

## TABLE OF OBLATION

Along with the Holy Table, there are two other tables in the Holy Place. The table to the left of the Holy Table (under the icon of the Holy Trinity in our temple) is called the Table of Prothesis ("placing before/offering"), Table of Proskomedia ("offering") or Table of Offering/Oblation in English. Let's call it the Table of Oblation ("offering" a sacrifice to God in this context) for simplicity's sake. This was originally a whole separate room attached to the temple. The faithful would bring the bread they would bake as an oblation for the Divine Liturgy. The deacon would then choose the most perfect loaf or loaves (5 in our Slavic tradition) and these would be used for the Divine Liturgy. This Table of Oblation is now where the priest and deacon prepare the bread and wine (with prayers, cuts and pours) to be carried to the Holy Table during the Great Entrance, and then changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

## PRECIOUS SHELTER & ST NICHOLAS 2023

This year as part of our celebration of St. Nicholas Day, we will bring gifts for the residents of the Precious Life Shelter in Los Alamitos which provides housing and support for mothers in crisis pregnancies.

Everyone is invited to take an angel from the Tetrapod and bring the gift listed by December 4, the day of our St. Nicholas Day celebration. Here is a link to the page of the Precious Life Shelter <https://www.precious-lifeshelter.org/our-program> that describes what they offer. The first several lines give a brief overview of the purpose of the shelter to let you know what you are donating for.

Please leave the gifts unwrapped at the base of the Icon of St. Nicholas at the Icon Screen.

	Up Coming Events Mark your Calendar
Sun Dec 4	<b>Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion St Nicholas Celebration</b> 10am Liturgy
Tue Dec 6	<b>St Nicholas of Myra Solemn Holy Day</b> 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Thu Dec 8	<b>Maternity of the Holy Anna Solemn Holy Day</b> 9:30 pm Divine Liturgy
Mon Dec 12	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Sat Dec 24	 <b>Vigil for Christmas</b> 6:30 pm Great Compline with the blessing of the loaves, wheat, wine & Oil
Sun Dec 25	<b>The Birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ</b> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great
Mon Dec 26	<b>The Synaxis of the Theotokos</b> Solemn Holy Day 9:30 pm Divine Liturgy
Tues Dec 27	<b>St Stephen the Protomartyr</b> Simple Holy Day 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

## Saint Nicholas of Myra

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25th Sunday after Pentecost

TONE 8

November 27, 2022

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**From Fr Stephen:** Please welcome Deacon Greg Gath to our parish this morning. He will provide the Sacred Body and Blood of our Lord in Holy Communion. He travels from Long Beach to lead you in sanctifying Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord.

**Father James Lane** is in Loma Linda Hospital fighting a serious infection. We kindly ask you NOT to visit him. He is in need of your prayers and candles. No Daily Liturgies are scheduled for this week. Last week's intention will be scheduled at a latter date when Fr James is able. Thank you for your cooperation and care for our priests and for our Parish.

**ST NICHOLAS PARISH FEAST DAY-SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH.**  
**Potluck—see Maria and Marci**

### DIVINE LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS

#### PEOPLE'S BOOK FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY

- <https://mci.archpitt.org/servicebooks/DivineLiturgies.pdf>

- **THIRD HOUR BOOK**

- [https://mci.archpitt.org/sheetmusic/general/Third\\_Hour.pdf](https://mci.archpitt.org/sheetmusic/general/Third_Hour.pdf)

**VESPER BOOK** - <https://mci.archpitt.org/servicebooks/Vespers.pdf>

**U-TUBE SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY** our Maria has set up the u-tube for live streaming for the 10am Sunday Liturgy. Be sure to tell your friends. The address is:

[youtube.com/@stnicholasofmyra](https://youtube.com/@stnicholasofmyra)

**26 SATURDAY Canceled**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY**

Sirach 18:1–14, and Isaiah 29:13–24

**27 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, TONE 8, p. 16**

9:00 am Confession available behind the Altar

9:40 am The Third Hour

10:00 am Typica Service—Services with Deacon Greg Gath (from Long Beach) with Holy Communion.

