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**New Sunday (Anti-Pascha)
Commemoration of the Act of Thomas the Apostle
Called “The Twin”**

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Apolytikion for Thomas Sunday (Tone 7)

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Light. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

Kontakion of Pascha (Tone 8)

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointmentbearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

Kontakion of Pascha (Tone 8)

O most radiant lamp, the Theotokos, the immeasurable honor, which is more exalted than all creatures, with praises do we magnify thee

Daily Readings

THE EPISTLE (for Thomas Sunday)

*Great is our Lord, and great is His strength.
Praise ye the Lord, for the Lord is good.*

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (5:12-20)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles; and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s porch. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people magnified them. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the cities around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those

afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the chief priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the sect of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said: "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

THE GOSPEL (for Thomas Sunday)

**The Reading of the Holy Gospel is according to St. John
(20:19-31)**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be to you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be to you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, you have believed because you have seen Me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.

Next Sunday is The Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women

Saturday, April 25th, Great Vespers, 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 26th, Orthros, 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.

OFFERINGS

Holy Bread is being offered and the coffee hour hosted this morning by Michael & Mary Ann Mitchell, Andrew Mitchell and Selwa Ayoub in celebration of the twenty-first birthdays of Hannah and Olivia Mitchell (April 21). Christ is risen!

Special Prayer Requests are made...

for the repose of the newly-departed servant of God, Albert Bitar (+14 April, 2026) beloved husband of Grace Bitar, and children: Bridget, Michael, Albert, Jr., Anne Marie, Vivian, eight grandchildren; brother: Samir, and sisters, Samira and Julie; five nieces and nephews.

[The Funeral Service is scheduled at St. Michael Church on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 10 a.m., followed by the Graveside Trisagion at St. Nicholas Memorial Gardens (Valhalla) at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, Spiritual Bouquet memorial gifts may be made to St. Michael Church for a permanent item to be purchased for the church in Albert's memory. Christ is risen!]

for the newly-departed servant of God, Wajih Nasser (+14 April, 2026) of Louisville, Kentucky, beloved brother of Riad nasser. Memory eternal.

for the upcoming surgery of Brandon Terry.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*NOTE: There is **no** fasting for the forty-day period:
from Easter to the Feast of the Ascension (May 21st)*

The Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

Great Vespers – Saturday, May 25th, 5 p.m.

Orthros – Sunday, May 26th, 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting of Young Adults and Men's Fellowship

Today, immediately following Liturgy

Parish Council Meeting - Monday, May 20, 6 p.m.

[at Carnival Restaurant in No. Hollywood]



Message From Metropolitan SABA (in English and Arabic)

View the weekly message from Metropolitan SABA : “The Sanctifying Dimension, Part One,” here, available in four languages: <https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2781>

Also, from Lazarus Saturday to Pascha, His Eminence celebrated the divine services in 11 churches. He also ordained two deacons. See the photos of these visits with the following link: <https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2777>



The Epitaphios (*E-pee-TAH-Fee-os*), currently on the altar — representing to entombed Christ, will remain on the altar until the Feast of the Ascension (May 21st). At that time, the image of Christ will be returned to the Cross. The image of the entombed Christ, however, is a permanent part of the altar “tablecloth” (antimension; *anti-MEN-see-on*), resting under the Gospel Book. It is opened for the time of the offering of the Liturgy, at the second part of the Divine Liturgy, when the bread and wine are placed on the altar for consecration. It is the cloth signed by the Archbishop and is the church’s credentials as a canonical Orthodox Church of Apostolic succession.

A WORD WE NEED TO KNOW: PASCHA (PAAS-kah)

Easter is the focal point of the church calendar when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The word *Pascha* is the Aramaic derivation of the Hebrew word: *Pesach*, which means *Passover*. Jesus, and the early Christians spoke Aramaic, and as the faith of those who believed that Christ was the Messiah spread, the word was retained. We understand Christ to be our *passage* (or *Passover*) from death to life; our *Pascha*!

