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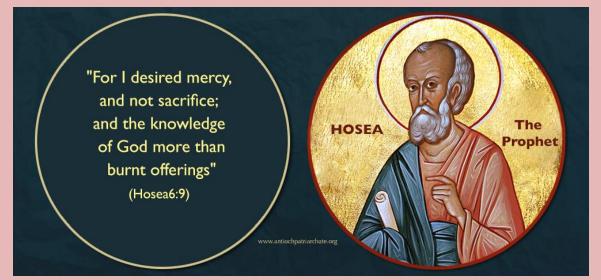
TONE 8

OCTOBER 17, 2021

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FATHERS OF THE 7TH COUNCIL • 4TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

PROPHET HOSEA • VENERABLE-MARTYR ANDREW OF CRETE



The Holy Prophet Hosea, the son of Beeri, was a prophet in Israel in the eighth century before the birth of Christ. He is one of the Twelve Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. *(Continued inside)*

LITURGY VARIATIONS

3RD ANTIPHON: TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

انْحَدَرْتَ مِنَ العُلوِّ يا مُتَحَنِّن، وقَبِلْتَ الدَّفْنَ ذا الثَّلاثَةِ الأيام لِكَيْ تُعْتِقَنا مِنَ الآلامِ، فَيا حَياتَنا وقِيامَتَنَا، يا رَبُّ المِجْدُ لَك.

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

Please be aware that the Los Angeles County Health Department requires <u>everyone</u> to wear masks indoors in all public places, including in churches.

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays: Matins, 9:15 AM Confession: Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM Saturdays: Great Vespers, 6:00 PM After Saturday Vespers During Sunday Matins Or by Appointment



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 medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

CHILDREN going to church school and their teachers should come down the center aisle first. (Small children may need to be assisted by their parents.)

ALL OTHERS should 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.

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 confession.

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.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)

From the heights...

انْحَدَرْتَ مِنَ الْعُلَقِ...

Troparion for the Holy Fathers (Tone 8)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

أَنْتَ أَيُّها المسيحُ إِلَهُنا الفائِقُ التَّسْبيح، يا مَنْ أُسَّسْتَ آباءَنا القِدّيسينَ عَلى الأَرْضِ كَواكِبَ لامِعَة، وبِمِمْ هَدَيْتَنا جميعاً إلى الإيمان الحقيقي، يا جَزِيلَ الرَّحْمَةِ المحدُدُ لَكَ.

Troparion of St. Nicholas (Tone 4)

The verity of your actions revealed you to your flock, a rule of faith, an icon of mildnes 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 أَفْعِالُ الحِقّ لِرَعِتَتِكَ قانوناً لِلإيمان، وصورَةً للْوَداعة، ومُعَلَّم نيقولاوس. فَلِذلِكَ أَحْرَزْتَ بِالتَّواضُعِ الرِّفْعَة، وبالمِ الغِنى. فَتَشَفَّعْ إلى المسيح الإلهِ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نفوسَنا.

Kontakion of the Theotokos (Tone 2)

O undisputed Intercessor of Christians, the Mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, although we be sinners; come to us with aid in time, who cry unto Thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

يا شَفيعَةَ المسيحيينَ غَيْرَ الخازيَة، الوَسيطَةَ لَدَى الخالِق غَيْرَ المرْدُودة، لا تُعْرِضِي عَنْ أَصْواتِ طَلِبَاتِنا نَحْنُ الخَطَأَة، بَلْ تَدارَكينا بالمعونَةِ بِما أنَّكِ صالحَة، نحْنُ الصارخِينَ إليْكِ بإيمانِ: بادِرِي إلَى الشَفاعَةِ وأَسْرِعِي فِي الطِلْبَةِ، يا والِدَةَ الإله، المتَشَفِّعَةَ دائِمًا بِمُكَرِّمِيك.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus (3:8-15)

BRETHREN, The saying is sure.

I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tych'icus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicop'olis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apol'los on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with you all.

