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**a Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America**  
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# **The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost and the Seventh Sunday of Luke**

The Venerable Lazarus the Wonderworker of Magnesia  
The Thirty-three Martyrs of Melitene

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

**Tone 3; Eothinon 9**

## **Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Tone 3)**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

## **Apolytikion of St. Lazarus of Magnesia (Tone 8)**

In thy vigilant prayers, thou didst drench thy pillar with streams of tears; by thy sightings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labours; and thou becamest a shepherd, granting forgiveness to them that came to thee, O our righteous Father Lazarus. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

## **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 of the Theotokos (Tone 4)**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## **Daily Readings**

THE EPISTLE (for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

*O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians  
(1:11-19)**

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

THE GOSPEL (for the Seventh Sunday of Luke)

**The Reading of the Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke  
(8:41-56)**

At that time, there came to Jesus 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 Jesus 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 anyone, 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 said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" 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 Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus 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 Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

## **The Synaxarion**

On November 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Lazarus the wonderworker of Magnesia, who struggled in asceticism on Mount Galesion.

### ***Verses***

Prepare thou thy bosom, O Father Abraham,  
For a Lazarus not inferior to thine.

Lazarus was tonsured a monk, and then ordained priest, at the Monastery of Mar Sabbas in Palestine. He eventually returned to his homeland, and beginning in 1012, he built the monasteries on Mount Galesion. Lazarus raised up a pillar on which he lived as a stylite for many years, enduring unspeakable hardships for the love of Christ. He reposed in the Lord at age 86 in 1053.

On this day, we also commemorate the Thirty-three Martyrs of Melitene. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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## **OFFERINGS**

Holy Bread is being offered by Charmaine Darmour and Tanya & Fred Milkie and family, with loving memory of the twenty-year repose to eternal life of Archimandrite John Namie, of blessed memory and eternal repose; the Founding Director of the Antiochian Village.

Holy Bread is also being offered by the Sayegh family for the six-month memorial of Aida Dares Sayegh (+7 May, 2021), beloved mother and grandmother. Memory eternal.

Holy Bread is being offered by Marcia O'Dea, the O'Dea and Chala families, asking our Lord to continue to always protect, guide and bless Sean O'Dea, who celebrated his birthday (November 6); also for God's continued guidance and protection of Father Nicholas Neyman and our Metropolitan JOSEPH, celebrating their birthday. May God grant them many years!

Holy Bread is also being offered in loving memory of Anton Karam (+19 November, 2007), beloved husband, father and grandfather; by Sonia, Jimmy, Linda, Lisa, Julian, Emerson, Cooper, Ron and Jameel. Memory eternal.

Holy Bread is being offered by Bobbi & Deacon Andrew Monsue and family for the six-month memorial of Bobbi's sister, Virginia Gearheart Canaday (+7 May, 2021). Memory eternal.

The five-loaves (*Artoclasia/Ighribniyyah*) of the Feast of the Archangels is being offered by Father Minas, Presbyter Nicole and Mary Sarchizian for the glory of God and His mercy over creation; honoring all who are named by their patron, Michael and Gabriel, and the members of our parish community celebrating their Feast Day. Amin!

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

for Leilah Sadd Lewin on her 50th birthday, by Carolyn Sadd and her entire family. May God watch over Chrisa, Carrie, Leilah, John, Georgie, Daniel and Gabriella.

by Father Timothy remembering his son, Michael o' Kalani Baclig on his Feast Day. May the Holy Archangel protect him from all harm.

We are expecting to serve 140 persons for our Feast Day lunch outdoors today. Please be sure to purchase your individual ticket that will be necessary for you to receive a plate for your meal. Coffee and cold beverages are being provided at a separate table with dessert distributed.

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Feast of our Patron, the Holy Archangel Michael** – November 8<sup>th</sup>  
Divine Liturgy, Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

**Feast of the Holy Apostle Philip and the Eighth Sunday of Luke**  
Great Vespers, Saturday, November 13, 5 p.m.  
Sunday, November 14 - Orthros, 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.

**Beginning of the Nativity Fast** – Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

[Note: The **Fast of the Holy Nativity** is divided into two periods: 1) November 15 through December 19, the traditional fasting discipline is observed (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil), except on Tuesdays and Thursdays when wine and oil are permitted, and on Saturdays and Sundays when fish, wine and oil are allowed. It should be noted that some allow for fish on all days except Wednesdays and Fridays from November 15 to December 18; 2) December 20 through 24, traditional fasting is observed on all days except on Saturday and Sunday when wine and oil are permitted.]

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Teen SOYO Raffle

Tickets for our Annual Teen SOYO Raffle were mailed out last week and additional tickets will be available each Sunday until the date of the drawing, Sunday, December 12, 2021. Thank you for your support.

