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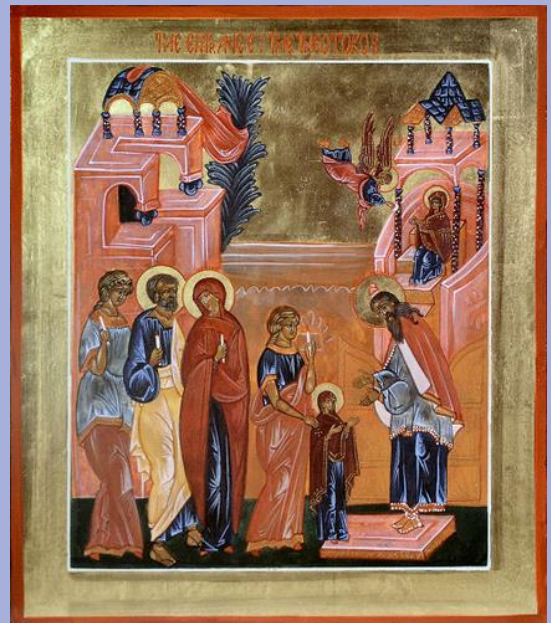
EOTHINON 11

GREAT FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN THE TEMPLE

The Church commemorates today the Entrance of the Theotokos (also called the Presentation of the Theotokos) into the Temple, exactly 80 days after the Feast of her Nativity, in accordance with the Law of Moses. We continue to observe the Feast until November 25.

The Old Testament Tabernacle was constructed according to the command of God as the place where the ark of testimony was to be placed, covered with a veil, illumined by candlesticks and lamps, with incense offered on a golden altar.

The Theotokos is led into the Temple of the Lord to *become* the Temple, the Dwelling place of the glory of God, overshadowed by the Holy Spirit—and not only the dwelling place, as the tabernacle of old, but the one who gives birth to God—so that in her and through her, in and through a human being, the glory of God radiates to the world.



LITURGY VARIATIONS

FIRST ANTIPHON (PSALM 47.2; 86.3; 47.4, 9 LXX)

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
in the city of our God, in His holy mountain.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the
Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of
God. **Refrain**

عَظِيمٌ هُوَ الرَّبُّ وَمُسَبَّحٌ جَدًّا فِي مَدِينَةِ إِهْنَا عَلَى جَبَلٍ قُدْسِهِ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

فِيكَ قِيلَتْ الْمَفَاحِرُ يَا مَدِينَةَ اللَّهِ. اللازمة

اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي قُصُورِهَا بِأَنَّهُ نَصِيحُهَا. اللازمة

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays: Matins, 9:15 AM

Confession: After Saturday Vespers

Divine Liturgy, 10:30 AM

During Sunday Matins

Saturdays: Great Vespers, 6:00 PM

Or by Appointment



**Remember to turn
cell phones off!**

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.

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 a recent 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.

Coronavirus Precautions

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



God is known in her towers, when He cometh to help her. **Refrain** مِنْكَمَا سَمِعْنَا كَذَلِكَ رَأَيْنَا فِي مَدِينَةِ رَبِّ الْقَوَاتِ فِي مَدِينَةِ إِهْنَا.

اللازمة

Even as we have heard, so too we have seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of
our God. **Refrain**

أَلْمَجْد ... الآن ... اللازمة

Glory..., both now.... **Refrain**

SECOND ANTIPHON (PSALM 45.5; 95.6; 117.20; 64.5-6 LXX)

The Most High hath hallowed His tabernacle.

الْعَلِيِّ قَدَّسَ مَسْكِنَهُ.

Refrain: O Son of God Who art risen from the
dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنُ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ،

Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُويا.

Refrain

Open unto me the gates of righteousness; I will
enter therein and give thanks unto the Lord.

الْحَمْدُ وَالْبَهَاءُ قُدَّامَهُ، الْقِدَاسَةُ وَالْجَلَالُ فِي مَقْدِسِهِ. اللازمة

Refrain

هَذَا هُوَ بَابُ الرَّبِّ، وَمِنْهُ يَدْخُلُ الصِّدِّيقُونَ. اللازمة

Holy is Thy Temple, wonderful in
righteousness. **Refrain**

مِنْ قِدَاسَةِ هَيْكَلِكَ، أَنْتَ عَجِيبٌ فِي عَدَالَتِكَ. اللازمة

Glory..., both.... O only-begotten Son and
Immortal Word of God....

الْمَجْدُ... الآن يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدِ....

THIRD ANTIPHON: TROPARION OF THE FEAST AS REFRAIN (PSALM 44.13-15 LXX; TONE 4)

Even the rich among the people shall entreat
thy favor.

لَوْجَهْكَ يَتَضَرَّعُ أَغْنِيَاءُ الشَّعْبِ.

