

SAINT JAMES ORTHODOX CHURCH, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA
VARIABLE READINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MARCH 30, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Today, following Liturgy—**Agape Meal Luncheon for Father Joseph and Khouria Carolyn Tanguay** (as they make their way to their new home in Sacramento) and also celebrating Hazmeek's birthday.
- Today, 1:00 to 2:00—**Our Faith Class** for catechumens and inquirers, in the large meeting room (former Fellowship Hall).
- Monday, March 31—**Walk for Life in Sacramento**. If carpooling, meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 AM.
- Monday, March 31, 6:00 PM—**Great Compline**.
- Tuesday, April 1, 6:45 AM—**Reading of the Life of St. Mary of Egypt**, followed by a fasting potluck breakfast at Casa Cielo.
- Tuesday, April 1, 6:00 to 7:30 PM—**Choir Practice**.
- Wednesday, April 2, 6:00 PM—**Small Compline with the full Canon of St. Andrew of Crete**.
- Thursday, April 3, 6:00 PM—**Presanctified Liturgy**, followed by a Soup Supper.
- Friday, April 4 to Sunday, April 6—**Women's Retreat for the Antiochian Women of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West** at Camp St. Nicholas in Frazier Park.
- Friday, April 4, 6:00 PM—**Small Compline with full Akathist Hymn**.
- Saturday, April 5, 6:00 PM—**Great Vespers**.

MARCH IS ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MONTH

As part of Antiochian Women's month, the women and girls of our parish will read the Epistle, hold the basket of blessed bread, and usher throughout the month.

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.

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: <https://www.ac2025chicago.org/>

BIRTHDAYS, FEAST DAYS, AND ANNIVERSARIES

April 1—Anthony Armendariz, Nate Smith, and Andreas Yaquob's birthdays
April 1—Michelle Acosta's feast day (St. Mary of Egypt)
April 2—Mike Perez and Kevin Korelin's birthdays
April 5—Noah Takahashi's birthday
Fifth Sunday of Lent (this year April 6)—Michelle Acosta's feast day (St. Mary of Egypt)
April 7—Eva Malygina's birthday
April 8—Larissa Harm's birthday
April 9—Stephanie Collin'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, March 30	Lauren Forquer	Special meal for the Tanguays & Hasmeek Tatos
Thursday, April 3	Anna Younathan	Soup Supper
Sunday, April 6	Sh. Yolanda Diaz	Potluck

CANDLE MAKING TEAM (See Sh. Salwa for details)

Sunday, March 30	Candle threading
Sunday, April 6	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 4 on the master schedule (see pages 6 and 7).



DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES & THE WEST PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

JUNE 25 - 29, 2025

HOSTED BY:

ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,
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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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LAPLC.ORG



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, MARCH 30, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
JOHN CLIMACUS, AUTHOR OF “THE LADDER”
NEW HIEROMARTYR ZACHARIAH, METROPOLITAN OF CORINTH;
SOPHRONIOS, BISHOP OF IRKUTSK

On March 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the New Hieromartyr Zachariah, metropolitan of Corinth; and Sophronios, bishop of Irkutsk.

On this same day, the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, we make remembrance of our godly father, John, the author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent* (or Climacus).

Verses

John, dead in the flesh and also living,
liveth eternally, even though appearing dead and without breath.
Leaving letters, a ladder for the journey upwards,
he showeth forth his pursuit of the journey upwards.
On the thirtieth John departed rejoicing.

The celebration of his feast on this day arose from the custom prevalent in the honorable monasteries of starting Great Lent with the reading of his lessons. John describes the method of elevating the soul to God as ascending a ladder. He teaches those who seek salvation how to lay a firm foundation for struggles, how to detect and fight every passion, how to avoid demonic snares, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. John of the Ladder came to Mount Sinai at age 16 and remained there, first as a novice under obedience, then as a recluse, and finally as abbot until his eightieth year. One time, his disciple, Moses, fell asleep under the shade of a large stone. John, in prayer in his cell, saw that his disciple was in danger and prayed to God for him. Later, when Moses returned, he fell on his knees and gave thanks to his spiritual father for saving him from certain death. He related how, in a dream, he heard John calling him and he jumped up and, at that moment, the stone tumbled. Had he not jumped, the stone would have crushed him. John Climacus died on March 30, 606.

Through his intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

TODAY’S VARIABLE HYMNS:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS (TONE 8)

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (TONE 8)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord glory and honor.

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

(6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.” And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For people indeed swear by what is greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. So when God, being minded to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, He interposed it with an oath, that by two immutable things—in which it is impossible for God to lie—we might have a strong consolation, we, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope that is set before us; a hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entering into “that which is within the veil,” where Jesus entered as a Forerunner on our behalf, having become a High Priest “forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

THE GOSPEL

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK

(9:17-31)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And Jesus answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me.” And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And Jesus said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.”


ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God who is before all the ages; for he made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee.

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

- Sunday, March 9 through Saturday, March 15, use the readings for Week One.
- Sunday, March 16 through Saturday, March 22, use the readings for Week Two.
- Sunday, March 23 through Saturday, March 29, use the readings for Week Three.
- Sunday, March 30 through Saturday, April 5, use the readings for Week Four.
- Sunday, April 6 through Saturday, April 12, use the readings for Week Five.
- Sunday, April 13 through Saturday, April 19, use the readings for Week Six.
- Sunday, April 20 through Saturday, April 26, use the readings for Week Seven.
- Sunday, April 27 through Saturday, May 4, use the readings for Week Eight.
- Sunday, May 5 through Saturday, May 11, 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*	Week 2*	Week 3*	Week 4*	Week 5*	Week 6*	Week 7**	Week 8**	Unit 9**
	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 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.



Pilgrimage Through The Psalms

Hebrew/ Masoretic	Week 1*	Week 2*	Week 3*	Week 4*	Week 5*	Week 6*	Week 7**	Week 8**	Unit 9**
	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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