

St Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral of Los Angeles  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



*See the full calendar and the latest additions and updates to our [schedule on our website](#).*

Beloved in Christ,

I pray this finds you all in good health.

As always, we pray for the president of our country and all our civil authorities. We wish President Biden and his administration all the best, as we pray

*“for all civil authorities and our armed forces; grant them, O Lord, peaceful times, that we in their tranquility may lead a calm and peaceful life in all reverence and godliness”  
(from the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom).*

- **This Sunday, we look forward to hearing a testimonial from Jacqui Badaro,** member of the Cathedral and President of our Ladies Society, the Antiochian Women of St. Nicholas, as we continue through this month to reflect on what should be our Christian response for all that God has done for us.



**We will conclude these reflections the following Sunday, January 31, which is 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. This is a basic way we make our faith tangible, not just some abstract philosophy. We committed to being Orthodox Christians when we were baptized/chrisdated; now we renew that commitment to following Christ, doing His work together.

It’s like our annual “re-upping,” signing up again, boldly declaring we’re still part of God’s family. Just as in every family, therefore, members have responsibilities and chores. God gave us His Church and entrusted us with its work. We have much to do together, each contributing according to his or her ability.

We ask you to consider prayerfully your stewardship commitment for the coming year. This is the pledge we make in support of our church operations and ministries for 2021.

- At the conclusion of Liturgy on January 31, we will offer a special prayer of thanksgiving for you, God’s stewards, and ask Him to bless and reward all those who are recommitting to His Church.
- Then the clergy and Council members will proceed to put their pledge cards in the offering box.

- We respectfully ask everyone to follow and put a confidential pledge into the box.
- If you cannot be with us on the 31<sup>st</sup>, we ask you to mail back your pledge card.

With love and blessings in Christ,

+Fr. Nabil

*"What shall I render to the Lord,  
for All His Bounty to Me?"*

*I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of  
Thanksgiving, and I will call  
upon the Name of the Lord.*

*(Psalm 116.12, 17)*



## Godly Giving

From "Dynamis"

What are your motives for giving?

1. **"Give with blessings"** (vs. 6). Most English translations contrast "sparingly" with "bountifully" or "generously" in the opening verse. In the original, St. Paul used the plural of the word "blessing," in contrast to "stingy." Hence, "one who sows stingily" differs from "one who sows with blessings." For the Apostle Paul, formed in the Hebraic mind, when speaking of blessings, he always is speaking of God. As the Psalmist says, "Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel, Who alone doeth wonders" (Ps. 71:19). Only God is blessed, and all "blessings" flow from Him. The Apostle's point is that Christian giving always occurs in the context of the giving of God..
2. **"Give from the heart."** Of course the Apostle is speaking of the heart that is submitted to the Lord. A heart which belongs to the Lord neither grudges nor feels compulsion to give, but shares in the manner in which the Lord gives, "pressed down...and running over" (Lk. 6:38).
3. **"Give from joy"** (2 Cor. 9:7), or "Give merrily." The key word is "merry" or "joyous," in the original "hilarion." One invariably gives happily from a consciousness awash in the glad tidings that "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself" (2 Cor. 5:19). To know the Lord removes all reluctance and constraint, for He is the great treasure and ample food. Note how St. Paul changed Proverbs 22:9 LXX, from "God 'blesses'... to "God 'loves' a cheerful giver."

