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The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost and The Eighth Sunday of Luke

Sunday, November 15, 2026 Tone 7; Eothinon 2

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Tone 7)

Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and didst bid Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Ss. Guria, Shamuna and Habib (Tone 5)

Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs Guria, Shamuna and Habib as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

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 Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

[In anticipation of the Feast of the Entrance (November 21)]

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.

Daily Readings

THE EPISTLE (for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.
Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL (The Eighth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading of the Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you

when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Synaxarion

On November 15 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyrs and Confessors of Edessa in Syria: Guria, Shamuna and Habib the Deacon.

Verses

Shamuna and Guria the sword perfecteth,
Habib, the flame; to them flame and sword were gladness.
Fire the fifteenth slew Habib, bronze the others.

Guria and Shamuna contested during the reign of Diocletian, in 288; Habib contested in the days of Licinius, in 316; he was buried with Guria and Shamuna. The three have one common feast and they are always portrayed together in icons. They are invoked for help in marital difficulties. A certain Goth had come with the Roman army to Edessa and was quartered in the house of a pious widow named Sophia. The Goth asked Sophia for the hand of her daughter, Euphemia; reluctantly, Sophia at last agreed. She made the Goth vow by the power of the holy Martyrs Shamuna, Guria, and Habib to keep Euphemia as the apple of his eye. As he was nearing his home, however, the treacherous man revealed to Euphemia that he already had a wife. Euphemia became the Goth couple's slave which dealt with her mercilessly. After extreme sufferings, which included being sealed alive in a tomb and left there to die, Euphemia begged the Saints to save her, and they miraculously conveyed her to Edessa, to the very shrine of the holy Martyrs. Euphemia was reunited with her mother through their holy prayers.

On this day, we also commemorate Thomas the New, patriarch of Constantinople; and Venerable Paisios Velichkovsky.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

A Note Regarding Holy Communion

Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, *only* those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and recent Confession may participate in Holy Communion. (We invite all, however, to partake of the blessed bread which is distributed at the dismissal.) Please see the Pastor for inquiries on how to become a member.

OFFERINGS

Holy Bread and wheat are being offered and the coffee hour hosted by the O'Dea and Chala families for the forty-day memorial of Habib Chala (+2 October, 2026) of Houston, Texas, beloved brother and uncle. Memory eternal.

Holy Bread is being offered by Nickie Malouf, Debi Dodds, Ken Malouf, and their families for the two-year memorial of the servant of God, Chuck Malouf (+3 October, 2024), beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, and godfather. Blessed be the memory of Thy servant, Chuck, worthy of blessedness and eternal memory.

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

for the repose of the newly-departed servant of God, Richard Tamoush, Sr. (+13 November, 2026), beloved father and grandfather. Memory eternal.

for the continued health of Joyce Britton.

for the new-born child, Emilia Rose Deeb, born to Laura & Elias Deeb on Monday, November 9, 2026. May God grant them many years!

by Rachel Grundler for the continued health of Michelle Goode.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Meeting of the Voting Membership

A Special Meeting of the Voting Membership will convene immediately following today's Liturgy for the sole purpose of accepting nominations for three (3) three-year terms on our Parish Council (2027-2029). 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 members 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.

Weekly Bible Study on Tuesday, November 17

Our next Bible Study will be held on Tuesday evening, November 17, at 7 p.m. Sessions are recorded for those unable to attend who may also request the link to the study.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Fast of the Holy Nativity - November 15 - December 24

[This fast is divided into two periods: 1) November 15 - December 19 - the traditional fasting discipline includes no meat, poultry, dairy, fish, wine and olive oil on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with provision for wine and oil (some also permit fish) on Tuesdays and Thursdays; with fish, wine and olive oil on Saturdays and Sundays; 2) December 20-24 - the traditional fast is Monday through Friday with provision for wine and olive oil on Sunday, December 24.]

Saturday, November 21st - **Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos**
Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, the Ninth Sunday of Luke and the Afterfeast of the Presentation of the Theotokos
Saturday, November 21st, Great Vespers, 5 p.m.
Sunday, November 22nd, Orthros, 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.



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

View the weekly teaching from Metropolitan SABA here, titled: "Practical Answers About Fasting;" go to: https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/3002
The November-December issue of The Word magazine is now available on-line go to: https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2989 In addition, go to: https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/3002 to learn about the guidelines for the Nativity Fast.

Do You Have the Convenient St. Michael Parish App?

