

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



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Beloved in Christ,

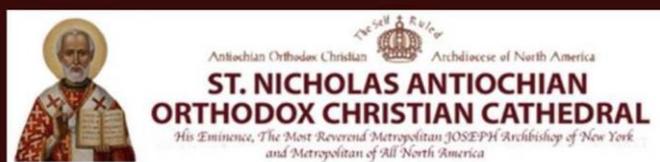
We continue in the celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of Christ (also known more precisely as “The Meeting of the Lord”). **Thus, this Sunday we will present our boys and young men to Christ, and offer a special blessing for them.**

The present feast is actually a continuation of Christmas.

Regarding the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple, Archbishop Dmitri of Dallas (of blessed memory) wrote:

On February 2 [and continuing through February 9], the Church celebrates the great feast of The Meeting of our Lord in the Temple. The Gospel lesson for that day relates how the mother of Jesus

brought Him to the temple, as was the custom and requirement under the God-given Law of Moses, of Israel (Exodus 13:2, 12; Leviticus 12:2-8). When the righteous



The Great Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple will be celebrated on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:30pm. The Feast commemorates when on the fortieth day after His birth, the All-holy Virgin brought her divine Son into the Temple of Jerusalem, in accordance with the Law, to dedicate Him to God and to purify herself.

On Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 10:30am

our parish's boys and young gentlemen will go in procession with candles toward the altar, at the conclusion of the Sunday Liturgy, when we will offer special prayers for them, asking God to bless them.

Please join us in person at our services or virtually by watching our livestream on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasCathedralLosAngeles>)



Simeon, who received Christ in his arms at the temple, saw the child, he knew immediately that this was the Redeemer promised by all of Israel's prophecies, for the elder was inspired by the Holy Spirit (Luke 2:26-27). Being inspired, he himself uttered prophetic words which form the hymn sung or chanted at the end of every Vespers service: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of Thy people, a light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).

This particular feast is part of the great celebration that began forty days prior, with the Nativity of Christ (December 25). Eight days later (January 1) we remembered the Circumcision of Christ and then His Baptism (January 6). The commemoration of these events in our Lord's earthly life basically form one feast, the feast of the Incarnation of God the Word.

God literally entered the world, into time and history. He was physically present in the midst of His people, His creatures whom He loves. Our Lord took on human nature in order to reconcile unto Himself man, who had strayed far from the Source of his life.

Let us ever be with the Lord, the only Source of our life.

With love and blessings in Christ,

+Fr. Nabil

Upcoming Schedule and Links

Remember to sign up for each service at www.stnicholasla.org/schedule

Date	Time	Event or Service (click link for service text)	How to Participate
Friday, Feb. 5	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 Louia@hotmail.com
Saturday, Feb. 6	9:30 am	Matins in Arabic – صلوات السحر بالعربية	Sign up to attend at Cathedral; service also livestreamed
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy in Arabic – القداس الإلهي بالعربية	Sign up to attend at Cathedral; service also livestreamed
	6:00 pm	Great Vespers	Livestream only (church closed)
Sunday, Feb. 7	7:45am	Divine Liturgy in Spanish	In person AND livestream

Presentation of Boys and Young Men	9:15 am	Matins	Sign up to attend at Cathedral; service also livestreamed
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy	Sign up to attend at Cathedral; service also livestreamed
Monday, Feb. 8	7:00 pm	Cathedral Council meeting	
Tuesday, Feb. 9	6:30 pm	Virtual Choir practice	
Friday, Feb. 12	7:00 pm	Church School Classes	See links for each class, below
Saturday, Feb. 13	6:00 pm	Great Vespers	Livestream only (church closed)
Sunday, Feb. 14	7:45am	<i>NO Liturgy in Spanish</i>	
Annual General Assembly after Liturgy	9:15 am	Matins	Sign up to attend at Cathedral; service also livestreamed
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy	Sign up to attend at Cathedral; service also livestreamed

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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, February 5, 2021

Class	Zoom Link	Meeting ID and Password	Text and Discussion Material
Preschool & Kindergarten	None – discuss at home	None	View or print for Preschool
1st – 4th Grades	Join 1st – 4th Class	950 0406 4284 602971	View or print for Grades 1-4
5th – 8th Grades	Join 5th – 8th Class	966 6787 2317 283692	View or print for Grades 5-8
High School	Join High School Class	964 9146 2720 439263	View or print for High School

Arabic Bible Study on the Parables –

درس الكتاب بالعربي - الامثال

Fridays at 7PM

Classes led by Dn. Eliya Ammari

Date	Topic of Discussion	Bible Readings
2/5/2021	مثل الغني ولعازر	لو (١٦ : ١٩ - ٣١)

With tonight's concluding session of the Arabic Bible Study on the Parables, we thank Dn. Eliya for his careful preparation and presentation.