Refrain: Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing
of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the
preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou
hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and
hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us
shout with one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O
thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's
dispensation.

اللازمة: الْيَوْمَ الْبَتُولُ الَّتِي هِيَ مُقَدِّمَةُ مَسَرَّةِ اللَّهِ، وَابْتِدَاءُ
الْكِرَاةِ بِخَلَاصِ الْبَشَرِ، قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ فِي هَيْكَلِ اللَّهِ عَلَانِيَةً،
وَسَبَقَتْ مُبَشِّرَةً لِلْجَمِيعِ بِالْمَسِيحِ. فَلْنَهْتَفِ نَحْوَهَا بِصَوْتٍ
عَظِيمٍ قَاتِلِينَ: إِفْرَحِي يَا كَمَالَ تَذْوِيرِ الْخَالِقِ.

The King's daughter is all glorious within; her
clothing is of wrought gold. **Refrain**

إِبْنَةُ الْمَلِكِ فِي الدَّخْلِ، مُتَرَدِّبَةً وَمُزَيَّنَةً بِأَشْرَاطٍ ذَهَبِيَّةٍ. اللازمة

Virgins shall be brought to the King after her;
her companions shall be brought unto Thee.

Refrain

يَأْتِي فِي إِثْرِهَا عَذَارَى إِلَى الْمَلِكِ، عَذَارَى مُقَرَّبَاتٍ مِنْهَا يُؤْتَى
بِهِنَّ إِلَيْكَ. اللازمة

ENTRANCE HYMN (TONE 2)

Come, let us worship and fall down before
Christ. O Son of God, *Who art risen from the
dead*, save us, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

هَلُمُّوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَرْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ مَلِكِنَا وَإِهْنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنُ
اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ هَلِيلُيَا.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word;
coëternal with the Father and the Spirit, born
of the Virgin for our salvation, for He took
pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to
suffer death and to raise the dead by His
glorious Resurrection.

لِنُسَبِّحَ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَنَسْجُدَ لِلْكَلِمَةِ، الْمَسَاوِي لِالآبِ وَالرُّوحِ
فِي الْأَرْزَلِيَّةِ وَعَدَمِ الْإِبْتِدَاءِ، الْمَوْلُودِ مِنَ الْعَذْرَاءِ لِحَلَاصِنَا، لِأَنَّهُ
سَرَّ بِالْجَسَدِ أَنْ يَغْلُوَ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ، وَيُخْتِمِلَ الْمَوْتَ، وَيُنْهَضَ
الْمَوْتَى بِقِيَامَتِهِ الْمَجِيدَةِ.

Troparion of the Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the
pleasure of God....

اليَوْمَ الْبَتُولُ الَّتِي هِيَ مُقَدِّمَةٌ مَسَرَّةَ اللَّهِ....

Kontakion of the Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

The sacred Treasury of God's holy glory, the
greatly precious Bridal Chamber and Virgin,
the Savior's most pure Temple, free of stain
and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on
this day is brought forward and bringeth
with herself the grace of the Most Divine
Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs
of praise, for she is truly the heavenly Taber-
nacle.

الْيَوْمَ الْهَيْكَلُ الَّذِي لِمُخَلَّصِ، الْكُلِّيِّ النَّقَاءِ، الْعَذْرَاءُ الْخَيْرُ
ذُو الثَّمَنِ الْحَزِيلِ، وَهِيَ الْكَنْزُ الطَّاهِرُ لِمَجْدِ إِلَهٍ، إِذْ تَدْخُلُ
بِمِثَرِ الرَّبِّ، تُدْخِلُ نِعْمَةَ الرُّوحِ الْإِلَهِيِّ مَعَهَا. فَلْتُسَبِّحْهَا
مَلَائِكَةُ اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّهَا الْمِظْلَةُ السَّمَاوِيَّةُ.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Luke 1.47, 48; Tone 3)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

Verse: For He has regarded the humility of his servant.

Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (9.1-7; Entrance of the Theotokos)

BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties, but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (10.38-42; 11.27-28; Entrance of the Theotokos)

AT THAT TIME, Jesus entered a village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to His teaching.

