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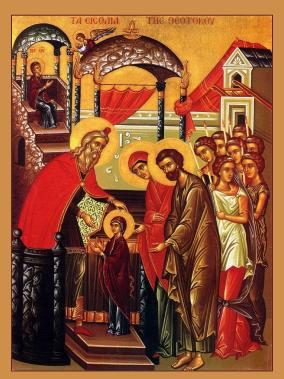
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OBSERVANCE OF THE GREAT FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN THE TEMPLE

عيد دخول والدة الاله الى الهيكل

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Mary was brought as a small child to the Temple by her parents, Joachim and Anna, to be raised there among the virgins consecrated to the service of the Lord until their betrothal in marriage. According to Church tradition, Mary was solemnly received by the temple community, which was headed by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was led to the holy place to be "nourished" there by the angels in order to become herself the "holy of holies" of God, the living Sanctuary and Temple of the Divine Child Who was to be borne in her.

She thus inaugurates the New Testament in which are fulfilled the prophecies of old that "the dwelling of God is with man" and that the human person is the sole proper dwelling place of the Divine Presence (see Ezek. 37.27; Jn 14.15–23; Acts 7.47; 2 Cor 6.11; Eph 2.18–22; 1 Pet 2.4; Rev 22.1–4).

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**

God is known in her towers, when He cometh to help her. **Refrain**

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**

عَظِيمٌ هُوَ الرَّبُّ وَمُسَبَّحٌ جِدَّاً فِي مَدِينَةِ إِلْمِنَا عَلَى جَبَلِ قُدْسِهِ. اللازمة: بِشَفاعاتِ والِدَةِ الإلهِ، يا مُحَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنا.

فِيكِ قِيلَتِ المِفَاخِرُ يَا مَدِينَةَ الله. اللازمة

الله مَعْرُوفٌ في قُصُورِها بِأَنَّهُ نَصِيرُها. اللازمة

مِثْلَمَا سَمِعْنَا كَذَلِكَ رَأَيْنَا فِي مَدِينَةِ رَبِّ القُوَّاتِ فِي مَدِينَةِ إِلْهِنا. اللهزمة

ألمجد ... الآنَ ... 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

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled Please turn cell phones off!



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.

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

The Most High hath hallowed His tabernacle.

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

Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

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

العَلِيُّ قَدَّسَ مَسْكِنَهُ.

اللازمة: حَلِّصْنا يا ابْنَ اللهِ، يا مَنْ قامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْواتِ، لِنُرَيِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِلوييا.

الحَمْدُ وَالبَهَاءُ قُدَّامَهُ، القَدَاسَةُ وَالجَلالُ فِي مَقْدِسِهِ. اللازمة هَذَا هُوَ بَابُ الرَّبِ، وَمِنْهُ يَدْحُلُ الصِّدِيقُونَ. اللازمة مِنْ قَدَاسَةِ هَيْكَلِكَ، أَنْتَ عَجِيبٌ فِي عَدَالَتِكَ. اللازمة المُجْدُ...، الآنَ ... يا كَلِمَةَ اللهِ الإبنَ الوَحيد....

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.

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.

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

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

Refrain

لِوَجْهِكِ يَتَضَرَّعُ أَغْنياهُ الشَّعْبِ.

اللازمة: اليومَ البَتولُ التي هيَ مُقَدِّمَةُ مَسَرَّةِ الله، وابْتِداءُ الكرازَةِ بِخَلاصِ البَشر، قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ في هيكَلِ الله عَلانيَةً، وسَبَقَتْ مُبَشِّرَةً لِلْجميعِ بالمسيح. فلنَهتِفْ نَحُوها بِصَوْتٍ عَظيمِ قائلين: إفرَحي ياكمالَ تَدْبيرِ الخالِق.

