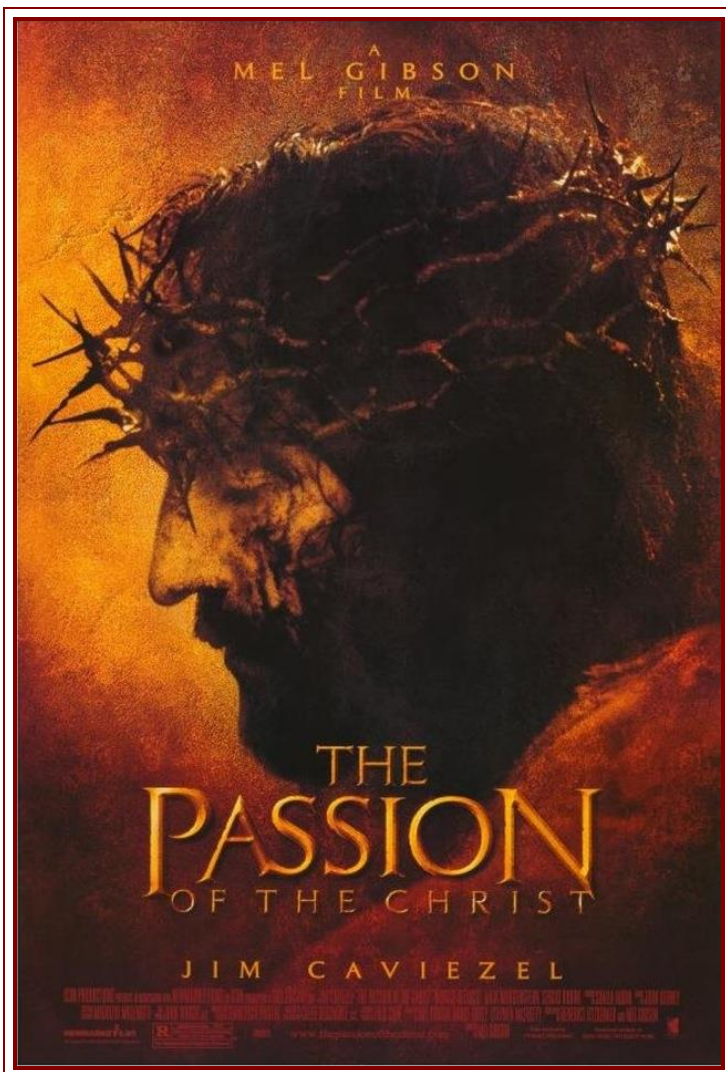


+ St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church +

Sunday Bulletin – April 14th, 2013 A.D.



Before we begin our journey through Holy Week, come & join us for our next Movie Night:

"The Passion of the Christ"
Saturday, April 27th at 7:00pm

*Vespers for Palm Sunday
will be at 6:00pm*

Food & Refreshments will be offered!

All are welcome and encouraged to attend! (Parental Rating: PG-14)

*Jesus, Lover of mankind,
crowned with thorns by mankind!*

*Jesus, impassible in Thy Divinity,
enduring Thy Passion
to free us from our passions!*

*Jesus, unjustly condemned,
our Judge, condemn us not
according to our deeds!*

Orthodox Charities Coin Box

Please take an Orthodox Charities Coin Box from the Bulletin Table and bring it back full of your generous love towards the less fortunate Orthodox Christians around the world and towards the establishment of Orthodox Churches in 3rd world countries!

Holy Friday Sponsorships for the Flowers used to decorate the Holy Tomb

The regular \$25 sponsorships for the Holy Friday Flowers used to decorate the Holy Tomb of our Lord can now be sent to the Church Office to be published in the Holy Friday Bulletin by Palm Sunday, April 28. The form is on the Bulletin Table & was enclosed in Fr. Mark's weekly Parish Email. You can also call the Church Office. Thank you!

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+ Fr. Mark-Arsenios Wyatt (Pastor)

