SAINT JAMES ORTHODOX CHURCH, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA VARIABLE READINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS JUNE 1, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Today, after Liturgy— Last day of Sunday School before Summer break.
- Today, 1:30 PM— Sunday School Field Trip (see below).
- Today, 1:00 to 2:00 PM—"Our Faith" class for inquirers and catechumens.
- Tuesday, June 3, 7:00 AM—Third Hour Prayers and Fellowship breakfast.
- Thursday, June 5, 6:00 PM—St. Thekla Women's Group meeting.
- Saturday, June 7, 8:00 / 9:00 AM—Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Saturday of the Souls.
- Saturday, June 7, 6:00 PM—Great Vespers.
- Sunday, June 8, during the Divine Liturgy—Baptisms of Elizabeth (St. Elizabeth the New Martyr) Reed and Clarence (St. Euphrosynos) Patterson. Sunday, June 8, 5:00 PM—First Fruits Dessert Potluck (please bring a summer-fruit themed dessert to share).
- Sunday, June 8, 6:00 PM—Vespers with the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost.

GYMNASTICS UNLIMITED WELCOMES ST. JAMES SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH FIELD TRIP

On June 1st, James Sunday school children are invited to Gymnastics Unlimited in Turlock. We will enjoy one and a half hours of gymnastics training and a 30-minute pizza party. The facility offers multiple play options so walkers to teens are all invited. The cost is \$10 per child for pizza and professional, gymnastics trainers. Please arrive by 1:30 (allowing about a half hour drive to 2070 E. Canal Dr., Turlock).

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE BIBLE BOWL CONTESTANTS NEEDED

Please see Sh Yolanda if you are interested in the Bible Bowl. This year's competition will be based on the Gospel of St. Luke. Registration deadline is June 11th. There are several different Divisions: Pre-Teen Division (Ages 10-12); Junior Teen Division (Ages 13-15); Senior Teen Division (Ages 16-19; note: The winners of the Senior Teen Division will represent our Diocese at the Archdiocese Convention in Chicago this year. Our Diocese will assist the winning team with a stipend to cover some of the expenses); Adult Division (Ages 20 and over).

SUPPORT THE BABY ORPHANAGE

St. Thekla Antiochian Women are promoting a national Act of Mercy to support CASA CUNA BABY ORPHANAGE, the new baby addition to Project Mexico and the St. Innocent Orphanage. Help by making direct donations online—<u>https:projectmexico.org/AW</u> for basic care and necessities—or by sending a check to Project Mexico, PO Box 8210, Pasadena, CA 91109-8210 and noting "Antiochian Woman Fundraiser." Or try the Orphanage's Amazon wish list to donate specific items needed: <u>https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/1KUXBC1SJZGVZ</u>

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 flyer on page 4 and the website laplc.org for more details.

2025 ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE NATIONAL CONVENTION

His Eminence, the Most Reverend Metropolitan SABA, Father Fouad Saba and all the clergy and faithful at Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, Illinois, welcome you to Chicago for

the 57th Biennial Antiochian Archdiocese Convention, **July 20-27**, **2025**. Please click the following link for all of the amazing info surrounding this year's convention: <u>https://www.ac2025chicago.org/</u>

BIRTHDAYS, FEAST DAYS, AND ANNIVERSARIES

- June 1—Iris Coelho's birthday
- June 3-Elena Mitchell, Elena Tavares, Elena Malygina's feast day (St. Helen, Julian date)
- June 3-Joey Mitchell, Tyler Collins, Maria Yaqoob, and Everett Reed's birthdays
- June 4—Ellisyn Peterson and Amy Patterson's feast day (St. Sophia of Thrace)
- June 6—Zach Collin's birthday
- June 7-Elin Peterson, Leylanie Vasquez, and Tony Vasquez Sr.'s birthdays

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	Prosphora	Fellowship lunch sponsor				
Sunday, June 1	Sh. Salwa	All Church Potluck				
Sunday, June 8	Anna Younathan	Team Robert Theophan				

PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE PSALMS:

Use the readings for week 4 on the master schedule (see pages 9 and 10).

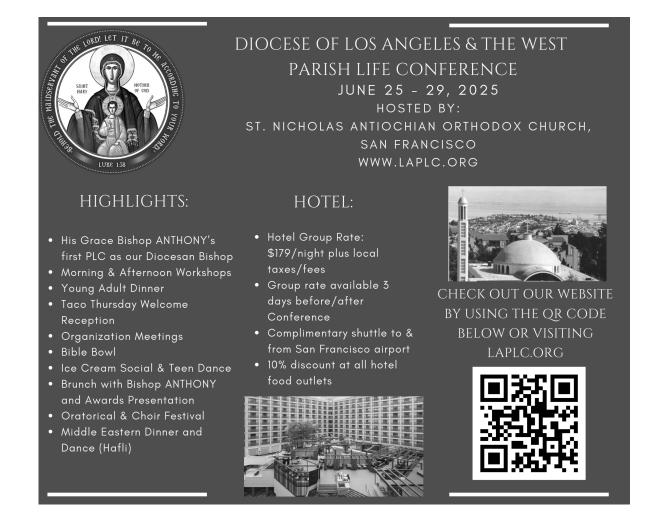
HOW TO GIVE TO SAINT JAMES ONLINE

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, JUNE 1, 2025 SUNDAY OF AFTER-FEAST OF ASCENSION

COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL MARTYR JUSTIN THE PHILOSOPHER & COMPANIONS AT ROME; ARCHIMANDRITE JUSTIN POPOVIC OF SERBIA

On June 01 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Martyr Justin the Philosopher and his companions at Rome; and Archimandrite Justin Popovic of Serbia.

