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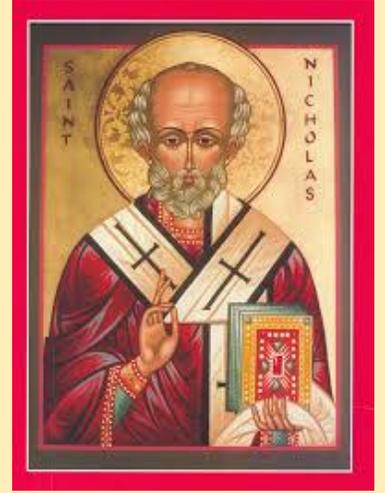
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Sunday, October 27th, 2013

"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"



St. Nicholas Clergy and
Parishioners of St. Nicholas
Would like to welcome
His Eminence Archbishop Joseph
Who will be presiding
Our 75th Anniversary
(YEARS 1938 – 2013)
This Weekend October 25th -27th



St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11 *Prokeimenon. Mode 1. Psalm 32.22,1, Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.* BRETHREN, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

الرسالة: ٢ كورنثوس ٩: ٦-١١ يا إخوة إن من يزرع شحيحاً فشحيحاً أيضاً يحصد، ومن يزرع بالبركات فبالبركات ايضاً يحصد، كل واحد كما نوى في قلبه لا عن ابتئاس او اضطرار، فإن الله يُحبّ المعطي المتهمل. والله قادر أن يزيدكم كلّ نعمه حتى تكون لكم كلّ كفاية كلّ حين في كلّ شيء فتزدادوا في كل عمل صالح. كما كُتب إنه بَدَد، أعطى المساكين، فبرّه يدوم الى الأبد. والذي يزرع الزارع زرعاً وخبزاً للقوت يرزقكم زرعكم وبكثرة ويزيد غلال برّكم، فتستغنون في كل شيء لكلّ سخاء خالص ينشئ شكرياً لله.

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Luke 8:41-56 At that time: There came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had

الإنجيل: لوقا 8:41-56 في ذلك الزمان دنا الى يسوع إنسان اسمه يائرس وهو رئيس للمجمع وخرّ عند قدمي يسوع وطلب إليه ان يدخل الى بيته لأن له ابنة وحيدة لها نحو اثنتي عشرة سنة قد أشرفت على الموت. وبينما هو منطلق كان الجموع يزحمونه، وإن امرأة بها نزف دم منذ اثنتي عشرة سنة، وكانت قد أنفقت معيشتها كلها على الأطباء ولم يستطع أحد أن يشفيها، دنت من خلفه ومست هذب ثوبه وللوقت وقف نزف دمها. فقال يسوع: من لمسني؟ وإذ أنكر جميعهم، قال بطرس والذين معه: يا معلم، إن الجموع يضايقونك ويزحمونك، وتقول من لمسني؟ فقال يسوع: إنه قد لمسني احد، لأنني علمت أن قوة قد خرجت مني. فلما رأت المرأة انها لم تخف، جاءت مرتعدة وخرت له وأخبرت امام كل الشعب لأية علة لمسته وكيف برئت للوقت. فقال لها: ثقي يا ابنة، إيمانك أبرأك فاذهبي بسلام. وفيما هو يتكلم، جاء واحد من ذوي رئيس المجمع وقال له: إن ابنتك قد ماتت فلا تتعب المعلم. فسمع يسوع، فأجابه قائلاً: لاتخف، أمن فقط فتبرأ هي. ولما دخل البيت لم يدع احدًا يدخل إلا بطرس ويعقوب ويوحنا وأبا الصبية وأمها. وكان الجميع يبكون ويلطمون عليها. فقال لهم: لا تبكوا، إنها لم تمت لكنها نائمة. فضحكوا عليه لعلمهم بأنها قد ماتت. فأمسك بيدها ونادى قائلاً: يا صبية قومي. فرجعت روحها وقامت في الحال، فأمر أن تُعطى لتأكل. فدهش أبواها، فأوصاهما أن لا يقولا لأحد ما جرى.

This Sunday's October 27th, 2013 Brunch

Donated by **Jeries and Josephine Tannous, Andouni and Rola Tannous**
and Radi and Janet Baqleh for the good health of their families.

Congratulations on Celebrating 75 years, many more years to come.

Daylight Saving Time ENDS November 3rd
1 hour Backwards

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS 1938 – 2013



The stone being sealed by the Jews, and thy pure body being guarded by the soldiers, thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. Wherefore, the heavenly powers acclaimed thee, O Giver of life, crying, Glory to thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy gracious providence, O thou only Lover of mankind .

