

SAINT JAMES ORTHODOX CHURCH, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA
VARIABLE READINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
JANUARY 19, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 AM—**First Hour Prayers and Fellowship Breakfast** at Casa Cielo.
- Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 PM—**St. Theophan Men’s Group meeting.**
- Saturday, January 25, 6:00 PM—**Great Vespers.**
- Sunday, January 26—**All Parish meeting.** Please plan on being at church for this important meeting and hear from all of the wonderful ministries who serve the parish in many, many ways.

THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS

We hope to bless everyone’s home before the beginning of Lent (March 3 this year). Since our parish is spread out, as much as possible we would like to group house blessings by locality (two or three homes in Turlock one evening, two or three homes in Riverbank another evening, etc.). Progressive house blessings (two or three families gathering first at one home, then everyone moving on to the next home) are encouraged as a great way to combine house blessings and some fun community fellowship. If possible, talk today to the people in your neighborhood and come up with a day that would work well for the people in your area. To schedule a Theophany house blessing, contact Kh. Carla: (text message: 209-575-0285; email: czell@sbcglobal.net) with proposed dates and times (your first choice and an alternate) and we’ll try our best to accommodate your requests.

WALK FOR LIFE

On Saturday, **January 25**, the St James OCLife chapter will be travelling to San Francisco to attend the Walk for Life as well as venerate the relics of St. John Maximovitch. It is a blessed day surrounded by thousands of fellow Christians, praying and singing for those who are never given a voice. We will be joined by many fellow Orthodox from throughout California, including Fr. Josiah and his parishioners from Riverside, for a liturgy and prayer service for the unborn. If you are interested in attending or have questions, please reach out to Reader Joel.

BABY SHOWER ANNOUNCEMENT

St. James Ladies, please join us in celebrating the upcoming arrival of Sarah, Amy, and Heather’s little ones! Let’s shower the moms-to-be with love, joy, and excitement.

When: **February 1** at 4:00 PM; Location: St. James Fellowship Hall (refreshments will be served). RSVP to Darlene at 209-481-3346 or dfoxrn@gmail.com.

- Sarah Quilici: <https://my.babylist.com/baby-sarah-quilici>
- Amy Patterson: <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/35WE9DXGJX7AG>
- Heather Reed: <https://my.babylist.com/elsiereed>

Practical items such as diapers and gift cards are also warmly welcomed and appreciated. We can’t wait to celebrate this special moment with them.

WINTER SACRED MUSIC INSTITUTE

Those who are choir members or chanters, please consider attending the 2025 winter session of the Sacred Music Institute, being held in Van Nuys, California this year from January 30 through February 2.

CROSSROADS SUMMER APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

Youth: Embark on a summer experience that will deepen your faith, broaden your perspective, and help you uncover your unique calling. So. Cal. sessions available! Our SOYO Secretary, Andrew Swehla, was blessed to be able to join the 2023 Institute last summer, and will give a few words at Fellowship this Sunday about his experience! <https://crossroadinstitute.org/>

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Los Angeles and the West Parish Life Conference will be held from June 25 through June 29. Hosted by Saint Nicholas Church in San Francisco, this will be one of the easier ones for people in our parish to drive to and participate in. See the notice on page 3 and the website laplc.org for more details.

BIRTHDAYS, FEAST DAYS, AND ANNIVERSARIES

January 19—Markus Hick’s feast day (St. Mark of Ephesus)
January 19—Fr. Joseph & Kh. Carolyn Tanguay’s anniversary
January 21—Agnes Enwia’s feast day (St. Agnes)
January 23—James Johne’s birthday
January 24—Josiah Quilici’s birthday
January 24/ February 6—Xeniya Korikova, Xenia Guerrero, Emma Fagundes, and Ana Hick’s feast day (St. Xenia)
January 26—Rita Younathan’s birthday
January 27—Nina Erickson’s feast day (St. Nina, *Julian date*)
January 30—Elena Mitchell’s birthday
January 30—Zach Patterson’s feast day (St. John Chrysostom)
January 31—Madison Wharton’s birthday

PROSPHORA & FELLOWSHIP LUNCH SPONSORSHIP

Please be in touch with Stephanie Collins if you would like to change scheduled dates, or have questions about the schedule. Note: Fellowship lunch sponsors are responsible for clean-up unless otherwise noted.

