

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,

In the daily scripture readings for yesterday, we read,

*"Thus says the Lord of hosts: The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah seasons of joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love truth and peace.  
(Zechariah 8:19)*

Indeed, if we “do Lent” right, the Lenten season we are entering is a time of “joy and gladness.” We Orthodox do NOT look upon the fast as a time of deprivation: it is NOT about rules nor about “giving up something for Lent;” it is a time of liberation and spiritual growth.

I will share more with you about “*fasting and how to do it*” in the context of Sunday’s sermon.

His Eminence, Metropolitan Joseph, writes:

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and  
Metropolitan of  
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

**Great Fast, 2021**

**TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT AND PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN**

No one can say, "I am poor and hence I have no means of giving alms." For even if you cannot give as the rich gave their gifts into the temple treasury, give two farthings as the poor widow did, and from you God will consider it a greater gift than the gifts of the rich. And if you do not have as much as two farthings? You can take pity on the sick and give alms by ministering to them. And if you cannot do even this? You can comfort your brother by your words. "A good word is better than the best of gifts."

----*St. Dorotheos of Gaza*

Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that you and your families are safe and in good health as we prepare to begin another Lenten journey that culminates in the death and resurrection of our Lord.

Last year at this time we were just becoming aware of a virus that started to rear its ugly face on the shores of North America. Just as we began our holy Lenten season, our journey to Pascha was interrupted, and our rhythm of prayer, fasting and almsgiving suffered. Nevertheless, we persevered thinking this interruption to our "normal" way of life would soon be over and we would quickly resume our daily routines as usual. Here we are a year later and, while there is hope now that a vaccine is available and being distributed, we nevertheless will once again have a different Lenten experience.

Despite this different time in which we live, there is one program that should never suffer due to our modified way of life, that program is the *Food for Hungry and Charitable Outreach Program*. This outreach, under the guidance of Ms. Robin Nicholas, has helped countless numbers of people for the past 47 years! People now, more than ever, are in need depend on our pennies, nickels and dimes that we collect from all over the archdiocese.

As we begin a new fast, let us this year more than ever, be vigilant in our effort to give alms. While we might not be able to participate as fully as usual in the liturgical and prayer life of the Church because of the pandemic, let us increase our efforts in helping the poor and others in need. Let us emulate the words of St. Dorotheos of Gaza quoted above remembering that, even if we ourselves are experiencing some economic difficulty during this time, let us give what we can and if we cannot give, let us minister to the poor in other ways. Let us strive to reach out and help our brothers and sisters who are in need at this trying time as we examine our hearts and souls in order to cleanse them as we approach the feast of our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead.

Wishing you all a fruitful and spiritually rewarding fast, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,



**+JOSEPH**

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America



Then we begin the Great Fast after Forgiveness Vespers, Sunday evening on March 14. We look forward to a full Lenten schedule for our journey together (see Lenten service schedule below).

Note that **next Saturday, March 20**, we will celebrate the memorial of St. Theodore Tyro and those who kept the fast with him, remembering in particular the miracle of the *Koliva* (boiled wheat). Matins will begin at 9:30 am; Liturgy will follow at 10:30 am. You are invited to bring Koliva and list of the names of the departed to be remembered.

Finally, remember to **"spring forward"** one hour, as Daylight Savings Time begins **tonight**, so we're not late for our very important appointment with the Master, the King of King and Lord of Lords.