The St. Michael Parish App will provide you with a "one stop" reference to: a) the Sunday Bulletin, b) The Church Calendar, d) Parish Events, e) The Weekly Bible Study Link and Recordings, f) Monthly Financial Reports, g) Live-stream of Services, h) Past Live-streams, i) Past Sermons, j) Direct Link to Donations, k) Church Groups Contacts, l) Information on Days of Fasting, m) a Direct Link to the Church Website. Use this link to install the App on your phone: https://tithely.app.link/st-michael-orthodox-church Should you need assistance, contact Joey Wang at: jpw378@gmail.com

Important Video That Summarizes "AI In Our Lives"

The video (from a workshop at this year's Parish Life Conference) probes the question: What kind of people is Artificial Intelligence making us? The workshop was led by Fr. Peter Samore, the Archdiocese Director of Communications, and Deacon Maxim Najim, who spent more than 20 years building software systems in the tech industry. The discussion explains how AI works technologically and thinks for itself, and how it impacts our daily lives and our very being. Here is the link: https://www.antiochian.org/videonews/2941

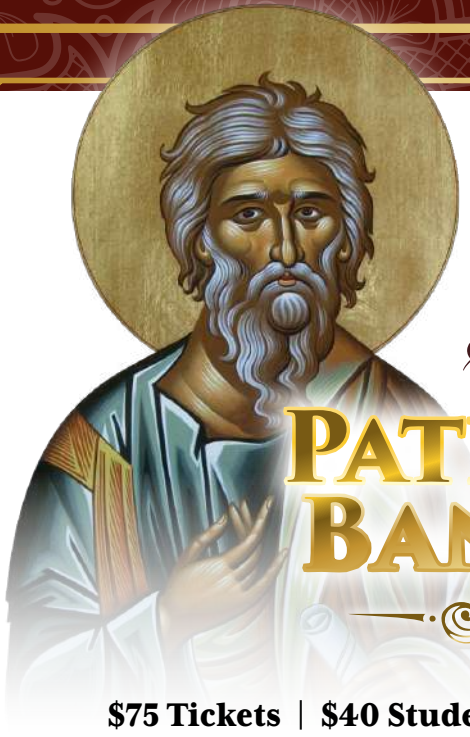
Note to Coffee Hour hosts: coffee and paper goods will be provided each week.

Holy Bread Offering List	Coffee Hour Hosts Calendar
Nov 22 - open	
Nov 29 - open	
Dec 06 - open (Feast of St. Nicholas)	
Dec 13 - open	
Dec 20 - open	Church School Lenten Lunch

Please contact Fr. Timothy (818/219-3761; frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org) to sign-up to offer Holy Bread; David Rodriguez at: (818-484-6157; drodpena@gmail.com) to sign-up for the Coffee Hour.

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

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



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St. Andrew

PATRONAL BANQUET

$75 Tickets | $40 Student Tickets

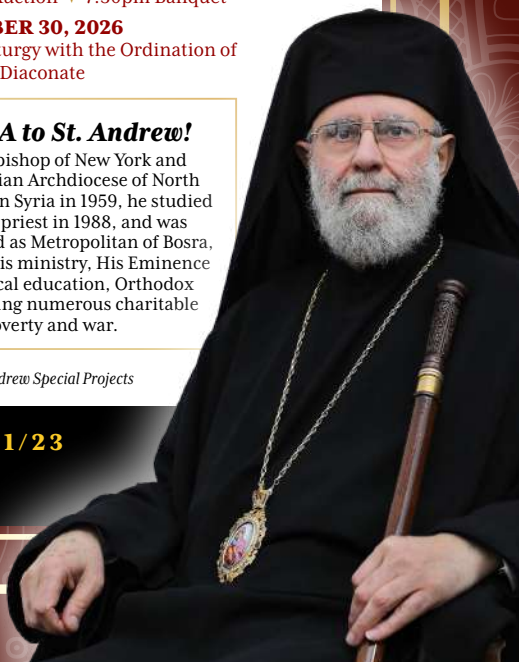
SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 29, 2026
5:30pm Vespers ✦ 6:30pm Social Hour & Silent Auction ✦ 7:30pm Banquet

MONDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 30, 2026
9:00am Festal Orthros ✦ 10:00am Hierarchical Liturgy with the Ordination of Sdn. Gabriel Estrada to the Holy Diaconate

With joy, we welcome +Met. SABA to St. Andrew!

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper), Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, was elected on February 23, 2023. Born in Syria in 1959, he studied civil engineering and theology, was ordained a priest in 1988, and was consecrated a bishop in 1998. He previously served as Metropolitan of Bosra, Hauran, and Jabal Al-Arab in Syria. Throughout his ministry, His Eminence has dedicated himself to pastoral care, theological education, Orthodox publishing, and humanitarian efforts, establishing numerous charitable initiatives to serve those affected by poverty and war.