Food for the Hungry People Drive

You may have received the Food for the Hungry People mailing from Robin Nicholas. Your contribution may be made through our parish by writing your check to "St. Michael Church", earmarked: "FFHP" and our parish collection will be sent in at the end of Great Lent. If you have a coin box, you may mail a check for the total amount to the parish or should you turn in your box be sure to put your name on the box. Thank you for your support of our annual Lenten charity campaign.

Zoom Meeting Bible Study - Tuesday, April 21st

Our Weekly Bible Study has resumed. The link for the last recorded links and Study Guides on Great Lent and Holy Week are available by request by contacting Father Timothy at: frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org This Tuesday we will be reading the passages of the New Testament that described the resurrection of the body, beginning with Christ's own bodily resurrection. The purpose of our study will be to understand the importance of the body being raised immortal.

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

Holy Bread Offering List

Apr 26 - Ron & Kathy Zraick

May 03 - Leila Zaki and family

May 10 - open

Coffee Hour Hosts Calendar

Ron & Kathy Zraick

Mother's 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.

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April 12, 2026

Beloved in Christ,

With great joy we proclaim that Christ is risen! *المسيح قام! Χριστος ανέστη!*
Χριστος Воскресе! Cristo ha resucitado! Hristos a înviat! Ua ala hou 'o Kristo!
Truly, He is risen!

In the words of Saint John Chrysostom: "...the Savior's Death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it, has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive... It took a Body and it met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen..."

Celebrating comes with whole hearted preparation. The more the preparation, the greater the celebration. Our time together during Great Lent as parish community has again been glorious thanks to everyone's help and contribution to our services.

As Christ's agents of hope and reconciliation in the world, let us take seriously the Paschal message of forgiveness that we may be examples of overcoming all forms of division, hatred, and enmity. The Resurrection of Christ reveals to the world that darkness, hatred and death does not have the final say. God's love is triumphant and provides healing from sin and human weaknesses.

I trust that this has been a meaningful season of illumination for you and your family. May the joy of the Paschal Feast fill your life with all that God truly desires for us: those imperishable gifts that are truly not of this world.

Christ is risen!

Father Timothy Baclig

Pastor



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Honoring

ALL THE LADIES OF ST. MICHAEL



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SUNDAY, MAY 10TH FOLLOWING LITURGY

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2026 Antiochian Scholarships

Opportunities for financial aid for students, women, clergy families and more are now available by going to: <https://www.antiochian.org/dashboard?name=Scholarships%20for%20Antiochian%20Students>

33rd Annual St. Michael Golf Classic

Mark your calendar for The 33rd Annual St. Michael Golf Classic: Monday June 29th 2026 at Wood Ranch Golf Club, Simi Valley, CA. Join your St. Michael family for a day of fellowship and fun. For more information, don't hesitate to get in touch with Don Meena (661-623-0340, donmeena@sbcglobal.net) or Fred Milkie (818-535-4243, milkief@aol.com).

ST. MICHAEL GOLF CLASSIC

For Golf Questions Contact:

Don (661) 623-0340

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MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026

WOOD RANCH GOLF CLUB

10:00 Check-in & Lite Bruch

12:00 Golf

5:00 Cocktail

6:00 Dinner



Dinner with Fr. Timothy
Will take place in Summer 2026

(Date TBD)

Contact:

Marcelle (818) 516-1736

DeAnne (818) 389-0065

Register Here for all events →

<https://app.tickettailor.com/events/stmichaelantiochianchurch/2085844>



Show your creativity and design a gift basket for the tournament raffle or donate towards new items for baskets (due June 12). Please contact: Marcelle Chaffin (818-516-1736) or DeAnne Abraham (818-389-0065)

St. Nicholas Cathedral Celebrates It's 75th Anniversary

His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA will be presiding at festivities at St. Nicholas Cathedral next weekend (April 25-26, 2026). The attached flier (below) highlights the weekend schedule that will include a banquet at the Universal Hilton following Great Vespers on Saturday, April 25th at 3:30 p.m. On Sunday, the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be followed by a Champagne Brunch at the Cathedral Heritage Ballroom. Tickets for reservations are required for both meal events and the deadline is passed. Please contact Georgette Malouf at: 818-391-6217 for the availability of any last minute requests for tickets.