4. **"Give from the abundance received from God"** (2 Cor. 9:8). The Apostle promises to hearts that are united to God: "you always [will have] all sufficiency" (vs. 8). Hesitation to give freely, which is driven by the desire to "guarantee" one's own needs, is tempered by knowing God's abounding grace. Even those of very simple means, but who truly know the Lord, understand that they have a real measure of "abundance for every good work" (vs. 8).
5. **"Give to the poor"** (vss. 9, 10). The noun here describing the needy or the poor is "penesin," cousin to our English, penury, but alludes to those who are reduced to working just for bread, that is, for the bare necessities. To give to the poor cooperates with God in answering the prayer, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10).
6. **"Give, trusting that God will multiply"** (2 Cor. 9:10). Among the practices which some of the excellent contemporary charitable organizations follow, for example, the International Orthodox Christian Charities, is to give toward building greater self-sufficiency, "getting the destitute on their feet." The Apostle speaks of Godly giving as having its source in God Who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food. There are some needs, however, brought about by overwhelming events such as drought, famine or war, which require us to supply basic seed and food, knowing and trusting that God will "increase the fruits of [our] righteousness" (vs. 10).
7. **"Give eucharistically" (vs. 11).** As one gives to the poor merrily from the heart, out of the abundance provided to oneself by God, trusting in Him to multiply our efforts, one naturally gives with praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. The two concepts, "praise and thanksgiving," fully express the single Greek word, "eucharistia," which we use to describe the quality of the Prayer of the Anaphora in the Divine Liturgy, which also truly expresses the whole Christian life.

## Upcoming Schedule and Links

Remember to sign up for each service at [www.stnicholasla.org/schedule](http://www.stnicholasla.org/schedule)

Date	Time	Event or Service (click link for service text)	How to Participate
<b>Friday, Jan. 22</b>	7:00 pm	Church School Classes	See links for each class, below
	7:00 pm	Arabic Bible Study درس الكتاب بالعربي	Sign up with Dn. Eliya at <a href="mailto:Louia@hotmail.com">Louia@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Saturday, Jan. 23</b>	6:00 pm	<a href="#">Great Vespers</a>	<a href="#">Livestream</a> only (church closed)
<b>Sunday, Jan. 24</b>	7:45 am	Divine Liturgy in Spanish	In person AND <a href="#">livestream</a>
	9:15 am	<a href="#">Matins</a>	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
	10:30 am	<a href="#">Divine Liturgy</a>	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
<b>Friday, Jan. 29</b>	7:00 pm	Church School Classes	See links for each class, below
	7:00 pm	Arabic Bible Study درس الكتاب بالعربي	Sign up with Dn. Eliya at <a href="mailto:Louia@hotmail.com">Louia@hotmail.com</a>

<b>Saturday, Jan. 30</b>	6:00 pm	<a href="#">Great Vespers</a>	<a href="#">Livestream</a> only (church closed)
<b>Sunday, Jan. 31</b>	<i>NO Liturgy in Spanish</i>		
	9:15 am	Matins	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
<b>Monday, Feb. 1</b> <i>Eve of the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord</i>	6:30 pm	Evening Divine Liturgy	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 2</b>	7:00 pm	Zoom Discussion on Cathedral Financial Statement & Annual Report	Link to be sent
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 3</b>	7:00 pm	Church School Staff meeting	Link to be sent
<b>Thursday, Feb. 4</b>	7:00 pm	Zoom Discussion on Cathedral Financial Statement & Annual Report	Link to be sent

See the full calendar and the latest additions and updates, [now available on our website](#).

Please note that you do NOT need to have a Facebook account to join our services via livestreaming. Also, if you cannot join the services live, it remains on the Facebook site, so you can participate when your schedule allows.

## Church School 7 pm Friday, January 22

Class	Zoom Link	Meeting ID and Password	Text and Discussion Material
<b>Preschool &amp; Kindergarten</b>	None – discuss at home	None	View or print for Preschool
<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	<a href="#">Join 1st – 4th Class</a>	950 0406 4284 602971	View or print for Grades 1-4
<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	<a href="#">Join 5th – 8th Class</a>	966 6787 2317 283692	View or print for Grades 5-8
<b>High School</b>	<a href="#">Join High School Class</a>	964 9146 2720 439263	View or print for High School

## Arabic Bible Study on the Parables –

درس الكتاب بالعربي - الامثال

Fridays at 7PM

Classes will be led by Dn. Eliya Ammari

Contact him at (818) 433 5523 or [Louia@hotmail.com](mailto:Louia@hotmail.com) to sign up.

He will then send you an invitation for a Zoom meeting one day before the discussions.