+ The Holy Epistle (Hebrews 6:13-20) +

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek

فَإِنَّهُ لَمَّا وَعَدَ اللهُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِذْ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ أَعْظَمُ يُقْسِمُ بِهِ، أَقْسَمَ بِنَفْسِهِ، قَائِلًا: «إِنِّي لِأَبَارِكَنَّكَ بَرَكَةً وَأَكثِّرَنَّكَ تَكثِيرًا». وَهَكَذَا إِذْ تَأْتَى نَالَ الْمُوَعِدَ. فَإِنَّ النَّاسَ يُقْسِمُونَ بِالْأَعْظَمِ، وَنَهَايَةُ كُلِّ مُشَاجَرَةٍ عِنْدَهُمْ لِأَجْلِ التَّثْبِيثِ هِيَ الْقَسَمُ. فَلِذَلِكَ إِذْ أَرَادَ اللهُ أَنْ يُظَهِّرَ أَكْثَرَ كَثِيرًا لَوْرَثَةِ الْمُوَعِدِ عَدَمَ تَغْيِيرِ قَضَائِهِ، تَوَسَّطَ بِقَسَمِهِ، حَتَّى بِأَمْرَيْنِ عَدِيمِي التَّغْيِيرِ، لَا يُمْكِنُ أَنَّ اللهُ يَكْذِبُ فِيهِمَا، تَكُونُ لَنَا تَعَزِيَّةٌ قَوِيَّةٌ، نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ التَّجَانًا لِنُمْسِكَ بِالرَّجَاءِ الْمُوَضُوعِ أَمَامَنَا، الَّذِي هُوَ لَنَا كَمِرْسَاةٍ لِلنَّفْسِ مُؤْتَمَنَةً وَثَابِتَةً، تَدْخُلُ إِلَيَّ مَا دَاخَلَ الْحِجَابِ، حَيْثُ دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ كَسَابِقٍ لِأَجْلِنَا، صَابِرًا عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مَلَكِي صَادِقٍ، رَيْسِ كَهَنَةٍ إِلَى الأَبَدِ.

+ The Holy Gospel (St. Mark 9:16-30) +

And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?" Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it.

فَأَجَابَ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْجَمْعِ: «يَا مُعَلِّمُ قَدْ قَدَّمْتُ إِلَيْكَ ابْنِي بِهِ رُوحٌ أُخْرَسُ وَحَيْنَمَا أَدْرِكُهُ يَمْرِفُهُ فَيَزِيدُ وَيَصِرُ بِأَسْنَانِهِ وَيَبْيَسُ. فَقُلْتُ لِتَلَامِيذِكَ أَنْ يُخْرِجُوهُ فَلَمْ يَقْدِرُوا». فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «أَيُّهَا الْجَبِيلُ غَيْرِ الْمُؤْمِنِ إِلَيَّ مَتَى أَكُونُ مَعَكُمْ؟ إِلَيَّ مَتَى أَحْتَمِلُكُمْ؟ قَدِّمُوهُ إِلَيَّ!». فَقَدِّمُوهُ إِلَيْهِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَهُ لِلوَفْتِ صَرَعهَ الرُّوحُ فَوَقَعَ عَلَى الأَرْضِ يَتَمَرَّغُ وَيُزِيدُ. فَسَأَلَ أَبَاهُ: «كَمْ مِنَ الزَّمَانِ مُنْذُ أَصَابَهُ هَذَا؟» فَقَالَ: «مُنْذُ صِبَاهُ. وَكَثِيرًا مَا أَلقَاهُ فِي النَّارِ وَفِي المَاءِ لِيُهْلِكَهُ. لَكِنْ إِنْ كُنْتُ تَسْتَطِيعُ شَيْئًا فَتَحْنُنْ عَلَيْنَا وَأَعِنَّا». فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِنْ كُنْتُ تَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ تُؤْمِنَ فَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ مُسْتَطَاعٌ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ». فَلَوَفْتِ صَرَخَ أَبُو الوَلَدِ بِدُمُوعٍ وَقَالَ: «أُؤْمِنُ يَا سَيِّدُ فَأَعِنْ عَدَمَ إِيمَانِي». فَلَمَّا رَأَى يَسُوعُ أَنَّ الْجَمْعَ يَتَرَكَضُونَ انْتَهَرَ الرُّوحَ النَّجِسَ قَائِلًا لَهُ: «أَيُّهَا الرُّوحُ الأَخْرَسُ الأَصَمُّ أَنَا أَمْرُكَ: اخْرُجْ مِنْهُ وَلَا تَدْخُلْهُ أَيْضًا!» فَصَرَخَ وَصَرَعهَ شَدِيدًا وَخَرَجَ فَصَارَ كَهَيْتِ حَتَّى قَالَ كَثِيرُونَ: إِنَّهُ مَاتَ. فَأَمْسَكَهُ يَسُوعُ بِيَدِهِ وَأَقَامَهُ فَقَامَ. وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ بَيْتًا سَأَلَهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ عَلَى انْفِرَادٍ: «لِمَاذَا لَمْ تَقْدِرْ نَحْنُ أَنْ نُخْرِجَهُ؟» فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَذَا الْجِنْسُ لَا يُمْكِنُ أَنْ يَخْرُجَ بِشَيْءٍ إِلَّا بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالصَّوْمِ». وَخَرَجُوا مِنْ هُنَاكَ وَاجْتَازُوا الْجَبِيلَ وَلَمْ يَرِدْ أَنْ يَعْلَمَ أَحَدٌ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ يُعَلِّمُ تَلَامِيذَهُ وَيَقُولُ لَهُمْ إِنْ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ يُسَلَّمُ إِلَى أَيْدِي النَّاسِ فَيَقْتُلُونَهُ وَبَعْدَ أَنْ يَقْتُلَ يَوْمٌ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ.