بروكيمنون (اللحن ٣؛ لوقا ٤٧: ١-٤٨)

تُعْظِمُ نَفْسِي الرَّبَّ، وَتَبْتَهِجُ رُوحِي بِاللَّهِ مُخَلِّصِي.
لَأَنَّهُ نَظَرَ إِلَى تَوَاضَعِ أَمْتِهِ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرُّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ (١: ٩-٧؛ لدخول السيدة)

يَا إِخْوَةُ، إِنَّ الْعَهْدَ الْأَوَّلَ كَانَتْ لَهُ أَيْضاً فَرَائِضُ الْعِبَادَةِ وَالْقُدُّوسِ الْعَالَمِيِّ. لِأَنَّهُ نُصِبَ الْمَسْكِنُ الْأَوَّلُ الَّذِي يُقَالُ لَهُ الْقُدُّوسُ، وَكَانَتْ فِيهِ الْمَبَارَةُ وَالْمَائِدَةُ وَخُبْزُ التَّقْدِيمَةِ. وَكَانَ وَرَاءَ الْحِجَابِ الثَّانِي، الْمَسْكِنُ الَّذِي يُقَالُ لَهُ قُدُّوسُ الْأَقْدَاسِ. وَفِيهِ مُسْتَوَقَّدُ الْبَخُورِ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ وَتَابُوتُ الْعَهْدِ الْمَعَشَى بِالذَّهَبِ مِنْ كُلِّ جِهَةٍ، فِيهِ قِسْطُ الْمَرْمِيِّ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ، وَعَصَا هَارُونَ الَّتِي أَفْرَحَتْ وَلَوْحَا الْعَهْدِ. وَمِنْ فَوْقِهِ كَارُوبَا الْمَجْدِ الْمُظَلِّلَانِ الْغِطَاءَ. وَلَيْسَ هُنَا مَقَامُ الْكَلَامِ فِي ذَلِكَ تَفْصِيلاً.

وَحَيْثُ كَانَ ذَلِكَ مُهِمًّا هَكَذَا، فَالْكَهَنَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ إِلَى الْمَسْكَنِ الْأَوَّلِ كُلِّ حِينٍ فَيَتِمُّونَ الْخِدْمَةَ. وَأَمَّا الثَّانِي، فَإِنَّمَا يَدْخُلُهُ رَئِيسُ الْكَهَنَةِ وَحْدَهُ مَرَّةً فِي السَّنَةِ، لَيْسَ بِلَا دَمٍ يُقَرَّبُهُ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ وَعَنْ جَهَالَاتِ الشَّعْبِ.

مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ (٣٨: ١٠-١٢؛ ٢٧: ١١-٢٨؛ لدخول السيدة)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ قَرْيَةً، فَقَبِلَتْهُ امْرَأَةٌ اسْمُهَا مَرْثَا فِي بَيْتِهَا، وَكَانَتْ لَهَا أُخْتُ تُسَمَّى مَرْيَمَ. فَجَلَسَتْ هَذِهِ عِنْدَ

But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Jesus and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But Jesus answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts that You sucked!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

قَدْ مَيَّ يَسُوعَ تَسْمَعُ كَلَامَهُ. وَكَانَتْ مَرْثَا مُرْتَبِكَةً فِي خِدْمَةِ كَثِيرَةٍ، فَوَقَفَتْ وَقَالَتْ: يَا رَبُّ، أَمَا يَعْنيكَ أَنَّ أُخْتِي قَدْ تَرَكْتَنِي أَخْدُمُ وَحْدِي؟ فَقُلْ لَهَا أَنْ تُسَاعِدَنِي. فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: مَرْثَا، مَرْثَا، إِنَّكَ مُهْتَئِمَةٌ وَمُضْطَرِبَةٌ فِي أُمُورٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَإِنَّمَا الْحَاجَةُ إِلَى وَاحِدٍ. فَاخْتَارَتْ مَرْيَمُ النِّصِيبَ الصَّالِحَ الَّذِي لَا يُنْزَعُ مِنْهَا.

وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَتَكَلَّمُ بِهَذَا، رَفَعَتِ امْرَأَةٌ مِنَ الْجَمْعِ صَوْتَهَا وَقَالَتْ لَهُ: طُوبَى لِلْبَطْنِ الَّذِي حَمَلَكَ وَالثَدْيَيْنِ اللَّذَيْنِ رَضَعْتَهُمَا. فَقَالَ لَهَا: بَلْ طُوبَى لِلَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ وَيَحْفَظُونَهَا.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By Richard and Joyce Ayoob, for the health of their family and in thanksgiving for all our Cathedral family.
- By Saleh and Elen Saleh and their family, in memory of Na'eem, Najla, Edward, Shafeek, Samir, Violet, Yvonne, Michel, Catherine, Ibrahim and Margarete.
- By Anis Kahouch and by Samer, Reem, Rami, George and Meray Gergeos.
- By the Bshara family: George, Mariam, Mark and Antonio.
- By Ehab, Rania, Sami, Selena and Anthony Dahabreh, for the health of Rania's father, Hani Tadros, and in memory of Ehab's mother, Nawal Hawatmeh Dahabreh.

