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**TONE 1 / EOTHINON 7; EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE**

RIGHTEOUS MOTHER PELAGIA THE PENITENT OF ANTIOCH

MARYTR PELAGIA THE VIRGIN OF ANTIOCH; VENERABLE THAÏS OF EGYPT



Righteous Mother Pelagia of Antioch

On October 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Righteous Mother Pelagia the Penitent of Antioch, the former courtesan.

She was born to pagan parents in Antioch. Pelagia used her beauty to become wealthy, but to the destruction of her own soul and those of others. Once, while walking past the Church of the Holy Martyr Julian, in which Bishop Nonnus was preaching, she stopped in and heard a sermon on the Dread Judgment and the punishment of sinners. Those words so shook her and changed her that she immediately felt revulsion for herself, acquired true fear of God, repented of all her sins and fell down before St. Nonnus with the plea that he baptize her, which he did. Pelagia was keenly aware of the multitude of her sins and decided on a great ascetic labor. She left her enormous, sinfully gained wealth to the poor, and secretly went to Jerusalem as the monk Pelagius. There, she shut

herself up in a cell on the Mount of Olives, and began the difficult asceticism of fasting, prayer and all-night vigils. Pelagia entered into rest in 461. Thus, this formerly terrible sinner pleased God by her repentance and labor, was forgiven of her sins, and became sanctified.

THE EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let each one do according to what he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you; that you, having always all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever"; now He, who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in all things for every generosity, which works through us thanksgiving to God.

الرسالة

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا.

ابْتَهَجُوا أَيُّهَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الثانية إلى أهل كورنثوس.

يا إخوة، إن من يزرع شحيحاً، فشحيحاً أيضاً يحصد؛ ومن يزرع بالبركات، فبالبركات أيضاً يحصد. كل واحد كما نوى في قلبه، لا عن ابتئاسٍ أو اضطرارٍ. فإن الله يحبُّ المُعْطِي المُنْهَلِّ. والله قادرٌ أن يزيدكم كلَّ نعمةٍ، حتى تكون لكم كلُّ كفايةٍ، كلَّ حينٍ، في كلِّ شيءٍ، فتزدادوا في كلِّ عملٍ صالحٍ. كما كتبتُ إنه بدد، أعطى المساكين، فبره يوم إلى الأبد. "والذي يرزق الزارع زرعاً وخبزاً للقوت، يرزقكم زرعكم ويكثره ويزيد غلال بركم. فتستغنون في كلِّ شيءٍ، لكلِّ سخاءٍ خالصٍ يُنشئُ شكراً لله.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

الإنجيل

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر.

في ذلك الزمان، كان يسوع منطلقاً إلى مدينة اسمها ناين، وكان كثيرون من تلاميذه وجمع غفير منطلقين معه. فلما قرب من باب المدينة، إذا ميتٌ محمولٌ، وهو ابنٌ وحيدٌ لأمه، وكانت أرملةً، وكان معها جمع كثير من المدينة. فلما رآها الرب، تحنن عليها وقال لها: "لا تبكي." ودنا، ولمس النعش فوق الحاملون. فقال: "أيها الشاب، لك أقول قم." فاستوى الميت، وبدأ يتكلم، فسلمه إلى أمه. فأخذ الجميع خوفً، ومجدوا الله قائلين: "لقد قام فينا نبي عظيم، وافتقد الله شعبه."

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.

Youth Month in our Archdiocese!!

October is here and we are about to start *Youth Month* across our Antiochian Archdiocese. During the month of October we give our teens more opportunities to serve in Church, including: Epistle reading, taking the collections, serving as ushers, and other additional activities in serving the parish community.

October is also a time for us, clergy and parishioners, to share our love and concern for the youth of our parish. Let us take a moment to thank a teenager for being present in Church. Thank them for their good works. Let them know that they are welcome and wanted in our parish!

