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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost and the Third Sunday of Luke

The Holy Prophet Joel; Martyr Varos and seven martyrs with him; Mother Cleopatra of Palestine; Venerable John of Rila

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Tone 2; Eothinon 8

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion for our Patron, Michael the Archangel (Tone 2)

O ye foremost of the heavenly hosts, we beseech thee, though we are unworthy, pray that we may be encompassed with a shadow of thine unearthly glory; preserving us who kneel and cry endlessly: Deliver us from oppression since ye are the prince of the highest powers.

Kontakion for the Theotokos (Tone 2)

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

Daily Readings

THE EPISTLE (The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (11:31 - 12:9)

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who is blessed for evermore, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor under Arétas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes, willing to seize me, and through a window I was let down in a basket by

the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast, though it is not expedient; but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-whether in the body, I do not know, or whether out of the body, I do not know; God knows-who was caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this man—whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which no person is allowed to utter. On behalf of this one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my infirmities. For if I would desire to boast, I shall not be foolish, for I shall speak the truth. But I refrain from it, lest anyone should think of me above that which he sees me to be, or hears from me. And to keep me from being exalted above measure through the abundance of revelations, I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to buffet me, to keep me from being exalted above measure. For this thing I beseeched the Lord three times, that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly therefore will I rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

THE GOSPEL (for the Third Sunday of Luke)

The Reading of the Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of 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 Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus 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!"

The Synaxarion

On October 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Prophet Joel.

Joel, who in tragic strains sang the earth's sufferings, Hath passed from the earth to a place above sufferings. On the nineteenth, death concealed Joel.

Joel was the son of Phanuel of the tribe of Reuben. He lived 800 years before Christ, and foretold the misfortunes of the Israelites and their captivity in Babylon for the sins that they had committed against God. He called the people to fasting and the priests to penitent and tearful prayer that God would have mercy on them; and they heard him. Joel also prophesied the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and the outpouring of His grace on all the faithful. He foretold and described the Dreadful Judgment of God, and also the glory of God's holy Church.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Varos and seven martyrs with him; Righteous Mother Cleopatra of Palestine; and Venerable John of Rila. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

NOTE: Wednesday and Friday are observed as days of fasting

The Great-Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-streaming The Sixth Sunday of Luke

<u>Great Vespers</u> – Saturday, October 25th, 5 p.m. <u>Orthros</u> – Sunday, October 26th, 8:45 a.m., <u>Divine Liturgy</u>, 10 a.m.

OFFERINGS

The Holy Bread is being offered this morning by Haitham & Asma Sweis and family with prayers for the repose of the newly-departed servant of God, Huda Sweis (+2 October, 2025), beloved sister of Haitham Sweis. Also in memory of Hanna, Fuda, Michael, Najla, Tawfeek, Hany, Haniyeh, Hind. Memory eternal.

Holy Bread is also being offered by Mae Tortolano to honor with God's infinite blessings the youth of St. Michael Church who diligently fulfill the duties and responsibilities in serving God's holy altar.

Holy Bread and the coffee hour are offered with prayers and felicitations for dear Lola Pina, on the occasion of her Chrismation, by Robert and Nicole Webster. God grant Lola many years!

Special offerings and requests for prayer are being made . . .

for Lola Pina who is being received by the Sacrament of Confirmation this morning. May God grant her many years!

for the continued health of Ramez Hage

for the well being of our beloved St. Michael Church Subdeacon Richard Tamoush, devoted in altar service and mentoring for forty years.

May God grant him many years!

by Mae Tortolano for the good health of her niece, Darlene Namay-Ortega

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Metropolitan SABA's Weekly Teaching (in English and Arabic)

View the weekly teaching from Metropolitan SABA here, titled: "A Bishop's Scribbles;" go to: https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2600

On Oct. 7-10 and 13, the metropolitans of the Holy Synod of Antioch, under the presidency of His Beatitude John X, gathered specialists to discuss

Islamic-Christian relations, social welfare, and bridging gaps in the Middle East's pluralist society. The specialists have emphasized the Patriarch and the Holy Synod's critical role in promoting trust, peace and understanding. Here's <u>a recap</u> of that session.

Weekly Bible Study Tuesday (October 21)

Our next Bible Study will be held on Tuesday evening, October 21st, at 7 p.m. Sessions are recorded for those unable to attend who may also request the link to the study. Attendance is required for all catechumens.

October is "Youth Month" in the Antiochian Archdiocese

Reading the Epistle this morning is: Braden McLinn

2025 Holiday Food Collections

St Michael continues to support Loaves & Fishes, a local pantry serving the impoverished areas in Van Nuys and throughout the San Fernando Valley areas.