To offer Holy Oblations and Memorials please use the form at

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

MEGALYNARION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)

The angels, beholding the entrance of the all-pure One, were overtaken by surprise; how hath the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since thou art a living temple of God, O Theotokos, no impure hand shall touch thee. But the lips of believers, let them ceaselessly laud thee, crying unto thee joyfully with the

إِنَّ الْمَلَائِكَةَ لَمَّا شَاهَدُوا دُخُولَ الْكَائِنَةِ النَّقَاةِ انْدَاهَشُوا، كَيْفَ لَتَبُولُ دَخَلَتْ إِلَى قُدْسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ.

يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ، بِمَا أَنَّكَ تَابُوتٌ حَيٌّ لِلَّهِ، فَلَا تَلْمُسُكَ يَدٌ مُدَنِّسَةٌ. أَمَّا شِفَاهُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فَلَتَمْدَحُكَ بِغَيْرِ فُتُورٍ، هَانِفَةً نَحْوَكِ

voice of the angels, "Verily, O undefiled Virgin,
thou art more exalted than all creatures."

بَصَوْتِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ بِابْتِهَاجٍ قَائِلَةً: أَيُّهَا الْبَتُولُ النَّعِيَّةُ، إِنَّكَ
بِالْحَقِيقَةِ أَسْمَى رَفْعَةً مِنْ جَمِيعِ الْمَخْلُوقَاتِ.

REFRAIN OF THE COMMUNION HYMN (PSALM 115.4; TONE 8)

I will take up the Cup of Salvation, and I will call
upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

كَأْسَ الْخَلَاصِ أَقْبَلُ، وَبِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ أَدْعُو. هَلِّلُويَا.

BLESSING OF GIRLS TODAY

As part of our celebration of the Entrance of the Theotokos today, all **our girls and young ladies will process with candles** to the front, just before Holy Communion, when **we will offer special prayers and blessings for them.**

1. Before Communion, *right after we all recite the prayer "I believe, O Lord, and I confess..."*, girls should make their way to the narthex to get candles and to line up.
2. The girls will then process forward, as the choir sings the Communion Psalm.
3. We will pray for our girls/young ladies, and I will sprinkle them with holy water.
4. They will be the first ones to participate in Holy Communion.
5. They will then proceed to their Church School classes.
6. Girls can keep their candles, or they can put them in the sand box in the narthex before going to their classes.

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.

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.



TODAY'S CHURCH SCHOOL STUDY TOPIC

We are taking a short break from our journey through the Bible, as our students prepare a program for the St. Nicholas Day banquet.

THANKSGIVING WEEK SCHEDULE CHANGES:



Thank You, LORD!

On account of Thanksgiving, there will be

- NO Vespers on Wednesday
- NO Wednesday Bible Study
- Saturday Vespers will be at 5 pm (instead of 6 pm)

Everything returns to the usual schedule the following week.

STARTING OUR PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Our 40-day Fast in preparation for Christmas continues to Christmas. During this “Winter Lent” we prepare ourselves to receive Christ, born anew in our hearts, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

During this time, we abstain from meat and dairy products. Then the last few days of the fast—Dec. 20-24—become stricter, when fish, wine and oil are also excluded. (We do, also, make a general dispensation from fasting on Thanksgiving, as it is right to celebrate a festival that recognizes God’s gifts to us—and *this year we are extending that dispensation to the Sweetheart Ball.*)

WINTER CAMP

Winter Camp will be held February 18-21, 2022, at Camp St Nicholas. The cost is \$230 per camper. The session will be open to campers in the 7th – 12th grades. This year our theme will be “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life....” Registration will be open on-line around the beginning of December.



CAMP ST. NICHOLAS

SEE'S CANDY

Please remember to order and purchase your holiday See's Candy from Diane Brooks, just in front of the bookstore. Diane also sells See's Candy Gift Cards. That way, you can give a gift at any time during the holidays! Contact Diane at 562-761-8436 or rockinwomom@gmail.com.

**Please sign up during
coffee hour TODAY!**

*St. Nicholas Orthodox
Cathedral Ladies Society*

Invites You to Attend

THE 57TH
Sweetheart
BALL

Saturday, November 27, 2021
Universal Hilton Hotel, Universal City

Tickets: \$195 per person

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



CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 4–5, 2021

His Eminence,
Metropolitan Joseph, Presiding



Fr. Calinic Berger,
Guest of Honor

*Along with a long-time, faithful member of the
Cathedral (to be named at the banquet)*

Saturday, December 4

6:00 pm Reception of the Metropolitan
Great Vespers with Artoklasia

Sunday, December 5

9:15 am Matins
10:30 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Dedication of Shrine to St. Raphael of Brooklyn
St. Nicholas Day Banquet (Heritage Ballroom)
Church School Christmas Program

St. Nicholas Day Banquet

Adults \$25.00 • 12 and under \$10.00

**Tickets available during coffee hour, or contact
Georgette Malouf at 818-391-6217, gette0324@yahoo.com.**

Make your reservations ASAP, as we are expecting a very large crowd.



ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY AND BANQUET: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5



We are pleased to announce that Fr. Calinic Berger will be our special guest for the weekend of December 4-5 (in addition to Sayidna Joseph, of course), when we will observe the feast of our Patron, St. Nicholas.

The Cathedral didn't have a chance to bid Fr. Michel and Fr. Calinic a proper farewell last year, given the coronavirus restrictions; we said we would honor them properly when the pandemic passed. (We invited them both, but Fr. Michel is unable to join us at this time.)

Thus **Fr. Calinic is coming from Wichita, and the banquet following the Hierarchical Liturgy on Sunday, December 5, will be in his honor.**

We will present "Father Cal" a monetary gift at the banquet.

If you would like to participate in the gift, please direct cash or checks to St. Nicholas Cathedral, and we will present Father with one check. So, make your checks payable to "St. Nicholas Cathedral," but be sure to earmark checks or envelopes "Fr. Cal Gift.**"**

Contact Richard Ayoob (richard@apataxlaw.com), John Nahas (sjohn.nahas@gmail.com) or Nassif Shammaa (nassif@theaccountancy.com) for questions about participating in this gift.

Note that, because Fr. George Taweel transferred to Palmdale during a temporary easing in the restrictions, the Cathedral was able present him a farewell cash gift at the time, but couldn't fete him at a banquet. Thus Fr. George and Kh. Kimberly will also be our special guests. *Furthermore*, we will honor a long-time, faithful member of the Cathedral (to be named at the banquet).

Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 12 and under. *Anyone who can't afford it should see Fr. Nabil privately, and we'll take care of it discreetly, but we really just want our entire Cathedral family together.*

Tickets are available during coffee hour today. Contact Georgette Malouf at 818-391-6217, or by email at gette0324@yahoo.com to make reservations.

THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

The Order of St. Ignatius is comprised of people who rededicate themselves personally to living the Orthodox Faith and to supporting financially the departments, programs and charitable works of the Antiochian Archdiocese and Patriarchate. The Order assists the Archdiocese in its effort to reach out to all in need and bring to them the message of the Gospel.



Metropolitan Joseph would love to induct YOU into The Order at Liturgy on the Feast of St. Nicholas! Please see Concetta Smarius (concettasmarius@yahoo.com) for more information about The Order or how to join.

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH

“For I was hungry, and you gave me food...” (Matthew 25.35)

As we approach the Holiday Season, we must be mindful of those around us who are struggling to try and make the Holidays meaningful for their families.

Marta Chala is our Charity Ministry Coordinator, and Fr. Paul Olson is the Spiritual Advisor to the Charity Ministry. Ed Malouf is organizing the purchasing and distribution of the food bags.

Community Christmas Card

Our Christmas card serves two purposes:

First, this is our greeting to each other as part of our Christmas Celebration and to convey to others that they are close to our hearts and in our thoughts and prayers. When you contribute to the Christmas card, your name will appear on it, and it is mailed to all our parishioners.

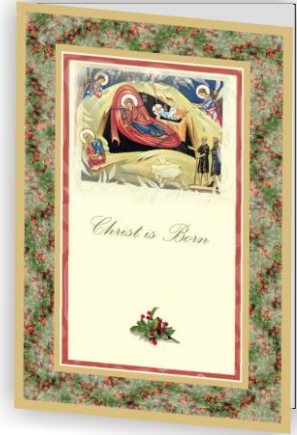
Second, through your generosity, it will generate funds for our Charity Ministry. In an effort to assist those in need, the Cathedral will be distributing Food Bags to the needy in our neighborhood, as part of our program on Saturday, December 18. Your generosity in the Christmas Card will provide Christmas dinner to the needy. (See details below.)

Make this Christmas card *your* holiday greeting to your friends at St. Nicholas. We'll take care of mailing it out to all our members and friends.

We respectfully ask you to donate to the Christmas card. Christmas card forms are available at the candle stand in the narthex.

Please complete the form, include your donation, and either drop it in the offering box, or mail it to the Cathedral, ***no later than December 5***. You can now also submit your Christmas card participation online at www.stnicholasla.org/contributions or just call the Cathedral office.

There is no set amount, but please be generous. Note that the cost of each Food Bag is approximately \$35. For example, then, if you want to help provide Christmas dinner for two needy families, you might contribute at least \$70 to the Christmas Card.