مُبارَكٌ أَنْتَ يا رَبُّ إلهَ آبائِنا. لأنَّكَ عَدْلٌ فِي كُلِّ ما صَنَعْتَ بِنَا. فَصلٌ مِن رِسالَةِ القِدِّيسِ بولُسَ الرَّسولِ إلى تيطس

يا إِخْوَةُ، بِما أَنَّا مُعاونونَ، نَطْلُتُ إِلَيْكُمْ أَنْ لا تَقْبَلُوا نِعْمَةَ اللهِ في الباطِل. لأنَّهُ يَقولُ "إنّى في وَقْتِ مَقْبولِ اسْتَجَبْتُ لَكَ، وفي يَوْمِ حَلاص أَعَنْتُكَ." فَهُوَذا الآنَ وقْتٌ مَقْبُولٌ. هُوَذَا الآنَ يَوْمُ حَلاص. ولَسْنَا نأتي بِمَعْثَرَة في شَيْءٍ لِئَلاّ يَلْحَقَ الخِدْمَةَ عَيْبٌ. بَلْ نُظْهِرُ، فِي كُلّ شَيْءٍ، أَنْفُسَنا كَخُدَّامِ اللهِ، في صَبْر كَثيرٍ، في شَدائِدَ، في ضَروراتٍ، في ضيقات. في جَلَدات، في سُجون، في اضْطِرابات، في أَتْعاب، في أَسْهار، في أَصْوام. في طَهارَة، في مَعْرِفَةٍ، في طولِ أَناةٍ، في رفْق، في الروح القُدُس، في مَحَبَّةٍ بلا رياءٍ. في كَلِمَةِ الحَقِّ، في قُوَّةِ اللهِ، بِأَسْلِحَةِ البِرِّ عَنِ اليَمينِ وعَن اليَسار. بَجْدٍ وهَوان، بسوءِ صيت وحُسْبنه. كَأَنَّا مُضلُّونَ ونَحْنُ صادِقُون، كأنَّا مَجْهولونَ ونَحْنُ مَعْروفون، كَأَنَّا مائِتُونَ وها نَحْنُ أَحْيَاءٌ، كَأَنَّا مُؤَدَّبُونَ ولا نُقْتَلُ. كَأَنَّا حَزاني ونَحْنُ دائِماً فَرِحُون، كَأَنَّا فُقَراءُ ونَحْنُ نُغْنِي كَثِيرِين، كَأَنَّا لا شَيْءَ لَنا ونَحْنُ نَمْلِكُ كُلَّ شَيء.

Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:5-15)

THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it قالَ الرَّبُّ هَذا المَثِل: حَرَجَ الزارِعُ لِيَزْرَعَ زَرْعَهُ. وفيما هُوَ يَزْرَعُ، سَقَطَ بَعْضٌ على الطريقِ، فَوُطِئَ وأَكَلَتْهُ طُيورُ السماءِ. والبَعْضُ سَقَطَ على الصَّحْرِ، فَلَمَّا نَبَتَ يَبِسَ لأَنَّهُ لَمْ تَكُنْ لَهُ رُطوبَةٌ. وبَعْضٌ سَقَطَ بَيْنَ الشَّوْكِ، فَنَبَتَ

and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes يَأْتِي إبْليسُ وِيَنْزِعُ الكَلِمَةَ مِنْ قُلومِيمْ لِثَلّا يُؤمِنوا فَيَخْلُصُوا. and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