Drop Off Dates

November 16th and December 14th

**A cart marked Food Collection will be placed in the Community Center

**Monetary Donations can be placed in the Church Offering Box

earmarked Food Collection

- Canned Soups (pull-up tabs)
- Pasta Meals & Canned Sauce
 - Canned Meat & Fish
 - Canned Fruit & Vegetables
- Flour, Cornmeal, Rice, Dry Beans, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Crackers
 - Shelf Stable Milk, Cereals, Cooking Oils, Boxed Meals
 - Pancake & Muffin Mix that Only Require Water, Instant Foods
 - Baby Food, Juice Boxes, Apples Sauce & Granola Bars
 - Baby Clothes, Baby Diapers & Wipes
 - Blankets, Underwear, and Socks (Socks #1 requested item)
- Hand Soap, Shampoo, Body Wash, Deodorant, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Floss, Body Wipes, Mouthwash, Gloves, Razors, Shaving Cream, Feminine Hygiene Products, Lotion, Powder, Combs & Brushes
 * Any store scripts \$10, \$15

Contact Cindy Tamoush, 818-917-4847 or cindy.tamoush@gmail.com should you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support!



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS TOWN HALL MEETING



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL – LOS ANGELES, CA 7:00 –9:00 P.M.

The Order Treasurer Roger David, will give opening remarks, discussing the critical issues facing The Order, as well as the key priorities for success over the near and long term. But, more importantly, it is necessary to hear from you – your perspectives, questions, comments, and feedback – allowing The Order to have a conversation about its future.

HOSTED BY:

St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

Vespers: 6:00 p.m. 7:00-9:00 p.m. St Nicholas Cathedral Hall 2300 W 3rd St, Los Angeles, CA 90057-1906

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 7:00 P.M.

Please RSVP by October 20th to Esper Kanaan

By phone: 626-255-8080

By email: esper@kanaanconstruction.com

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!



Upcoming Events (see the foyer bulletin board for more information)

[Note: You may now access our Google Parish Calendar to your personal calendar. Here is the link: https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=YWRtaW5Ac3RtaWNoYWVsdmFubnV5cy5vcmc]

Town Hall Dinner with Roger David, Past Chair of The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch - Saturday, October 25th

St. Nicholas Cathedral (Los Angeles), 7 p.m.

St. Michael Feast Day Lunch — Sunday, November 9

Special Meeting of the Voting Membership - Sunday, November 16

Parish Council Election - Sunday, November 23 and 30

Church School Christmas Program Rehearsal - December 13 Church School Christmas Program - Sunday, December 14

Parish Council Nominations

On Sunday, November 16, 2025 we will be holding a brief Special Meeting of the Voting Membership solely for the purpose of receiving and accepting nominations for Parish Council members to be elected for there (3), three-year terms (January, 2026 to December, 2028). At this meeting the Nominations Committee will present their report and additional nominations will be open from the floor. The Vice Chair, Constantine Nasr is the Chair of the Nominations Committee. All who are interested and are prepared to be committed in serving on our Parish Council for a three-year term (2026-2028) should be in-touch with Constantine at: constantinenasr@icloud.com or Father Timothy at: frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org

It is important that persons being considered be able to fulfill the commitment to serve. Therefore it is necessary that all nominees first be personally asked if they would accept nomination, and second be approved by the Pastor as someone who is qualified. The Parish Constitution prescribes that all nominees must be at least twenty-five years of age or older, have been a pledging member of the parish for at least one year and have fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Faith [Article VI, Sec. 2].

The nominees must also be committed in attending monthly Parish Council meetings held on the third (3rd) Sunday of each month. If necessary, the Parish Council election will be held on two (2) consecutive Sundays: November 23 and 30.

Note to Coffee Hour hosts: coffee and paper goods will be provided each week.

Holy Bread Offering List

Oct 26 - The Nasser family Nov 02 - the Coudsy family Nov 09 - open

Coffee Hour Hosts Calendar

The Nasser family
The Coudsy family
St. Michael Feast Day Luncheon

Please contact Father Timothy (818/219-3761; frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org) to sign-up to offer Holy Bread or to host the Coffee Hour.

