

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
TONE 5 / EOTHINON 3;
THE MIRACLE OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL
IN COLOSSAE

ARCHIPPOS OF HIERAPOLIS; MARTYRS EUDOXIOS, ZENO, ROMULUS AND
MAKARIOS AT MELITENE IN ARMENIA



St Simeon Orthodox Church

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VISITORS WELCOME

St. Simeon Orthodox Church welcomes you to our community this Sunday. Please join us at the coffee hour following Liturgy. The table with a **blue tablecloth** is reserved for visitors so that our clergy can meet and chat with you.

Please note that Orthodox Christians must prepare for Holy Communion through recent confession, prayer, and fasting and be at peace with everyone.

During the Little Entrance, chant the Resurrectional Apolytikion; then after the entrance, chant these hymns in order:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 5)

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him * that with the Father and Spirit is co-beginningless God, * Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; * for he was pleased to mount the Cross * in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. * And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

APOLYTIKION OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL (Tone 4)

Supreme Commander of the Hosts of the Heavens, * we, the unworthy, importune and beseech thee * that by thy supplications thou encircle us * in the shelter of the wings * of thine immaterial glory, * guarding us who now fall down * and cry to thee with fervor: * Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, * as the great Marshal of the heavenly hosts on high.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. SIMEON (Tone 1)

Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice, thou also, O righteous Elder, as thou receivest in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN
(Tone 4)

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

THE EPISTLE

Thou, O Lord, wilt keep and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:21-2:4)

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (22:2-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.’ But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the

king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

TRISAGION PRAYERS OF MERCY

Prayers are offered in memory of Adele Soffa (1 year) with love from the Nassief family.

HOLY OBLATIONS

Prayers are offered for the infants and toddlers **Nicolas, Alan Campos, Sebastian, Isabela Marie, Jovanny, Zara Victoria, Selene, Esteban, Ivan, Oneida, and Camila** at Casa Cuna San Felipe Orphanage in Mexico.

Birthday	Anniversary	Name Day
Lama Yazigi (9/1)		Leila Abraham (Elizabeth) 9/5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On September 1, we cut over from Planning Center to Tithe.LY to manage contributions to St Simeon. Tithe.LY is a more robust platform and will still allow you to make contributions via card our bank account. We transferred all your donations for 2026 from Planning Center, so you’ll have everything in one place for the year and reporting. You can set up recurring transactions for giving and designate gifts to specific funds. You can access the system via a web browser or a smart phone app. You can access our donation page from our website, or by using the QR code shown here.



This **Tuesday, September 8**, we will celebrate the **Divine Liturgy** for the Great Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos at **7:30AM**.

Please be sure to take a look while you enter the narthex this Sunday at the tables in the hallway which are displaying the creative festival entries from our children. Awards will be presented after Liturgy.

Beginning on September 15, we will hold a **Bible Study** at the Church **at 6:30PM for one hour**. The study will begin with the books of St Paul's First and Second letters to the Corinthians and will mirror the curriculum being delivered to our Sunday School children this year (but an adult take on the material). Please join us every Tuesday evening. This is open to all... but catechumens, parents of Sunday School students, and our teachers are highly encouraged to attend.



Mark Your Calendar and join us for our **Annual Back-to-Sunday School Family Picnic on Sunday, September 13th, from 11am to 2pm!** Everyone is invited to attend. Hot dogs, chips and drinks are coming from the Sunday School. You are welcome to bring side dishes to share. Join us for Faith,

Food, Fellowship and FUN at Duane R. Harte Park (26401 Riverrock Way in Valencia)!



Our Teen SOYO is invited to a joint St Simeon / St Michael end of summer Pool Party and lunch at the Moujaes home on Saturday, September 19, from 11:30AM – 2:30PM. Please RSVP using this QR code as their home is in a gated community in Santa

Clarita and we'll need to provide names to the guard house.

Sunday School begins September 20th. Registration is open now using forms on the table in the Narthex. This year our curriculum will focus on lessons from I and II Corinthians. **We are in need of one additional teacher.** If anyone is interested in serving in this way, please see Fr. Andrew.