**28 Monday Venerable Martyr Stephen, p. 387**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**29 Tuesday Martyrs Paramon & Philemon, p. 381**

No Liturgy Scheduled



**At Annunciation Anaheim**

**FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +MARY WASHKO**

**(Fr Stephen's Mother)**

**30 Wednesday Vigil**

5:00 pm Visitation

7:30 pm The Great Parastas

**1 Thursday**

8:00 am Visitation

10:00 am Office of Christian Burial

Luncheon in Parish Hall

Internment Services—Detroit, Michigan



**2 Friday No Morning Liturgy**

**3 SATURDAY Holy Prophet Zephaniah, p. 366**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY**

Numbers 12:1–15; 2 Kings 5:1–19

**4 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST TONE 1, P. 125**

9:00 am Confession available behind the Altar

9:40 am The Third Hour

10:00 am Divine Liturgy for our parish family and friends

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:** We join with the Saints in heaven to pray for those in need. Request Prayers: [abc-c72069@gmail.com](mailto:abc-c72069@gmail.com)

Special Intentions: Fr James Lane, Pat Mathis, Enedina Lopez, Lora Carson Lopez, Sophia Gaydus, Victor & Patricia Olmos Family, John Phillips, Sylvia Flambures, Martha Yniquez, Gloria Brissette, Paul Basay, Margaret Geluso, Edward Lopez, Lupe Nevaré, Beatriz Perez, for RAIN/SNOW, for the people of Ukraine.

Although he demonstrated an appalling lack of compassion, the synagogue leader, strictly speaking, cannot be blamed for being loyal to what he saw as God's law. There is virtue in being willing to fight to uphold God's commands. The ruler was troubled that, in healing the woman, Jesus had violated the Mishana, a code of intricate man-made regulations designed to guide the people in obeying God's commandments. It specifies, for example, thirty-nine categories of work which are forbidden on the Sabbath.

For the sake of these man-made rules, the synagogue ruler rejected both Jesus and his teachings. He not only missed out on what God wanted to do for him, but came into open conflict with the work of God in members of his synagogue. This man's choice and his basic conflict seem very clear as we read about them in Luke's Gospel: Here was a man so blinded by human standards that he prevented Jesus from working fully in his life. His problem is clear to us, yet the choices we face in our own lives can seem so clouded and complex.

For example, the Lord may be calling a person to give up long-held resentment and be reconciled to close family relative. The human standard that his had never been done in the family could prevent the person from being made right with the relative. Or suppose another person was beginning to hunger for more time read the Bible. Thoughts like: "That's not part of my tradition," or "My family will scoff at me." Could keep the person from receiving the peace and wisdom the Lord wants to give through such reading. What if the Lord inspired a married couple to ask another couple to pray with them weekly? Might not thoughts that people of their kind do not do such things, or that such activities are only for "religious" people hinder the work that God wanted to do in their lives?

May the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds to see clearly the decisions we face each day. Let us be open to his leading and desire him to work more deeply in us. Pray that God will enable us to set aside human standards so that we may receive God's blessing in its fullness.

**TABLE OF SERVICE**

Along with the Holy Table and the Table of Oblation, inside the altar areas is the Table of Service, in Greek, the diakonikon. This table stands to the right of the Holy Table and opposite the Table of Oblation. In the early church this was its own room or apse, and today most churches have what we call a sacristy that serves the same purpose. It holds vestments, books and other items needed for worship. Above this table is an icon that depicts service or sacrifice in the spirit of the Eucharist. Examples of icons found here are "ultimate humility" ( Christ dead and in the tomb), the sacrifice of Isaac (Gen. 22), the Holy Trinity/Hospitality of Abraham (Gen. 18), Melchisedek (Gen. 14) or The Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. You will see similar images, or additionally the Nativity of Our Lord (commemorated during the proskomedia rite) over the Table of Oblation on the other side of the altar area.

**THE HEALING OF THE WOMAN ON A SABBATH**