### Church Offering Options

Your church offering may be made on-line via our website "Donation" tab or by mailing your check to the church at: 16643 Vanowen Street; Van Nuys, California; 91406. Mailing your check to the church will save our church a 3% service charge. Other options for your contributions include: a) automatic bill pay; b) recurring automatic withdrawal, both of which may be arranged with your bank. You may contact us for assistance with any of these options; especially when information of our bank routing and account numbers are needed.

## Church Attendance

We request that everyone attending our church services wear face coverings due to the City policy. Church School in-person class sessions begin following Holy Communion. Care has been taken to ensure that our classrooms are safe for our children. Questions will also be answered by Father Timothy by e-mail at: [frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org](mailto:frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org)

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

### **Holy Bread Offering List**

Nov 14 - open  
Beginning of the Nativity Fast - November 15  
Nov 21 - open (Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple)  
Nov 28 - open

### **Coffee Hour Hosts Calendar**

Please contact Fr. Timothy (818/219-3761; [frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org](mailto:frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org)) to sign-up to offer Holy Bread.

## **Join Our Weekly Bible Study Each Tuesday Evening at 7 p.m.**

Our next Virtual Bible Study will be held on Tuesday evening, November 9th, at 7 p.m. We have begun a study of II Corinthians and will be reading Chapters 3 and 4 this week. A Zoom Meeting link will be provided by e-mail on Tuesday.

## **Parish Council Nominations**

On Sunday, November 21, 2021 we will be holding a brief virtual and in-person Special Meeting of the Voting Membership solely for the purpose of receiving and accepting nominations for Parish Council members to be elected for there (3), three-year terms (January, 2021 to December, 2023). At this meeting the Nominations Committee will present their report and additional nominations will be open from the floor.

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.

We sincerely thank Regan Hines [ending his first (1st) term; able to be nominated]; Subdeacon Richard Ajalat [ending his first (1st) term; able to be nominated]; and Kris Thabit [completing his first (1st) term; able to be nominated]. Our one-year appointed members whose terms are expiring are: Adam Lamar [completing his first year appointed and a three-year term], and Michael Mitchell [completing a maximum of eight consecutive elected and appointed years].

The Parish Council election will be held on two (2) consecutive Sundays: November 28 and December 5. Council members whose terms are unexpired are: Joe Ayoub, Connie Abdun-Nur Barilla, Julie Bitar, John Khouri, Deacon Andrew Monsue and Dan Raju. Charmaine Darmour is also completing her eleventh (11th) consecutive year as President of the Antiochian Women. All interested in serving on the Parish Council should contact: Connie Barilla, Nominations Chair at: [cmatthews46@yahoo.com](mailto:cmatthews46@yahoo.com) or speak with Father Timothy.

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Dear Parishioners & Friends of St. Michael,

St. Michael continues to support Loaves & Fishes, a local pantry serving the impoverished areas in Van Nuys and throughout the San Fernando Valley areas. Please phone 818-345-4363 (after October 23rd) should you be able to participate in our Thanksgiving and/or Christmas food collection. There are a few ways in participating:

1. If you would like me to shop for you, just write a check made out to "St. Michael Church," earmarked "Holiday Food Collection" (a tax incentive).

2. If you are doing your own shopping at Ralph's or Food-4-Less stores, don't forget to use your Ralphs Reward Card to help St. Michael Church to benefit.
3. Loaves and Fishes is also in need of the following: Personal care items including, deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sanitary napkins and disposable razors; baby items such as diapers, 5T Pull-Ups or larger, and baby formula; bottled water, canned food items (preferably with pull-up tabs), i.e., tuna, chicken, baked beans, fruit, vegetables, chili, soups, pasta/ravioli, peanut butter, Ensure, Carnation Instant Breakfast, coffee, tea; also any store gift cards in \$5 and \$10; clothing and household items.

**All food items must be delivered to our Community Center Narthex by Sunday, November 21st and Sunday December 19th.** A cart marked Food Collection will be placed in the Narthex for your donations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Christ,

Cindy Tamoush

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## **Bookstore Orders Available on Parish Website**

You may place an order through our parish website or e-mail Bobbi Monsue (Manager) for special orders at: [bobbi\\_monsue@att.net](mailto:bobbi_monsue@att.net). Your credit card will also be accepted for payment. Please come in and browse through our expanding selection of new books, icons and special Christmas gift ideas. Special orders may also be made by request.