*Remember also to bring your **ballots** from our general assembly meeting with you, if you haven't already returned them, and put them in the offering box in the narthex.*



With love and blessings in Christ,

*+Fr. Nabil*

## 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>Saturday, Mar. 13</b>	6:00 pm	<a href="#">Great Vespers</a>	<a href="#">Livestream</a> only (church closed)
<b>Sunday, Mar. 14</b>  <i>Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)</i>	7:45am	<a href="#">Divine Liturgy in Spanish</a>	In person; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</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>
	6:00 pm	<a href="#">Forgiveness Vespers</a> – <i>beginning of Lent</i>	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
<b>Monday, March 15</b>	6:30 pm	<a href="#">Great Compline</a> with the <a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> Portion of the Great Canon</a>	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
<b>Tuesday, March 16</b>	6:30 pm	<a href="#">Great Compline</a> with the <a href="#">2<sup>nd</sup> Portion of the Great Canon</a>	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
<b>Wednesday, March 17</b>	6:30 pm	<a href="#">Presanctified Liturgy</a>	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
<b>Thursday, Mar. 18</b>	6:30 pm	<a href="#">Great Compline</a> with the <a href="#">4<sup>th</sup> Portion of the Great Canon</a>	
	7:30 pm	Church School for 1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades	See links, below
<b>Friday, Mar. 19</b>	6:30 pm	<a href="#">Little Compline with the 1<sup>st</sup> Portion of the Akathist Hymn</a>	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
	7:30 pm	Church School for Middle and High School Grades	See links, below
<b>Saturday, March 20</b>  <i>All Souls Memorial: St. Theodore and the Miracle of the Boiled Wheat</i>	9:30 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> and All Souls Memorial	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>
	6:00 pm	<a href="#">Great Vespers</a>	<a href="#">Livestream</a> only (church closed)

<b>Sunday, Mar. 21</b>  <b>Sunday of Orthodoxy</b>	7:45am	Divine Liturgy in Spanish	In person; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</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> and Procession with the Holy Icons	<a href="#">Sign up</a> to attend at Cathedral; service also <a href="#">livestreamed</a>

**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 a service live, it remains on the Facebook site, so you can participate when your schedule allows.*

## Holy Oblations and Prayer Requests Offered

- By the Nahas, Sawabini and Sayegh families, for the repose of Michel Absi (1-year memorial), father of Maria Nahas, Rita Sawabini and Sandra Sayegh, father-in-law of Sarkees Nahas, Ramzi Sawabini and Edward Sayegh.
- By George and Zakieh Samaan and family, Rojeena and Kevin Wolfendon, Hanan and Khalil Attallah and family, Anisa and Bassam Mikhail and family, and Amaany and Scott Bytof and family, for the repose of father Poulos Samaan (40-day memorial).
- By Gabriel and Maria Matta, for the repose of cousin Nada Matta Sauma (9-day memorial).
- 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

Veronica Harlo Atalla, home, 4/22

Nawal Dahabreh, ICU, 4/15

Adib Kahouch, home 3/22

Marilyn Nassif, home, 3/20

John L. Sadd, home, 3/17

Soad Shammas, rehab., 3/16

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Daniel Abraham, Archdiocese Trustee, 4/20

Genevieve Maria, child from Indiana coming for surgery, 4/20

Aziz Haddad, brother-in-law of Ron and Rose Samore, 4/1

Conner Capata, grandson of Eli and Shirley, home, 3/20

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

Coco, friend of Elie & Seham Constantine, 4/21  
Nada Matta Sauma, cousin of Gabriel Matta, 4/17  
Fr. Stephen Hedges, Santa Barbara, 4/7  
John Hanna, brother-in-law of Georgette Malouf, 4/6  
Elaine Srour, sister-in-law of Edward Awad, 3/30  
Alaa Alnakoula, brother-in-law of Hazar Albsharh, 3/29  
Antoinette Karkar, mother of Bachar and Mary Louise, 3/14  
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**.

## Summary of LENTEN SERVICES 2021

In Addition to the regular, weekly services:

**Saturday Vespers, 6 p.m.**

**Sunday Matins: 9:15 a.m. • Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.**



**Lent starts with Forgiveness** — We start Lent at 6 p.m. **Sunday, March 14**. We celebrate the rite of mutual forgiveness as we start the journey to the Resurrection.

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

- **The first week of Lent**, Great Compline is served on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights with portions of the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.