	St. Nicholas Cathedral Orthodox Cathedral 2300 W. 30th Street Los Angeles, CA 90058	Community Christmas Card Make this Christmas Card your holiday greeting to your friends at St. Nicholas.	
Your contribution will help needy families this holiday season. <i>May God bless you richly in return.</i>			
Print your name(s) as they should appear on the card.			
Enclosed donation amount (circle one): \$25 \$50 \$100 other: \$ _____			
Given by _____			
Address _____		Phone _____	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____		Email _____	
<small>Place in envelope, and put in collection tray, or mail to the church office by the first Sunday in December. Please make checks payable to St. Nicholas Cathedral.</small>			

Stocking the Food Bags for the Needy

In addition to cash donations through the Christmas Card, you can purchase food items directly, as part of our participation in the Archdiocese **World Food Day** program, a list of what to purchase is provided below.

This is a great way to involve our children and is a really good, tangible way to teach them about being compassionate to the needy.

Please bring only these items, and ensure that the expiration dates are in 2022 or after. You can place your items in the large cardboard food box as you come in for services.

FOOD BAG LIST

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| 1 - 15 Oz. Can Corn | 2 - Packages Kraft Macaroni & Cheese |
| 2 - 15 Oz. Can Rosarita Refried Beans | 1 - 10 Oz. Bottle Tapatio Hot Sauce |
| 1 - 15 Oz. Can Chili Con Carne W/Beans | 1 - 15 Oz. Can Cranberry Sauce |
| 1 - 15 Oz. Can Black Beans | 1 - 2 Lb. Bag of Rice |
| 1 - Large Can Sliced Jalapenos | 1 - 16 Oz. Jar Peanut Butter |

No Additions or Substitutions please. This will allow uniformity in each Food Bag. The Charity Ministry will purchase tortillas and grocery store gift cards to include with the Food Bags, so the needy can buy items like fresh vegetables, meat and milk for themselves.

Please contact Ed Malouf for any questions at (310) 923-4347.



Presented by the Society of St Benedict with the blessing of Metropolitan Joseph & Bishop John.

Three Advents

"We know that there are three advents of the Lord. The third lies between the other two."
Bernard of Clairvaux

AN ADVENT RETREAT BY
V. REV. JOHN W. FENTON

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11
9 A.M. UNTIL 3 P.M.

Lunch provided. Donations accepted. RSVP Requested.

SAINT MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH
A Western Rite parish in the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
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ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 AT 9:00PM

DJ GIOVANI

INTERNATIONAL HIT SONGS,
MUSIC, AND DRUMMER

MENU

EXTENSIVE APPETIZERS,
BUFFET, DELICIOUS MIDDLE
EASTERN DINNER, AND
ARRAY OF DESERTS, SOFT
DRINKS, WINE, AND
CHAMPAGNE

2022



ADULT PRICING

AGES 18+ :
\$95 PER SEAT
(\$125 AFTER 12-5-21)

CHILDREN AND MINOR PRICING

AGES 12-17:
\$65 PER SEAT
(\$85 AFTER 12-5-21)

FREE FOR KIDS: AGES 6-11
(DESIGNATED TABLES AND MENU
INCLUDED)

FREE BABY SITTING SERVICE: AGES 5 & UNDER

SPONSORED BY THE ST. NICHOLAS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL OR TEXT 909-561-0363

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE DONE AND PAID BY 12-26-21 AND NO REFUNDS
ON ALL CONFIRMED PAID RESERVATIONS.

2300 W. 3RD STREET. LOS ANGELES CA 90057



Merry Christmas

Join us for Christmas
Lunch, DJ, and Gifts

Santa Claus is coming on December 25

3:00pm - 8:00 pm

At St. Nicholas

Cathedral

2300 W 3rd st. Los
Angeles, CA 90057

Adult: \$55

Kids: \$30

For reservations, contact

George Bshara:

(323)-474-9898

Issa Kazma:

(323)-684-5279





— Office of the Secretariat —

IOCC SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 21, 2021

“Through love, serve one another.” — Galatians 5:13

To the Most Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics, and
Devout Faithful of the Holy Orthodox Churches in the United States:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we thank God for His many blessings, we also thank Him for the opportunity to serve Him by serving others. The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops dedicates this Sunday before Thanksgiving to the ministry of International Orthodox Christian Charities, or IOCC—the Orthodox agency that serves people in need worldwide.

IOCC, the humanitarian and development agency of the Assembly of Bishops, provides Orthodox Christians with a concrete way to serve people in need, near and far. Through IOCC, we can extend a humble reflection of the great mercy Christ shows us. For almost 30 years, IOCC has offered practical assistance to people facing conflict, famine, natural disasters, and economic hardship so that they may live with dignity, respect, and hope. This work continues in a rapidly changing world.