Please join His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, His Grace Bishop ANTHONY, the Clergy and Faithful in celebrating 75 years of faith, family, and fellowship!

Saint Nicholas Cathedral's 75th Diamond Jubilee Weekend

Saturday
April 25

Saint Nicholas
Cathedral

Vespers
3:30pm

Saturday
April 25

Universal Hilton
\$150 per person

Gala
Cocktail: 5:30pm
Gala 7:00pm

Sunday
April 26

Saint Nicholas
Cathedral
\$40 Adults - \$20 Children

Hierarchical
Divine Liturgy
Followed by
Champagne Brunch

75 Years and Continuing to Carry God's People Across Troubled Waters to the Safe Harbor in Christ!

Reservations open until April 17th for both events!

Visit www.stnicholasla.com/75th for the full weekend agenda and events.

For Gala tickets contact Georgette Maalouf 818-391-6217

For sponsorship please contact Dan Andrews 661-331-0723 or John Nahas 818-438-9707. You may also email StNic75th@gmail.com.



The following dialogue is said between the priest and the faithful at the end of the Liturgy:

Priest: Christ is risen!

People: Truly, He is risen! [repeated in various languages]

Al Maseeah qam! **Haq qan qam!** (*Arabic*)

Christos Anesti! **Alithos Anesti!** (*Greek*)

Kristos voskrese! **Voistinu voskrese!** (*Slavonic*)

Kristo esta resusitado! **Verdaderamente resusitado!** (*Spanish*)

Khristi ungal! **Vertet ungal!** (*Albanian*)

Le Christ est ressuscite! **En verite il est ressuscite** (*French*)

Kristos Inviat! **Adervaret inviat!** (*Romanian*)

Ua ala hou 'o Kristo! **Ua ala 'I 'o no 'oia!** (*Hawaiian*)

Christus is opgestaan! **Hij is waarlijk opgestaan!** (*Dutch*)

Kristus ist Auferstanden! **Sicherlich ist Auferstanden!** (*German*)

Khristus Zmartvikstau! **Zaiste Zmartvikstau!** (*Polish*)

Christos harjav i merelotz! **Orhniale harutjun Christosi!** (*Armenian*)

Kristos Tensiah! **Be-a-man Ten-si-a!** (*Tigrigna*)

Massih Miyayat! **Hatman Miyayat** (*Farsi*)

Kristo azukidde! **Kituufu azukidde** (*Luganda*)

Ha Mashiyach qam! **Ken hoo qam!** (*Hebrew*)

Yeshu Christo Wierthayairnaytoo! **Sathamyetoom Yeshu Christo wierthayairnaytoo!**
(*Malayalam*)

Mesiah jee utha hei! **Such mei jee mutha hei!** (*Indian*)

Kristo samawa, yomi gaimashta! **Hontoni yomi gaimashta!** (*Japanese*)

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by Death, and upon those in the tombs... **People: Bestowing life!**

St. Simeon 10 Year Gala



HONORING

V. Rev. Fr. George Ajalat

— & —

WELCOMING

Rev. Fr. Andrew Andrews

MAY

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2026

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Parish Life Conference 2026 July 1-5, San Diego, CA

Conference Highlights

Matin & Vespers Services Daily

WEDNESDAY - 7/1

Registration, Bishop & Clergy Meeting

THURSDAY - 7/2

Clergy & Clergy Wives Brunch, Workshops, Young Adults' Event, Order of St. Ignatius Reception, Hospitality Night

FRIDAY - 7/3

Organizations' Meetings, Antiochian Women Brunch, General Meeting & Bishop's Address, Bible Bowl, Social Event, Teen Dance

SATURDAY - 7/3

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Festival Awards Brunch, Oratorical Contest, and Choir Festival, 4th of July Celebration Dinner & Party

SUNDAY - 7/4

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

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الإنجيل (لأخذ توما)

