanctuary, going around the temple. He stops before the Royal Doors, where the tetrapod has been positioned, after circling it thrice.

Priest:	Wisdom! Let us attend.
	The priest places the tray with the Cross upon the tetrapod, and circles it while incensing it three times. Meanwhile is sung:
Priest:	The troparion of the feast, "O Lord, save thy people"
People:	<i>The troparion of the feast, "</i> O Lord, save thy people…" <i>(twice)</i>
	Then is sung the following anti-Trisagion thrice, with all making a prostration each time.
Priest:	Before thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and thy holy Resurrection we glorify.
People:	Before thy Cross <i>(twice)</i>
	When you venerate the Cross, after the dismissal, you will receive a flower from it as a blessing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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:

- Diana Nofal and family
- Nabeel Hanna , Nael Hanna, Isaac and Naela Kusto, Nabeela Hanna and Nisreen Hanna, in memory of father Nimer Hanna



Upcoming Coffee Hour Schedule

April 14 Annual "Falafel Day" by the Shousha, Qafaiti and Nima families

- April 21 Hannan Lahham (40-day memorial for Osama Lahham)
- April 28 Ladies' Palm Sunday Bake Sale
- May 5 Pascha Breakfast
- May 12 Men's Fellowship (Mother's Day)
- May 19 Robin Nicholas

May 26 Nellie and William Haick (2-year memorial for Wil Haick)

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. Contact Joujou George at (562) 522-1322 or ginageorge@verizon.net to reserve a Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY

Today: students and teachers will go to their classes after the Veneration of the Holy Cross.

Our classes will continue the study of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans— Lesson II.4: "Obedience" (Romans 6:22, 12:2, 13:2 and Matthew 26:39). 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 this QR code, or enter <u>https://bit.ly/SNCschool23-24</u>).



2024 LENTEN SERVICES

In <u>Addition</u> to the regular, weekly services: Saturday Vespers, 6 p.m. Sunday Matins: 9:15 a.m. • Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Mondays — On Mondays in Lent we will serve Great Compline at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays — Join us at **6:30 p.m. for the Presanctified Liturgy**. Fast from all food and drink from *at least* noon in preparation for Holy Communion.

- We then share dinner together.
 - > April 10: bring one Lenten item to share for a potluck after Liturgy.
 - > April 17: Men's Fellowship will host dinner, so no need to bring anything.
 - > April 24: Ladies' Society will host dinner, so no need to bring anything.
- A short spiritual discussion will follow.

Fridays — Little Compline with the Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos at 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays — We serve the Liturgy each Saturday morning in Lent. See the calendar for the specific times; some Saturdays the Liturgy will be early, before FOCUS.

The Fifth Thursday, April 18 — We serve the **Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete** with the Life of St. Mary of Egypt at 6:30 pm.

Palm Sunday: April 28 • Pascha: May 5





THE PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE AND COFFEE HOUR

The Palm Sunday Bake Sale and Coffee Hour

will be held on Palm Sunday, April 28, in the Heritage Ballroom, after *both* Palm Sunday Liturgies. Everyone is invited to place their preorders or shop after Liturgy. Be sure to get all your favorite sweets and treats! Ordering ahead is encouraged due to limited quantities.

Be sure to look for the special order form in the Sunday bulletin, in the Antiochian Women Newsletter, on Facebook or on the St. Nicholas website (stnicholasla.org), for more information and to place your orders. Please place your orders ASAP, because all this good stuff goes fast! Jacqui's number is (626) 476-9070 and her email address is jmbadaro@hotmail.com

The Palm Sunday Bake Sale has always been one of the Cathedral's traditions. The St. Nicholas Antiochian Women need help with

One Day Retreat Led by Father Nabil

We will be discussing <u>Becoming a Healing</u> <u>Presence</u> by Albert S Rossi!

Please join us, even if you haven't read the book! BECOMING A HEALING PRESENCE



When:	Saturday, May 18
	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Where:	The Home of Rose Samore
	1817 Maginn Drive
	Glendale, CA 91202

RSVP to Lauren Malouf (818) 687 – 0406 lmalouf@hchc.edu by May 9

baking and donations. Let us all help to make this a successful and delicious event to celebrate the special feast day. Please contact Chairwoman Jacqui Badaro to contribute with either your delicious homemade sweets or to donate needed funds.