الشَّوْكُ مَعَهُ فَخَنَقَهُ. وبَعْضٌ سَقَطَ فِي الأَرْضِ الصالِحَةِ، فَلَمّا نَبَتَ أَثْمَرَ مائَةَ ضِعْف. فَسَأَلَهُ تلاميذُهُ ما عَسى أَنْ يَكُونَ هذا الْمَثَلُ. فَقَالَ: لَكُمْ قَدْ أُعْطِيَ أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا أَسْرِارَ مَلَكُوتِ الله، وأَمَّا الباقُونَ فَبَأَمْثال، لِكَيْ لا يَنْظُرُوا وهُمْ ناظِرونَ، ولا يَفْهَمُوا وهُمْ سامِعُون. وهَذا هُوَ المثِّل: الزَّرْعُ هُوَ كَلِمَةُ الله. والذينَ على الطَّريق هُمُ الذينَ يَسْمَعونَ، ثُمَّ والذينَ عَلى الصَّحْر هُمُ الذينَ يَسْمَعونَ الكَلِمَةَ ويَقْبَلوهُا بِفَرَح، ولَكُنْ لَيْسَ لَهُمْ أَصْلٌ، وإِنَّمَا يُؤمِنونَ إلى حينٍ، وفي وَقْتِ التَّجْرِبَةِ يَرْتَدُّون. والذي سَقَطَ في الشَّوكِ، هُمُ الذينَ يَسْمَعُونَ ثُمَّ يَذْهَبُونَ فَيَخْتَبَقُونَ بِمُمُومٍ هَذِهِ الحَياةِ وغِناها وَمَلَذَّاتِمًا، فَلا يَأْتونَ بِثَمَرٍ. وأَمَّا الذي سَقَطَ في الأَرْض الجَيّدَةِ، فَهُمُ الذينَ يَسْمَعونَ الكَلِمَةَ فَيَحْفَظونُها في قَلْب جَيّدٍ صالِح، ويُثْمِرونَ بالصَبْرِ. ولَمّا قالَ هَذا نادَى: مَنْ لَهُ أُذُنانِ للْسَمَع فلْيَسْمَع.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By mother Victoria Rehbany and sisters Mary Celaya, Lynda Hachem and Diane Rehbany • and family, for the repose of Ernest Rehbani (40-day memorial).
- By Bachar, Nelli and Lianore Louise, for the health of the Louise family, and in memory of • George (8 years) and Mariam (12 years) Tohme.
- By Marie Simon and children Marianne, Matthew, and Mark, in memory of • father/grandfather Samuel R. Simon.
- By Ronald and Rose Samore and family. •
- By the Bshara family: George, Marian, Mark and Antonio. •
- By Ehab, Rania, Anthony and Selena Dahabreh, in memory of mother/grandmother • Nawal Hawatmeh Dahabreh.

To offer Holy Oblations and Memorials please use the form at https://stnicholasla.com/makeapraverrequest or call the Cathedral office by Wednesday.



TODAY'S STUDY TOPIC: LESSON I.1 – GENESIS 1

All church school classes from first grade on up today will continue to learn about **The Creation**, found on pp. 14-15 in *The Golden Children's Bible*. Adults will study the same text simultaneously with our children, at the end of Liturgy.

THE CREATION

have life, and let birds fly above the earth in the open sky of heaven." So God created great whales, and The first day In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The every living creature that moves. These the waters brought forth in great num-bers. He created the birds, and saw that earth was without form and empty. Darkness was everywhere and in the darkness the spirit of God moved upon all this was good. the face of the deep. GOD SAID: "Let there be light," and there was light. He blessed the creatures and said: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas. Let the birds also multiply on earth." God saw that it was good and he separated This was the fifth day. the light from the darkness. God called the light Day and the darkness he called Night. The sixth day And there were evening and morning: the first day. GOD SAID: "Let the earth bring forth create of all kinds, cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth." The earth did so and God saw that this was The second day entry and the second se GOD SAID: "Let there be a sky in the midst of the aters and let it divide the waters from the waters." Then God made the sky and he separated the waters above from the waters below. God called the sky Heaven. And there were evening and morning: the second day. he created man and woman. Male and female created he them. And he bissed them and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and have power over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air, over every living that moves upon the earth. "Behold, I have given you every plant bearing seed and every tree yielding fruit which is upon the face of the earth. They shall be your food. To every beats of the earth, to every bird the air, to everything that creeps upon the earth and has life, I have given the gress and the plants for food." And it was soot. They seems they simble the made, and it was very good. The second down. The third day GOD SAID: "Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together in one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters he called Seas. And he said: "Let the earth bring forth grass, and yield plants bearing seed, and trees bearing fruit." The earth did so and God saw that it was good. This was the third day. The fourth day The seventh day GOD SAID: "Let there be lights in the sky of heaven The heavens and the earth were finished and filled with life. On the seventh day God rested from his work and all that he had made. God blessed the seventh day he had rested. to divide the day from the night. Let them be for signs and for seasons, for days and for years. Let them be for lights in the sky of heaven to give light upon the earth. And it was so. God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. that day he had rested. This is how the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, and every plant before it was in the earth, and every tree of the field before it grew. And when God had made man, He also made the stars and set them in the sky of He also made the stars and set them in the sky of heaven to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. This was the fourth day. before it grew. And when God had made mu a mist had gone up from the earth, and had watered the whole surface of the ground. The Lord God had formed man of the dust of the ground, and had breathed into him the breath of life, The fifth day GOD SAID: "Let the waters bring forth in great and man had become a living soul. numbers moving creatures that