Date	Topic of Discussion	Bible Readings
1/22/2021	مثل السامري الصالح	لو ( ١٠ : ٢٥ - ٣٧ )
1/29/2021	مثل الوزنات المختلفة	مت ( ٢٥ : ١٤ - ٣٠ )
2/5/2021	مثل الغني ولعازر	لو ( ١٦ : ١٩ - ٣١ )

## Holy Oblations and Prayer Requests

- By Ehab and Rania Dahabreh and family and Mariam Beshara, for the repose of aunt Fairouz Tadros (6-month memorial).
- By George Junior, Ralf and Marina, Denise, Daphne, Anastasia and George Zacky, for the repose of George Zacky Senior (32 years departed), Nelly Zacky (5 years departed) and baby Krista (49 years departed). Memory Eternal! You will always be in our prayers.

## 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

Dale Nicola, home, 3/1

Victoria Faria, home, 2/19

Marilyn Nassif, hospital, 2/8

Poulos Samaan, home, 2/7

John Jr. and John III Samore, home, 1/27

Clemence Gedeon, rehab., 1/22

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Fr. John, Kh. Christina, Anastasia and Elizabeth Reimann, 2/8

Conner Capata grandson of Julian Jr. and Shirley, home, 2/8

Metropolitan Kallistos (Timothy Ware), 1/27

Physicians, nurses and all the healthcare professionals on the front lines of the pandemic

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

### Departed

Massad Mattar, 3/1

Henry Roum, 2/13

Lila Awad, 2/5

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George Ghattas, Elie's father, 1/25

Odette George, 1/25

Victims of the pandemic and of violence everywhere

*To offer Holy Oblations and Memorials and for any announcements to be included in the bulletin, please email [Cathedral@stnicholasla.com](mailto:Cathedral@stnicholasla.com) or contact the Cathedral office at (213) 382-6269 by **Wednesday noon**.*

## Jeanette's Virtual Baby Shower

If you haven't come into the Cathedral office during the week, surely at least you've spoken on the phone with our hard-working secretary, Jeanette Guzman. She has kept everything running in our office for the last eleven years.

Jeanette and her husband, Marcos, are expecting their first child around February 13.  
*It's a girl!*

Of course, circumstances do not allow us to throw a baby shower, so we are giving them a modest gift from the Cathedral community collectively, to help them get ready for their daughter's arrival.

Furthermore, we invite any of you who are so inclined to participate in a *virtual* shower. The links, below, show what they still need.

[Jeanette & Marcos Baby Registry \(target.com\)](#)

[Jeanette & Marcos Baby Registry \(Amazon\)](#)



## Antiochian Women's "Sowing Bee"

Our January Sowing Bee Discussion will be held on Wednesday, January 27th from 7 - 8:15pm PST.

We are happy to have two of our own Sisters in Christ from here in our Diocese joining us to share their professional perspectives on "COPING DURING CHALLENGING TIMES"

Tanya Rishwain - Licensed Clinical Social Worker, is a member of St Michael in Van Nuys, CA, specializing in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for people living with anxiety or depression.

Barbara Lane - MA, Marriage & Family Therapy Intern, is a member of St John the Baptist in Post Falls, ID, who primarily works with low-income & homeless families/individuals, as well as people in crisis.

Mark your calendar & tune in [here](#) to our Facebook page. Please share with the women of your parish family. To view, you do not need to have a Facebook account to view.

## Antiochian Women DLAW Sowing Bee Online Discussion Planting Seeds of Faith, Hope & Wisdom Coping During Challenging Times

Wednesday, January 27th at 7pm PST



### Our Speakers:

**Tanya Rishwain** - Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
**Barbara Lane** - MA, Marriage & Family Therapy Intern

They will share therapeutic stress techniques with a faith based perspective

This presentation will view on our Antiochian Women Diocese of Los Angeles & the West facebook page .

You do not need a facebook account to view.

