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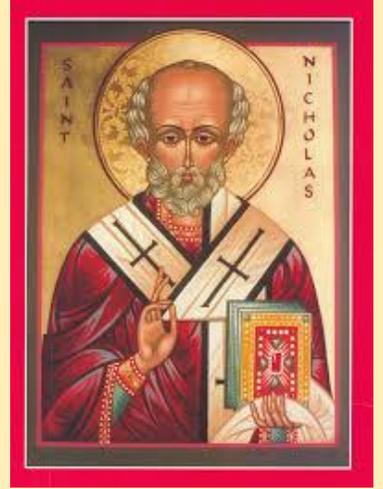
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"Diamond Jubilee
St Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church will be
Celebrating 75 Years 1938-2013 on October 25-27, 2013
Honoring our past, embracing our present, and looking forward to our future"

Sunday July 28, 2013

Memorial Service: Sunday, July 21st

The One- Year Memorial Service for the servant of God Shukry Anton Lama
May his memory be eternal.



St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:1-10

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

The Gospel of Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

The joyful news of your resurrection was told to the women disciples of the Lord by the angel. And throwing off the ancestral curse, they boastingly told the Apostles: death has been vanquished, Christ our God is risen, bestowing great mercy on the world

Thy work of justice did reveal Thee to Thy community as a Canon of faith. The likeness of humility and the teacher of abstinence. O, Thou Father and great Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore by humility thou didst achieve exaltation, and by Thy meekness wealth, intercede therefore, intercede with Christ that He will save our souls.

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time, who cry to thee in faith, with assistance; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

إن تلميذات الرب، تعلمن من الملاك الكرز
بالقيامة البهيج، وطرحن القضاء الجدية، وخاطبن
الرسل مفتخرات وقائلات، سبي الموت وقام
المسيح الإله، ومنح العالم الرحمة العظمى. أيها
الجزيل الرحمة المجد لك.

لقد أظهرتك أفعال الحق لرعينك، قانوناً للإيمان،
وصورة للوداعة ومعلماً للامساك، أيها الأب
رئيس الكهنة نيقولاوس، فذلك أحرزت
بالتواضع الرفعة وبالمسكنة الغنى، فتشفع إلى
المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا

يا شفيعة المسيحيين غير المخذولة، المتوسطة
لدى الخالق غير المرذودة، لا تعرضي عن
أصوات طلباتنا نحن الخطاة، بل تداركينا بالمعونة
بما أنك صالحة نحن الصارخين إليك بإيمان:
بادري إلى الشفاعة وأسرعني في الطلبة، يا والدة
الإله المتشفعة دائماً في مكرميك.

- ❖ This Sunday's Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by Judy, Zack & Gregory Khoury for the good health of beloved husband & father, **Subdeacon Michel Khoury** on the occasion of his birthday on July 28th. Many years!



Maher Aljada

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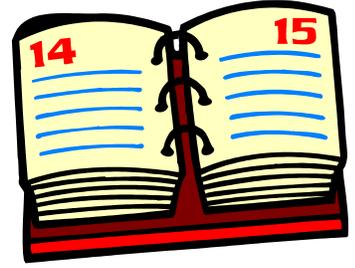
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Mark Your Calendar:

1. **The Antiochian Archdiocese National Convention** will take place on July 21-28th 2013 in Houston, Texas. For more information please visit : <http://www.achouston2013.com/>
2. Our **annual Festival** will take place on August 24- 25
3. The **Diamond Jubilee** Anniversary will be held October 23-27 2013.



Altar Candles & Coffee Hour قناديل الهيكل

Sponsors for July's Sunday are needed. Please make checks payable St. Nicholas Church in the amount of \$25.00 or more.

Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh
The healing of the men of Gergesene
(St. Matthew 8:28-9:1)

How familiar is this story to us. Yet every time we read it we rediscover something in it which touches our heart, or gives a new light to our mind. And to-day I would like to attract your attention to three features of this passage.

The first is the attitude of the devils, of the powers of evil, to their victims. The powers of evil have no other intention or desire than to take possession of a living creature and to make it both a sufferer and one that will fulfil their will. The Fathers of the Church teach us that the devils can have no direct action in this world; all they can do is enslave human beings and through them work the evil within them. So this is what these powers of evil had intended: to enslave these men and to make them instruments of destruction, but at the same time to make them suffer for it.

When Christ commanded them to leave their victims they cried, shall I say, for a place of refuge, a place where they could dwell and work destruction. And Christ allowed them to in-dwell the pigs. Pigs, in the eyes of Jews, were a symbol of impurity; the request to be lodged in their bodies was a sign for all who could understand - and every Jew could - that they were as impure as the impurest of the animals. But what happened next was a demonstration to people of what happens when we allow ourselves to be possessed of evil, when we allow passions to have power over us - hatred, lust, jealousy, and all the passions of body and soul. Being possessed by them we are doomed to destruction, as this herd ended in death.