St. Demetrios -Tone 3 --Verily, the inhabited world found thee a great succour in tribulations and a vanquisher of nations, O fight-bearing one. Wherefore, as thou didst demolish the arrogance of Lahosh, and on the battlefield didst hearten Nestor, beseech O Saint, Christ God to grant us the Great Mercy .

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.

Kontakion of the Theotokos Tone4

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 الحجر لما ختم من اليهود، وجسدك الطاهر حفظ من الجند، قمت في اليوم الثالث أيها المخلص، مانحاً العالم الحياة، لذلك قوات السموات هتفوا إليك يا واهب الحياة، المجد لقيامتك أيها المسيح، المجد لملكك، المجد لتدبيرك يا محب البشر وحدك. إن المسكونة وجدتك مُنجداً عظيماً في الشدائد، وَقَاهِراً لِلأُمم يا لابسَ الجهاد ديميتريوس، فَكَمَا أَنَّكَ حَطَّمْتَ تشامخ لهاوس، وفي الميدان شَجَّعت نسطور، فتوسَّلْ أيها القديس إلى المسيح الإله الرحيم أن يهبنا الرَّحمة العُظمى.

لقد أظهرتك أفعال الحق لرعينك، قانوناً للإيمان، وصورةً للوداعة ومعلماً للامسك، أيها الأب رئيسُ الكهنة نيقولاوس، فلذلك أحرزت بالتواضع الرفعة وبالمسكنة الغنى، فتشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

يا شفيعة المسيحيين غير المخذولة، المتوسطة لدى الخالق غير المردودة، لا تعرضي عن أصوات طالباتنا 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.

The Sunday Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by:

- ◆ Sub-Dn. Michel, Judy and Zackary Khoury for the good health of **Gregory Khoury** on the occasion of his birthday. Many years!
- ◆ St. Nicholas Parish family for the good health of **Mitri Najar and Mirti Dabai and any one named Mitri, Demetrius, Dymtri** on the occasion of his name day. Many years!
- ◆ St. Nicholas Parish family for the good health of **Bishop Dimirty Khoury** on the occasion of his name day. Many years!
- ◆ St. Nicholas Parish family for the good health of **Jamal Farhat**. Many years!

Altar Candles & Coffee Hour قناديل الهيكل

- ◆ Nadim, Basma, Janan, Brandon and Jennifer Howell, Jane and Oscar Moran for the good health of **Mathew Howell** on the occasion of his Birthday on October 26th and for the speedy recovery of **Connie Howell**. Many years!
- ◆ Yacoub & Sawasn Rantisi for the good health of their children **Salim & Mandy Rantisi and Joseph & Clemence Hinn**. Many years!

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

Honoring our Past, Embracing our Present, and Looking forward to our future!



October is Youth Month

October is **Youth Month** in our Archdiocese. During the month we encourage our teens to Read the Epistles in Church, Take the Collections, Usher in Church, Chant and sing in Church, and if appropriate give sermons under the Priest guidance. Please encourage and help your teens participate in the life of the Church during October and throughout the year.

	Ushers	Epistle
Sunday October 27, 2013	Angelica Fadayel Sereena Kari Shadi Rantisi Dina Rantisi Claudia Rantisi Norana Kari Sreen Hanhan	Arabic Tariq Rantisi
		English Renee Khoury

Mark your Calendar: Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of Los Angeles and the West
 2013 Northern California Diocesan Women's Retreat

"...Now and ever, and unto ages of ages"

The Very Reverend Fr. Jon Braun

Pastor Emeritus of St. Anthony Orthodox Church

Dean Emeritus of the Southern California Deanery, Diocese of Los Angeles and the West

November 16, 2013

St. Stephen Antiochian Orthodox Church, Campbell, CA

For more information and registration forms go to http://www.antiochianladiocese.org/news_110617



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Helping others help themselves

INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

November 10, 2013 — Northern California

Passport To Hope – the 21st Annual Remembering Home Banquet

Nativity Of Christ Greek Orthodox Church

1110 Highland Drive, Novato, CA 94949

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS 1938 – 2013



ضعف الله

يحدثنا إنجيل اليوم عن عجيبة للسيد تُظهر مرة أخرى ان السبب الرئيسي في صنع يسوع للمعجزات هو انه كان يحب الناس: تحنن على رئيس المجمع فأقام له ابنته. ليست المعجزات في كتاب الله شيئاً ليبرهن عن شيء، وما اجترحها السيد لكي يعطي دليلاً على ألوهيته لأنه هو القائل: “أمنوا بي بسبب الكلام الذي أكلمكم به”.