All proceeds to benefit Saint Andrew Academy and St. Andrew Special Projects



REGISTER BY SUNDAY 11/23

Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/standrewbanquet2026

ST. NICHOLAS LADIES SOCIETY'S ONE-DAY RETREAT

with Presbytera Jeannie Constantinou

The Theotokos and Modern Women: History, Theology and Real Life



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- ✓ 9:15 am, Matins
- ✓ 10:30 am, Liturgy
- ✓ Lunch and Retreat to follow!
- ✓ Cost $20
- ✓ 6:30 pm, Vespers

Eminent Teacher of Scripture, Author and Speaker

Her books will be available for purchase and for her to autograph

RSVP to Lauren Malouf
(818) 687 - 0406 , lmalouf@hchc.edu

St. Barbara
Lebanon Relief Fund

Feast of St. Barbara



Thursday, December 3rd

St. Luke Antiochian Orthodox Church

13261 Dunklee Ave
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Great Vespers with Artoklasia 6:30 PM

Followed by Complimentary Lenten Dinner

Dinner registration required.
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER.

Visit www.stbarbaralebanonrelief.org
for more information
on supporting the people of Lebanon.

Saint Michael Antiochian Women

Christmas Fellowship Gathering



Wednesday, December 9 at 6 PM

Fasting potluck at the church
(16643 Vanowen St, Van Nuys, CA 91406)

Bring your joyful spirit of the season & plan to enjoy some holiday fun & fellowship!

Teenage girls welcome to join with their mom's, grandma's or aunts.

RSVP to Charmaine at 714-287-1266
or email at cdarmour65@gmail.com

Please advise what potluck item you'll bring with your RSVP.

Ladies' Holiday Gathering - Wednesday, December 9 (Assembly Hall)

Men's Service Project: LA Food Bank, Saturday, December 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up here: https://cerv.is/0338gLaV5AP

Church School Christmas Program - New Date: Sunday, December 20

Needed

A kidney donor ("A-negative") is being sought for a parishioner. If you are interested or have any questions, please speak with Father Timothy.

Thanksgiving Turkey

If you know of a family who might be helped with a turkey this Thanksgiving, please see or contact Father Timothy (818-219-3761).

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And the Eighth Sunday of Luke

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أبوليتيكيون القيامة باللحنِ السابِع

حَطَمْتَ بِصَليبِكَ المَوْتَ، وفَتَحْتَ لِلِّصِّ الفِرْدَوْس، وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حامِلاتِ الطِّيب، وأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزوا، بأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّها المَسيحُ الإله، مانِحاً العالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ العُظْمى.

أبوليتيكيون لِلقدّيسين غوريا وسامونا وحَبيب باللحنِ الخامِس

عَجائِبُ قِدِّيسيكَ الشُّهداءِ غوريا وسامونا وحَبيب، إِذْ قَدْ مَنَحْتَنَا إِيَّاها سوراً لا يُحارَبُ، أَيُّها المَسيحُ الإله، فَبِتَوَسُّلاتِهِمْ شَتِّتْ مَشوراتِ الأُمَم، وأَيِّدْ صوالِجَةَ المَمْلَكَة، بِما أَنَّكَ صالِحٌ ومُحِبٌّ لِلْبَشَر.

طروبارية رؤساء الملائكة باللحن الرابع

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

قِنداق عيدِ دُخولِ السيِّدة باللحنِ الرابع

)يا مَنْ رُفِعْتَ(**

اليَوْمَ الهَيْكَلُ الذي لِلْمُخَلَّص، الكُلِّيُّ النَّقاءِ، العَذْراءُ الخِدْرُ ذو الثَّمَنِ الجَزيل، وَهِيَ الكَنْزُ الطَّاهِرُ لِمَجْدِ الإله، إذْ تَدْخُلُ بَيْتَ الرَّبِّ، تُدْخِلُ نِعْمَةَ الرُّوحِ الإلَهِيِّ مَعها. فَلْتُسَبِّحْها مَلائِكَةُ الله، لأَنَّها المِظَلَّةُ السَّماوِيَّة.

الرسالة

(للأحَدِ الرابِعِ والعِشرين بعدَ العَنصرة)

الرَّبُّ يُعْطي قُوَّةً لِشَعْبِهِ.

قَدِّمُوا للرَّبِّ يا أَبْناءَ الله.