We should remember this because we do not always realise how much we are in the grip, in the power of those things which rule our life: likes and dislikes, hatreds, resentments and so on. We are not only possessed, but we are also working evil through our subjection to the power of evil. And the warning is clear: if we only allow evil to take possession of us completely, it will mean death; not physical death, but a total, tragic alienation from all that is life: from God, from love, from beauty, from meaning. We cannot fall out of existence but we can be possessed of an existence which is a ghostly one, an existence without life, without content - a shell that is empty, and yet a torment.

And in contrast to this we see the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God become Man. He is the Creator, He is the Lord, He is the Saviour of the whole world; and He forgets everything, as it were, the whole of creation to pay attention to nothing but these two men who are in need of salvation, indeed He is prepared to leave ninety-nine righteous, whole people who do not need Him at that moment alone in order to give all His attention, all His life, indeed all His power to save these two men. In the face of all the need of the world He can see every individual

need and respond to it with all His love, all His compassion, all His understanding and all His divine power to save and to heal.

There is a third group of people whom we see in action in this Gospel story; it is the inhabitants of the country. They had known of the desperate condition of these two men; they were told of what Christ did for them; they were told who their master was, who was their tormentor; should they not have come to give glory to God and thank Him for delivering the two men from the power of evil? NO! All they saw in the act of Christ was that they were deprived of their herd of swine. What mattered to them the wholeness and the life and the salvation of these two men? They were deprived of what was important to them, what mattered to them more than a human life, and they asked Christ to leave their borders, to go because they did not want to risk another miracle that would be costly to them. What a tragic - not monstrous, but just tragic contrast between the attitude of God and the attitude of these people.

Let us give thought and ask ourselves, where do we stand? Of course, the first movement we shall have is to say, 'On God's side' - it is not true. When there is a tragic need, and the cost of helping would be perhaps not a disaster but a pain or loss to us, what would we choose? Let us reflect on this: are we really on the side of Christ Who can forget the whole world because His Heart is pierced, transfixed with compassion, or - do we allow our heart to be moved one moment, and then recalculate the cost and turn away from the need?

Let us reflect - because every one of these stories, every parable, every image, every act of God is challenging us: Where do you stand? Who are you? The person possessed, to whatever extent? A disciple of Christ ready to forget everything for the sake of a desperate need? Or rather one of those who say to Christ: Go, go away - you are disturbing our peace, the harmony of our life and our security?

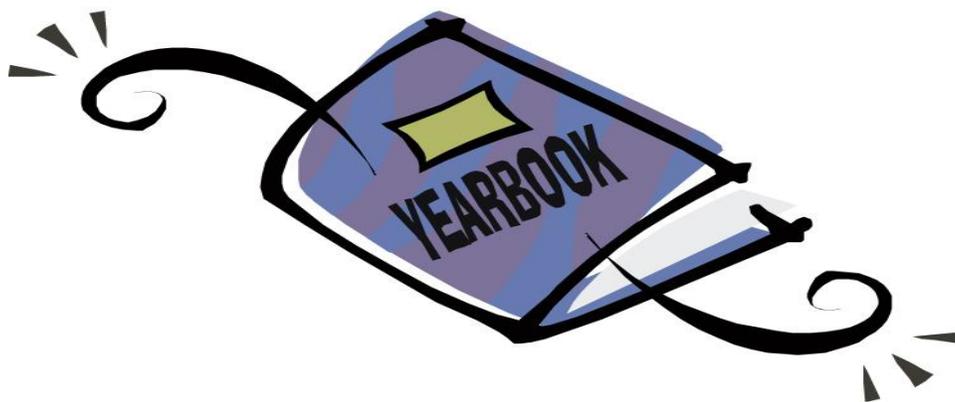
Let us reflect deeply; but not only reflect, take a decision and act. Amen.



In light of the great turn out of people who had their photos taken for the **St. Nicholas 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book**, we are pleased to announce that we are adding one more week of photography (**Tuesday, September 17- Saturday, September 21**) to make sure everyone in our community has an opportunity to have their photo taken. You can



sign up online at www.stnicholas-sf.com OR after Divine Liturgy on Sundays. **An appointment is required.** During the last round of photography, many people waited until the last minute to try to book their appointments and found that their preferred times were already taken. Do not let this happen to you! It is free to participate. Each family that participates receives a free 8x10 portrait and a free copy of the book. You will have the opportunity to buy additional photos but there is no obligation to do so.