On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 Godbearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia.

Verses

O ye light-bearing stars of the spiritual firmament, enlighten my mind with your rays.

Verses Against Arius

Calling the Son a stranger to the Father's essence, Arius proved to be a stranger to God's glory.

Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his

blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First Ecumenical Council, which gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as by one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in Substance, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith, *The Creed*, which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day. The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles.

By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

TODAY'S VARIABLE HYMNS

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

• Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing. For the Lord Most High is terrible; a great King over all the earth.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

- He hath subdued peoples under us, and the nations under our feet. God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet. (*Refrain*)
- Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

• Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. The mountains of Sion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, <u>Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens</u>, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

- God is known in her towers when He cometh to help her. (*Refrain*)
- For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together. (*Refrain*)
- Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

- Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world. My mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear unto a parable; I will unfold my problem on the psaltery.
- *After the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the Ascension:* You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through Your blessing, they were assured that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ASCENSION (TONE 4)

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through Your blessing, they were assured that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS (TONE 8)

You are most glorious, O Christ our God. You have established our fathers as lights on earth. And through them You have led us to the True Faith. Glory to You, Most Compassionate One.

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 ASCENSION (TONE 6)

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

THE EPISTLE

PROKEIMENON

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all Thou hast done to us. THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (20:16–18, 28–36)

In those days, Paul was determined to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if possible, to be at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the priests of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you bishops, to shepherd the church of the Lord and God, which He purchased with His own blood. For I know that after my departure ravenous wolves will enter among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, remain watchful, remembering that for three years I did not cease to admonish every one, night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by such laboring we ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down on his knees with them all, and prayed.

THE GOSPEL THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

Instead of "We have seen the true light," sing the Apolytikion of the Ascension.

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

- Sunday, May 11 through Saturday, May 17, use the readings for Week One.
- Sunday, May 18 through Saturday, May 24, use the readings for Week Two.
- Sunday, May 25 through Saturday, May 31, use the readings for Week Three.
- Sunday, June 1 through Saturday, June 7, use the readings for Week Four.
- Sunday, June 8 through Saturday, June 14, use the readings for Week Five.
- Sunday, June 15 through Saturday, June 21, use the readings for Week Six.
- Sunday, June 22 through Saturday, June 28, use the readings for Week Seven.
- Sunday, June 29 through Saturday, July 5, use the readings for Week Eight.
- Sunday, July 6 through Saturday, July 12, 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
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LXX/	Week 1*	Week 2*	Week 3*	Week 4*	Week 5*	Week 6*	Week 7**	Week 8**	Unit 9**
Septuagint	Stasis 1	Stasis 2	Stasis 3	Stasis 1	Stasis 2	Stasis 3	Stasis 1	Stasis 2	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	27-29	30-31	32-33	34-35	36	37-39	40-42	43-45
	Kathisma 4	Kathisma 4	Kathisma 4	Kathisma 5	Kathisma 5	Kathisma 5	Kathisma 6	Kathisma 6	Kathisma 6
Tuesday	46-48	49-50	51-54	55-57	58-60	61-63	64-66	67	68-69
	Kathisma 7	Kathisma 7	Kathisma 7	Kathisma 8	Kathisma 8	Kathisma 8	Kathisma 9	Kathisma 9	Kathisma 9
Wednesday	70-71	72-73	74-76	77 Kathisma	78-80	81-84	85-87	88 Kathisma	89-90
	Kathisma 10	Kathisma 10	Kathisma 10	11	Kathisma 11	Kathisma 11	Kathisma 12	12	Kathisma 12
Thursday	91-93	94-96	97-100	101-102	103	104	105	106	107-108
	Kathisma 13	Kathisma 13	Kathisma 13	Kathisma 14	Kathisma 14	Kathisma 14	Kathisma 15	Kathisma 15	Kathisma 15
Friday	134-136	137-139	140-142	143-144	145-147	148-150	119-123	125-128	129-133
	Kathisma 19	Kathisma 19	Kathisma 19	Kathisma 20	Kathisma 20	Kathisma 20	Kathisma 18	Kathisma 18	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.

Pilgrimage Through The Psalms									
Hebrew/	Week 1*	Week 2*	Week 3*	Week 4*	Week 5*	Week 6*	Week 7**	Week 8**	Unit 9**
Masoretic	Stasis 1	Stasis 2	Stasis 3	Stasis 1	Stasis 2	Stasis 3	Stasis 1	Stasis 2	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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