

St. Nicholas Newsletter November 2024

Entrance of the Virgin Mary in the Temple



Celebrations

God grant you many years!

Birthdays

Sean Scarce – Nov 1 Angelic Nevill – Nov 13
Azalea Deschler – Nov 2 Tina Rieger – Nov 15
Rebekah Fuller – Nov 4 Judah Strickland – Nov 17
Talitha Lourie – Nov 11 Rebekah Fenner – Nov 18
Alaina Yurchak – Nov 11 Terry Keesee – Nov 25

Namedays

Talitha Lourie (St. Theodota) – Nov 1
Gabriel Carender (Archangel Gabriel) – Nov 8
Michael Baclig (Archangel Michael) – Nov 8
Michael Kolokithas (Archangel Michael) – Nov 8
Michael Kravaris (Archangel Michael) – Nov 8
Cory Troy (Archangel Michael) – Nov 8
Derek Waters (Archangel Michael) – Nov 8
Jeff Jenkins (Archangel Raphael) – Nov 8
Raphael Nelson (Archangel Raphael) – Nov 8
Mackenzie Goff (Archangel Uriel) – Nov 8
Manoj Virippil (Evangelist Matthew) – Nov 16
Katie Baclig (St. Katherine) – Nov 25
Katherine Fuller (St. Katherine) – Nov 25
Kate Salem (St. Katherine) – Nov 25
Andrew Baclig (Apostle Andrew) – Nov 30

2024 Stewardship & Membership Form

Please prayerfully consider what you are willing and able to financially contribute to the operation and functioning of our growing parish community to support its various ministries and services. This is an annual responsibility of everyone in our parish!

Access the print or online form by clicking the image below.



St. Sebastian

of San Francisco and Jackson

November 30th

Born John Dabovich (Jovan Dabović) in San Francisco, California on June 21, 1863, to Serbian immigrant parents from Sassovae, Serbia, Archimandrite Sebastian grew up with the church in San Francisco where his parents operated a store. After finishing high school he served his parish as a reader and teacher.

In 1884, he was assigned to assist at St. Michael's Cathedral in Sitka, Alaska before he was sent to Russia to prepare for a life as a missionary priest. After three years of study at the St. Petersburg and Kiev Theological Academies, John was tonsured a monk in 1887 with the name Sebastian and ordained a deacon. Following his ordination, Dn. Sebastian returned to San Francisco where he served as deacon at the San Francisco cathedral. He also taught at the pastoral school in San Francisco.

On August 16, 1892, Dn. Sebastian was ordained a priest by Bishop Nicholas. He was soon sent to Minneapolis, Minnesota to replace Fr. Alexis Toth as the priest of St. Mary's Church there. While there he also taught at the Missionary School. After a year, Fr. Sebastian returned to San Francisco where he organized the first Serbian Orthodox Church, dedicated to St. Sava, in Jackson, California. Additionally, Fr. Sebastian was also asked by Bishop Tikhon to be a member of the North American Mission administration. Additionally, he was a legitimate force in helping organize the Orthodox Christians – particularly in the Pacific Northwest of the United States, though his missionary work brought him as far south as Arizona – into communities that were capable of supporting churches. Some of the places where he did this include Seattle (the future St. Spiridon Cathedral), where he even served as a temporary priest before Fr. Ambrose Vretta's arrival in November of 1895, Wilkenson, Washington, Portland, Oregon, and Butte, Montana (the future Holy Trinity Church). In 1902, he continued his missionary activities, returning to





Alaska as dean of the Sitka deanery. While he was in Alaska, he helped establish St. Sava Church in Douglas.

As more Serbians emigrated to the United States, Abp. Tikhon asked Fr. Sebastian to lead a Serbian Mission in the North American diocese. With his appointment to head the mission, Abp. Tikhon elevated Fr. Sebastian to archimandrite on August 15, 1905. For the next five years Archim. Sebastian led the Serbian Mission from its center at the Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Church in Chicago, Illinois, where he was the parish priest.

In 1910, Fr. Sebastian asked for a release from the Serbian mission so that he could return to missionary work. Then in 1913, he joined the faculty of the newly opened St. Platon Seminary in Tenafly, New Jersey. Shortly thereafter feeling a call to service the church in his ancestral Serbia, Fr. Sebastian asked for a release from the American Mission. He went on to serve as a

chaplain in the Serbian army in the Balkan Wars and World War I. Other than for brief visits to the United States in 1915 and 1917, Fr. Sebastian spent the rest of his life serving the Church of Yugoslavia.

Archim. Sebastian reposed in Yugoslavia on November 30, 1940, and was buried at the Monastery of Zicha. In 2007, his remains were disinterred and brought back to the cemetery at St. Sava Church in Jackson, California for reburial.





Hierarchical Visit of Bishop Nicholas

We will offer a full schedule of services, activities, discussions, and meals as we welcome His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS of Miami and the Southeast (our diocesan hierarch) to our parish community. Details TBA.

Save the Date
November 15-17



*Sign-up for our Parish Potluck on Sunday, November 17;
visit sign-up genius below:*



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Sponsorships available (including 2 Banquet tickets and reserved seating); purchase electronically (via PayPal)

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

SILENT AUCTION

AXIOS BAND

ST. NICHOLAS

PATRONAL BANQUET

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

12:00 - 4:00PM

HILTON GARDEN INN
IN FAYETTEVILLE

TICKET PRICING:
\$60 ADULTS
\$20 CHILDREN
FREE - UNDER 5

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:
INCLUDES 2 BANQUET TICKETS
& RESERVED SEATING

Join us for our annual Fundraising Banquet celebrating the Patronal Feast of St. Nicholas on **Sunday, December 8** after Divine Liturgy.

Banquet entertainment provided by Steve Kolokithas and the Axios Band. Our parish children will perform their Christmas Play.

We will have a fun and competitive Silent Auction; contact Angelic Nevill (anevill92@gmail.com) to donate.

Come celebrate with us! Any questions or to volunteer, please contact Olivia Rhodes (therhodes17@gmail.com).

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Ministry & Organizational Leaders,

If there is any announcement or advertisement that you would like published in the St. Nicholas Newsletter, please contact Brea Hale. brehale00@gmail.com

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