إِبْنَةُ الْمَلِكِ فِي الداخِلِ، مُتَرَدِّيَةً ومُزَيَّنَةً بِأَشْرِطَةٍ ذَهَبِيَّة. اللازمة يأْتي فِي إِثْرِهَا عَذَارَى إلى الملِكِ، عَذَارَى مُقَرَّباتٌ مِنْها يُؤتى كِينَّ إِنَيْكَ. 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 لِنَسْجُدْ وَنَرَّكُعْ لِلْمَسيحِ مَلِكِنا وإلهِنا. حَلِّصْنا يا ابْنَ الله، يا مَنْ قامَ مِنْ بين الأَموات، لِنُرَبِّلَ لكَ هلِلويا.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou ledest Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee

إِنَّ القُّوَاتِ المِلائكِيَّةِ ظَهَروا على قَبْرِكَ الْمُوَقَّرِ، والحُرَّاسَ صاروا كالأمواتِ، ومَرْيَمَ وَقَفَتْ عِنْدَ القَبْرِ طالِبَةً جَسَدَكَ الطاهِرَ، فَسَبَيْتَ الجَحيمَ ولَمْ تُحُرَّبْ مِنْهُ، وصادَفْتَ البتولَ مانِحاً الحياة. فيا مَنْ بين الأموات، يا ربُّ المِجْدُ لَكَ.

Troparion of the Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

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

اليومَ البَتولُ التي هيَ مُقَدِّمَةُ مَسَرَّةِ الله....

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 Tabernacle.

اليَوْمَ الْهَيْكُلُ الذي لِلْمُحَلَّصِ، الكُلِّيُ النَّقاءِ، العَذْراءُ الخِدْرُ ذو النَّمَنِ الجَزيلِ، وَهِيَ الكَنْزُ الطَّاهِرُ لِمَجْدِ الإله، إذْ تَدْخُلُ بَيْتَ الرَّبِّ، تُدْخِلُ نِعْمَةَ الرُّوحِ الإلهِيِّ مَعها. فَلْتُسَبِّحها مَلائِكَةُ الله، لأَضَّا المِظَلَّةُ السَّماويَّة.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Luke 1.47, 48; Tone 3)

بروكيمنن (اللحن ٣؛ لوقا ٤٧:١-٨٤)

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. 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."

تُعَظِّمُ نَفسي الرَّبَّ، وتَبْتَهِجُ روحي باللهِ مُخَلِّصي. لأنَّهُ نَظَرَ إلى تَواضُعَ أَمَتِهِ.

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رسالةِ القديسِ بولس الرسول إلى العبرانيين (١:٩-٧؛ لدخول السيدة)

يا إِخْوَةُ، إِنَّ العهْدَ الأولَ كَانَتْ لَهُ أَيضاً فَرائِضُ العِبادَةِ وَالقُدْسُ العالَمِيُ. لأَنَّهُ نُصِبَ المِسْكِنُ الأوَّلُ الذي يُقالُ لَهُ القُدْسُ، وكَانَتْ فيه المِنارَةُ والمَائِدَةُ وحُبْزُ التَّقْدِمَة. وكانَ وَراءَ القُدْسُ، وكانَتْ فيه المِنارَةُ والمَائِدَةُ وحُبْزُ التَّقْدِمَة. وكانَ وَراءَ الحِيجابِ الثاني، المسْكِنُ الذي يُقالُ لَهُ قَدْسُ الأقْداس. وفيهِ مُسْتَوْقَدُ البَخورِ مِنَ الذَّهبِ وتابوتُ العَهْدِ المُغَشَّى بالذَهبِ مِن الذَّهبِ مِن الذَّهبِ مِن الذَّهبِ مِن الذَّهبِ وَعَامِونَ التي مِن الذَّهبِ وَعَصا هارونَ التي أَمْنُ كُلِّ حِهَةٍ، فيهِ قِسْطُ المنِّ مِنَ الذَّهبِ، وعَصا هارونَ التي أفرَحَتْ ولَوْحا العَهْدِ. ومِنْ فَوْقِهِ كاروبا المِجْدِ المُظلِّلانِ الغطاءَ. وليسَ هُنا مَقامُ الكَلام في ذلكَ تَقْصِيلاً.