PRESENT A BIBLE TO EACH OF YOUR CHILDREN

Our Sunday School curriculum for 1st grade up this year will utilize *The Golden Children's Bible.* We received additional copies and they are available for purchase in our bookstore. We ask parents to purchase a copy for <u>each</u> child from our for only \$10 and present it to your children to keep. *If you can't afford it, let us know, and we'll take care of it.* The church is also providing the workbooks and other materials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER LITURGY



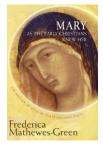
Following the dismissal and announcements, come forward for a blessing, then exit via the south (right side) doors, and join us in the Heritage Ballroom for refreshments.

• Coffee hour is hosted today by Teen SOYO. All donations received at coffee hour will be directed to the Archdiocese in support of the Special Olympics Sports Camp.

Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour after Liturgy. Bring whatever you would like to share—donuts, cookies, mini bagels, zaatar, etc. What we eat isn't as important as sharing the fellowship of our Cathedral Family. The Ladies Society will provide the coffee, coffee supplies and paper goods. Call/text Joujou George (562) 522-1322, or email her at ginageorge@verizon.net to reserve a Sunday.

NEWS FROM THE ST. NICHOLAS LADIES' SOCIETY

<u>New Book Club Selection</u>: The Antiochian Women will be reading *Mary as the Early Christians Knew Her* by Frederica Matthewes-Green. This book reviews how Mary was thought of in the early church. We also get a deeper glance into the life of Mary and her heart. Especially as we deal with such chaotic times, what a blessing we have to study and grow closer to the Theotokos. Copies can be found at the Ancient Faith Store <u>ancientfaith.com</u> or on <u>Amazon.com</u>. Study questions, with the help of Khouria Frederica, will be sent out soon as well as posted to the Antiochian Women's website.



OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH

Every October we recognize the youth of our parish as a reminder of the importance of our youth ministry and as an opportunity for our young parishioners to take a more active and visible and visible role in the service of the Cathedral. Our teens will be reading the Epistle each Sunday in October and will be assisting in ushering duties. Please keep our youth in your prayers this month and always.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL

Please see the flyer below, and give your **RSVP today** to attend the Men's Social and Dinner this Tuesday. There will be a guest speaker and great fellowship.

FALL BIBLE STUDY SERIES AT ST. NICHOLAS

Sundays: for All Ages

We are on an approximately three-year journey through the Bible. While the children are in their classes, adults will finish up the Liturgy, and then we'll have a 10-minute lesson on the same chapters of the Bible that the young people are studying.

Wednesdays: Adult Electives

6:30 - 8:30 pm • October 6 - December 8

Skipping the Eve of Thanksgiving

- We start with Vespers & Dinner
- During the adult study courses, youth may do homework or play. *Choose a course:*

"HOT TOPICS:" CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES



In-person at the Cathedral Only

Father Nabil will lead a study and discussion of timely issues, including:

- medical ethics
- abortion
- suicide, euthanasia,
- homosexuality, marriage
- and the issues you want to ask about

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITH AND PRACTICE



In-person at the Cathedral and on Zoom

Subdeacon Seraphim and Father Andrew will give an overview of Orthodoxy.

This class will be good both for enquirers into Orthodoxy and for long-time Church members, as a refresher about our Faith.

Recordings of the sessions and the discussion notes are on our website at (<u>https://stnicholasla.org/adulteducation</u>).

Fridays at 7 pm: Bible Study in Arabic on the Miracles of Christ الساعة السابعة كل يوم جمعة: درس كتاب على معجزات المسيح

Deacon Eliya cotinues to conduct this class *via Zoom only*. The class covers Jesus's first sign, turning the water into wine, and proceeds to the calming of the storm, healings, etc.

We will supply the Zoom links to you directly in email bulletins.



Sponsored by the St. Nicholas Ladies Society

We are collecting hygiene supplies and other needs to pack into kits for the Union Rescue Mission in downtown Los Angeles.

