

SUNDAY BULLETIN

October 19, 2014



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Matins Gospel Reading

Eighth Orthros Gospel

The Reading is from John 20:11-18

At that time, Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that He had said these things to her.

Epistle Reading:

The Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33;12:1-9

BRETHREN, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel Reading:

3rd Sunday of Luke

The Reading is from Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 am Orthros 9:45 am Memorials

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Memorials for October 19th

Leonidas & Alexandria Plakos
Chrisoula Savva

Memorials for October 26th

Dumitru & Mariana Mihai
John & Eleni Orfanopoulos
George & Claire Sapon
Olibia (Libby) Salcedo

Memorials for November 2nd

Anthoula Kontogiannis
Panayiota Kontogiannis
Maria Lambides
Pete & Mary Liaros
Thomas Phillipos

GROUPS SPONSORING COFFEE HOUR

October 19th - Sunday School

October 26 - Stewardship

November 2nd - YAL

November 9th - Basketball

November 16th - Loucoumathes Sunday

November 23rd - Dance Groups

November 30th - Parish Council

December 7th - Women's Bible Study Group

December 14th - Philoptochos Bake Sale/Coffee Hour

December 21st - Sunday School Christmas Program

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Mode

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion - Hymn of Saint Nicholas

A model of faith and the image of gentleness, the example of your life has shown you forth to your sheep-fold to be a master of temperance. You obtained thus through being lowly, gifts from on high, and riches through poverty. Nicholas, our Father and our Hierarch, intercede with Christ our God that He may save our souls.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Feasts and Saints Commemorated

Sunday, October 19th

3rd Sunday of Luke

St. John of Rilas; Felix the Hieromartyr & Eusebius the Deacon; John the Wonderworker of Kronstadt; the Prophet Joel, whose name means "Yah is God," was of the tribe of Reuben, the son of Bathuel, and lived from 810 to 750 B.C. (but some say in the 7th century B.C.). His book is divided into three chapters, and is the second in order of the minor Prophets. He foretold the coming of the Holy Spirit on the dya of Pentecost (Joel 2:28, and quoted by the apostle Peter in Acts 2:17), and the saving power of the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Joel 2:32); St. Varys the Martyr - Saint Varys contested for the sake of Christ during the reign of Maximian, in the year 304. He was a soldier in the service of the Emperor Maximian, and held in honour for his courage. While in Egypt, he visited the Christians held in prison and comforted them. Among them, he visited seven monks imprisoned together; when one of them died from his torments, Saint Varys took his place. When this became known to the governor, Saint Varys was arrested and tortured to death.

Monday, October 20th

Monday of the 5th Week

Artemius the Great Martyr of Antioch; Gerasimus of Cephalonia; Matrona the Righteous of Chios

Tuesday, October 21st

Tuesday of the 5th Week

Hilarion the Great; Our Righteous Father Christodoulus, the Wonderworker of Patmos; Martyrs Theodote and Socrates; John the New Martyr of Peleponnesos; Righteous Philotheus

Wednesday, October 22nd

Wednesday of the 5th Week

Abercius, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Wonderworker of Hierapolis; Seven Holy Martyred Youths of Ephesus; St. Cecilia the Martyr

Thursday, October 23rd

Thursday of the 5th Week

James (Iakovos) the Apostle, brother of Our Lord; Our Righteous Father Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople

Friday, October 24th

Friday of the 5th Week

Arethas the Great Martyr & Syncletiki and her two daughters; Sebastiane the Martyr

Saturday, October 25th

Saturday of the 5th Week

The Holy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries; Tabitha, who was raised from the dead by Peter the Apostle

Upcoming EVENTS

JOY Sunday, October 26th, at 1:00 pm – Corn Maze at Pierce College

GOYA Tuesday, October 21st, at 7:00 pm - Corn Maze at Pierce College

Tuesday October 28th, at 7:00 pm- Bible Study

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 19th

9:00 am Orthros; 9:45 Memorials

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Councilman Mitchell Englander visiting during Coffee Hour

