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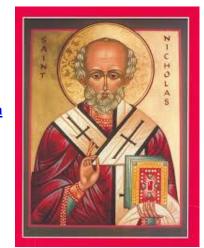
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Sunday, November 28, 2021

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

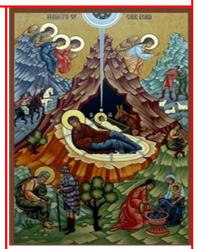
CHURCH IS OPEN! If you plan to attend, please make sure to wear a mask when you walk inside. Please don't attend if you're feeling sick. We pray for the good health, well-being, and safety of everyone. God bless!

NATIVITY FAST: November 15th - December 24th

We would like to wish you a happy Advent season!

Nativity Fast (Advent) is the period preceding the Christmas season in which we abstain from meat and dairy products. Eating fish is allowed except Wednesdays and Fridays, and we can eat all the regular meals like breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. The purpose of this fast is seeking the spirituality and the preparation for the feast of the advent of our Lord on December 25th.

بدء صوم الميلاد: أبناء الرعية الأحباء: كل عام وأنتم بألف خير. في كنيستنا الأرثوذكسية المقدسة، يبدأ صوم الميلاد في ١٥ تشرين الثاني، ويستمر حتى ٢٤ كانون الأول. صوم مبارك



THE EPISTLE: Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, being rich in mercy, through His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through the trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you are saved—and raised us up together with Him, and made us to sit together with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He would show the exceeding riches of His grace, in kindness toward us, in Christ Jesus. For by grace you are saved through faith, and that is not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, nota of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

الرسالة: أفسس ٢: ٤-١٠

يا إخوة إنّ الله لكونه غنيًا بالرحمة، ومن أجل كثرة محبّته التي أُحبّنا بها، حين كنّا أمواتًا بالزلّات أحيانًا مع المسيح (فإنّكم بالنعمة مخلّصون)، وأقامنا معه وأجلسنا معه في السماويّات في المسيح يسوع ليُظهر في الدهور المستقبّلة فرط غنى نعمته باللطف بنا في المسيح يسوع. فإنّكم بالنعمة مخلّصون بواسطة الإيمان، وذلك ليس منكم إنّما هو عطيّة الله، وليس من الأعمال لئلّا يفتخر أحدٌ لأنّا نحن صُنعُه مخلوقين في المسيح يسوع للأعمال الصالحة التي سبق الله فأعدّها لنسأك فيها.

THE GOSPEL: Luke. (18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother." And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

الإنجيل: لوقا ١٨: ١٨-٢٧

في ذلك الزمان دنا إلى يسوع إنسان مجرّبًا له وقائلاً: أيّها المعلّم الصالح، ماذا أعمل لأرث الحياة الأبديّة؟ فقال له يسوع: لماذا تدعوني صالحًا، وما صالحٌ إلّا واحدٌ وهو الله إنّك تعرف الوصايا: لا تزن، لا تقتلْ، لا تسرقْ، لا تشهد بالزور، أكرمْ أباك وأمّك. فقال: كلّ هذا حفظتَهُ منذ صبائي. فلمّا سمع يسوع ذلك قال له: واحدة تعوزُك بعد: بعْ كلّ شيء لك ووزّعه على المساكين، فيكون لك كنزٌ في السماء وتعال اتبعني. فلمّا سمع ذلك حزن لأنّه كان غنيًا جدًّا. فلمّا رآه يسوع قد حزن قال: ما أعسر على ذوي الأموال أن يدخلوا ملكوت الله. إنّه لأسهل أن يدخل الجمل في ثقب الإبرة من أن يدخل غنيٌّ ملكوت الله. فقال السامعون: فمن يستطيع إذًا أن يخلص؟ فقال: ما لا يُستطاع عند الله.

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered by:

David Hanhan and his family, in loving memory of His Son, **Joseph David Hanhan**. *May His Memory Be Eternal!*

ALTAR CANDLES قناديل الهيكل

Offered by **Paul Nassif and family** in loving memory of His Father, **Charles G. Nassif,** on the occasion of his 4th year memorial. *May His Memory Be Eternal!*

S COFFEE HOUR FOR THIS SUNDAY

Sponsored by Salwa Hanhan and the Entire Hanhan Family, in loving memory of Fuad Elias Hanhan, on the occasion of his 5th year memorial. *May His Memory Be Eternal!*

The Feast of the Patron Saint of our Church: Saint Nicholas - Monday, December 6^{th.}

Celebrating the Great Feast of St. Nicholas the Patron Saint of our Church.

Diving Liturgy at 11:00 AM followed by a luncheon.

Parish Council Election will take place on Sunday, December 12th.

There will be a parish council election meeting for the sole purpose of electing some members of the Parish Council for the upcoming term.

The Candidates interested in running as a Parish Coucil member should be in good standing (spiritually qualified and pledged for the last two years).

Please submit your candidate's name to Father George and/or Azar Azar as soon as possible. In order to vote in the elections, members must be spiritually and financially in good standing with the church.

We would like thank all of our Parishoners for all of your love, support, and prayers throughout this year. We are so thankful for our community and ask God to Bless All of you.

