



The Message of Light



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A Weekly Newsletter

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Noursat on the Footsteps of the Oriental Churches in the World

St. Nicholas Antiochian, Orthodox Cathedral Los Angeles

St. Nicholas Cathedral is the seat of the **Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of Los Angeles and all the West** headed by **Bishop Joseph Zehlawy**. It is led by the renowned theologian and linguist, the **Great Economos Fr. Michel Najm**, who is aided by a group of clergy.

In June 1943, **St. Nicholas Orthodox Society** was organized; its purpose, to go forward with the plans to build **St Nicholas Church**. **Paul Williams** was selected as the architect, and the cornerstone was laid in 1948 with many in attendance.

After years of hope and frustration, the Community dream came true as the Church was completed in 1950. The Church was now ready to begin serving about 350 Orthodox families. The dedication ceremony was performed by **Metropolitan Anthony Bashir, Archbishop of New York and all North America**.

St. Nicholas was also the first Church to be designated a "Cathedral" after the establishment of the Mother Cathedral in **New York** in the last fifty years. Today, **St. Nicholas** is one of the most impressive Orthodox Cathedrals in **Los Angeles** and the states around. The mosaics were especially made in **Florence, Italy** and dated from 500 years.

In addition, the **St. George Chapel**, with a separate Baptistery, a Church Hall, an Orthodox Youth Camp and a complete Church School Library, audiovisual centers for the children education, were added to the Cathedral.

Noursat visited the Cathedral, filmed an exclusive documentary and the Divine Liturgy that will be broadcast on Sunday August 30th at:

9.00– 6.00 GMT– 2.00 EST
1.00– 2.00 GMT– 18.00 EST



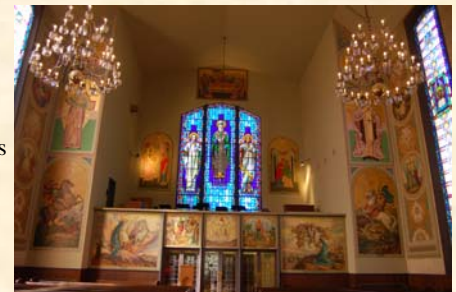
Metropolitan Philip Saliba and Bishop Joseph Zehlawy.



Tele Lumiere filming the cathedral

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For more information about Saint Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral, visit the following website:
www.stnicholasla.com

St Nicholas parishioners



Highlighted programs of the week

Friday August 21



18.00 - 15.00 GMT

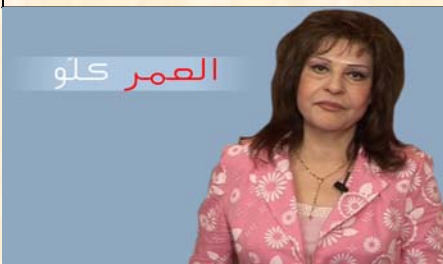
Dependence is mostly due to psychological disorders. How can we deal with it? Learn more in this episode with psychologists.



Last April, a powerful earthquake struck the city of **L'Aquila, Italy**. **Tele Lumiere** visited it and witnessed the huge consequences of this natural disaster. Learn more in this documentary with **Fr. Roukoz Abou Zeid** and **Catherine Moussa**.

The Festival on the occasion of the Emigrants Feast
20.30- 17.30 GMT

On this occasion, we present a concert with the artist **Sami Clark**, his 2 sons and the Lebanese Army band, at **Dhour Chweir**.



22.00 - 19.00 GMT

He excelled in the plastic arts and received international and local awards. Join **May Mansour** and her guest the artist **Joseph Khoury** in this distinctive episode.

Saturday August 22



12.15 - 9.15 GMT

Scouts are an ecclesial active movement of youth and teach us the way of making sacrifices and being loyal to the truth. Join **Fr. Youssef Achkar** in this new episode about "the Church and Scouts".

What a beautiful Lebanon!
18.00- 15.00 GMT

Himlaya, the hometown of **Saint Rafqa** hosts a festival that was concluded by the Divine Liturgy celebrated by Bishop **Youssef Bechara** on **St Rafqa's Hill**. With **May Mansour**.

