

# +St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 01, 2023**

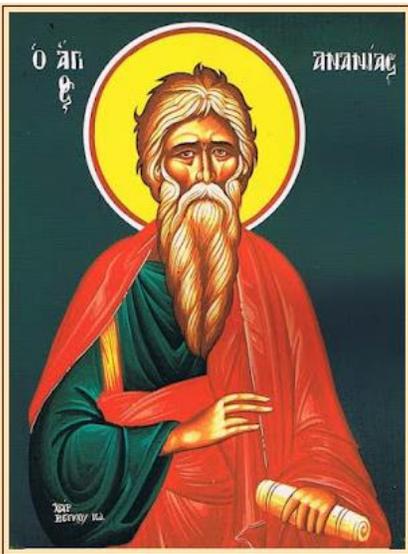
**TONE 8 / EOTHINON 6**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**& SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE**

APOSTLE ANANIAS OF THE SEVENTY, FIRST BISHOP OF DAMASCUS

& RIGHTEOUS FATHER ROMANOS THE MELODIST



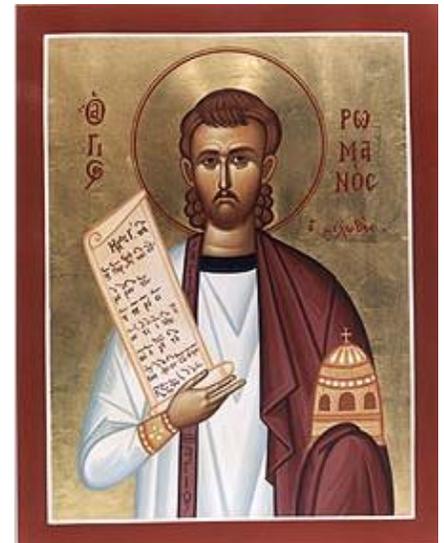
## Holy Apostle Ananias of the Seventy and Romanos the Melodist

On October 1 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Apostle Ananias of the Seventy, first bishop of Damascus.

“Ananias” is the Greek form of Hananiah, which is Hebrew for “Yahweh [God] is gracious.” In accordance with to God’s revelation (Acts 9:10-17), he baptized Saul (the Apostle Paul). Because of his courageous preaching of the Gospel, Ananias was stoned to death in the town of Eleutheropolis. His holy relics were taken to Damascus and later to Constantinople. Ananias’ famous house still exists today, located about one mile from the Cathedral of the Dormition of the Theotokos (al-Mariamiyeh) and the headquarters of the Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch in Damascus, Syria. The house is now the Chapel of Saint

Ananias, located on the “Street Called Straight,” resting 16 feet below ground at the level of the Roman street in the first century.

On this day, we also commemorate our Righteous Father Romanos the Melodist, born in Homs (Emesa), Syria. He was, at first, a deacon in Beirut, and later served in the cathedral of Constantinople in the time of Patriarch Euthymios (490-504). Romanos was not well educated and was untrained in chanting, for which the more educated clergy ridiculed him. Romanos tearfully prayed to the Most-holy Theotokos, and she appeared to him in a dream, gave him a scroll, and told him to swallow it. The following day was the Feast of the Christ’s Nativity. Romanos took his place as a chanter at the ambo, and with an angelic voice sang the hymn “Today the Virgin,” the Kontakion of the Feast. All were amazed at both the content of this hymn and at the magnificent singing of the chanter. Having received the poetic gift from the Theotokos, Romanos composed over one thousand Kontakia. He joined the angelic choirs in the year 555.