وان أضعف الإيمان ان نتبعه بسبب العجائب. ولكن أقوى الإيمان أن نتبعه بسبب الكلام، بسبب هذا العطاء الإلهي بكلمات لم ينطق بها انسان، وبسبب الحياة التي قضاها بيننا حباً حتى الموت. ولذلك تُسمى العجائب في إنجيل يوحنا آيات لأن الإنجيلي يشير بها الى تعليم، يدلّ بها على مقاصد الإنجيل ولا يدلّ بها على جبروت.

المسيح ما كشف جبروت الله كما كان اليهود يفعلون. انه بينّ قوة الله بطريقته هو وكانت قوة الله الصليب. اي انه كشف ضعفاً يُستدل منه من بعد القيامة على انه كان بالفعل قوة. فالله ينزل الى البشر ويحيا معهم. هذه هي قوته. انه يستطيع ان يتخلّى عن مجده ليكون مخفياً بين الناس. المسيح تنازل عن مجده وقوته وعف عن كل هذا ليموت. الموت شيء ضعيف. ثم تسطع قوته من هذا الشيء الضعيف لينتصر بالمجد.

في هذا الإطار أقام الصبية من بين الأموات ودفعها لأبويها. ومن وراء هذه الحادثة ينظر كل منا الى ضعفه والى موته الروحي، الى سقوطه وتدهوره واهترائه، وينظر بأن معاً الى بهاء المسيح، لأن كلا منا ميت والمسيح يقول لكل منا باسمه: يا فلان قم.

وما ينبغي أن يؤمن به كل فرد منا هو ان المسيح، مع انه مخلص العالم، وبالتالي منقذ كل الناس، فهو مخلص كل فرد منا. المسيح مخلصي انا، بمعنى انه يبعث حياته في موتي وقوته في ضعفي. فان أدركت هذا أكون قد أدركت معنى إيماني.

هذه هي المسيحية: أن أدرك ضعفي وخطيئتي وأن أقبل الى السيد فأكشف ضعفي أمامه. إذ ذا أسمع يقول لي: يا بني قم. تكفيك نعمتي لأن قوتي في الضعف تكمل (رسالة بولس الثانية الى أهل كورنثوس ١٢: ٩). فأقوم بالمسيح من موت الى حياة ومن ضعف الى قوة. جاورجيوس مطران جبيل والبترون وما يليهما (جبل لبنان).

St. John in Orinda Pot of Gold Dinner Dance

Date: Saturday November 16, 2013-----

Donation: \$125 per person

Place: Moraga Country Club 1600 St. Andrew's Drive Moraga, CA

For tickets please contact the Church Office or Jim Dudum 925-283-2525



Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh RAISING OF JAIRUS DAUGHTER

Today's Gospel is not only about miracles and the mercy of God; to me it is about hope beyond hope. In the story of the daughter of Jairus we see a child already dead; everyone knows about it; there is such certainty that when the Son of God, become the Son of Man, says, No! This child has not died, it is fallen asleep, everyone contradicts Him: No, this child has died. And then Christ, with a word of power, but in an act of love calls the child to earthly life again.

Isn't this, - apart from being a true event of our human history, - isn't this also a parable, and an image of so many human situations? How often we would say, There is no point in doing anything about this person, this person is lost anyhow; there is nothing to do about redeeming a given situation, this situation is beyond redemption. And we must remember the words which were spoken by Christ to Peter when he said, Who then can be saved? and the Lord said to him, What is impossible to man, is possible unto God.

Hope beyond hope: not because we have got good reasons to hope, but because we can be possessed of a passionate certainty that not only love divine but human love can bring back to life what was lost. People who have fallen into the deepest dereliction, people who seem to us to be hopelessly evil, if they are met by the sacrificial love, - and the word sacrificial is essential, - the sacrificial love of God and the same sacrificial love in us, can be redeemed.

In the case of this child it happened immediately. In our relation to one another and to people it may take years, years of patient love, years during which we will give ourselves, but also endure, endure endlessly the most unendurable things; and in the end there can be redemption. There can be redemption on this earth, in the form of a person who was thought to be hopeless, beyond help, and who begins to change, and then we see a miracle, and we are elated, and hope becomes complete and real, and joy fills our heart.

But there is also another way in which this sacrificial love can be redemption. A western theologian has said around the time of the last war, when feelings were deep and pain acute, he said that suffering is the meeting place between evil and humanity; suffering is always caused by human agency or human agency turns away from it and does not alleviate it. And suffering always cuts into the soul or into the body of people. But when it has happened, the victim acquires divine power to forgive, and by forgiveness to undo the evil, and to redeem those who have done the evil.