وحيثُ كَانَ ذَلِكَ مُهَيَّأً هَكَذَا، فَالْكَهَنَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ إلى المِسْكِنِ الْوَوْلِ كُلَّ حَيْنٍ فَيُتِمُّونَ الخِدْمَة. وأمّا الثاني، فإنَّما يَدْخُلُهُ رئيسُ الكَهَنَةِ وَحْدَهُ مَرَّةً فِي السَّنَةِ، ليسَ بِلا دَمٍ يُقَرِّبُهُ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ وعَنْ جَهالاتِ الشَّعْب.

مِنْ بِشَارَةِ القِدّيسِ لوقا الإِنْجيلِيِّ البَشيرِ والتلْميذِ الطاهِر (٣٨: ١٠ - ٢٤؛ ٢٧: ١١ – ٢٨؛ لدخول السيدة)

في ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَحَلَ يسوعُ قَرْيَةً، فَقَبِلَتْهُ امْرَأَةٌ اسْمُها مَرْتا في بيْتِها، وكانَتْ لِهَنِدهِ أُخْتُ تُسَمَّى مَرْيَم. فَجَلَسَتْ هَذِهِ عِنْدَ قَدَمَيْ يَسوعَ تَسْمَعُ كلامَه. وكانَتْ مَرْتا مُرْتَبِكَةً في خِدْمَةٍ كثيرةٍ، فَوَقَفَتْ وقالَت: يا ربُّ، أما يَعْنيكَ أَنَّ أُخْتِي قَدْ تَرَكَتْنِي أَخْدُمُ وَحْدي؟ فقُلْ لَهَا أَنْ تُساعِدَني. فأجَابَ يسوعُ تَرَكَتْنِي أَخْدُمُ وَحْدي؟ فقُلْ لَهَا أَنْ تُساعِدَني. فأجَابَ يسوعُ

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 sucked!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

وقالَ لها: مَرْتا، مَرْتا، إنَّكِ مُهْتَمَّةٌ ومُضْطَرِبَةٌ في أُمور كثيرةِ، وإنَّما الحاجةُ إلى واحدٍ. فَاخْتارَتْ مريمُ النَّصيبَ الصالِحَ الذي لا يُنْزَعُ مِنْها.

وفيما هُوَ يَتَكَلَّمُ كِلَذا، رَفَعَتِ امْرَأَةٌ مِنَ الجَمْعِ صَوْتَهَا وقالَتْ لهُ: طوبي لِلْبَطْن الذي حَمَلَكَ والثَدْيَيْنِ اللذَيْنِ رَضِعْتَهُما. فقالَ womb that bore You and the breasts that You لها: بَا ْ طُوبِي للَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ كَلِمَةَ اللهِ ويَحْفَظُونَهَا.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By Edward, Georgette and Lauren Malouf, for the health of the Malouf and Nader families.
- By Ralf Zacky, for the health of Marina, Denise, Daphne, Anastasia and George, and in memory of daughter Krista (50 years departed), father George Zacky (30 years departed) and mother Nelly (6 years departed).
- By George, Mariam, Mark, Antonio and Hend Bshara.
- By Ehab, Rania, Sami, Selena and Anthony Dahabreh, in memory of Rania's father, Hani Tadros, and 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 allpure 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 voice of the angels, "Verily, O undefiled Virgin, thou art more exalted than all creatures."

رِنَّ الملائكَةَ لِما شاهدوا دُخولَ الكُلِّيَّةِ النَّقاوَةِ انْدَهَشوا، كيفَ البَتولُ دَحَكَتْ إلى قُدْس الأقْداس.

يا والدَةَ الإله، بِمَا أَنَّكِ تابوتٌ حَيٌّ لله، فَلا تَلْمُسْكِ يَدُّ مُدَنَّسَةٌ. أمّا شِفاهُ المؤمِنينَ فَلْتَمْدَحْكِ بِغَيرِ فُتور، هاتِفةً خُوْكِ بِصَوْتِ المِلاكِ بابْتِهاج قائلة: أَيَّتُها البَتولُ النَّقِيَّةُ، إنَّكِ بالحَقيقةِ أَسْمِي رِفْعَةً مِنْ جَميع المِخْلوقات.