WHEN:	Start gathering items now.	
	Drop them off in the Cathedral Hall kitchen area. Or, shop online at <u>https://tinyurl.com/SNCAWKits</u> . Or, make a donation and we'll do the shopping for you.	
	Join us after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 7, to he assemble the kits.	elp
INFO:	Contact Rose Samore by email at rosesamore@gmail.com by phone at 818-378-2055.	n, or



AS NAC TEEN SOYO PREPARES TO SPONSOR **THE 40TH ANNUAL** SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPORTS CAMP, WE ASK FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND HELP IN MAKING THIS MINISTRY POSSIBLE. APPROXIMATELY 300 ATHLETES AND COACHES PARTICIPATE IN OUR CAMP EACH YEAR. TEEN SOYO MEMBERS TRAVE FROM ACROSS OUR ARCHDIOCESE TO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME. TO LIVE IN SERVICE TO OTHERS AND TO FULFILL THE CALL TO DO ALL THINGS As working for the Lord. Not for men. (Col. 3.23)



Today, October 17, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 40th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in August of 2022. Your donations make it possible <u>for every athlete to attend</u> <u>this event free of charge</u> and also help Teen SOYO members travel to serve as Coaches at the camp. As an expression of gratitude for your donation to this effort, teens will be handing out bookmarks with an icon of Christ blessing the children.

Thank you for considering the support of this wonderful ministry that allows our children to be a blessing to others!

Please make checks payable to your local Teen SOYO group with "SOAD 2021" in the memo.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, NAC Teen SOYO covers the cost of the camp. approximately \$70.000, through the generosity of our fellow parishioners. Through the years, we have hosted more than 8,500 athletes and coaches. Around 1,200 of our teens have had the unique experience of being a coach or volunteer at the camp.





ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is holding several seminars and discussions focused on our College Students in the month of October. Please review the information below and share it with all the college students in your families. This is an excellent opportunity to keep the Church and the teachings of Christ in focus as our young adults are away at school.

- Zoom Event: Slavery on the 21st Century College Campus: A talk about slavery to sin and servanthood to Christ
- Presented By: Fr. John Parker, Dean of St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary

Date: Thursday, October 28 at 5:00PM Pacific Time

 Register at:
 https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtduusrzItG9NDivdCVFpRr0FB0JNxirCz

On the OCF Discord server, over 300 students are part of a national OCF community that acts as a chapter for students with no chapter at their campus. You can meet people from around the world, find discussions about the faith, and even laugh at memes together!

Join the conversation in OCF's Discord Server here: https://discord.com/invite/uWT4eqd

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ON THE OCF DISCORD SERVER

October 17, 3PM Pacific – Game Night

October 24, 3PM Pacific – Mini-Lecture or "Stump the Priest"

TASK FORCE ON YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The #1 identified problem we are facing—people constantly say—is retaining our youth in today's anti-religious climate. We're trying to tackle it on an Archdiocese-wide level with a major investment, **but we need your help—both parents and youth**. The Archdiocese has developed several surveys to assist in assessing our current condition and needs. The results are being compiled by an independent evaluator, who will create a completely confidential report for His Eminence and the Archdiocesan Board of Trustees, to inform our strategic planning efforts.

All parishioners (adults and youth) are encouraged to participate at https://www.antiochianyouth.org/index.php/survey/. Please complete your survey by Sunday October 17 today—it will only be available through Monday.

The Antiochian Women of St Nicholas Cathedral Invite You to a One-Day Spiritual Retreat

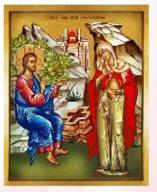
Our Relationship with God and with Each Other: Identity & Intimacy

Retreat Leader: Fr. Andrew Andrews A continental breakfast and light lunch will be served.

Saturday, October 23 9:30am—2:30pm

The Home of Rose Samore 1817 Maginn Drive Glendale, CA 91202

RSVP to Lauren Malouf by October 20 (818) 687-0406 or Imalouf@hchc.edu



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BEEF OR CHICKEN & FALAFEL PLATE* Your choice of chicken or beef, bed of lettuce

served with pita bread, cucumbers, tomatoes, onion, tahini, pickles, rice, and hummus \$15.00

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♡HUMMUS w/ PITA

\$5.00

⊘Vegan

Outdoor Seating Available!