## THE EPISTLE

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.*

*God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)**

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

### **الرسالة**

**صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا.**

**اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي أَرْضِ يَهُوذَا. إِسْمُهُ عَظِيمٌ فِي إِسْرَائِيلِ.**

**فَصَلُّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى أَهْلِ كورنثوس.**

يا إِخْوَةَ، أَنْتُمْ هَيْكَلُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، كما قالَ اللهُ، "إِنِّي سَأَسْكُنُ فِيهِمْ، وَأَسِيرُ فِيهِمْ بَيْنَهُمْ، وَأَكُونُ لَهُمْ إِلَهًا وَهُمْ يَكُونُونَ لِي شَعْبًا. فَلِذَلِكَ أَخْرَجُوا مِنْ بَيْنِهِمْ وَاعْتَزَلُوا" يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ "وَلَا تَمَسُّوا نَجِسًا. فَأَقْبَلَكُمْ وَأَكُونُ لَكُمْ أَبًا وَتَكُونُوا أَنْتُمْ لِي بَنِينَ وَبَنَاتٍ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ الْقَدِيرُ. "وَإِذْ لَنَا هَذِهِ الْمَوَاعِدُ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحِبَّاءُ، فَلْنُطَهِّرْ أَنْفُسَنَا مِنْ كُلِّ أَدْنَسِ الْجَسَدِ وَالرُّوحِ، وَنُكَمِّلِ الْقَدَاسَةَ بِمَخَافَةِ اللَّهِ.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)**

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

### **الإنجيل**

**فَصَلُّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.**

قالَ الرَّبُّ: كما تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَفْعَلَ النَّاسُ بِكُمْ، كَذَلِكَ افْعَلُوا أَنْتُمْ بِهِمْ. فَإِنَّكُمْ إِنْ أَحْبَبْتُمْ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَكُمْ، فَأَيُّ مَنَّةٍ لَكُمْ؟ فَإِنَّ الْخَطَاةَ أَيْضًا يُحِبُّونَ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَهُمْ. وَإِذَا أَحْسَنْتُمْ إِلَى الَّذِينَ يُحْسِنُونَ إِلَيْكُمْ، فَأَيُّ مَنَّةٍ لَكُمْ؟ فَإِنَّ الْخَطَاةَ أَيْضًا هَكَذَا يَصْنَعُونَ. وَإِنْ أَقْرَضْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تَرْجُونَ أَنْ تَسْتَوْفُوا مِنْهُمْ، فَأَيُّ مَنَّةٍ لَكُمْ؟ فَإِنَّ الْخَطَاةَ أَيْضًا يُقْرَضُونَ الْخَطَاةَ لِكَيْ يَسْتَوْفُوا مِنْهُمْ الْمِثْلَ. وَلَكِنْ، أَحِبُّوا أَعْدَاءَكُمْ، وَأَحْسِنُوا وَأَقْرَضُوا غَيْرَ مُؤَمِّلِينَ شَيْئًا، فَيَكُونَ أَجْرُكُمْ كَثِيرًا، وَتَكُونُوا بَنِي الْعَلِيِّ. فَإِنَّهُ مُنْعِمٌ عَلَى غَيْرِ الشَّاكِرِينَ وَالْأَشْرَارِ. فَكُونُوا رُحَمَاءَ كما أَنَّ أَبَاكُمْ هُوَ رَحِيمٌ.

## **Love Your Neighbor**

### **October – (Youth Month) SOYO Special Olympics**

This ministry is sponsored by the North American Council of Teen SOYO and is the second longest running program of Special Olympics Pennsylvania, serving over 340 Special Olympics athletes, coaches, and staff each season. It is the premier SOYO outreach program, now in its 38th year of service. Each year SOYO teens raise the funds on Special Olympics Awareness Day.

### **Upcoming Events**

<b>Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7pm</b>	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting (see flyer)
<b>October 13-15</b>	Fall Gathering at Saint James Church in Modesto (see flyer)
<b>October 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Ikaros Fundraiser (see flyer)
<b>October 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Family movie night (see flyer)
<b>October 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	40 days memorial service for the servant of God Michael Jeha offered by his parents, Ron and Ruth Jeha and family. May his memory be eternal!
<b>November 5<sup>th</sup></b>	IOCC Food & Wine Tour (see flyer)
<b>November 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Jack's Diner Dine and Donate (see flyer)
<b>December 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Christmas Cars Event (see flyer)
<b>Every Sunday at 7pm</b>	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting (see flyer)

### **Coffee Hours**

<b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Sponsor Needed
<b>October 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Sponsor Needed

### **Holy Oblations**

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, George Messih** and **Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola**. Many years!
- † Ron and Ruth Jeha in memory of **Michael Jeha**. May his memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Haseeb Keileh**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Ghassan** and **Vivian Sruji**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **John Atallah**. May his memory be eternal!
- † Rocky and Nada Dudum in memory **Helen Salameh** (Nada's sister). May her memory be eternal!