Today's Holy Oblation is offered for the Good Health of the Servants of God:

Jerry Sara (Connie, Steven, Sean, Ashley), Sacha Mathiew Sara, Joseph Saray Jr. (Rita, Thomas, Daniel), Beatrice Saray, Florence Sayegh, Hynda-Anne Sayegh (Cassandra), Nayef Sayegh (Rana), Philip Sayer, Irma Sayfy, Carol Saykaly (Brian), Mark Saykaly (Louise, Christine), Michelle Saykaly (Gregory, Maggie, Adele), Vivian Saykaly, Lorraine Scaff (Nagib, Lara), Rafic Sekaly (Norma, Katia), Roger Sekaly, Wageeh Sepieh (Hama), Amin Shahda (Dalida, Sarah, Sonia), Virginia Shaheen, George Shalhoub, Claire Shamy, Doris Shamy (Bill), Dr. Frank Shamy (Tania, Michel).

Today's Memorial Prayers are offered for the Eternal Memory of the Servant(s) of God:

- * For Peter Shatilla (20th year); Cecile Shatilla (9th year); Richard Shatilla (6th year); Mark Shatilla (2nd year). Offered by Susan Shatilla & Family.
- * For Amin Banna (5th year). *Remembered also: Hanna, Agnes & Abdallah Malek.* Offered by Hind Malek, Dania & Lina Banna.
- * For Afifi Zoghaib (10th year). *Remembered also: Moussa, Bechara, Toufic, Kamal, Elias, Soraya, Youssif, Gergus, Lutfy, Takla, Mariam.* Offered by Julia Zoghaib & Family.
- * For all deceased members of the Gibara Family. Offered by Alfred Gibara & Family.

***** For the entire 2013 Calendar, visit our new website: www.stnicholasmtl.com *****

- April 14: Registration for the PLC (during Coffee Hour with the Co-Chair from St. George)
Please visit (www.saintgeorgemontreal.org/plc) for more info about the PLC
Sunday School Monthly Birthday Party
- April 16: Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
- April 17: 5th Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7:00pm
- April 19: Lenten Dinner at 6:00pm (Hosted by the Youth Organizations)
5th Akathist Service at 7:00pm
- April 20: Byzantine Concert at St. George Church at 7:00pm (see website for details)
- April 23: Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
- April 27: (St Lazarus Feast Day) Palm Sunday Vespers at 6:00pm
Movie at 7:00pm - "The Passion of the Christ" All are Welcome!
- April 28: Palm Sunday - Outside Procession around the block! (2nd Tray Collection)
Bake Sale in Church Hall FOLLOWING the Divine Liturgy
- April 29: Holy Monday - Bridegroom Service at 7:00pm
- April 30: Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Service at 7:00pm
- May 1: Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction Service at 7:00pm
- May 2: Holy Thursday - Holy Passion Gospel Service at 7:00pm
- May 3: Holy Friday - Lamentations Service at 7:00pm
Special Tray Collection & Outside Procession around the Church
- May 4: (Morning) Holy Saturday Divine Liturgy at 10:00am
Lenten Pancake Brunch (hosted by the Youth) & Movie: Jesus of Nazareth
(Evening) Holy Pascha Service beginning at 10:00pm. Followed by Reception (hosted by the Antiochian Women)
- May 5: Holy Pascha Agape Vespers Service at 3:00pm (with Candle-lit Procession inside the Church for the Children, especially those who were not able to attend the evening Paschal Liturgy)
- May 6: Bright Monday Divine Liturgy (11am) at St. Elias Cathedral (Ottawa) with the Montreal & Ottawa Clergy. Followed by a Clergy Meeting that Fr. Mark must attend.



St. Nicholas Church
Mother's Day Event

*Come & join us for an
Elegant Family Evening
with Delicious Food
& Lots of Fun!*

*Great 5-Course Meal
All-Night Wine & Soft Drinks
Valuable Gift Baskets to Raffle
Special Door Prize
Great Music & Dancing*

*Come & Treat our Mothers
To an Unforgettable Night of
Relaxation & Fun!*

Friday May 10, 2013 at 7:00pm
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Adult Ticket: \$50.00
Children 12 & Under: \$15.00
For Tickets please call
Sylvia Mefrige (514-344-0550)

Happy Mother's Day!