PASTORAL SERMON

The Third Sunday of Luke By V. Rev. Timothy Baclig October 19, 2025

Today's Gospel lesson teaches us that the resurrection power of Jesus was already at work in His earthly ministry. This passage tells us about Jesus' first resurrection miracle. Two other accounts of resurrection miracles by Jesus are given in Luke 8:40-56 (also Matthew 9:18-26 and Mark 5:21-43) and John 11:1-44. They include: 1) the account of the Jarius's daughter who purposely sought the Lord's help for his daughter "who lay dying," and 2) at the beginning of Great and Holy Week we hear of the resurrection of Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, the friend of the Lord. With each case, death was the inevitable end as each person faced the ultimate end of their earthly life. Christ spoke of His own miracles as signs—not proofs. When Jesus was asked for incontrovertible proof of His origins and mission, He absolutely refused because any proof would destroy the free response of Christian faith and morality.

Faith may be helped by miracles, but it is never dependent upon them. Many people witnessed Jesus' miracles but did not firmly believe in Him and some even accused Him of doing miracles by the power of Satan (Mark 3:20-30). Thus a miracle cannot replace faith, nor can we prove Christ's divine Sonship by His miracles because He Himself is the greatest miracle; the Divine Son of God who we are called to accept through faith, as He taught.

Finally, miracles and healings witness to the redeeming presence and compassionate love of God. Their purpose is not to show how great a Christian, or even a Christian Church is, but instead: Miracles and healings are the evidence of how great God is! They provide us with the evidence of the power of God's Kingdom. God is God! And as God, He cannot be denied the freedom to act in the context of humble, living faith.

Prayer

O Christ, our God, who has trampled down death, made powerless the devil and given life to the world, through the intercessions of the young man of the widow, Jarius' daughter, and your friend, Lazarus who you raised from the dead, grant us your peace and consolation in times of sorrow and sadness. Grant us the vision of your heavenly Kingdom and the spirits of the righteous. May we together with them be made perfect by your love and strengthened by your power. For Thou art the Resurrection and the Life and the repose of our beloved who are now with Thee, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. A-men.

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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE

THE HOLY PROPHET JOEL; MARTYR VAROS AND SEVEN MARTYRS WITH HIM; MOTHER CLEOPATRA OF PALESTINE; VENERABLE JOHN OF RILA

طروبارية القيامة باللحن الثاني

عندما انحدرت إلى الموت, أيها الحياةُ الذي لا يموت, حينئذ أمتّ الجحيمَ ببرقِ لاهوتِك, وعندما أقمتَ الأمواتَ من تحتِ الثرى, صرخَ نحوك جميعُ القواتِ السماويين: أيها المسيحُ الإلهُ المعطي الحياة, المجدُ لك.

طروبارية رؤساء الملائكة باللحن الرابع

أيّها المتقدّمونَ على الأجناد السماويين، نتوسّلُ إليكم نحن غيرَ المستحقّين، حتّى أَنّكم بطلباتِكم تكتنوفوننا بظلّ أجنحة مجدِكم غير الهيولي، حافظينَ إيّانا نحنُ الجاثين والصارخينَ بغيرِ فتور، أنقذونا منَ الشدائد، بما أنّكم رؤساءُ مراتبِ القوّاتِ العلوية.

قِنداق باللحنِ الثاني

يا شَفيعَةَ المَسيحيينَ غَيْرَ الخازِيَة ، الوَسيطَةَ لَدَى الخالِق عَيْرَ المَرْدُودة ، لا تُعْرِضِي عَنْ أَصُواتِ طَلِبَاتِنا نحْنُ الخَطَأَة ، بَلْ تَدارَكينا بالمَعونَةِ بِما أَنَّكِ صالِحَة ، نحْنُ الصارِخِينَ إليكِ بإيمانٍ: بادِرِي إلَى الشَفاعَةِ وأسْرِعِي في الطِلْبَةِ ، يا والِدَةَ الإلَه ، المُتَشَفِّعَةَ دائِمًا . بِمُكَرِّمِيكِ

الرسالة

قُوَّتي وتَسْبِحَتِي الرَّبُّ. أَدَباً أَدَّبَني الرَّبُّ. فصلُ مِنْ رِسِالَةِ القِدِّيسِ بولُس الرَّسولِ الثانيةِ إلى أهلِ كورنثوس. (11:31-12:9)