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا الْإِنْجِيلِيّ الْبَشِيرِ
لَمَّا كَانَتْ عَشِيَّةَ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ، وَهُوَ أَوَّلُ الْأُسْبُوعِ وَالْأَبْوَابُ مَغْلَقَةٌ حَيْثُ كَانَ التَّلَامِيذُ
مُجْتَمِعِينَ خَوْفًا مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، جَاءَ يَسُوعُ وَوَقَّفَ فِي الْوَسْطِ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ". فَلَمَّا قَالَ
هَذَا أَرَاهُمْ يَنْدِبُهُ وَجَنِبَهُ، فَفَرَّحَ التَّلَامِيذُ حِينَ أَبْصَرُوا الرَّبَّ. وَقَالَ لَهُمْ تَائِبَةً: "السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ،
كَمَا أَرْسَلَنِي الْآبُ كَذَلِكَ أَنَا أَرْسَلُكُمْ". وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا فَفَخَّ فِيهِمْ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "خُذُوا الرُّوحَ
الْقُدُّوسَ. مَنْ غَفَرْتُمْ خَطَايَاهُمْ تُغْفَرْ لَهُمْ وَمَنْ أَمْسَكْتُمْ خَطَايَاهُمْ أَمْسَكْتُمْ". أَمَّا تَوْمًا أَخَذَ الْإِنْتِي
عَشَرَ الَّذِي يُقَالُ لَهُ التَّوَامُ فَلَمْ يَكُنْ مَعَهُمْ حِينَ جَاءَ يَسُوعُ، فَقَالَ لَهُ التَّلَامِيذُ الْآخَرُونَ "إِنَّا
قَدْ رَأَيْنَا الرَّبَّ"، فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "إِنْ لَمْ أَعْلَمِ أَنْزِلَ الْمَسَامِيرَ فِي يَدَيْهِ، وَأَضَعُ اصْبَعِي فِي أَنْزِ
مَعَهُمْ، فَاتَى يَسُوعُ وَالْأَبْوَابُ مَغْلَقَةٌ وَوَقَّفَ فِي الْوَسْطِ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ"، ثُمَّ قَالَ
لِتَوْمًا: "هَاتِ اصْبَعِكَ إِلَى هُنَا وَعَيْنِي يَدَيْ، وَهَاتِ يَدَكَ وَضَعَهَا فِي جَنْبِي، وَلَا تُكُنْ غَيْرَ
مُؤْمِنٍ بَلْ مُؤْمِنًا". أَجَابَ تَوْمًا وَقَالَ لَهُ: "رَبِّي وَالْهِي". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "لَأَنَّكَ رَأَيْتَنِي يَا
تَوْمًا أَمَنْتَ؟ طُوبَى لِلَّذِينَ لَمْ يَرَوْا وَأَمَنُوا". وَأَيَّاتٌ آخَرَ كَثِيرَةً صَنَعَ يَسُوعُ أَمَامَ تَّلَامِيذِهِ لَمْ
تُكْتَبْ فِي هَذَا الْكِتَابِ. وَأَمَّا هَذِهِ، فَقَدْ كُتِبَتْ لِتُؤْمِنُوا بِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ، وَلِكِي
تَكُونَ لَكُمْ، إِذَا آمَنْتُمْ، حَيَاةً بِاسْمِهِ.

NEW SUNDAY OF ANTI-PASCHA

SUNDAY OF THOMAS THE APOSTLE, CALLED "THE TWIN"
HIEROMARTYR PAPHNOUTIOS OF JERUSALEM
TRYPHON, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

فَدَّاسُ الْأَخْدِ الْجَدِيدِ. أَحَدُ الرُّسُلِ تَوْمًا الرَّسُولِ الَّذِي يُقَالُ لَهُ التَّوَامُ
الْمَسِيحِ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَوَطِئَ الْمَوْتَ بِالْمَوْتِ، وَوَهَبَ الْحَيَاةَ لِلَّذِينَ فِي الْقُبُورِ.

أبولوتيكيون توما باللحن السابع

إِذْ كَانَ الْقَبْرُ مَخْتَوْمًا، أَشْرَفَتْ مِنْهُ أَيُّهَا الْحَيَاةَ. وَلَمَّا كَانَتْ الْأَبْوَابُ مَغْلَقَةً، وَافْتَتِ التَّلَامِيذُ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحِ
الْإِلَهُ، قِيَامَةً الْكُلِّ. وَجَدَّتْ لَنَا بِهِمْ رُوحًا مُسْتَقِيمًا بِحَسَبِ عَظِيمِ رَحْمَتِكَ.