Through the faithful generosity of people like you, IOCC responds amid crisis, offering practical assistance in both the short term and the long term, as communities around the globe rise to meet challenges. Cleanup and emotional care after US disasters; nutritious meals for preschoolers in Gaza to combat malnutrition; counseling for Syrian families who have survived unspeakable trauma; equipment to help small businesses in Greece flourish and emergency response after wildfires there; supplies to help parishes in Uganda safely resume worship amid the pandemic; repairing homes, hospitals, and shops after the devastating explosion in Lebanon’s capital—these examples offer glimpses of the work IOCC does in the spirit of Christ’s love. IOCC also equips us to care for one another amid crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, still a part of our daily lives, by providing resources like the Care Calls program.

IOCC's mission reflects our shared calling to serve Christ by serving others. St. Paul reminds us that loving each other through humble service is the way to obey Christ: when we support IOCC, we do precisely that, remembering the incarnate Lord's request that we feed, clothe, and minister to one another for His sake. This Thanksgiving, let us thank God for His blessings, and let us continue to answer to call to serve our brethren in need.

This blessed Nativity season, may the Lord shine His mercy upon you and your dear ones, and may His love fill your homes and your hearts to overflowing!

With paternal blessings and love in Christ,

+ Metropolitan NICOLAE of the
Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas
*Liaison for IOCC from the Assembly of Canonical
Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America*



WORDS OF WISDOM

When you sit down to eat, pray. When you eat bread, do so thanking Him for being so generous to you. If you drink wine, be mindful of Him who has given it to you for your pleasure and as a relief in sickness. When you dress, thank Him for His kindness in providing you with clothes. When you look at the sky and the beauty of the stars, throw yourself at God's feet and adore Him who in His wisdom has arranged things in this way. Similarly, when the sun goes down and when it rises, when you are asleep or awake, give thanks to God, who created and arranged all things for your benefit, to have you know, love and praise their Creator.

St. Basil the Great

HOW TO PRACTICE BEING THANKFUL

Here are three ways that we can begin to develop a spirit of thankfulness, not just for Thanksgiving Day but also for the entire year:



Thank You, LORD!

1. Pray

We should pray for blessings seen and unseen. Yet, especially in times of happiness, we can get distracted by good times and forget to give thanks to the Lord for the blessings He has granted us. So take at least a moment, every day, to list the many blessings in your life and thank God for them.

2. Give

God doesn't bless us so we can jealously keep good things for ourselves. Instead, God calls us to be good stewards who cultivate these blessings and share them with those in need. Maybe God has blessed you with the talents needed to be a great youth worker or camp counselor, or maybe He's blessed you with wealth or some other skill. Whatever it may be, don't bury your talents: offer them up for the glory of God.

3. Prepare

Unfortunately, the holiday season doesn't only bring joy. It can also bring the stress of having more family to see, more meals to cook, more gifts to give. The best way to deal with this stress is to take moments to appreciate the little things. So take some time every morning to simply be with Christ, and to ask for strength as we approach each day. These moments can help re-center your life on Christ and help jumpstart your spiritual life.

With Thanksgiving approaching, now is the perfect time to begin developing an attitude of gratitude.

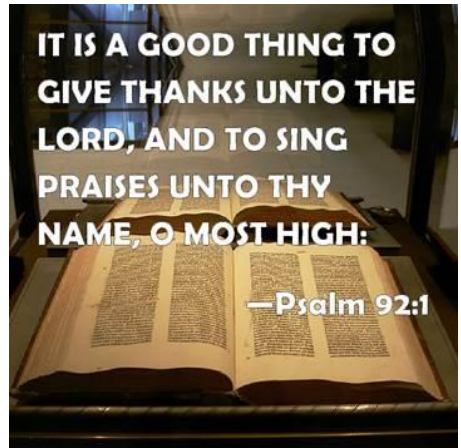
Peace,

Steve

DIRECTOR, Y2AM

**IT IS A GOOD THING TO
GIVE THANKS UNTO THE
LORD, AND TO SING
PRAISES UNTO THY
NAME, O MOST HIGH:**

—Psalm 92:1



NEW YORK CITY BLOCK RENAMED IN HONOR OF AMERICAN ORTHODOX SAINT

NEW YORK, JUNE 2, 2021

St. Raphael of Brooklyn, one of the great saints to have served in America, will soon be honored with a city block in his name.

According to an announcement from Fr. Thomas Zain of the St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral in New York, this coming Sunday, the city block on which the cathedral sits will be renamed “St. Raphael of Brooklyn Place.”



His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph will preside at the Sunday Divine Liturgy, after which the street naming ceremony will be held at 1:00 PM. City Council representatives and other dignitaries will also attend the ceremony.

St. Nicholas Cathedral was founded by St. Raphael himself, who was sent to the American mission field by Tsar Nicholas II in 1895. In 1904, he became the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America.