A special thank you to Shadi Azar for organizing our St. Nicholas Thanksgiving Food Drive this year, for the less fortunate in our city. It was a successful event and we could not have executed this drive without your generous donations and all of the volunteers that participated at the event.

Thank you and May God Bless you all!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

<u>Sunday School is now in session!</u> Please encourage your children and teens to join our curriculum. We are also looking for more teachers. If you have any questions reach out to Esther Clemence Azar at 415.994.6440. *Thank You!*

SAVE THE DATE:

ST. NICHOLAS FUNDRASING EVENT: Tonight, November 26th, at 7PM. We will host a fundraising event for our sister church Dormition of the Theotokos of the Greek Orthodox Church, کنیسة رقاد العذراء in Abood Palestine. Father Emmanuel Awwad from Ramallah and the pastor of that church will be sharing with us the success story of rebuilding this 1700 year old church, one of the first four churches built in Palestine. Light dinner will be served. Recommended Donation: \$50 per person.

BURBARA: On **Sunday, December 5**^{th,} delicious Burbara Pudding will be served after Divine Liturgy. Donated by **Diana Batshon**, in loving memory of her husband, **Michel Batshon, Janet Baqleh** for the good health of her family, and **Salwa Schnoudi** for the good health and well-being of her son, **Naim Schnoudi**, on the occasion of his birthday. Thank you, **Diana, Janet, and Salwa**. May God bless you all and all of your families.

THE FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS: Monday, December 6^{th,} Celebrating the Great Feast of St. Nicholas the Patron Saint of our Church. Diving Liturgy at 11:00 AM *followed by a luncheon*.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION: Sunday, December 12th.

ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS PARTY: Friday, December 17th, doors open at 7:30PM. Join us for an incredible night as we present the musically talented, **Bishara Sakhnini**, and live band led by Maestro **Radwan Shakshir**. \$100 for adults (food and open bar) and babysitter available for \$25 per child (includes a kids meal).

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SOME REMINDERS:

- ***Parents, don't neglect your duty before God to take an active part: Try your best for your children to not miss Church Services and all of the Youth (children, teens, and young adults) Activities and Events.
- ***Practice personal evangelism. A sincere welcome shows visitors you are happy they joined us.
- ***Young adults should be Pledging Members of the parish.
- ***Notify Father George in advance of your departure, return, those who are sick, and those that need to be visited.
- ***All enjoy fellowship. Try to offer and sponsor a Coffee Hour after services.

Metropolitan Anthony

ON FOLLOWING CHRIST

Addressing the man who wanted to attain perfection, the Savior said, "Follow me." These words were simple: at that time they meant leave all your cares, your family, your work, your calling, your habits and go with Christ along the roads of the Holy Land witnessing His miracles, listening to His words, becoming one of His disciples to your very depths; and awaiting that which was yet in the future and was known only to the Son of God who had come into the world in order to give His life for this world.

But when these words are addressed to us, what do they mean? They cannot mean the physical following of Christ along the highways and byways; but Christ calls us to follow Him into eternal life. When the disciples of John the Baptist asked Christ where He lived, He answered, "Come and see." In the earthly sense He was living in a hut not far from Jordan, but in another sense, in the sense that captivated the disciples once and for all and is mentioned in the Old and the New Testaments, He lived in the unapproachable light, in the depths of the Godhead, in that light which illumines every man who comes into the world.

And so the Lord calls us to come after Him into the depths of the knowledge of God, the depths of eternity and life. He Himself said that eternal life consisted in knowing God and His Son Jesus Christ; that eternal life was uniting ourselves with God so inseparably, to grow together with Him so deeply, to become one, that we should be able to say, "My life is Christ; His teaching, His ways, His thoughts and feelings, His will, and indeed His destiny - are mine; I take them on myself as the Cross, as the Resurrection, as death and life, and as the way.

This is what it means to follow Christ now; it means to listen attentively to His divine word which outlines, which points the way of life, and on this path to be Christ's disciples to the limits of our strength, with all our might. To achieve this now, as in the old days, we must free ourselves of everything that would otherwise enslave us, bind us, keep us out of eternal life. We must each one of us consider this for ourselves, because each one of us has something, maybe unexpressed in words, maybe unconscious, that he prefers to God.

To find out we must look deeply into ourselves and put this question: if the Saviour were to appear before us at this moment and say, "Leave that, it is the only barrier between you and eternal life," what would we answer? Would we leave it or would we say, "I can't, Lord, I'm sorry." This is what we must ponder over, because we are all called to follow Christ into the glory of eternal life; that is our vocation, to come to life in the spirit before we are, in due time, raised in the body, and to enter into the mystery of the God-Head, to know God, as St. Paul says, as we are known by Him, to worship Him with our whole life and spirit, with all truth.

SAINT NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH BANQUET HALL

The Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Banquet Hall is the perfect venue for your next wedding reception, baptism, graduation, birthday, or conference. We offer a range of professional banquet and catering services for making any event a very personal experience for our community. Our vast and eclectic menu showcases a variety of banquet menu options and premium beverages. Our friendly and professionally trained staff will work with you to identify your needs, budget and develop the perfect event for you. For more information contact our Church office at (415) 648-5200 or info@stnicholas-sf.com



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