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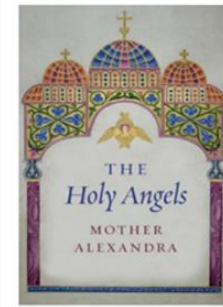
## Do You Need Books or Icons?

See Diane Brooks or Isabel Elac for anything from the Cathedral bookstore. While we can't have you go into the bookstore to peruse the stock at this time, they will be happy to bring out to you what you would like.

## St. Nicholas Antiochian Women Book Club

Our Chaplain, Lauren Malouf, is organizing a book club for us! Our first book is one recommended by the Antiochian Women of the Archdiocese. More information about meetings to discuss the book will follow. Order at [store.ancientfaith.com/the-holy-angels/](https://store.ancientfaith.com/the-holy-angels/)

Join St. Nicholas Cathedral's  
Antiochian Women's  
**Book Club!**



Learn more about our faith and enjoy time with your sister's in Christ!

Order at: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/the-holy-angels/>

For all details, contact Lauren Malouf  
(818) 687-0406  
[lmalouf@hchc.edu](mailto:lmalouf@hchc.edu)

## Remember to sign up for every service

It is important so that:

- You won't drive all the way to church and find we're already at capacity.
- We will know who was here and so we will notify you if it turns out—God forbid—that someone who came down with CoViD was in church the same day you were.
- If you get sick, please be sure to let us know, so that we will pray for you and can help you and your family with whatever you may need as well as alerting others.

***While we will continue to have services inside the Cathedral, you may choose to attend either indoors or outdoors. Chairs are set up under a tent in the plaza, in front of the main doors. A large screen TV will show the livestream of the service. For Holy Communion, one of the chalices will be stationed outdoors to serve those who are participating from there.***

## Summary of Our Plan for Indoor Worship

We will keep doors and windows open, and we'll have the HVAC fans going continuously.

Part of the price of going back inside is that we need to adhere *strictly* to procedures.

- **You must sign up in advance to attend services.** We need to limit capacity, and we also don't want anyone to drive all the way to church and be turned away because we reached our limit. [Sign up for Services at St Nicholas Cathedral \(stnicholasla.org\)](https://stnicholasla.org) up until 7 am the day of the service.
- **Please stay home if you have a fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, etc.,** have tested positive for the coronavirus, or been exposed to someone who might have coronavirus within the last 10 days.
- **Elderly, infirm, diabetics, and those who have asthma, heart conditions or compromised immune systems or any chronic illness are strongly advised NOT to come to Liturgy** but to participate via livestream services and then to schedule an appointment to come and partake of holy Communion privately.

- Those who have **children who might be hard to control**, who might run around and touch people or surfaces, are also advised to participate via livestream and then to schedule an appointment to come and partake of holy Communion.
- We will do a very quick **screening of everyone who comes to church**, including taking your temperature without touching you.
- **The faithful are required to wear face masks** at all times, except when partaking of communion and except for children under 5 years of age.
- **We will practice distancing in the church building.**
  - Come in only through the narthex; exit only via the chapel door.
  - We will maintain only one-way movement, so you never have to cross anyone else's path.
  - Enter and be seated via the center aisle. The center aisle will be used only for movement *toward* the altar. Westward movement (*away* from the altar) will be via the outside aisles.
  - Members of the same household may sit together. Ushers will seat you, one household per pew. To maintain maximum distance, they will seat you in alternate ends of the pews, from row to row.
- Please leave your tithes and offerings in the box in the narthex, as we will not pass any collection baskets.
- We will have our cleaning crew sanitize the building thoroughly before each service.
- Call or email Fr. Nabil directly (at [frnabilh@stnicholasla.com](mailto:frnabilh@stnicholasla.com)) for an appointment to come privately for Communion.
- **Please use a provided Clorox towel to wipe down surfaces before AND after you use the bathrooms.**
- Note that coffee hour and all non-liturgical gatherings are not resuming at this point. Organizational meetings, Bible studies, etc., will continue online.



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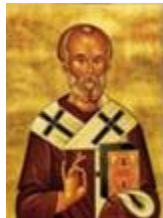
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