يا إِخْوَةُ، قَدْ عَلِمَ اللهُ أبو رَبِّنا يَسوعَ المَسيح، المُبارَكُ إلى الاَبَدِ أَنِي لا أَكْذِبُ. كَانَ بِدِمَشْقَ المَاكِمُ تَحْتَ إِمْرَةِ المَلِكِ الحارِثِ، يَحْرُسُ مَدينةَ الدّمَشْقيينَ ليَقبِضَ عَلَي. فَدُلِيتُ مِنْ كُوَّةِ فِي زِنْبيلٍ مِنَ السُّورِ، ونَجَوْتُ مِنْ يَدَيْهِ. إِنَّهُ لا يوافِقُني أَنْ أَفْتَخِرَ، فَاتِي إلى رؤى الرَّبُ وإعْلاناتِهِ. إِنِي أَعْرِفُ إِنْساناً في المسيحِ مُنْذُ أَربَعَ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً (أَفي الجَسَدِ، اَسْتُ أَعْلَم، اللهُ يَعْلَم) اخْتُطِفَ إلى السَّماءِ التالِثَة. وأَعْرِفُ أَنَّ هذا الإِنْسانَ (أَفي الجَسَدِ السُّتُ أَعْلَم، اللهُ يَعْلَم) اخْتُطِفَ إلى السَّماءِ التالِثَة. وأَعْرِفُ أَنَّ هذا الإِنْسانَ (أَفي الجَسَدِ أَمْ خِارِجَ الجَسَدِ السُّتُ أَعْلَم، اللهُ يَعْلَم) اخْتُطِفَ إلى الفردوسِ، وَمَعْ كَلماتٍ سِرِيَّةً لا يَحِلُّ لإنسانِ أَنْ يَنْطُقَ بها. فَمِنْ جِهَةٍ هَذَا أَفْتَخِر، وأَمّا مِنْ جِهَةٍ فَذَا أَفْتَخِرُ إلاّ بِأَوْهاني فَا الْجَسَدِ، مَلاكَ الشَّيْطانِ لِيَاطْمَني لِئَلا أَسْتَكبِر. ولِهَذَا طَلَبْثُ الْإِعلاناتِ، أَعْطيتُ شَوكَةً في الجَسَدِ، مَلاكَ الشَّيْطانِ لِيَلْطَمَني لِئَلا أَسْتَكبِر. ولِهَذَا طَلَبْثُ الْكَانِ تَالْمُ مَرِّاتِ أَنْ تُفارِقَنِي في الجَسَدِ، مَلاكَ الشَّيْطانِ لِيَلْطَمَني لِئَلا أَسْتَكبِر. ولِهَذَا طَلَبْثُ الْمَاتِ اللهُ الشَّوْدَ في قُوَّةُ المَسيح. الضَّعْفِ الضَّعْفِ الضَّعْفِ الضَّعْفِ الضَّعْفِ المَدي المَرورِ أَفْتَخِرُ بالحَرِيِّ بِأَوْهاني، لِتَسْتَقِرَّ فِي قُوَّةُ المَسيح.

الإنجيل

فَصْلُ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بِشَارِةِ القَدِّيسِ لَوقا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشَيْرِ وَالْتَلْمَيْذِ الطَاهِرِ. (7:11-16) في ذلك الزَمان، كانَ يَسوعُ مُنْطَلِقاً إلى مَدينَةِ اسْمُها ناينُ، وكانَ كَثيرونَ مِنْ تَلاميذِهِ وَجَمْعُ غَفيرُ مُنْطَلِقينَ مَعَهُ. فَلَمَّا قَرُبَ مِنْ بابِ الْمَدينَةِ، إذا مَيْتُ مَحْمولُ، وهُوَ ابْنُ وَحيدُ لِأُمِّهِ، وكانَتْ أَرْمَلَةً، وكانَ مَعَها جَمْعُ كَثيرُ مِنْ المَدينةِ. فَلَمَّا رَآها الرَّبُّ، تَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْها وقالَ لَها: "لا تَبْكي. " ودَنا، ولَسَ النَّعْشَ فَوَقَفَ الحامِلونَ. فَقالَ: "أَيُّها الشَّابُّ، لَكَ أقولُ قُمْ. " فَاسْتَوى المَيْتُ، وبَدَأَ يَتَكَلَّمُ، فَسَلَّمَهُ إلى أُمِّهِ. فَأَخَذَ الجَميعَ خَوْفٌ، ومَجَّدوا الله قائلينَ: "لقَدْ قامَ فينا نَبِيَّ عَظيمُ، وافْتَقَدَ الله شَعْبَهُ. " سِ

ملاحظة بخصوص تناول القربان المقدس

إن مفهومنا لتناول القربان يعنى عمومية المشاركة فيه لذوى العقيدة الواحدة، الا إن المشاركة في سر القربان المقدس هنا مقتصر فقط على أعضاء الكنائس الارثوذكسية والذين يحضرون أنفسهم بالصلاة والصوم والاعتراف منذ فترة قريبة (وعلى كل حال، فإننا ندعو الجميع للمشاركة في الخبز المقدس الذي يوزع عند إنتهاء مراسيم القداس.) رجاء مراجعة الكاهن إذا رغبت أن تصبح عضوا في الكنيسة الارثوذكسبة