Date	Prospora	Fellowship lunch sponsor
Sunday, January 19	A. Younathan	Theophan Machado & Friends
Sunday, January 26	S. Younathan	Rita Younathan & Friends

CANDLE MAKING TEAM *(See Sh. Salwa for details)*

Sunday, January 19	Candle threading
Sunday, January 26	Candle dipping

SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADJACENT TO ST. JAMES

If you are 55+ years old, live on a fixed income, and would like to live closer to your church community, the senior housing behind St. James (Sherwood Manor) will periodically have units available for rent. These units are rent-restricted affordable housing for seniors who qualify (income needs to be below certain levels). If you are interested in exploring renting there, please contact the church office (office@saintjamesmodesto.org) and we can connect you with the property manager.

PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE PSALMS:

Use the readings for week 3 on the master schedule (see pages 6 and 7).



DIocese OF LOS ANGELES & THE WEST PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- His Grace Bishop ANTHONY's first PLC as our Diocesan Bishop
- Morning & Afternoon Workshops
- Young Adult Dinner
- Taco Thursday Welcome Reception
- Organization Meetings
- Bible Bowl
- Ice Cream Social & Teen Dance
- Brunch with Bishop ANTHONY and Awards Presentation
- Oratorical & Choir Festival
- Middle Eastern Dinner and Dance (Hafli)

HOTEL:

- Hotel Group Rate: \$179/night plus local taxes/fees
- Group rate available 3 days before/after Conference
- Complimentary shuttle to & from San Francisco airport
- 10% discount at all hotel food outlets



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HOW TO GIVE TO SAINT JAMES ONLINE

2) Download the "Church Center" app from your mobile app store or by scanning the QR code below with your mobile phone's camera:



Once downloaded, choose the option to search manually, enter our zip code (95351), scroll down and select "St. James Antiochian Orthodox Church", then follow the prompts to get signed in.

From both our website or the app you can setup either one-time or recurring donations with just a few clicks. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Subdeacon David Quilici or Devin Peterson.

SYNAXARION FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025
VENERABLE MAKARIOS THE GREAT OF EGYPT, THE ANCHORITE
VENERABLE MAKARIOS OF ALEXANDRIA;
VENERABLE MARK EUGENIKOS, METROPOLITAN OF EPHEBUS,
PILLAR OF ORTHODOXY; MARTYR ANTONY OF DAMASCUS

On January 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Makarios the Great of Egypt, the Anchorite; and our righteous Father Makarios of Alexandria.

Verses

The pair of divine Makarii now dying, they partake of a life exceedingly blessed.
On the nineteenth, the Makarii obtained the land of the blessed.

Both men were the contemporaries of Anthony the Great. Makarios the Great withdrew into the wilderness where he spent 60 years in labor and struggle, both internally and externally for the Kingdom of Heaven. So much did he succeed in cleansing his mind and heart of evil that God bestowed upon him the abundant gift of miracle-working; he even raised the dead. Makarios often told his disciple Paphnutius: “Do not judge anyone and you will be saved.” Nine days before his death, St. Anthony, St. Pachomius and a cherub revealed to him that he would enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Makarios lived to be 97 years old and died in the year 390. The younger Makarios also entered the monastic life to fight demonic temptations. Once, a brother saw him fill a basket with sand, carry it uphill and empty it. Astonished, the brother asked him, “What are you doing?” Makarios answered, “I am tormenting my tormentor,” that is, the devil. He died in the year 393, well past the age of 100.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Arsenios, bishop of Kerkyra; Venerable Mark Eugenikos, metropolitan of Ephesus, pillar of Orthodoxy; and Martyr Antony of Damascus. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

TODAY’S VARIABLE HYMNS:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MAKARIOS OF EGYPT (TONE 1)

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Makarios, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

TROPARION OF SAINT JAMES (TONE 4)

As a disciple of the Lord, righteous James, thou didst receive the Gospel; and as a martyr thou art never turned away; as the brother of God thou hast boldness; and as a hierarch thou dost always intercede. Entreat Christ God, that He save our souls.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE 1)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

THE EPISTLE

Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

(3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE


(17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Notes about the **Pilgrimage through the Psalms Project.**

- Sunday, January 5 through Saturday, January 11, use the readings for Week One.
- Sunday, January 12 through Saturday, January 18, use the readings for Week Two.
- Sunday, January 19 through Saturday, January 25, use the readings for Week Three.
- Sunday, January 26 through Saturday, February 1, use the readings for Week Four.
- Sunday, February 2 through Saturday, February 8, use the readings for Week Five.
- Sunday, February 9 through Saturday, February 15, use the readings for Week Six.
- Sunday, February 16 through Saturday, February 22, use the readings for Week Seven.
- Sunday, February 23 through Saturday, March 1, use the readings for Week Eight.
- Sunday, March 2 through Saturday, March 8, use the readings for Week Nine.