فَتَدَاقُ لِلصَّخِصِ بِاللَّحْنِ الثَّامِنِ

وَلَيْنَ كُنْتَ نَزَلْتَ إِلَى قَبْرِ يَا مَنْ لَا يَمُوتُ، إِلا أَنْتَ دَرَسْتَ قُوَّةَ الْجَحِيصِ، وَفُتَّتْ غَالِبًا أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ،
وَلِلنَّسْوَةِ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ قُلْتَ "أَفْرُخُنْ"، وَوَهَيْتَ رُسُلَكَ السَّلَامَ، يَا مَنَاحِ الْوَارِقِينَ الْقِيَامِ.

الرسالة

عَظِيمٌ هُوَ رِبْنَا وَعَظِيمَةٌ هِيَ قُوَّتُهُ.
سَبِّحُوا الرَّبَّ فَإِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ أَعْمَالِ الرُّسُلِ الْقَدِيسِينَ الْأَطْهَارِ.

فِي تِلْكَ الْآيَّامِ، جَزَتْ عَلَى أَيِّدِي الرُّسُلِ آيَّاتٌ وَعَجَائِبٌ كَثِيرَةٌ فِي الشَّعْبِ. وَكَانُوا كُلُّهُمْ
بَنَفِيسٍ وَاجِدَةٍ فِي رِوَاقِ سَلْطِمَانٍ. وَلَمْ يَكُنْ أَحَدٌ مِنَ الْآخَرِينَ يَجْتَرِئُ أَنْ يُخَالِطَهُمْ، لَكِنْ كَانَ
الشَّعْبُ يُعْظِمُهُمْ. وَكَانَ جَمَاعَاتٌ مِنْ رِجَالٍ وَنِسَاءٍ يَنْضَمُونَ بِكَثْرَةٍ مُؤْمِنِينَ بِالرَّبِّ. حَتَّى
إِنَّ النَّاسَ كَانُوا يَخْرُجُونَ بِالْمَرْضَى إِلَى الشُّوَارِعِ، وَيَضَعُونَهُمْ عَلَى فَرْشٍ وَأَسْبِرَّةٍ، لِيَلْقَعَ
وَلَوْ ظَلَّ بِطُرْسٍ، عِنْدَ اجْتِيَارِهِ، عَلَى بَعْضِي مِنْهُمْ. وَكَانَ يَجْتَمِعُ أَيْضًا إِلَى أورشليمَ جَمْعُهُورٌ
الْمُدُنِ الَّتِي حَوْلَهَا، يَحْمِلُونَ مَرْضَى وَمُعْدِبِينَ مِنْ أَرْوَاحٍ نَجِسَةٍ، فَكَانُوا يُشْفَوْنَ جَمِيعُهُمْ.
فَقَامَ زَبْنِسُ الْكَهَنَةُ وَكُلُّ الَّذِينَ مَعَهُ، وَهُمْ مِنْ شِبَعَةِ الصَّدُوقِيِّينَ، وَامْتَلَأُوا غَيْرَةً. فَالْقُوا
أَيِّدِيَهُمْ عَلَى الرُّسُلِ وَجَعَلُوهُمْ فِي الْحَبْسِ الْعَامِ. فَفَتَحَ مَلَاكُ الرَّبِّ أَبْوَابَ السَّمَاءِ لَيْلًا،
وَأَخْرَجَهُمْ، وَقَالَ: أَمْضُوا وَقُفُّوا فِي الْهَيْكَلِ، وَكَلِّمُوا الشَّعْبَ بِجَمِيعِ كَلِمَاتِ هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ.

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سفر القربان المقدس هنا مقصود على أعضاء الكنائس الأرثوذكسية والذين يحضرون أنفسهم
بالصلاة والصوم والاعتراف منذ فترة قريبة وعلى كل حال، فإننا ندعو الجميع للمشاركة في الخبز
المقدس الذي يوزع عند إبتهاء مراسم القداس.
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