### **Candles for the altar table and in front of the icons of Christ and the Theotokos offered by:**

- † Ibrahim Fasheh in memory of Hanada Fasheh for one full year. May her memory be eternal!



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- † Altar Servers: Nathan Sweis, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin, James Dudum, John Dudum, David Evans, Evan Kawar and Mason Kawar

**St. John Orthodox Church**  
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**Orinda, CA 94563**

You could use this QR code for your donation



IT'S TIME TO POP THE CORN!

# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

October 21, 2023 check-in 5pm  
movie will start promptly at 6:30pm  
Bring your snacks, blankets & chairs  
to come enjoy a movie outside.

FREE for everyone!

Featured movie: Encanto

Popcorn will be provided

Please let Irene Guajardo know

if you are planning on joining

[iyrini.nino@gmail.com](mailto:iyrini.nino@gmail.com)



**Fellowship Hall Progress!**



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## St. John's Fundraiser

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11 am to 9:00 pm

Mention St. John's or present flier and we will donate  
25% of your purchase



Reserve your table at  
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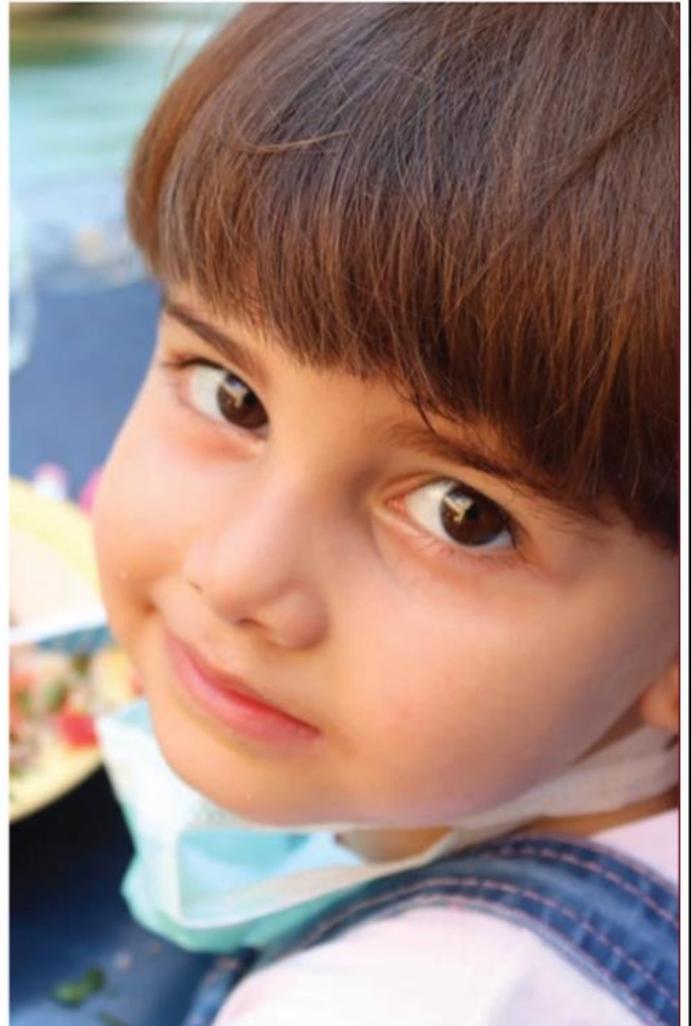
# IOCC FOOD & WINE TOUR

HOSTED BY THE IOCC METROPOLITAN  
COMMITTEE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
AND THE GREEK ORTHODOX  
CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 ~ 4:00-7:00PM