**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.

- **March 24** will be an exception, as we celebrate the Vespers and Artoklasia for the Great Feast of the Annunciation, instead of Presanctified. Then Annunciation Liturgy will be on Thursday, March 25, at 6:30 pm.

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

**The First Saturday, March 20** — On the first Saturday of Lent, we serve the Liturgy in commemoration of St. Theodore and the miracle of the boiled wheat, including a memorial for **All Souls: Matins 9:30 a.m./Liturgy and Memorial at 10:30 a.m.** You are invited to bring koliva and a list of the names of your departed to be remembered.

**The Fifth Thursday, April 15** — 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 25 • Pascha: May 2**

*Mark your calendars, so you won't miss any part of our journey to the Holy Pascha.*

## Arabic Bible Study Series – Tuesdays, 7 pm via Zoom

The Meaning of Festal Icons

درس الكتاب عن معنى الأيقونات

By Fr. Paul Marji

[Join via Zoom](#)

Or join by telephone (669) 900-9128

Meeting ID: 960 9629 7837 • Passcode: 134676

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

*"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. May the Lord remember them in His Kingdom!*

We are looking for 100% participation. Everybody can do *something*, according to ability.

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, below. You can even enter your pledge as a recurring donation online yourself at <https://stnicholasla.org/contributions>



### 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:  
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**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).

### The Antiochian Women of St. Nicholas



March is Women's Month in the Archdiocese. During this month we ask our ladies to serve as ushers, readers, etc., in order to highlight the indispensable role our women have served throughout Christian history up to and including the present.

Together with the Ladies throughout the US and Canada, our Women have taken up as their ongoing project Sayidna Joseph's dream of having

**Lenten Bake Sale! Cheese Pies, Spinach Pies, Zaatar Bread for Sale!! Come and get them!**

The St. Nicholas Antiochian Women are raising funds to support the Archdiocese Women's Project of raising funds for the Antiochian Village Building Fund. We will be selling these Lenten goodies (or your last chance for meat pies before Lent!) after Divine Liturgy on the following Sundays:



- Cheese Pies, Spinach Pies and Zaatar on Sunday March 14
- Spinach Pies and Zaatar on Sundays March 28 and April 11

Meat pies are \$18.00 per dozen; Spinach pies and Cheese pies are \$16.00 per dozen; and zaatar is \$10.00 for 6.

**Be sure to order by Wednesday of the week before you want to pick up your pies!** Please contact Chairwoman Jacqui Badaro to place your orders at (626) 476-9070 or [jmbadaro@hotmail.com](mailto:jmbadaro@hotmail.com).

**The Palm Sunday Bake Sale** will be held on Palm Sunday, April 25, outside the Heritage Ballroom, after the Palm Sunday Liturgy. Orders may also be picked up on the Saturday before which is Lazarus Saturday, after the Divine Liturgy. The order form is printed here, and will be posted in the Sunday bulletin, on Facebook and on the St. Nicholas website ([stnicholasla.org](http://stnicholasla.org)). 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](mailto:jmbadaro@hotmail.com).

The St. Nicholas Antiochian Women need help with baking and donations. Let us all help to make this a successful and delicious event to celebrate the special feast day. The Palm Sunday Bake Sale has always been one of the Cathedral's greatest traditions. Please contact Chairwoman Jacqui Badaro to contribute with either your delicious homemade sweets or to donate needed funds.



# Baked Goods Sale



Homemade by Our St. Nicholas Cathedral's ladies  
Palm Sunday, April 26, 2021

Baked Goods	Price	Quantity	Total Amt.
Date Fingers	\$18.00 per dozen		
Maamool Walnut	\$18.00 per dozen		
Maamool Pistachio	\$18.00 per dozen		
Maamool Date	\$18.00 per dozen		
Macaroons	\$12.00 per dozen		
Baklawa Fingers	\$16.00 per lbs.		
Baklawa	\$16.00 per lbs.		
Ka'ak	\$14.00 per dozen		
Namoora	\$12.00 per lbs.		
Spinach Fatayer	\$16.00 per dozen		
Meat Fatayar	\$18.00 per dozen		
Zaatar	\$10.00 per 6 pieces		
Cheese Pies	\$16.00 per dozen		
Kibbeh Balls	\$20.00 per dozen		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:</b>			

ALL Orders must be placed prior to Monday, April 19, 2021, and must be picked up on Palm Sunday at St. Nicholas after liturgy. Please place your orders as soon as possible. Quantities are limited. All sales are by advanced order only.

