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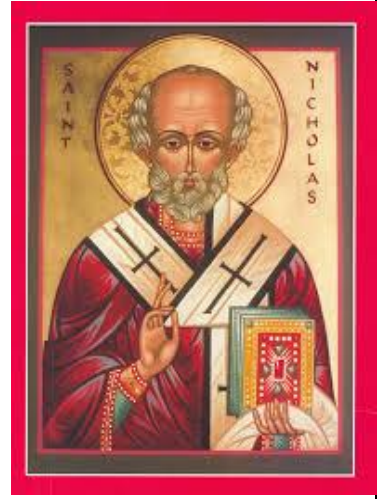
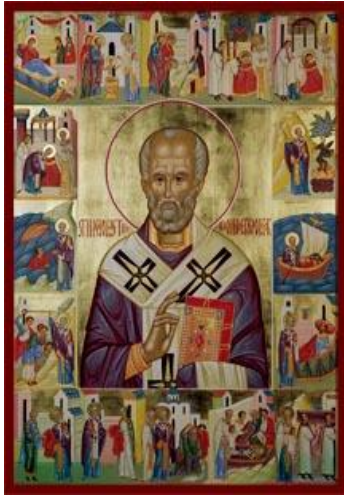
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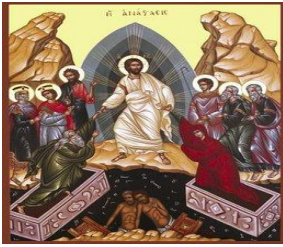
Sunday, April 16th 2017(HAPPY EASTER)

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Al Maseeh Qam! Haqan Qam!

Kristos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

المسيح قام! حقا قام كل عام وأنتم بخير



Epistle: Acts: 1:1-8 In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by any proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

الرسالة: أعمال الرسل 1:1-8 إنني قد أنشأت الكلام الاول يا ثاوفيلس في جميع الامور التي ابتدأ يسوع يعملها ويعلم بها الى اليوم الذي صعد فيه من بعد ان اوصى بالروح القدس الرسل الذين اصطفاهم، الذين اراهم ايضا نفسه حياً بعد تألمه ببراهين كثيرة وهو يتراءى لهم مدة اربعين يوماً ويكلمهم بما يختص بملكوت الله. وفيما هو مجتمع معهم اوصاهم أن لا تبحروا من اورشليم بل انتظروا موعد الأب الذي سمعتموه مني، فإن يوحنا عمّد بالماء واما انتم فستعمّدون بالروح القدس لا بعد هذه الايام بكثير. فسأله المجتمعون قائلين: يا رب أفي هذا الزمان تردّ الملك الى اسرائيل؟ فقال لهم: ليس لكم ان تعرفوا الازمنة او الاوقات التي جعلها الأب في سلطانه لكنكم ستتألمون قوة بحلول الروح القدس عليكم، وتكونون لي شهوداً في اورشليم وفي جميع اليهودية والسامرة والى أقصى الارض.

الإنجيل: يوحنا 1:

في البدء كان الكلمة، والكلمة كان عند الله وإلهاً كان الكلمة، هذا كان في البدء عند الله. كلّ به كان، وبغيره لم يكن شيء مما كوّن. به كانت الحياة والحياة كانت نور الناس، والنور في الظلمة يضيء والظلمة لم تدركه. كان انسان مرسل من الله اسمه يوحنا. هذا جاء للشهادة ليشهد للنور، لكي يؤمّن الكلّ بواسطته. لم يكن هو النور بل كان ليشهد للنور. كان النور الحقيقي الذي ينير كل انسان آت الى العالم. في العالم كان، والعالم به كوّن، والعالم لم يعرفه. الى خاصته اتى وخاصته لم تقبله، فأما كل الذين قبلوه فأعطاهم سلطاناً ان يكونوا اولاداً لله الذين يؤمنون باسمه، الذين لا من دم ولا من مشيئة لحم ولا من مشيئة رجل لكن من الله ولِدوا. والكلمة صار جسداً وحلّ فينا (وقد أبصرنا مجده مجد وحيد من الأب) مملوءاً نعمة وحقاً. ويوحنا شهد له وصرخ قائلاً: هذا هو الذي قلتُ عنه إن الذي يأتي بعدي صار قبلي لانه متقدّم، ومن ملئه نحن كلنا اخذنا ونعمة عوض نعمة، لان الناموس بموسى أُعطي، وأما النعمة والحق فبيسوع المسيح حصل.

Gospel: John 1:1-17 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Holy Bread of oblation offered by:

- ❖ St. Nicholas church for the good health of those who have celebrated their birthdays this week: Sam Awad, Lena Nasser, Sammy Madanat, Hala Khoury, Grace Rantisi, Khamis Jada, Costa, Wahba, Fouad Saoud, Rita Saoud and Ghada Rantisi. Happy Birthday. Many Years!
- ❖ Salwa Hanhan and family in loving memory of **Fouad Hanhan**. May his memory be eternal!
- ❖ Laila Paolino in memory of her parents **Mike and Nahil Innab, husband Jerry Paolino and Nawal Modawar**. May their memory be eternal!

Announcements:

Good Friday Soup and Bagels

- ❖ **Leila Paolino & Sub. Deacon Michel & Judy Khoury** are donating & preparing the Soup, toasted Bagels and coffee after the Lamentation Service for the good health of their families. God Bless. Many Years!