May 18--Ladies' Book Club/One Day Spiritual Retreat The next Book Club meeting will take place on Saturday May 18 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the home of Rose Samore; 1817 Maginn Dr., Glendale, CA 91202. We will finally be able to review the book we have been reading, <u>Becoming a Healing Presence</u> by Dr. Albert Rossi (but don't worry if you haven't had the chance to read it). Fr. Nabil Hanna will lead us in a discussion on the book, and we will have a chance to discuss how the concepts of the book affect and appear in our lives. This is a great opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship for us. Please join us! Call Rose with any questions: 818-378-2055.



Women's Retreat, at 4 pm on Saturday, April 20, we will dedicate an outdoor Also note that in conjunction with the Camp Director, Fr. Nicholas Neyman. shrine in memory of our long-time

His wife, Kh. Malvina Neyman, and his daughters, Kh. Juliana Youssef and Kh. will be joining us for to the Women's Joanna Townsend, and their families Retreat and the dedication. Men and women, alike, are invited to Nicholas. (There will be no vespers at join for the dedication and vespers following the dedication, at Camp St. that will take place immediately the Cathedral on April 20.)

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



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We are honored to have Kh. Susan Wallace from St. James Antiochian Orthodox Church in Stillwater, OK as our Retreat Speaker Her topic will be: "Ascending the Mountain; moving deeper into the Heart of God"

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Or, Mail in the registration form and your check payable to Antiochian Women, You may register and pay online using a credit card at: https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/8523483 Diocese of the West OR AW DLAW

Full Weekend 2 nights/5 meals EARLY BIRD by April 4th Pay by check: \$170 Online payment: \$175

Pay by check: \$180 Online payment: \$186 Saturday Only - 3 meals Pay by check: \$80 Online payment \$83 Full Weekend 2 nights/5 meals AFTER April 4th

via email: gette0324@yahoo.com or via phone at: 818-391-6217 For questions, please contact Georgette Malouf



Baked Goods Sale



Homemade by Our St. Nicholas Cathedral's Ladies Palm Sunday April 28, 2024

Baked Goods	Pre-order / on-Site Price	Quantity	Total Amt.
Date Fingers	\$20.00 per dozen / \$25.00 per dozen		
Maamool Walnut	\$25.00 per dozen / \$25.00 per dozen		
MaamoolPistachio	\$25.00 per dozen / \$25.00 per dozen		
Maamool Date	\$25.00 per dozen / \$25.00 per dozen		
Macaroons	\$15.00 per dozen / \$20.00 per dozen		
Baklawa Fingers	\$16.00 per lb. / \$18.00 per lb.		
Baklawa	\$16.00 per lb. /\$18.00 per lb.		
Ka'ak	\$14.00 per dozen /\$16.00 per dozen		
Ghraibie	\$15.00 per dozen/ \$18.00 per dozen		
Namoora	\$12.00 per lb. /\$14.00 per lb.		
Spinach Fatayer	\$17.00 per dozen / \$18.00 per dozen		
Meat Bread	\$15.00 per 6 pcs. /\$15.00 per 6 pcs.		
Veggie Bread	\$15.00 per 6 pcs. /\$15.00 per 6 pcs.		
Cheese Pies	\$18.00 per dozen /\$20.00 per dozen		
Kibbeh Balls	\$30.00 per dozen		
Zaatar	\$15.00 per 6 pcs.		
	TOTAL AM	OUNT DUE:	

All preorders are due by Sunday, April 14, 2024.