If you are reading from an Eastern Orthodox or Greek translation of the Psalms, such as *The Orthodox Study Bible*, *The Psalter According to the Seventy* (published by Holy Transfiguration Monastery) or *The Ancient Faith Psalter* (published by Ancient Faith Publishing), use the following Septuagint numbering.



**Pilgrimage Through
The Psalms**

LXX/ Septuagint	Week 1* Stasis 1	Week 2* Stasis 2	Week 3* Stasis 3	Week 4* Stasis 1	Week 5* Stasis 2	Week 6* Stasis 3	Week 7** Stasis 1	Week 8** Stasis 2	Unit 9** Stasis 3
Sunday	9-10 Kathisma 2	11-13 Kathisma 2	14-16 Kathisma 2	17 Kathisma 3	18-20 Kathisma 3	21-23 Kathisma 3			
Monday	24-26 Kathisma 4	27-29 Kathisma 4	30-31 Kathisma 4	32-33 Kathisma 5	34-35 Kathisma 5	36 Kathisma 5	37-39 Kathisma 6	40-42 Kathisma 6	43-45 Kathisma 6
Tuesday	46-48 Kathisma 7	49-50 Kathisma 7	51-54 Kathisma 7	55-57 Kathisma 8	58-60 Kathisma 8	61-63 Kathisma 8	64-66 Kathisma 9	67 Kathisma 9	68-69 Kathisma 9
Wednesday	70-71 Kathisma 10	72-73 Kathisma 10	74-76 Kathisma 10	77 Kathisma 11	78-80 Kathisma 11	81-84 Kathisma 11	85-87 Kathisma 12	88 Kathisma 12	89-90 Kathisma 12
Thursday	91-93 Kathisma 13	94-96 Kathisma 13	97-100 Kathisma 13	101-102 Kathisma 14	103 Kathisma 14	104 Kathisma 14	105 Kathisma 15	106 Kathisma 15	107-108 Kathisma 15
Friday	134-136 Kathisma 19	137-139 Kathisma 19	140-142 Kathisma 19	143-144 Kathisma 20	145-147 Kathisma 20	148-150 Kathisma 20	119-123 Kathisma 18	125-128 Kathisma 18	129-133 Kathisma 18
Saturday	109-11 Kathisma 16	112-114 Kathisma 16	115-117 Kathisma 16	118:1-72 Kathisma 17	118:73-131 Kathisma 17	118:132-176 Kathisma 17	1-3 Kathisma 1	4-6 Kathisma 1	7-8 Kathisma 1

*Liturgically at Matins/Orthros.

**Liturgically at Vespers.

Note: If you wish to pray the full cycle of the Psalms as done in monasteries then read all of the “weeks” (1-6 for Morning, 7-9 for evening) for the given day.

If you are reading from the Masoretic or Hebrew translation of the Psalms, such as the King James Version (KJV), the New International Version (NIV), or the Revised Standard Version (RSV), use the Masoretic / Western numbering.


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The Psalms**

Hebrew/ Masoretic	Week 1* Stasis 1	Week 2* Stasis 2	Week 3* Stasis 3	Week 4* Stasis 1	Week 5* Stasis 2	Week 6* Stasis 3	Week 7** Stasis 1	Week 8** Stasis 2	Unit 9** Stasis 3
Sunday	9-11	12-14	15-17	18	19-21	22-24			
Monday	25-27	28-30	31-32	33-34	35-36	37	38-40	41-43	44-46
Tuesday	47-49	50-51	52-55	56-58	59-61	62-64	65-67	68	69-70
Wednesday	71-72	73-74	75-77	78	79-81	82-85	86-88	89	90-91
Thursday	92-94	95-97	98-101	102-103	104	105	106	107	108-109
Friday	135-137	138-140	141-143	144-145	146-147	148-150	120-124	125-129	130-134
Saturday	110-112	113-116:9	116:10-118	119:1-72	119:73-131	119:132-176	1-3	4-6	7-8

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