Mark your calendar, ST. NICHOLAS

Annual Middle Eastern Food Festival*

August 24th-25th

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These Items Are Needed for Our Festival. Please Donate to purchase these items.

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100 foil trays with cover	10 kinds of spices
2 cases of lamb	10 cases of "to go" containers
-10 cases of garbanzo beans	1-25 lbs salt
4 lighting fluid	200 pieces of ½ chicken
100 lbs of chicken breast	5 cases of paper plates
1 case of plastic knives	2 large foil 18"
5 cases of napkins	2 cases of 4oz containers
50 large foil trays	12 gallons olive oil
50 lbs bulgur	5 cases of lemon juice
3 cases of plastic forks	2 large saran wrap
1-75 lbs sugar	100 dozens of pita bread
15 large bags of charcoal	3 cases of plastic spoons
30 lbs of Tahini sauce	2 cases of vermicelli
5 cases of lettuce	5 cases/ yellow onion
2 jars of peeled garlic	500 pieces of Knafee
4 cases of parsley	1 case of lemon
1 case of green onion	500 pieces of Hilbeh
5 cases of cucumber	500 pieces Ghribeh
500 pieces of Baklava	500 pieces "Ka'ek"
500 pieces Maamool	500 pieces of Namura
500 pieces Barazik	



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واسمحوا لنا أن نشكر للرب يسوع معكم، ما زرغ في قلوبكم من إيمانٍ ومحبة، جعلكم تلتفتون إلى إخوة لكم في سورية، من مسيحيين ومسلمين، لتتمدوا لهم يد العون، في وجه ما دبّر ويدبر لوطنهم سورية، من سياسة ظالمة، ترمي إلى اقتلاعهم من وطنهم، وتشريدهم في أصقاع الأرض... كما حدث لشعوب كثيرة وخصوصاً لإخوتنا في فلسطين!

ومعكم نسأل الله أن يُلهم حكام العالم الغربي، وعلى رأسهم حكام وطنكم الولايات المتحدة الحكمة والفتنة، كي يعدلوا في سياساتهم، ويجنّبوا بلادهم، مستقبلاً، ما يزرعون اليوم من شرور هائلة على نطاق العالم.

صلّوا لأجلنا كما نصلي لأجلكم،

ولنصل معاً لأجل حكام العالم،

وتقبلوا محبتنا وشكرنا،

دمشق في 2013/6/29

إخوتكم في أخوية "يداً بيد"

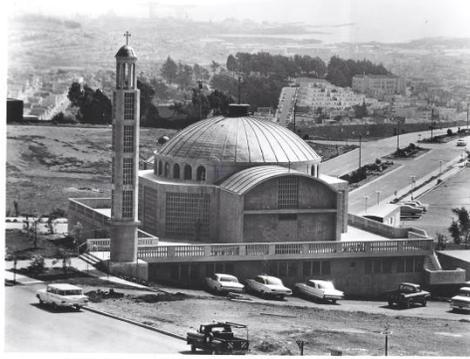
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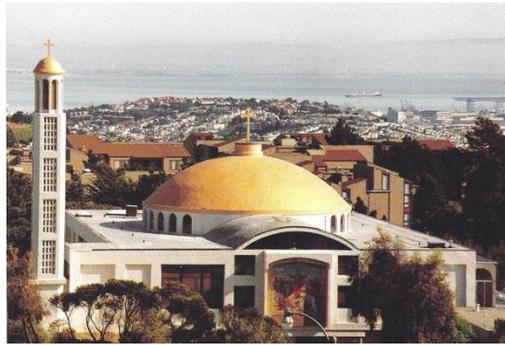
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1962 – View from the hill during construction



2013 As we see it today

Friday, October 25, 2013 at 7 p.m., Complimentary Reception at St. Nicholas Church

Join us for an evening of fellowship and be prepared to take a trip down “5200 Memory Lane” as we kick off our 75th Anniversary Weekend with a complimentary reception. Bring your pictures, bring your memories! All are welcome, but if you have ever been a part of any of the following groups please make a special effort to attend: Summer Camp, Teen SOYO, Young Adults Group, Ladies Auxiliary, Men's Fellowship, or Choir. This event will provide a great opportunity to connect with old and new friends alike.

Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 6 p.m., Grand Gala at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City, California

On Saturday, we'll come together to celebrate the past, present, and future of St. Nicholas Church with a grand gala at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City, California. Tickets for this event go on sale August 1, 2013. More information on how to reserve your seats will be posted soon.

Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 11 a.m., Divine Liturgy Followed by Brunch at St. Nicholas Church

There is no better way to wrap up our celebration weekend than with Divine Liturgy and a delightful brunch immediately after. More information on the brunch will be posted in coming months.

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October 25 – 27, 2013

75th Anniversary Celebration

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