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 الخَلاصِ أَقْبَلُ، وباسْمِ الرَّبِّ أَدْعُو. هَلِلوييا.

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.

Prayer at the Blessing of Girls On the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos

O Almighty Lord, Fashioner of all that exists, Who dost dwell in unapproachable light, Who art light and in Whom is no darkness at all, O our Creator, Guardian of chastity and holiness, Thou hast bestowed upon Thy Holy Church the gift and care of these precious virgins. Through my hands and the prayers of these Thy people, bless O Lord, preserve, protect and confirm in purity these daughters of the Church, grant unto them ever-increasingly to love righteousness and to despise wickedness and all sin, to be devoted to the Most Holy, Immaculate, and All-Pure Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, to find refuge in her intercession, consolation in her protection, and inspiration in her living example of love for Thee. Keep these girls and those who watch over them ever vigilant to preserve their virginity, modesty, chastity and sobriety as precious gifts of grace to be jealously guarded and offered as a holy sacrifice unto Thee. Through the intercessions of the most pure Mother of God, of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, our Patron, and of all the saints. Amen.

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.

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 Hall for refreshments.

Coffee hour is hosted today by the Antiochian Women of St. Nicholas.

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 and paper goods. Call/text Joujou George (562) 522-1322, or email her at ginageorge@verizon.net by Wednesday to reserve a Sunday.



THANKSGIVING WEEK SCHEDULE CHANGES

On account of Thanksgiving, there will be

- NO Vespers on Wednesday
- NO Wednesday Bible Study
- Thanksgiving Matins and Divine Liturgy, 8 am Thursday at St. Matthew Church (2368 Sonoma St, Torrance)

PREPARING 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. 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 holiday that recognizes God's gifts to us.)

HELP WANTED

Many hands make light work!! The St. Nicholas Day committee is looking for helpers with setting up and serving for St. Nicholas Day. Please contact Lamia and John Qafaiti (323-597-7332) or Eissa and Amy Shousha (818-652-8481) to help set up the ballroom on Saturday December 3. Please contact Ed Malouf (310-923-4347) or Rose Samore (818-378-2055) to help in the kitchen on Sunday December 4.

We would also appreciate your generous donations to help cover the cost of the luncheon. Please contact Georgette Malouf (818-391-6217) to donate.

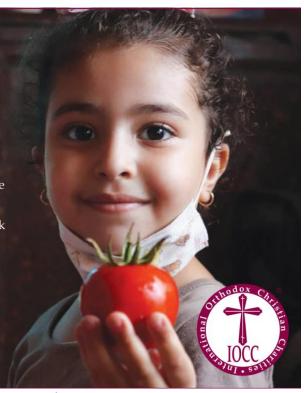
CELEBRATE IOCC's Mission

IOCC Sunday • 11/20/22

Each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Orthodox faithful across the US thank God for the privilege of serving the least of our brethren through IOCC.

On this day, we consider IOCC's global work and the ways you sustain it: by providing food, water, shelter, and medicine to refugees, offering economic opportunity to entrepreneurs and small businesses, and responding to emergencies at home and abroad. Please consider giving a gift of compassion today.

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ANNOUNCING

An Orthodox Christian Bereavement Group

St Nicholas Cathedral is hosting an eight-week program intended to help explore grief from an Orthodox Christian perspective, to connect and pray with others, and to experience renewal and hope. Together we will share memories and learn to live with joy even though we are forever changed.

Dates: Each Wednesday from January 4 to February 22, 2023

Time: 7:00PM — 8:30PM

Location: St Nicholas Cathedral (2300 W 3rd St, Los Angeles)

Zoom is possible, though not preferrable

Facilitator: Fr. Andrew Andrews

To Sign Up: Contact Fr Andrew at (213) 374-0219 by December 31

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WINTETZ CAMP 2023

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COURTS OF OUTZ GOD HE SHALL BLOSSOM FORTH.