Monday, October 20th

6:15 pm Chrysopeda Practice (Senior Center)

6:15 pm Ellinopoula Practice (Gym)

7:30 pm Parish Council Board Meeting

7:45 pm Chyrsi Psihi Practice (Gym)

Tuesday, October 21st

9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Savalas Room)

7:00 pm GOYA to the Pierce College Corn Maze

7:45 pm Golden Greeks Practice (Gym)

Wednesday, October 22nd

- 6:15 pm Levendopoula Practice (Gym)
- 6:30 pm St. Nicholas School - High School Evening (Ballroom)
- 7:30 pm Bible Study with Sr. Nonna (Savalas Room)
- 7:45 pm Orpheus Practice (Gym)

Thursday, October 23rd Feast Day of St. James (Iakovos)

- 8:00 am Orthros; 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
- 6:30 pm Basketball Open Gym
- 8:00 pm Bowling League at Matador Lanes

Friday, October 24th

- 2:30 pm St. Nicholas School Vesper Service
- 7:00 pm St. Nicholas School Halloween Dance (Savalas Room)

Saturday, October 25th

- 11:00 am Baptism of George McLennan

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Parents, we have many children who were registered in Sunday School last year that have not as yet registered for 2014. Please bring your children to church on Sunday and register them for Sunday School. We have prepared for an exciting year and look forward to having all our children from our community enrolled.

All children involved in other church ministries should be attending Sunday School. Hope to see all of them in Church!

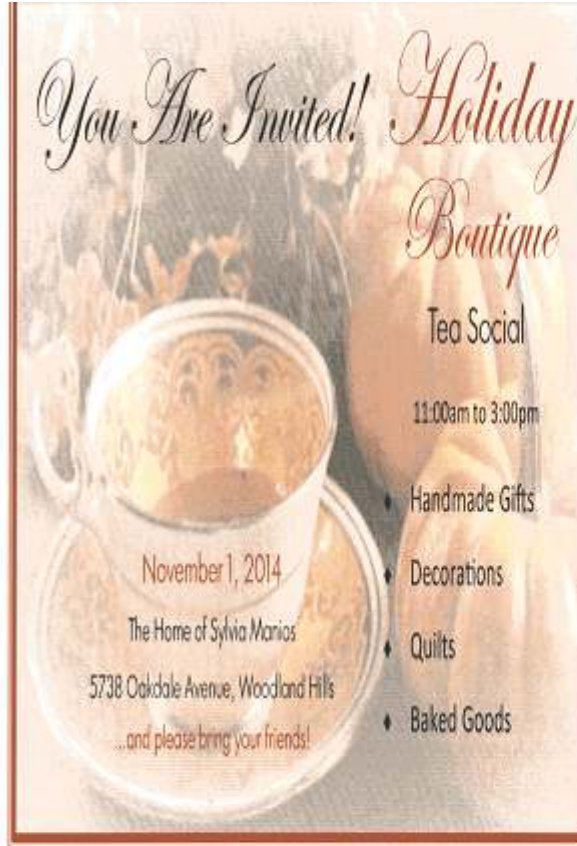
Linda Manios

Sunday School Director

Women's Bible Study

We welcome all women in our community to our Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the church. Our study is on the book of Revelation. .

Bible Study will resume in the Church October 21st at 9:30 am.



Proceeds for the St. Nicholas Women's Retreat of 2015

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2014

From 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Bible Study with Sr. Nonna

Evening Bible Study with Sr. Nonna resumes on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Savalas Room of the Community Center.

We invite everyone in joining us as we deepen and enrich our Orthodox faith through the prayerful and scholarly guidance of Sr. Nonna.