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

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

**With The Blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH**



**JOIN THE DLAW ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN MONTHLY  
"SOWING BEE" ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH 1-2:15PM**

**LET MY PRAYER ARISE:  
A LENTEN MUSICAL JOURNEY**

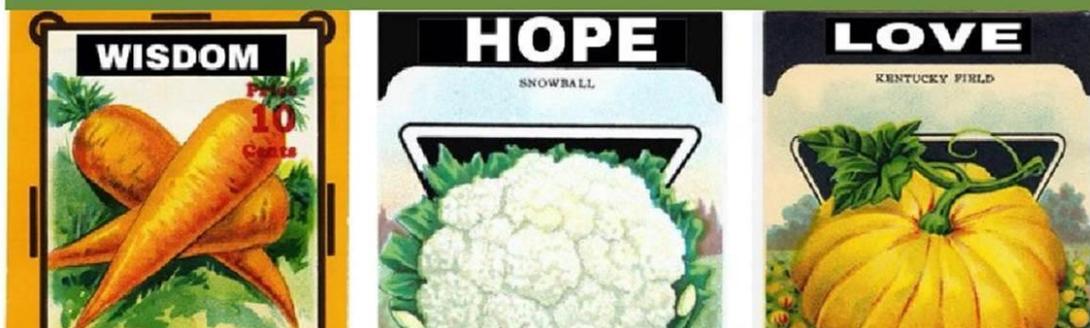
**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**MAREENA BOOSAMRA BALL**

**CHAIR - ARCHDIOCESE DEPT OF SACRED MUSIC**

**REGINA ROUM**

**DIOCESE OF LA & THE WEST CHAIR SACRED MUSIC**





## Food for Hungry People

As we fast, we always need to remember the poor. Please take a Food for Hungry People offering box from the narthex, and make it a practice to put something into it as you sit down for every meal.

## 2021 FFHP Sunday Bulletin Inserts

- “We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”  
*Winston Churchill*
- “The merciful person is he who gives to others what he has himself received from God, whether it be money, food, strength, a helpful word, prayer or anything else that he has through which he can express his compassion for those in need. At the same time he considers himself a debtor since he has received more than he is asked to give.”  
*St. Peter of Damascus*
- Prove yourself a god to the unfortunate by imitating the mercy of God. There is nothing so godly in human beings as to do good works.”  
*St. Gregory the Theologian*
- Prayer is the test of everything; prayer is also the source of everything; prayer is the force of everything; prayer is also the director of everything. If prayer is right, everything is right. For prayer will not allow anything to go wrong.”  
*St. Theophany the Recluse*
- When giving, give magnanimously with a look of kindness on your face, and give more than what is asked of you.”  
*St. Isaac the Syrian*
- “Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work.”  
*Mother Teresa*
- “For it is in the giving that we receive.” *Francis of Assisi*
- “If man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.”  
*Proverbs 21:13*
- “Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.”  
*Mathew 5:42*
- “If you give something to someone who is in need, then let a cheerful face precede your gift, along with kind words and encouragement for his suffering.”  
*St. Isaac the Syrian*
- Prayer for others which is made gently and with deep love is selfless and has great spiritual benefit.” *St. Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia*



## 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 \(stnicholasla.org\)](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 [fnabilh@stnicholasla.com](mailto:fnabilh@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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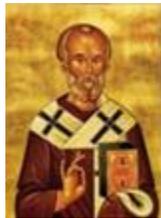
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