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AGES: SEVENTH - TWELPTH GRADES

COST. \$150

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JOIN US FOIZ A WEEKEND FULL OF PIZIENDSHIPS, FAITH, FUN (IN THE SNOW, HOPEFULLY) AND THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CIZEATION.

REGISTIZATION OPENS NOVEMBETZ 1, 2022 8:00 PM. SIGN UP ON OUTZ-WEBSITE...

HTTPS://WWW.CAMPSTNICHOLAS.COM/SITE/HOME/

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.

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 sent to all our Cathedral mailing list.

Second, through your generosity, it will generate funds for our Charity Ministry. We will be distributing **Food, Gifts, Toys, etc.** in a special program to the needy in our neighborhood, on Saturday, December 17. *Like in the pre-pandemic Kids' Club program*, your generosity in the Christmas Card will provide a meal and Christmas cheer for the needy that Saturday <u>and</u> what they need to make a Christmas dinner at home.

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.

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 offer-



ing box, or mail it to the Cathedral, *no later than December 4*. 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.

Note that we are <u>not</u> collecting canned food this year, because we can get food through the LA Food Bank. Having our children bring in non-perishable items was a tangible way to teach them to remember the poor, especially whenever they were getting food for themselves. Instead, we now have wonderful, safe opportunities to instill the spirit of love and generosity through our twice-monthly FOCUS charity days. We encourage you 1. To support the charity work through the Christmas Card, and 2. To come as a family and volunteer on one of the upcoming Saturdays when we distribute food.



CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL Los Angeles, California DECEMBER 3-4, 2022

Saturday, December 3

6:00 pm Great Vespers with Artoklasia

Sunday, December 4

9:15 am Matins

10:30 am Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas Day Banquet

(Heritage Ballroom)

Church School Christmas Program



V. Rev. Fr.
Paul O'Callaghan,
Special Guest

Also honoring a long-time, faithful member of the Cathedral (to be named at the banquet)

St. Nicholas Day Banquet

Adults \$25.00 • 12 and under \$10.00

An anonymous donor will pay for all youth registered in the St. Nicholas Church School, but they still need to make a reservation to get tickets.

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 large crowd.

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

Julian E. Capata, rehab., 12/31

Fayez Habash, hospital, 12/27

Clemence Gedeon, nursing home, 12/1

Martha Adrianne Andrews, home, 11/27

Ernest Simon, former member of the

Cathedral, 12/19

Mariana Gantus Wall, former member of the Cathedral, 11/25

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

DEPARTED

Archbp. Chrysostomos (Cyprus), 12/17 Victoria Rehbany, 12/21 Pierre Tamer, 12/5 Linda Tahmoush, 12/3

Olga "Rosette" Karam Tahan, former member of the Cathedral, 12/22

Marlene Ann Yered, aunt of Joe Yered, 12/20

Edward Chaffin, relative of the Andrews', 12/3

Rafael Cano, Armando's father, 12/3
Antoine Bou Chahla, father of Hanan
Helou, 11/26

Samuel Barkett, cousin of Kh. Ruth Andrews, 11/24

Victims of violence in Ukraine and everywhere

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL CALENDAR November 2022 Observance of the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple Blessing of Girls and Young Ladies Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Sun. 20 **Matins**, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Church School Coffee Hour Festival Committee meeting Mon. 21 Cathedral Council online meeting, 7 pm Sat. 26 Great Vespers and Confession, 6 pm Spanish Mission Liturgy, 7:45 am • Fellowship and Bible Study in Spanish Sun. 27 **Matins**, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Coffee Hour Tue. 29 Choir Dinner and Practice, 6:30 pm Evening Prayer, 6:30 pm Dinner Wed. 30 • Bible Study classes: "Faith and Worship," & "Life as Mystery" December 2022 SoCal Pan-Orthodox Bible Bowl. 10 am

Sat. 3 SoCal Pan-Orthodox Bible Bowl, 10 am Great Vespers with Artoklasia for the Feast of St. Nicholas Observance of the Feast of St. Nicholas Matins, 9:15 am Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am • St. Nicholas Day Banquet