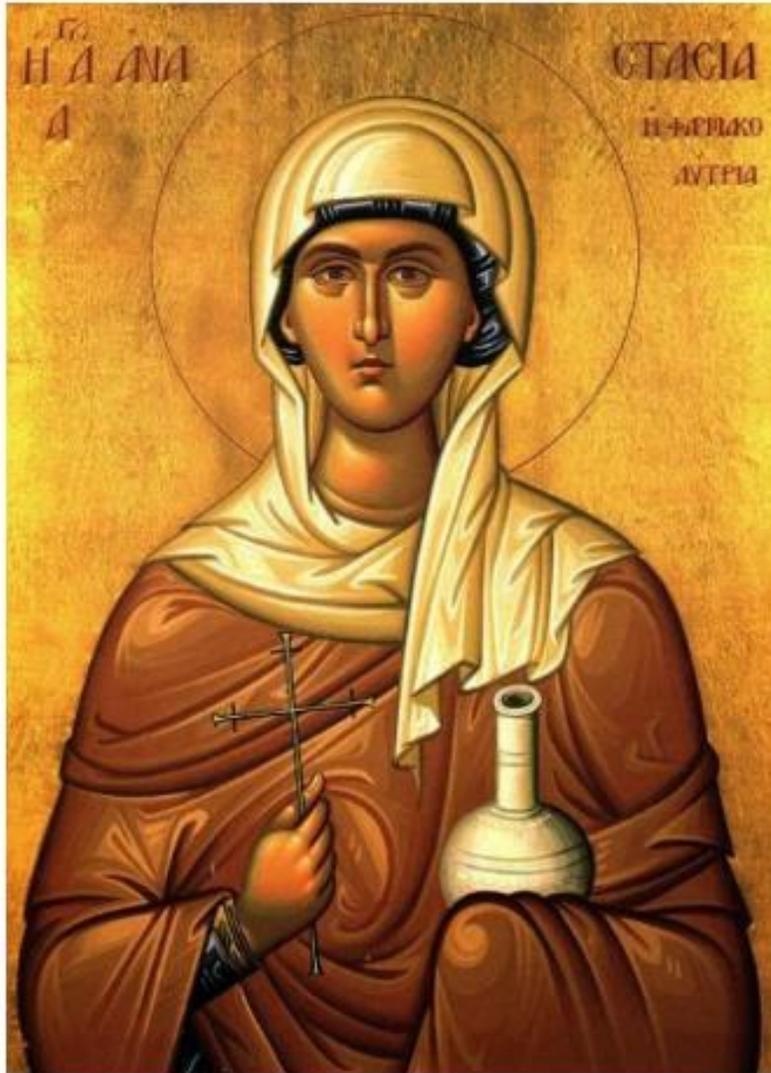
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& wine pours from around the world,  
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the Orthodox chanting group, Eikona.

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# St. Anastasia's Fellowship

**A 12-Step Fellowship for Orthodox Christians seeking recovery from alcoholism and addiction in its many forms**



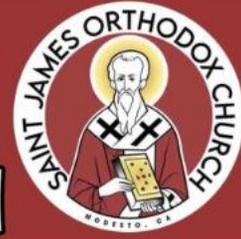
**Every Sunday @ 7pm**

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**Contact Joseph: (310) 227-9848**

# 2023 FALL AT GATHERING



## Event Registration

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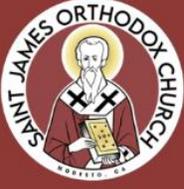
To register online, click the button below and complete the registration via Event Brite

[Register Online](#)

### Register By Email

Download the form. After completing the registration form email a picture or scan to [office@saintjamesmodesto.org](mailto:office@saintjamesmodesto.org).

[Download Form](#)



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## Hotel Registration

Ask for the Saint James Room Rate to take advantage of the discounted pricing for Friday and Saturday nights.

Singlebed: \$124 + tax

Double bed 131 + tax

Make your reservation by following the link below or calling the hotel directly.

\*Please reserve your hotel room by September 27th for the discounted rate. The hotel is a 6-mile distance from the church.

[Reserve Your Hotel Here](#)

**October 13-15**  
**Antiochian Diocese of LA &  
The West**  
**Fall Gathering 2023**

With the blessing of his Eminence Metropolitan Saba, the 2023 Fall Gathering will be hosted by Saint James Antiochian Orthodox Church of Modesto.

Please go to <https://saintjamesmodesto.org/fall-gathering-2023/> to register (Clicking on the "Register Online" button on this ad will not do anything)

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AFTER LITURGY

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TO PASS TO ALL  
THE KIDS

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