Holy Oblations and Prayer Requests

- By the entire Cathedral community, for the good health of all our boys and young men, being presented on Sunday.
- From her loving family, for the good health of Bernadette Elac-Krank, wishing her God's blessing and many more years, on the occasion of her birthday.
- By Ehab and Rania Dahabreh and family and Mariam Beshara.

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

John L. Sadd, hospital, 3/17

Soad Shammas, hospital, 3/16

Veronica Harlo Atalla, hospital, 3/13

Edward and Georgette Malouf, 3/8

Dale Nicola, home, 3/1

Marilyn Nassif, hospital, 2/8

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Conner Capata, grandson of Eli and Shirley, home, 2/8

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

Atallah Sayegh, 3/8

Poulos Samaan, home, 3/8

Emile Aramouni, 3/7

Massad Mattar, 3/1

Henry Roum, 2/13

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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 or contact the Cathedral office at (213) 382-6269 by **Wednesday noon**.

*"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)



**Thanks and blessings on all who already stepped up
and made their stewardship commitments for 2021!**



Regular Stewardship Pledge for 2021

2300 W. 3rd Street • Los Angeles, CA 90057

I/we pledge to St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral a reasonable and fair share of the blessings received from God as a token of thanksgiving and in support for His Holy Church.

Name(s) _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Renew my pledge at the same level, or increase it by 5% 10% 15% 20% from last year

Start with a fresh pledge: \$ _____ per week month year

Giving by Check/Cash/Stock, etc.

Giving by Bank Draft *Please include voided check if available*

Routing # _____ Account # _____

Giving by Credit/Debit Card: MasterCard Visa Discover:

Name as on Card _____ # _____ / _____ / _____ Expiration _____ / _____ Billing Zip _____

Authorization
By selecting the Bank Draft or Credit Card options, I authorize St. Nicholas Cathedral to charge my account the amount stated until I provide a written cancellation. The convenience of automatic recurring billing is processed through the *authorize.net* payment system.

Signature _____ Date _____ Email _____ Keep my name anonymous (amounts are never published).

If you haven't done so yet, please place your pledge card in the offering box at the candle stand, or return it by mail. You will find extra pledge cards in the narthex, or you can use the facsimile, above, or you can even enter your pledge as a recurring donation online yourself at <https://stnicholasla.org/contributions>

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 wish to participate to a *virtual* shower. The links, below, show what they still need.

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

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

Today was Jeanette's last official day before maternity leave. We wish her Godspeed and a safe delivery. We look forward to her returning to work at the Cathedral office in the month of May. Fr. Nabil and Fr. Andrew will handle her duties for the next three months, along with the help of volunteers.

Bible Study on the Meaning of Icons (in Arabic) via Zoom

درس الكتاب عن معنى الأيقونات

New Arabic Bible Study Series Beginning Soon – Tuesdays, 7 pm

By Fr. Paul Marji

(Link will be published next week)

February 16	ايقونة البشارة	١
February 23	ايقونة الميلاد	٢
March 2	ايقونة العماد	٣
March 9	ايقونة التجلي	٤
March 23	ايقونة العشاء السري مع ايقونة الصلب	٥
March 30	ايقونة القيامة	٦
April 6	ايقونة الصعود	٧
April 13	ايقونة العنصرة	٨

April 20	ايقونة مثل الزارع	٩
May 4	ايقونة الخمس عذارى الحكيمات والخمس جاهلات	١٠
May 11	ايقونة رقاد العذراء مريم	١١
May 17	ايقونة الرسل	١٢

Do You Need Books or Icons?

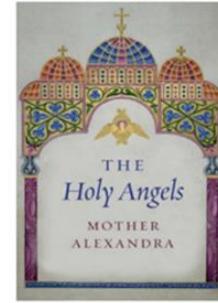
See Diane Brooks or Isabel Elac for anything from the Cathedral bookstore. While we can't have you go into the bookstore to peruse the stock at this time, they will be happy to bring out to you what you would like.

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 <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!

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For all details, contact Lauren Malouf
(818) 687-0406
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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.

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 \(stnicholasla.org\)](http://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) 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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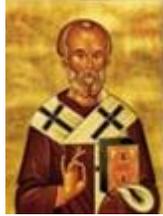
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