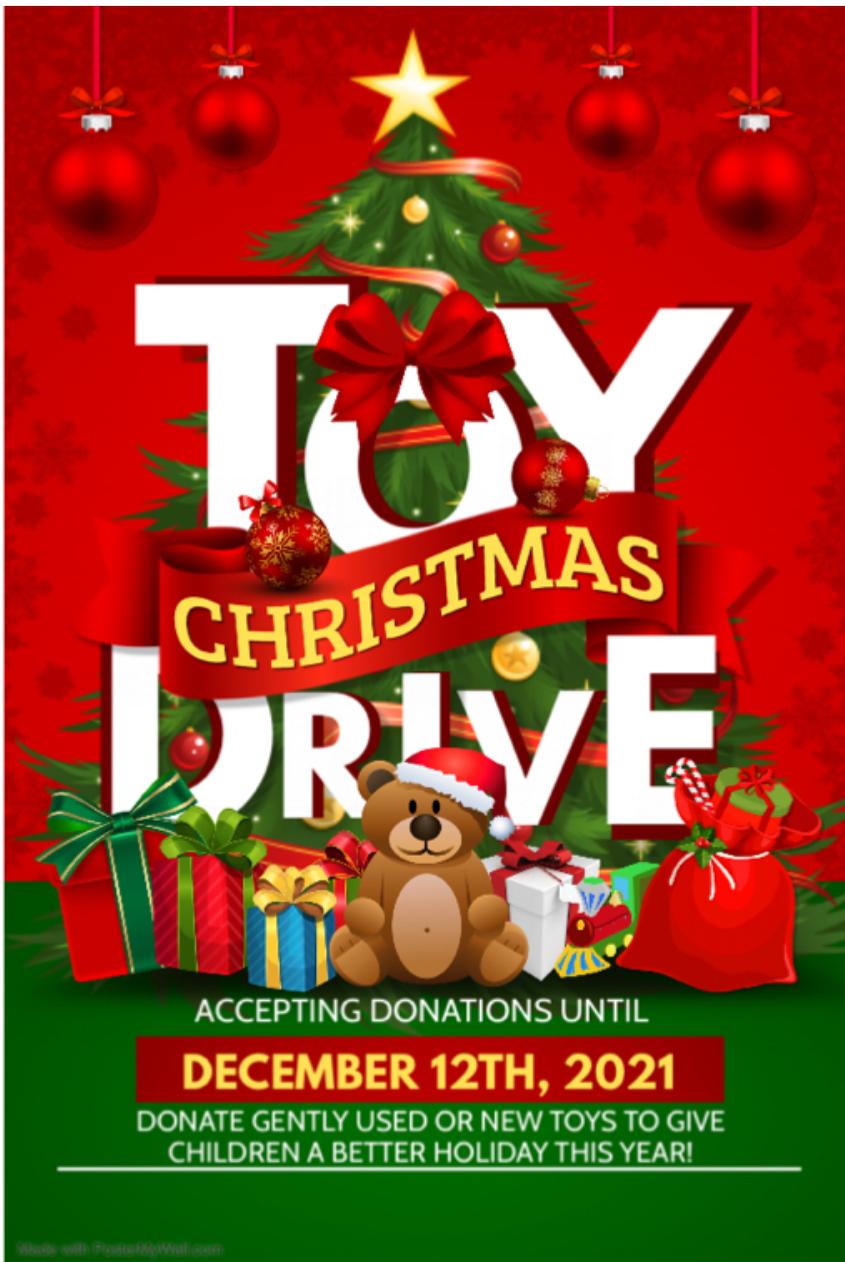
## **Upcoming Events**

**St. Nicholas Cathedral Ladies Society Sweetheart Ball** - Saturday, November 27, 2021; Universal Hilton Hotel, Universal City; Social Hour, 6ths p.m., Presentation, 7 p.m., \$195/person tickets: Lauren Malouf: 818-687-0406; [lmalouf@hchc.edu](mailto:lmalouf@hchc.edu)

## **St. Michael Church School Christmas Program**

**St. Michael 30th Golf Classic:** Monday, May 23, 2022 at Wood Ranch Golf Club (Simi Valley)

[<www.woodranchgc.com>](http://www.woodranchgc.com)



The toys will be donated to the Watts Empowerment Center. They will be hosting a toy give away on December 18th. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Brittney at: 818-434-3558.



# YOUNG ADULT EVENT

November 21, 2021

Decorating the Christmas tree: after a church lunch



ISN's Annual Interfaith  
Thanksgiving Service



# BUILDING PEACE

**A Zoom Event**  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21  
from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Join us to celebrate how our respective faiths 'raise us up' to live our lives beyond conflict and to build peace and foster reconciliation among us.