Let us reflect on this; this thought has come to me not out of reflection, and indeed not out of my life that has always been too easy for me to be able to speak such words. But after the war a document was found in one of the concentration camps. It was written on a torn sheet of wrapping paper by a man who died in this camp. And the substance of his message was a prayer in which he said, Lord, when you come as a Judge of the earth, do not condemn the people who have done such atrocious things to us; do not hold against them their cruelty and our suffering, their violence and our despair, but look at the fruit which we have borne in patience, in humility, in fortitude, in forgiveness, in loyalty, in solidarity; and may these fruits be accounted unto their salvation. Do not allow the memory of us to be in eternity horror to them; may it be their salvation.

This is also hope beyond hope. And to me it is connected with this contrast between the sinful, the false, the blind knowledge expressed by the people in the house: they laugh at Christ, they know that the child is dead, hope is superfluous, it is drowned in despair, - and the victory of love and of mercy which is shown in the event but which can extend in so many ways into our personal lives on the simplest level, and on the most heroic ones. Let us therefore give thought to it, and choose for hope beyond hope, for that love and that faith that conquer. Amen.

**Turning our eyes to the Prince of Peace,
Religious leaders serving the Christians from
Syria, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Palestine and Jordan
Will pray together for Peace in the Middle-East
On November 3, 2013, 5:30 to 7pm**



Featured Speaker: Mother Agnes-Mariam, from Syria.
Join us in big number

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Palestine Children's Relief Fund
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

BENEFIT GALA 2013

Healing the wounds of war and
occupation for Syrian and Palestinian
children in the Middle East

Keynote Speaker Dr. Hanan Ashrawi
Dinner & Entertainment

Sunday, November 3, 2013, 4:00pm
South San Francisco Conference Center
255 South Airport Blvd.
South San Francisco, CA 94080



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Pledge Commitments & Archdiocese Fees

For this 2013 fiscal year, there are many things that need to be done in the Church. With your help we will be able to meet our financial obligations! Please honor your pledge commitments and archdiocese fees.

Dear St. Nicholas Parish,

“But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.’ ”Matthew 19:14.

We are delighted that that the Sunday School year has commenced. Whether you have children or not, please reach out to any children, high school students, and college students you may know and encourage them to join us EVERY SUNDAY!

Attendance is critical. If you have children, please make sure to bring them to Church every Sunday. Each class follows a separate curriculum and continuity is important.

Through our collective efforts we can effectively contribute to each child’s Orthodox education and spiritual development.

With this goal in mind and to effectively facilitate Sunday School each week, please abide by the following rules:

- (1) All children in the 3rd Grade or above should be in Church during Divine Liturgy and NOT downstairs playing. It is important that children learn at an early age the importance of celebrating Divine Liturgy.
- (2) Please leave the first two rows on the right side of the Church empty so the Sunday School Students can sit there.
- (3) Please let Sunday School students and teachers take communion first so they have the maximum amount of time for their lessons. Sunday School begins right after Holy Communion.
- (4) All children must either be in Sunday School class or upstairs with their parents during Sunday School. Children are not permitted to play downstairs during Sunday School.
- (5) Pre-k/kindergarten students must be picked up within 15 minutes after the end of the liturgy.

Parents and extended family all play an important role in a child’s spiritual development. Here are some suggested ways parents can become more engaged:

- (1) Ask your child what they learned in Sunday School every week.
- (2) Regularly spend time reviewing basic concepts and learning prayers with your child (e.g. sign of the cross, Holy Trinity, the “Our Father”).
- (3) Visit <http://www.antiochian.org/christianeducation> and review materials with your child.
- (4) Communicate with your child’s Sunday School teachers about your child’s development.

We look forward to a very fruitful year. Please do not hesitate to communicate your thoughts or questions to us.

All our best,

Sunday School Teachers:

◆ Sreen Hanhan, Angelica Fadayel, and Claudia Rantisi

Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten. Curriculum: The Wonder of It All.

◆ Fadwa Azar and Rami Boundouki

1st/2nd Grades. Curriculum: Making Things Right.

◆ Natalie Hanhan and Renee Khoury

3rd/4th Grades. Curriculum: We Worship God In Church.

◆ Leila Qutami and Sawsan Dabit

5th/6th/7th Grades. Curriculum: Our Life In The Church.

◆ Tariq Rantisi

8th Grade/High School/College. Curriculum: Celebration: Feast and the Holy Days.

Congratulations
And Best Wishes
on Your 75th ANNIVERSARY

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- Falls / Dog Attacks / Assault & Battery

From the beginning of his law career to the present, Mr. Michael has worked exclusively as a trial attorney.

Mr. Michael and his cases have been featured in local and national media such as KPIX (CBS), KGO News (ABC), The Recorder, Daily Journal, San Francisco Chronicle, Wall Street Journal, Contra Costa News, and San Jose Mercury.

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