Mary's Apparitions in the World
18.45- 15.45 GMT



Since 500 years, the **Virgin Mary** is still appearing all over the world, including **France, Sicily, Italy** and **Medugorje**.. Join **Charbel Zwein** in a new documentary about these apparitions.



19.30 - 16.30 GMT

Visit the **Museum of Basbous Sculptors in Rachana** that includes the 3 brothers: **Michel, Alfred** and **Youssef Basbous**. They made their way and prepared their children for this domain of arts and sculpture. With **Leila Basbous Souaiby**

Sunday August 23



9.00 - 6.00 GMT- 2.00 EST

Pray with **Las Vegas** parishioners in a mass broadcast from **St Sharbel Church** and celebrated by **Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid**, in addition to **Fr. Youssef** and **Nabil Mowannes**.

A Festival of Zajal
16.00- 13.00 GMT

Enjoy this zajal ceremony including wonderful traditional poems with **Khalil Roukoz Choir** from **St Elias Church's square, Kaakour**.



20.30 - 17.30 GMT LIVE

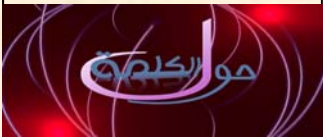
With these unfair laws threatening the Coptic presence, **Charbel Zwein** tackles the **Copts' challenges in Egypt**, with the Judge **Sheikh Yehya Rafei** and the Copts' representative in the Lebanese Christian Association **Mr. Edmond Rizk**.

Saint Abda Concert
22.30- 19.30 GMT



On his feast, **Nicholas Osta** and the maestro **Milan Abou Jaoude** present wonderful hymns in a concert from **Saint Abda Church, Jal Dib**.

Monday August 24



19.00 – 16.00 GMT

This episode reveals Abraham, a personality from the **Old Testament** and whose name means the father whenever and forever.

With **Fr. Joseph Naffaa** and **Marie-Therese Hnein**.

Clara, the Plant of Francis
19.30– 16.30 GMT

The **Clarist Sisters** have arrived at **Lebanon** since about 50 years. **Msgr. Louis Helou** received them at that time and witnessed the foundation conditions. With the **Capuchin Fr. Tony Haddad**.



20.30 – 17.30 GMT
LIVE

The financial shortage influences the budget. What about the privatization, the role of the emigrants in supporting the Lebanese economy and the importance of the rural development projects?

With **Khalil Sassy** and his guest the former minister **Demianos Kattar**.

The Bells of Peace
22.00– 19.00 GMT

A documentary highlights the history, the role of **Christians in Iraq** and the enriching diversity in this country encompassing **Chaldean, Assyrian, Syriac, and Latin** people.

Tuesday August 25



19.00 – 16.00 GMT

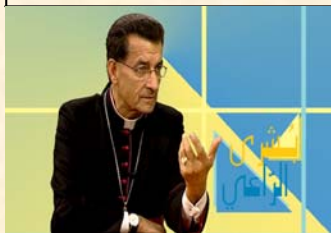
Learn more about fats: their kinds, advantages and disadvantages.

With **Eliane Moawad** who gives you advice for a healthy diet.



19.30 – 16.30 GMT

Dr. George Labaky hosts **Professor George Tarabay**, the president of the Cultural Centers in Lebanon to tell us about his faith in **Jesus** and his writings about Him.



20.30 - 17.30 GMT

Bishop Bechara Raï highlights the **Teaching of Jesus** and meditates each week upon the Word of God.

The Religious Tourism in Lebanon

21.30– 18.30 GMT

An exclusive episode highlights the real situation of the religious tourism in Lebanon. **Fr. Michel Lyan** and the minister **Elie Marouny** emphasize the cooperation between the **Ministry of Tourism** and the **Pilgrimage Association of the Religious Tourism in Lebanon**.

With **Sally Khoury**.

Wednesday August 26

Love and do whatever you want
16.00- 13.00 GMT
LIVE

According to **St Augustine**, love makes wonders and gathers people despite their differences. Join **Rita Audi (Allo Rita)** and **Marwan Akoury (Nour Shabab team)** in St Augustine Festivals "**Faith and Light**" from his seminary in **Ka-fra- Beit Mery**.