**Full details & RSVP at**  
[www.interfaithsolidaritynetwork.org](http://www.interfaithsolidaritynetwork.org)  
We will send you the Zoom link with confirmation of your RSVP.



## These 7 faiths present:

Islamic Society of West Valley  
Our Lady of Grace  
Shir Ami  
St. Michael Antiochan  
Valley Outreach Synagogue  
Radha Govind Dham Hindu Meditation Center  
LA Bahai

Shaykh Suhail Mulla  
Father Marinello Saguin  
Rabbi David Vorspan  
Father Timothy Baclig  
Rabbi Sara Abrams  
Sailesh Ranchod  
Randy Dobbs

Plus: Mylene Marie, Bethel Lutheran, ISN and Tiffany Shine, ISN, The Reverend Daniel Tamm, ISN Chair & All Saints Parish, Beverly Hills, Rabbi Jim Kaufman Temple Beth Hillel, ISN



## St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church Christmas Card Sign-up



It is time to sign-up for this year's parish Christmas card which will be sent to all parishioners of St. Michael (whether they choose to be listed or not), the churches of our Diocese, Metropolitan JOSEPH, and all Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese.

Please fill out the form below NOW and return it to the Church Office with your \$10 minimum donation by Thanksgiving Day (we will go to press after Thanksgiving).

Please TYPE or PRINT your name(s) NEATLY as you wish them to appear on the card. Mr. & Mrs. titles will not be used. The following are some sample listings:

*Mary, John, Susie and Jeff Doe*  
*Mary & John Doe, Susie and Jeff*  
*The John Doe Family*  
*Mary, John and Jeff Doe, Susie & George Smith*

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Please print my family as follows (**please print or type**):

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Phone number: (      )

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclosed your check (\$10 minimum) and mail or tun in this form to:



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**PASTORAL SERMON**  
**The Seventh Sunday of Luke**  
**By V. Rev. Timothy Baclig**  
**November 7, 2021**

Each of us not only personal material needs, but physical, emotional and spiritual needs. We will soon begin preparing for the Feast of the Birth of our Lord when the church prescribes forty days of abstinence, prayer and good works. She does this for a reason. It would help us to understand that if we are to do what God asks of us in helping others, our doing so is not based upon the abundance of things that we have or whether or not we have something to offer others. The church's call and discipline to pray, fast and do good works during advent is based upon our own spiritual needs.

Even though we are blessed with much to be thankful for materially, we each have personal physical, emotional and spiritual needs. God created us as whole persons. Good mental health is attending to our inner life. That inner life is intricately linked to our physical and mental health. We can easily become fragmented as persons in our day—loosing a sense of being created as whole persons. When we need physical care—we go to the doctor. When we need psychological care—we seek a counselor or therapist. Then, when we need to build a relationship with God—we go to church. But God did not create us as fragmented persons.

Moreover, for some, physical needs might be also be visible, especially if we are sick or have a disability, for others a conversation or facial expression might reveal an emotional need. But deep down inside of each of us are things we may not even speak about, or might have a very difficult time putting into words. That is what pertains to our “inner life” that defines our spiritual needs.

The daughter of Jarius in spoken of in today's Gospel lesson was an only child, 12 years of age, and dying. The woman with the hemorrhage

who, in a crowd of people, touched the hem of Jesus' garment was desperate for healing. The needs of the woman and the daughter of Jarius were obviously physical. In both cases, their condition personally affected their emotional and spiritual life along with the lives of their loved ones and who knew them.

If a person's physical health is serious, especially if it becomes a major drain to one's resources and severely affects the lives of the members of their family, it is not uncommon for life to be largely defined by their physical condition; it dominates a personal conversation. Today, persons are often seen and identified not for who they truly are: men, women and children created in the image of God, but for what they may physically become: sick, unemployed, an addict, or perhaps: frail, strong, or attractive.

God, however, sees and knows us as persons. He loves us equally as His children as you and I would our own son or daughter. His supreme sacrifice for us was for that very reason: We are His own, called to be the inheritors of all that He has desired for us; regardless of whether we are old, young, rich, poor, healthy, or sick. We are all His children, created in His image to become the full inheritors as members of His Kingdom.

We are known, loved, saved and redeemed by a God of love who came to save and heal us from every infirmity, but who also calls to be loving, His co-workers, His helpers and ministers and His fellow servants.

### **Prayer**

O Christ, our God, the giver of every good and perfect gift: grant that we may in fear and love draw near to Thee and receive the much needed healing from all of our infirmities. Forgive us our sins and strengthen us for Thy service that we may glorify Thee in every word and deed; for Thou art the God of love and of mercy and unto Thee do we ascribe glory together with Thy Father who is from everlasting, and Thy life-giving Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. A-men.