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رِسالَةِ القِدّيسِ بولُسَ الرَّسولِ إلى أفَسُس. (2:14-22)

يا إخْوَةُ، إنَّ المَسيحَ هُوَ سَلامُنَا، هُوَ جَعَلَ الإثْنَيْنِ واحِداً، وَنَقَضَ في جَسَدِهِ حائِطَ السِياجِ الحاجِزَ، أي العَداوَة. وأَبْطَلَ ناموسَ الوَصايا في فرائِضِهِ، لِيَخْلُقَ الإثْنَيْنِ في نَفْسِهِ إنساناً واحِداً جَديداً بإجْرائِهِ السَّلام. ويُصالِحَ كِلَيْهِما في جَسَدٍ واحِدٍ مَعَ الله في الصليبِ، بِقَتْلِهِ العَداوَةَ في نَفْسِهِ. فَجاءَ وبَشَّرَكُمْ بِالسَلامِ، البَعيدينَ مِنْكُمْ وَالقَريبين. لأَنَّ بِهِ لَنَا كِلَيْنَا التَوَصُّلَ إلى الآبِ في روحٍ واحِدٍ. فَلَسْتُمْ غُرَباءَ بَعْدُ ونُزَلاءَ، بَلْ مُواطِنو القِدِّيسينَ وأَهْلُ بَيْتِ الله. وَقَدْ بُنِيتُمْ على أَساسِ الرُسُلِ، والأَنْبياءِ، وحَجَرُ الزاوِيَةِ هُوَ يسوعُ المَسيحُ نَفْسُهُ الذي بِهِ يُنْسَّقُ البُنْيانُ كُلُّهُ، فَيَنْمُو هَيْكَلاً مُقَدَّساً في الرَّبِّ، وفيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً تُبْنَوْنَ مَعاً مَسْكَناً للهِ في الروح.

الإنجيل

(للأحدِ الثامِنِ منْ لوقا)

فصلٌ شَريفٌ مِنْ بِشارَةِ القِدّيسِ لوقا الإنْجيلِيِّ البَشيرِ والتلْميذِ الطاهِرِ.
(37-25:10)

في ذلكَ الزمانِ، دَنا إلى يَسوعَ ناموسِيٌّ وقالَ، مُجرِّباً لهُ: يا مُعَلِّمُ، ماذا أَعْمَلُ لأرِثَ الحَياةَ الأبَدِيَّةَ. فقالَ لهُ: ماذا كُتِبَ في النَّامُوسِ؟ كَيفَ تَقرأُ؟ فأجابَ وقالَ: أَحْبِبِ الرَّبَّ إلهَكَ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكَ، ومِنْ كُلِّ نَفْسِكَ، ومِنْ كُلِّ قُدرَتِكَ، ومنْ كُلِّ ذِهْنِكَ، وقَريبَكَ كَنَفْسِكَ. فقالَ لهُ: بالصَوابِ أَجَبْتَ. إعْمَلْ ذَلِكَ فَتَحْيا. فأرادَ أنْ يُزكِّيَ نَفسَهُ فقالَ لِيَسوعَ: ومَنْ قَريبي؟ فَعادَ يَسوعُ وقالَ: كانَ إنسانٌ مُنْحَدِراً مِنْ أورَشَليمَ إلى أريحا، فوَقَعَ بَيْنَ لُصوصٍ. فَعَرَّوهُ وجَرَّحوهُ وتَرَكوهُ بَيْنَ حَيٍّ ومَيِّتٍ. فَاتَّفَقَ أنَّ كاهِناً كانَ مُنحَدِراً في ذلكَ الطريقِ، فَأَبْصَرَهُ وجَازَ مِنْ أمامِهِ. وكذلكَ لاويٌّ، وأتى إلى المكانِ، فأبْصَرَهُ وجَازَ مِنْ أمامِهِ. ثُمَّ إنَّ سامِرِيّاً مُسافِراً مَرَّ بِهِ، فلَمَّا رآهُ تَحَنَّنَ. فَدنا إلَيْهِ وضَمَّدَ جِراحاتِهِ، وصَبَّ عَلَيْها زَيْتاً وخَمراً، وحَمَلَهُ على دابَّتِهِ، وأتى بِهِ إلى فُندُقٍ، واعْتَنى بِأَمْرِهِ. وفي الغَدِ، فيما هُوَ خارِجٌ، أخرَجَ دينارَيْنِ وأعْطاهُما لِصاحِبِ الفُندُقِ وقالَ لهُ: اعْتَنِ بِأَمرِهِ، ومَهْما تُنْفِقْ فَوْقَ هَذا فَأَنا أدْفَعُهُ لكَ عندَ عَوْدَتي. فَأَيُّ هؤلاءِ الثلاثَةِ تَحْسَبُ صارَ قَريباً لِلَّذي وقَعَ بَيْنَ اللصُوصِ؟ قالَ: الذي صنَعَ إليْهِ الرَحْمَةَ. فقالَ لهُ يسوعُ: امْضِ فَاصْنَعْ أنْتَ أيْضاً كذلِك.

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 فى الخبز المقدس الذى يوزع عند إنتهاء مراسيم القداس.) رجاء مراجعة الكاهن .إذا رغبت أن تصبح عضوا .فى الكنيسة الارثوذكسية