CAMEL CAFE & BAKERY

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SPINACH PIES

Individual \$3.00 / Dozen \$20.00

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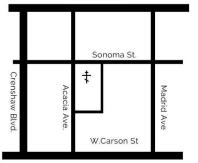
Sesame, Makrouta, Ghraybeh, and Harissa \$24.00

THE DESERT OASIS BAR

BOTTLED WATER \$1.00

Live DJ &





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BEER | WINE | ARAK (Distilled Anise) \$5.00

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THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

We remember today the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which gathered in Nicaea in 787 under the holy Patriarch Tarasius and during the reign of the Empress Irene and her son, Constantine Porphyrogenitos, to refute the iconoclast heresy.

The important thing to remember is that these holy Fathers were NOT defending icons as art; they were defending the truth that the invisible Son of God, the eternal Word by Whom all things were made had actually become fully human, while remaining God. Thus He became tangible and depictable. He had to be fully God and fully man in order to save us.

It is also important to note how these Fathers were bold in facing the Emperors, and they suffered willingly for the truth they were defending, beginning with the edict issued in 726 by Emperor Leo the Isaurian. So serious and important are icons to our Faith! Many of the holy Fathers who condemned Iconoclasm at this holy Council later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century, especially during the reigns of Leo the Armenian and Theophilus.

THE HOLY PROPHET HOSEA

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Hosea was a contemporary of the Prophets Isaiah, Micah, and Amos.He was a member of the tribe of Issachar and lived in the Northern Kingdom of Israel during the period 740–725 BC.

The Prophet Hosea strove to bring the many Israelites who had forgotten the true God of their forefathers back to the fold. He denounced the iniquities of the people of the northern kingdom of Israel, proclaiming to them the misfortunes they would suffer at the hands of invading foreigners. He foretold the end of the sacrificial offerings and the the priesthood of Aaron, (Hosea 3:4-5). He prophesied about Christ, who would return via Egypt (11:1), would be raised on the third day, (6:2) and would conquer death (13:13-14).



St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral Ladies Society

Invites You to Attend

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Tickets: \$195 per person

For tickets and information, contact: Lauren Malouf text: 818-687-0406 email: lmalouf@hchc.edu

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, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)

LIVING

Denise Naccache, hospital, 11/23 Abdullah Matar, home, 11/17 Varouj Nercessian, home, 11/14 William Haick, home, 11/14 Souad Chammaa, rehab., 11/14 Carl Fred Milkie Sr., home, 11/12 Salma Maalouf, home, 11/12 Simon Robert Andrews Sr., home, 10/26 Kh. Patricia Romley, 10/23 Anna Acevedo, wife of custodian Armando Cano, 11/17Connor Capata, 11/10 Ronald Davis Jr., Kh. Ruth's brother, 11/2 Malak Kaouk, uncle of Christine Maalouf, 11/2 Raouf Salib, relative of Christine Maalouf, 11/2 All those suffering from illness, floods, fires, earthquakes, violence and want

DEPARTED

Josephine Ferris, 11/2			
Ernest Rehbani, 10/20			
Raouf Iskander, cousin of Fr. Nabil, 11/23			
Rose Christiansen, former member of the			
Cathedral, founding member of St. Michael's,			
11/23			
Dalal Fasheh Balisy, mother of Hanan Kort,			
11/14			
Jiries Rabadi, father of Monique Rabadi, 10/30			
Martha Naccache, Antoine's mother, 10/30			
Linda Simon, Mark's mother, 10/24			
Amal Tabanji, Rony Khoury's grandmother,			
10/21			

Feda Batarseh Dahabreh, Ehab's grandmother, 10/18

Victims of the pandemic, of natural disasters and of violence everywhere

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ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

Sun. 17	 Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Church School classes follow Holy Communion Coffee hour fellowship
Tue. 19	Men's Fellowship Social, Raffi's Banquet in Pasadena, 6:00PM Sunday School Teacher Meeting, 7:00PM
Wed. 20	 Evening Prayer, 6:30 pm Dinner "Hot Topics" Orthodoxy 101
Fri. 22	Arabic Bible Study via Zoom, 7 pm
Sat. 23	Ladies' Retreat, Rose Samore's Home, 9 am Great Vespers and Confession, 6pm
Sun. 24	 Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Church School classes follow Holy Communion Coffee hour fellowship
Wed. 27	Evening Prayer, 6:30 pm • Dinner • "Hot Topics" • Orthodoxy 101
Fri. 29	Arabic Bible Study via Zoom, 7 pm

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