Sun. October 1st

Epistle Reader: Sofia Simon
Sermonette: Lia Simon

Sun. October 8th:

Epistle Reader: Tania Jeha
Sermonette: Jonathan Jeha

Sun. October 15th:

Epistle reader: Evan Kawar

Sun. October 22nd:

Epistle Reader: Malak Khalileh

Sun. October 29th:

Epistle Reader: TBD

Ushers/ Tray Passers: Sofia Simon



Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 8th, at 7pm	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting (see flyer)
October 13-15	Fall Gathering at Saint James Church in Modesto (see flyer)
October 19th	Ikaros Fundraiser (see flyer)
October 21st	Family movie night (see flyer)
October 22nd	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!
November 5th	IOCC Food & Wine Tour (see flyer)
November 14th	Jack's Diner Dine and Donate (see flyer)
December 3rd	Christmas Cars Event (see flyer)
Every Sunday at 7pm	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting (see flyer)

Coffee Hours

October 8th	Post-Festival Parish Luncheon immediately following Liturgy
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Memorial Services

Sunday, November 12: 40 days memorial for the servant of God John Atallah, by the Atallah families. May his memory be eternal!

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

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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



Fellowship Hall Progress!



IKAROS

3268 Grand Avenue Oakland, CA 94610
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(510) 899-4400

St. John's Fundraiser

Thursday, October 19, 2023
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
www.ikarosgr.com/reservations

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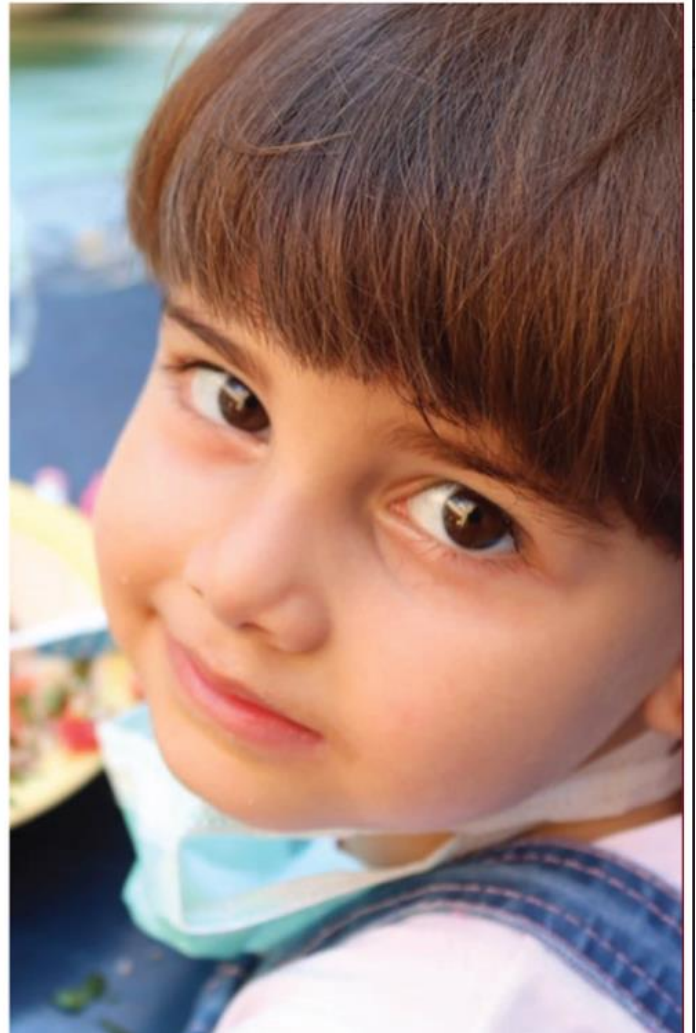
IOCC FOOD & WINE TOUR

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

Come experience a tasting menu
& wine pours from around the world,
plus a live performance from
the Orthodox chanting group, Eikona.

Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross
900 Alameda | Belmont, CA 94002



St. Anastasia's Fellowship

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



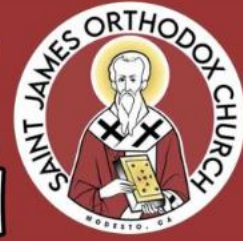
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2023 FALL AT GATHERING



Event Registration

Register Online

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.

[Download Form](#)



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WYNHAM RESORTS
(209) 543-9000**

4100 SALIDA BOULEVARD, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA 95358

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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SUNDAY

DECEMBER
AFTER LITURGY

BRING A TREAT
TO PASS TO ALL
THE KIDS

TO PARTICIPATE
PLEASE CONTACT:
RANIA KASHOU