The Archdiocese has posted a “Youth Survey” and is hoping for as much input as possible. The surveys are set up by role so if you are clergy, parent, teen, youth worker, young adult, or church school teacher there is a survey available for you to complete. This work will assist the Youth Department in better understanding the needs, hopes, challenges, and opportunities facing our parishes and communities across the Archdiocese. Use the QR to take the survey.

Please submit your announcements and oblations to:
bulletin@scvorthodox.com by 9 P.M. on WEDNESDAY!

Join us on 1st - 4th Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. to learn more about the Orthodox Faith. Topics include Church Dogma, Theology, Holy Tradition, Scripture, Worship, Prayer, and how to apply these concepts in our lives and conscript them to our hearts.

Epistle Reading Schedule

August 30-Mark Nassief

September 6-George Sunnaa

September 13-Tracy Kuncar

September 20-Open

Upcoming Coffee Hour Sponsors

August 30 - The Andrews'

September 6 - Available

Sep13 - Sunday School Picnic

Sep 20 -The Blanski's

Sep 27 - The Ajalat Children

October 4 - Available



Sign-Up Page: <https://tinyurl.com/SCV-Coffee> or QR above

Greeter Schedule

August 30 - Kiro Kamel (8:20-9:00); Sh. Mary (9:00-9:40)

September 6 - Available (8:20-9:00); Available (9:00-9:40)

Prayer for the Start of the Ecclesiastical New Year

O Master, Lord our God, the Source of life and immortality, the Author of all created things both visible and invisible, who hast established all seasons and times by thine own authority and dost direct all things with thine all-wise and all-gracious providence: We thank thee for thy bounties, which thou hast poured out upon us during our life that is past. And we entreat thee, O all bountiful Lord: Bless the crown of the new year by thy goodness. Bestow thy good things from above upon all thy people, as also health, salvation and good furtherance in all things. Deliver thy holy Church, this city and all cities and countrysides from every evil assault, and vouchsafe unto them peace and tranquility; *and grant that we may always offer thanksgiving unto thee, the unoriginate Father, together with thine only-begotten Son and thine all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Reflection on Today's Epistle

By St John Chrysostom

Again, from the past He establishes the future. For it is He who establishes us in Christ (that is, who does not suffer us to be shaken from the faith which is in Christ) and He who anointed us and gave the Spirit in our hearts. How will He not give us the future things? For He gave the principles and the foundations, and the root and the fount (to wit the true knowledge of Him, the partaking of the Spirit) how will He not give things that come of these? ... And what is 'anointed' and 'sealed'? Gave the prophets and priests and kings, for in old times these three ranks were anointed... For we are both to enjoy a kingdom and to be made priests by offering our bodies for a sacrifice (for he says 'present your members a living sacrifice to God') and moreover we are constituted prophets too: For 'the things eye has not seen, nor ear heard,' (1 Cor. 2:9) these have been revealed to us. And in another way, too, we become kings: If we have the mind to get dominion over our unruly thoughts, for such a one is a king and more than one who wears a diadem.

St Simeon Church Look Ahead Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Tu 9/8	7:30AM	Liturgy – Nativity of the Theotokos
Sa 9/12	4:00PM	Catechism Class
Sa 9/12	5:30PM	Great Vespers
Su 9/13	8:30AM	Sunday Orthros
Su 9/13	9:30AM	Divine Liturgy
Su 9/13	11:00AM	Back to School Picnic
Mo 9/14	7:30AM	Divine Liturgy – Exaltation of the Cross
Tu 9/15	6:30PM	Bible Study
Tu 9/15	7:30PM	Parish Council Meeting
Sa 9/19	11:30AM	Teen Pool Party with St Michael Church
Sa 9/19	4:00PM	Catechism
Sa 9/19	5:30PM	Great Vespers
Sa 9/19	6:30PM	Young Adults Dinner and Teaching
Su 9/20	8:30AM	Sunday Orthros
Su 9/20	9:30AM	Liturgy (1 st Day of Sunday School)
Tu 9/22	6:30PM	Bible Study
Sa 9/26	4:00PM	Catechism
Sa 9/26	5:30PM	Great Vespers
Su 9/27	8:30AM	Sunday Orthros
Su 9/27	9:30AM	Divine Liturgy