ORTHODOX MARRIED LIFE GROUP

2014/2015 Event Dates

Friday, November 14th - Ordering Pizza, please bring \$5 (Savalas Room)

Friday, December 12th - Pot Luck at the home of Fr. Michael & Presv. Sophie White Elephant Gift Exchange (\$20 Max). Details to follow at next gathering.

Friday, January 16th - Ordering dinner, please bring \$5 (Savalas Room)

Friday, February 6th - Pot Luck Style -Bring your favorite Friday night snack (Savalas Room)

All married couples in our community are welcomed to join this ministry led by Fr. Michael State

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014

In the Grande Ballroom following Divine Liturgy

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Please place your orders for baked goods By October 31, 2014

All orders are to be prepaid

Call Litsa Awad at 818-363-9410 or Eugenia Georgilas at 818-832-5453

Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____

KOULOURAKIA: \$30 Box (60 pieces)	Order: _____
MELOMACAROUNA: \$30 Box (30 pieces)	Order: _____
KOURAMBIEDES: \$30 Box (30 pieces)	Order: _____
BAKLAVA: \$45 Pan (48 pieces)	Order: _____
ZOUREKI: \$12each	Order: _____

Please pick up all baked goods by 2:00 pm on December 14th

We are not able to store baked goods after that day

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE...

Giving our time, talents, and treasures to our St. Nicholas Church is an opportunity. An opportunity to examine our priorities and values. It is an opportunity to express our thankfulness, to give ourselves and to grow in grace. Also, giving our time, talents and treasures to our church is more meaningful when it is accompanied by our presence, by our willingness to serve, by our prayers, and by our commitment.

Giving is not a substitute for our commitment, it is an expression of our commitment.

Thank you for your continuing financial support of our St. Nicholas Church. As we approach the end of the year, please continue to send in your Stewardship pledges and if you have not committed to a pledge for 2014 it is not too late! We need everyone's support in order to meet our financial responsibilities.

Jim Alex

Stewardship Chairman

WELCOME TO

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER

MITCHELL ENGLANDER

COUNCIL DISTRICT 12

Who will be visiting us this Sunday, October 19th

During Coffee Hour in the Ballroom

THE ST. NICHOLAS NATIONAL SHRINE GROUND BLESSING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014

Live on Satellite Feed, Antenna TV and the Internet

NEW YORK – The Ground Blessing ceremony for the *Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center*, on Saturday October 18, 2014 at 12:00 noon, will be broadcast live through a LIVE SATELLITE FEED (see technical information below), both domestically and internationally and will be carried live through the Antenna Satellite TV network, as well through an Internet simulcast through the special internet page for the rebuilding of Saint Nicholas

[1. www.stnicholaswtc.org](http://www.stnicholaswtc.org) which is also accessible through the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese official web page www.goarch.org.

Established in 1916, the small Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Nicholas was the only house of worship destroyed on Sept. 11, 2001 when the South Tower fell and completely obliterated the old church edifice. The new Saint Nicholas National Shrine will be rebuilt only a short distance away from its original location, at 130 Liberty Street and will be overlooking the 9/11 Memorial.

Archbishop Demetrios of America, primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America stated:

"Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox National Shrine, although destroyed in the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001 is now, with the grace of God, being resurrected at the new World Trade Center and it will soon rise like a glorious phoenix as a National Shrine and a place of pilgrimage for our Nation. It will be a place of faith, a place of peace and a place of solace and hope."

Domestic and international satellite and downlink coordinates and contact info:

Saturday October 18, 2014

11:45am-1:15pm EDT

DOMESTIC: 1080i - HD

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11:45am-1:15pm

Domestic Satellite: AMC 1 K4A

Downlink: 11793.5V

DVB S2 - 3/4 8PSK

Symbol Rate: 7.5

Technical Satellite Broadcast Contact:

Dimitrios Lagos (718) 541-3413 or
Jimmy Amperiadis (718) 541-3423

Also see these videos online now:

A time to Rebuild: <http://www.stnicholaswtc.org/-/a-time-to-rebuild-saint-nicholas-national-shrine-at-the-world-trade-center>