Pictures from the Christian Heritage
19.00– 16.00 GMT

This episode shows "**Mary**" the old capital of **Syria** that encompasses monuments that are 1500 years old B. C., and drawings embodying the **Christian Heritage**.



20.30 – 17.30 GMT
LIVE

If one of the spouses has the custody of the children due to hard conditions such as divorce, separation or death, children suffered because they are deprived of the tenderness and attention of a mother or a father. **What are the repercussions on children?** With **Roula Elia**.

Missionaries

23.30– 20.30 GMT

A documentary highlights the seminary of **St Anthony of Padua** in **Karm-sadda, Zgharta** since its beginning. It includes an interview with the **Antonine Priest Maroun Abi Nader**, the superior of the seminary.

Thursday August 27

Nobel Awards of Peace
10.00– 7.00 GMT

Meet every day an international figure that achieved great success and deserved appreciation.



20.30 – 17.30 GMT
LIVE

Fr. Marwan Khoury and **Therese Hajj** tackle deeply **God's promises to the human being that are everlasting** whatever are the conditions.

Paolo Di Tarzo al Mondo

22.00– 19.00 GMT

Visit the areas in which **Paul** preached about **Jesus-Christ** from **Thessalonica, to Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus**.



22.30 – 19.30 GMT

Marriage is a holy sacrament. **Treason** is a deadly sin that kills the spirit and the sacred relation. What are the causes of the conjugal treason and the youth tendency to have relationships outside marriage?

The Mother of God
23.00– 20.00 GMT

A Marian religious concert with **Mount of Lebanon Orthodox Choir** led by the maestro **Joseph Yazbek** from **Our Lady of Annunciation Church, Broumana**. **Fr. Athanasius Shehwan** will explain some icons.

Soon on Tele Lumiere



Join Msgr. Mansour Labaky in a new program revealing Ars Priest, the patron of priests on the occasion of the Priesthood Year declared by Pope Benedict.

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From the Fire of the Pentecost To the Light of the Crucified

A program highlights the symbols and signs of the Holy Spirit and Its talents, the Crucified Light and the symbols of the Cross Feast.

Mass for the Army Martyrs

Sunday August 30th
11.00 - 8.00 GMT LIVE

Tele Lumiere is preparing a mass for the Lebanese Army martyrs of Nahr el Bared, in the attendance of a large audience including officials, religious leaders and the martyrs' parents from Our Lady of Lebanon Basilica, Harissaa



The square of Prague Palace

The Pope visiting the Czech Republic

Pope Benedict visits the Czech Republic from the 26th to the 28th of September. Tele Lumiere will follow each stop of the Pope's pilgrimage through documentaries filmed in Czech Republic with Marie-Therese Kreidy and Johnny Antoun.



Prague, the capital city of Czech Republic

Recommendations of the Middle East Council of Churches for Peace

The Christian- Islamic Youth Gathering "the Youth, Builders of Peace" was held in Cairo from the 5th- 9th of August, and organized by the Middle East Council of Churches within the framework of the Christian Islamic dialogue. 30 Egyptian, Syrian, Lebanese, and Jordanian youngsters participated in the gathering in addition to religious and secular figures who gave lectures about the mechanism of seeking peace and solving the conflicts through mutual initiatives. The participants issued a statement praising the serious role of the general secretary of the Middle East Council of Churches and its call to hold periodical complementary meetings. The statement mentioned notably:

- The important role of dialogue and adopting it as a culture of peace.
- Solving the conflicts with peaceful means and accepting others.
- Supporting the mutual initiatives in order to spread communication and the social solidarity.
- Finding new approaches and the suitable solutions for the divergent issues through strengthening the social justice.
- The youth commitment to the culture of peace and meeting with others

Finally, the statement condemns all aggressions against the Iraqi and Palestinian people and supports the fraternity and national partnership in Lebanon.

Our Young Friends

Saturday August 22nd

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16.00 - 13.00 GMT LIVE

Join Ziad Rahal each Saturday in a distinctive episode including:

- Receiving talented guests
- A word and a song
- From a country to another
- The hidden word in the squares
- A meditation upon Mary

Participate this week in a new issue "loving the enemies" and send your opinions on the following e-mail:

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