During the course of his ministry as a bishop of the Russian Church in America, St. Raphael founded the cathedral in New York and 29 other parishes, and assisted in the founding of St. Tikhon's Monastery in Pennsylvania, where his glorification was celebrated in 2000 with the participation of hierarchs of the Antiochian Archdiocese, the Greek Archdiocese of America, and the Church of Poland.

He is buried at the Antiochian Village in Ligonier, Pennsylvania.

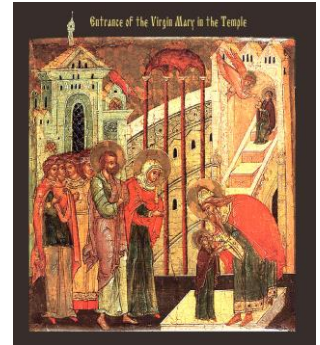
The 125th anniversary of his mission to America was festively celebrated by Antiochian and Russian hierarchs [in October 2019](#).

Our St. Nicholas Cathedral of Los Angeles also has connections to St. Raphael. Thus, during the St. Nicholas Feast Day Liturgy, Metropolitan Joseph will dedicate a shrine in the Cathedral to house a relic of the Saint. The Faithful will be able to venerate it and to have contact with holiness.

THE ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE

Commemorated on [November 21](#) According to Holy Tradition, the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple took place in the following manner. The parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God.

When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in Her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple (Ps. 44/45:14-15). There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. (Because they recited a Psalm on each step, Psalms 119/120-133/134 are called “Psalms of Ascent.”) The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed Her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, She quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood. Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence.



After entrusting their child to the Heavenly Father, Joachim and Anna returned home. The All-Holy Virgin remained in the quarters for virgins near the Temple. According to the testimony of Holy Scripture (Exodus 38; 1 Kings 1: 28; Luke 2: 37), and also the historian Josephus Flavius, there were many living quarters around the Temple, in which those who were dedicated to the service of God dwelt.

The earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos from Her infancy until She was taken up to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. “If anyone were to ask me,” said Saint Jerome, “how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer that that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian.”

But there are accounts in Church Tradition, that during the All-Pure Virgin’s stay at the Temple, She grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied Herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly, and grew in love for God. From ancient times, the Church has celebrated the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. Indications that the Feast was observed in the first centuries of Christianity are found in the traditions of Palestinian Christians, which say that the holy Empress Helen (May 21) built a church in honor of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa, in the fourth century, also mentions this Feast. In the eighth century Saints Germanus and Tarasius, Patriarchs of Constantinople, delivered sermons on the Feast of the Entry.

The Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple foretells God’s blessing for the human race, the preaching of salvation, the promise of the coming of Christ.

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

Abdullah Matar, home, 12/27
Wilfred “Will” Haick, home, 12/24
Hend Nahas, home, 12/22
Carl Fred Milkie Sr., home, 12/22
Simon Robert Andrews Sr., home, 12/5
Mary Hanna, home, 12/3
Kh. Patricia Romley, 12/2
Sonia Tower, home, 11/23
Denise Naccache, home, 11/23
Anna Acevedo, wife of custodian Armando Cano, 12/27
Connor Capata, Julian and Shirley’s grandson, 12/20
Ronald Davis Jr., Kh. Ruth’s brother, 12/12
All those suffering from illness, violence and want in this country and everywhere

DEPARTED

Jocelyn Badaro Tohme, sister of Ouberto Badaro, 12/13
Walid, uncle of Natalie Waimrin, 12/6
John Safady, former member of St. Nicholas, 11/30
Daad Chahine, sister of Kh. Eva Najim, 11/30
Yaser Khouri, father of Saed and Montaser Khouri, 11/28
Lamya AlRabadi, sister of Ayoub AlRabadi and Saltieh Rabadi, 11/27
Raouf Iskander, cousin of Fr. Nabil, 11/23
Rose Christiansen, former member of St. Nicholas, 11/23
Victims of the pandemic and of violence everywhere

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

November 2021

Sun. 21	Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am <ul style="list-style-type: none">Spanish Bible Study Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none">Blessing of Girls and Young LadiesChurch School classes follow Holy Communion
Sat. 27	Great Vespers and Confessions, 5 pm Sweetheart Ball, 6 pm at Universal Hilton Hotel
Sun. 28	Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am <ul style="list-style-type: none">Spanish Bible Study Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am

December 2021

Wed. 1	Evening Prayer, 6:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dinner“Hot Topics”Orthodoxy 101
Sat. 4	Feasts of St. Barbara and John of Damascus Matins in Arabic صلاة السحر, 9:30 am Divine Liturgy in Arabic القداس الإلهي, 10:30 am Great Vespers and Confession, 6 pm
Sun. 5	Observing the Feast of St. Nicholas Matins, 9:15 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none">St. Nicholas Day Banquet

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