Ordered By:		
Phone ()		
Check \$	Cash \$:	Total \$:

Make checks payable to <u>St. Nicholas Cathedral Ladies Society</u> For questions and orders; contact the Bake Sale Chairperson: Jacqui Badaro (626) 476-9070 Email: <u>jmbadaro@hotmail.com</u>

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 وَانَّ مَنْ يَزْرَعُ بِالشُّحِّ فَبِالشُّحِّ أَيْضًا يَحْصُدُ، وَمَنْ يَزْرَعُ بِالْبَرَكَاتِ فَبِالْبَرَكَاتِ أَيْضًا يَحْصُدُ. كُلُ وَاحِدٍ كَمَا يَنْوِي بِقَلْبِهِ، لَيْسَ عَنْ حُزْنٍ أَوِ اضْطِرَارٍ. لأَنَّ الْمُعْطِيَ الْمَسْرُورَ يُحِبُّهُ اللهُ. (٢ إِسَرَ

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 <u>stnicholasla.org/contributions</u>

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP IS NOW OPEN

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

Session 2/Teen Week is already full!

Please sign up online for week 1 or week 3 ASAP, before they fill up too!

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.

Please contact Fr. Andrew if you are having any problems with the online sign-up process.

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.





THE SOWER OF GOOD SEEDS:

FRANCIS MARIA SCHOLARSHIP

2024 Francis Maria Scholarships are being offered for adults and young adults in good standing in a church in our Archdiocese.

This year, **awards increased to \$10,000** per student to help meet the challenges of high tuition costs. With this Premier Scholarship, we hope to encourage more Orthodox young people to seek higher education becoming stronger, well-educated, Orthodox Christian leaders. Find applications and more information at



CrossRoad is a ten-day immersive summer program designed for YOU as you prepare to make big life decisions and start new adventures. By connecting with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition in a deep and meaningful way, you will find a place to form authentic and lifelong friendships, ask hard questions, and explore what it means to be an Orthodox Christian in the 21st century.



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Diocese of Los Angeles and the West

Holy Resurrection Church July 3-7, 2024 - Tucson, AZ

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHT

The Special Guest at this year's Conference will be **His Grace Bishop Anthony, from the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest**

Register, Find Schedules and all the Information You Need at <u>www.antiochianevents.com/la.htm</u> 2nd Annual Young Adult Paschal HAFLEH SATURDAY MAY 11TH VESPERS AT 6PM HAFLEH AT 7PM

> LOCATION: ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL HALL 2300 W 3RD ST. LOS ANGELES, 90057

Dinner • Drinks • Dancing • Photo Booth • More! DRESS CODE: FORMAL



Use the QR Code or link in bio to RSVP

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

Fr. Joseph Abud, friend of Fr. Nabil and Kh. Elaine, 5/1 Fayza Chammaa, home, 5/15 George Zahab, hospital, 5/13 Asad Aboud, rehab., 5/11 Julian E. Capata, home, 5/10 Leroy Simon, hospital, 4/25 Natalie Waimrin, rehab., 4/13 Evonne Chala, home, 4/9 Hayat Kassab Alchammas, home, 4/9 Julian F. Capata, son of Julian and Shirley Capata, 5/1 Angele Wahhab, Lamia Qafaiti's mother, 4/16 Sharon Carothers, friend of Fr. Andrew and Kh. Ruth, 4/10 Elham Alloush, 4/9 All those suffering from illness, violence and want in the Gaza conflict, in this country and throughout the world

DEPARTED

Agnes Koudsi, 5/7 Ousama Zabaneh, 4/24 Carlos Alegria, 4/12 William Haddad, 4/12 Anna Victoria Cebedo, Armando Cano's wife, 4/14 Victims of the Gaza conflict and of violence everywhere

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

April 2024

Sun. 7	Veneration of the Holy Cross 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
Mon. 8	Great Compline, 6:30 pm
Tue. 9	Choir dinner and practice, 6:30 pm
Wed. 10	Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 pmPotluck Dinner and Discussion
Thu. 11	Funeral of Agnes Koudsi, 3 pm at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills
Fri. 12	Little Compline with Akathist, 6:30 pm
Sat. 13	Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Great Vespers and Confessions, 6 pm
Sun. 14	4 th Sunday of Lent Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Matins, 9:15 am • First Confessions, 9:45 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • Church School • Falafel Lunch and First Confession Banquet
Mon. 15	Great Compline, 6:30 pm
Tue. 16	Cathedral Council meeting, 7 pm
Wed. 17	 Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 pm Dinner by Men's Fellowship and Discussion