- ❖ Thank you to all the Ladies and families who contributed in making our Bake Sale very successful by baking, donating items, helping in every way, as well as purchasing our sweets. May God Bless you all!
- ❖ Thank you to Maurice and Najwa Kari for helping out with the Good Friday flowers for the good health of their children: Esam, Jenin, Sereena, and Norana. God Bless many years!
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who donated and helped in preparing the Easter breakfast God bless you and your families. Special thanks to **Jerries & Janette Tannous and Rodi and Janet Baqleh** for the hard work in preparing the Easter breakfast, and May God bless you and your family.
- ❖ Many Thanks to all who donated money or items during the Holy week and Easter: Maher Shami, Abdallah and Clemence Shami, Katy Shami, Salwa Hanhan, Issa and Salwa Shnoudi, Samer and Lamis Massad, Odette Najjar, Anwar Hanhan, Elias Batshon, Khader Bouri, Shukry and Hiba Azar, Costa Tannous, Issa Shami and Elias & Nahil Hanhan. We appreciate your generosity and continued support to our church. May God bless you and your families!
- ❖ Thanks to all St. Nicholas Church parishioners for donating towards the Bier of Christ flowers. May God bless you and your families!



***Agape Service - صلاة الباعوث & children's Eggs Hunt Sunday,
April 16th at 12:00 PM Agape (Vesper) Service***

Easter Sunday at 12:00 PM, there will be an Agape vespers and the readings of the Gospel of the Resurrection proclaimed to the four corners of the earth in the languages of all mankind. Following the Service we will have the Easter Egg Hunt donated by **Almaza Tannous, Mike Tannous, Hani Tannous, Gihan Cosentino, Christine Jekelian and their families in**

memory of Josef & Margarit Hanhan, Charles Tannous and Asal Tannous. Also by Almaza Tannous for the good health of her children Mike, Hani, Gihan, Christine and their families.

Many Thanks. May God bless you and our families

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**2017 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: GREAT AND HOLY WEEK OF OUR LORD'S PASSION  
AND HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION**

**Holy and Great Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> (خدمة الفصح المجيد)-**

Starting Service

10:00 PM (بداية الخدمة)

Rush Hour

10:30 PM (صلاة الهجمة)

Matins

11:00 PM (السحرية)

Divine Liturgy

11:30 PM (القداس الالهي)

Followed by breakfast

**Holy and Great Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Vespers 12:00 PM (صلاة الباعوث)

Followed by Children Eggs Hunts.

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Mark your calendar for our upcoming events:

- ❖ **Family Night:** St. Nicholas Church annual Family Night will be held on May 13th. More info to follow.....
- ❖ **Three Holy Youths Camp: June 19th – June 23rd 2017**
For online Registration Visit: noraldeanerycamp.org > Registration> Media Consent Form.
Medical Forms must be completed at your parish in person.
For more info, please contact Ilyan Baalbaki : (586) 604-5331.
- ❖ **2017 PLC:** 2017 Parish Life Conference will be held on **July 5-9, 2017** hosted by St. Michael Church in Van Nuys, CA.
- ❖ **2017 Antiochian Archdiocese Convention** will be held on **July 23-30, 2017** hosted by St. George Cathedral. Florida.
- ❖ **Save the date: October 22nd, 2017 Ball Dance Contest:** We are having our first Ball Dance Contest in October 22nd and we need young men and young women to participate.
For further information please call **Gladys Maalouf @ [4158320316](tel:4158320316)**



HOLY PASCHA: The Resurrection of Our Lord

Pascha (Easter)

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith; receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. (Sermon of St John Chrysostom, read at Paschal Matins)
The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the center of the Christian faith. St Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and faith are in vain (I Cor. 15:14). Indeed, without the resurrection there would be no Christian preaching or faith. The disciples of Christ would have remained the broken and hopeless band which the Gospel of John describes as being in hiding

behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They went nowhere and preached nothing until they met the risen Christ, the doors being shut (John 20: 19). Then they touched the wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him. The resurrection became the basis of everything they said and did (Acts 2-4): “. . . for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have” (Luke 24:39).

The resurrection reveals Jesus of Nazareth as not only the expected Messiah of Israel, but as the King and Lord of a new Jerusalem: a new heaven and a new earth.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. . . the holy city, new Jerusalem. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. . . He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away (Rev. 21:1-4).

In His death and resurrection, Christ defeats the last enemy, death, and thereby fulfills the mandate of His Father to subject all things under His feet (I Cor. 15:24-26).

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing (Rev. 5: 12)

THE FEAST OF FEASTS

The Christian faith is celebrated in the liturgy of the Church. True celebration is always a living participation. It is not a mere attendance at services. It is communion in the power of the event being celebrated. It is God’s free gift of joy given to spiritual men as a reward for their self-denial. It is the fulfillment of spiritual and physical effort and preparation. The resurrection of Christ, being the center of the Christian faith, is the basis of the Church’s liturgical life and the true model for all celebration. This is the chosen and holy day, first of sabbaths, king and lord of days, the feast of feasts, holy day of holy days. On this day we bless Christ forevermore (Irmos 8, Paschal Canon).

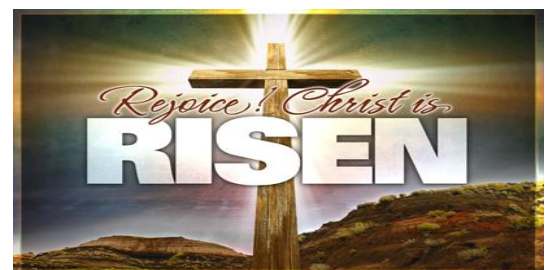
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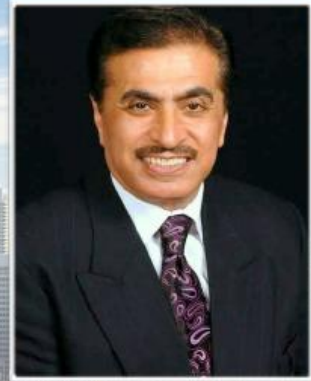


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