Archbishop Demetrios' Invitation to Ground Blessing of Saint Nicholas Shrine:
http://youtu.be/_HWaPfhlll

The Reconstruction of Saint Nicholas National Shrine:
<http://www.stnicholaswtc.org/-/the-reconstruction-of-st-nicholas-national-shrine-at-the-world-trade-center>

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MATT DABABNEH

Along with CITYPLANTS.ORG

invites you to a FREE

TREE ADOPTION EVENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

10:am - 12 noon (while supplies last)

at Saint Nicholas Church

17037 Plummer St. (Parking Lot)

If you are a resident of the City of Los Angeles, you are eligible to adopt a tree and plant it on private property! You must be over 18 years old and bring proof of residence (photo ID with an LA City address or a DWP bill) to this event. Supplies are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Limit one tree per person, per property address. For apartment buildings, limit is five trees per complex and one tree per unit.



Saint Nicholas School News

St. Nicholas School is preparing for some of our most exciting fall events. *Our Halloween Parade* offers students a great opportunity to use their talents to fashion homemade costumes, construct creepy props and coif crazy hair-dos. Every year we are amazed by the witty and remarkable ideas that come to life on Halloween Day. Last year some students crafted a life-sized Flintstone mobile and the children dressed as Fred, Wilma and Barney. We also had a boy dress as the "World Wide Web" wearing a giant globe around his body.

After the parade the Preschool will host their *Second Annual Spooktakular Fun House!*

Visitors will begin their journey through a windy Halloween night, and then continue through the transformed classrooms to be surprised and simply a "mazed". They will experience ooey-gooey prizes, and choose candy treats at the end. The majority of the crafts, projects and props displayed will be made by the children who are so happy to be hosting the special occasion! Finally, our wonderful Booster Club, led by Coordinator Carrie St. John, will host our *Annual Halloween Fair* complete with exciting game booths, prizes, a photo booth, and a delicious lunch. It will be a day to remember!

Sheree T. Spraglin
Principal



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is an ancient Christian symbol of which many people may be unaware that I was recently reintroduced to while attending a pastoral care conference. The image is that of a pelican. It is said that a pelican will feed her hungry children, if necessary, by wounding herself and nourishing the chicks with her own blood. It is no stretch of the imagination to connect this image to the sacrificial ministry of Christ our Savior. He who shed His own blood for the salvation of humankind is typified in the icon of a mother pelican who would injure herself and pour out herself for the sustenance of her children.

The conference I attended this past week, together with Fr. Kezios and nearly 300 priests and medical professionals from throughout the world was entitled “The Wound,” and the image of the conference was a Byzantine icon of the image below. We were blessed to participate through the generous support of our St. Nicholas Foundation here in Northridge. We gathered together on the island of Rhodes in order to discuss the impact of the wounds that affect us; physical wounds, spiritual wounds, emotional wounds, psychological wounds, relational wounds. Through our wounded Lord, He restores. He heals. He comforts. He nourishes. He sacrifices. He bleeds for His children. He feeds them and sustains them.

As part of the human condition, we are all wounded. We all suffer in some way. There is a degree of brokenness everywhere and in everyone. This is precisely where the impact of Jesus Christ transforms the complexities of life. This is where He completes what is insufficient, restores what is broken and heals what is wounded. Through prayer, Sacramental participation, connection to the Church and receiving the assistance of those around us, we restore ourselves to wholeness and abound in joy. This is the reality of the Christian celebration. There is no suffering, tragedy, circumstance or challenge, either personal or corporate that is beyond the restorative sustenance of our precious Lord.

Through His wounds, we are given life. It is my prayer for each of us that whatever wounds we carry and whatever scars remain, through Christ, we are comforted and restored. Yes, He bleeds for us. Yes, He is wounded. Yes, He is life.

With Love in Christ,

Fr. Anthony