

+ St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church +

Sunday Bulletin – February 17th, 2013 A.D.

Join us for our next monthly **Spiritual Discussion & Movie Night**
with Fr. Mark on Saturday, March 30th at 6:30 pm



"HOTEL RWANDA"

The true story of a selfless man who bravely fought dangerous & impossible odds to lovingly save everyone he could: Family, Friends & Strangers.

(3 Oscar Nominations - Starring: Nick Nolte & Don Cheadle)

Approx. Video Time: 2 Hours - Parental Rating: PG-13

Food & Refreshments will be offered as usual...

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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+ Fr. Mark-Arsenios Wyatt (Pastor)

+ The Holy Epistle (2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1) +

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

وَأَيُّهُ مُوَافَقَةٌ لِهَيْكَلِ اللَّهِ مَعَ الْأَوْثَانِ؟ فَإِنَّكُمْ أَنْتُمْ هَيْكَلُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، كَمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ: «إِنِّي سَأَسْكُنُ فِيهِمْ وَأَسِيرُ بَيْنَهُمْ، وَأَكُونُ لَهُمْ إِلَهًا وَهُمْ يَكُونُونَ لِي شَعْبًا. لِذَلِكَ أَخْرَجُوا مِنْ وَسْطِهِمْ وَأَعْتَزَلُوا، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. وَلَا تَمَسُّوا نَجِسًا فَأَقْبَلَكُمْ، وَأَكُونُ لَكُمْ أَبًا وَأَنْتُمْ تَكُونُونَ لِي بَنِينَ وَبَنَاتٍ» يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ الْقَادِرُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. فَإِذْ لَنَا هَذِهِ الْمَوَاعِيدُ أَيُّهَا الْأَحِبَّاءُ لِنُظَهِّرَ ذَوَاتِنَا مِنْ كُلِّ دَنَسِ الْجَسَدِ وَالرُّوحِ، مُكَمِّلِينَ الْقِدَاسَةَ فِي خَوْفِ اللَّهِ.

+ The Holy Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28) +

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

ثُمَّ خَرَجَ يَسُوعُ مِنْ هُنَاكَ وَأَنْصَرَفَ إِلَى نَوَاحِي صُورَ وَصَيْدَاءَ. وَإِذَا امْرَأَةٌ كَنْعَانِيَّةٌ خَارِجَةٌ مِنْ تِلْكَ التُّخُومِ صَرَخَتْ إِلَيْهِ: «ارْحَمْنِي يَا سَيِّدَ يَا ابْنَ دَاوُدَ. ابْنَتِي مَجْنُونَةٌ جِدًّا». فَلَمْ يُجِبْهَا بِكَلِمَةٍ. فَتَقَدَّمَ تَلَامِيذُهُ وَطَلَبُوا إِلَيْهِ قَائِلِينَ: «اصْرِفْهَا لِأَنَّهَا تَصِيحُ وَرَاعَاتِنَا!» فَأَجَابَ: «لَمْ أُرْسَلْ إِلَّا إِلَى خِرَافِ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ الضَّالَّةِ». فَأَتَتْ وَسَجَدَتْ لَهُ قَائِلَةً: «يَا سَيِّدُ أَعْنِي!» فَأَجَابَ: «لَيْسَ حَسَنًا أَنْ يُؤَخَذَ خُبْزُ الْبَنِينَ وَيُطْرَحَ لِلْكَلابِ». فَقَالَتْ: «نَعَمْ يَا سَيِّدُ. وَالْكَلابُ أَيْضًا تَأْكُلُ مِنَ الْفَتَاتِ الَّذِي يَسْقُطُ مِنْ مَائِدَةِ أَرْبَابِهَا». حِينَئِذٍ قَالَ يَسُوعُ لَهَا: «يَا امْرَأَةٌ عَظِيمِ إِيمَانِكَ! لِيَكُنْ لَكَ كَمَا تُرِيدِينَ». فَشَفِيَتْ ابْنَتُهَا مِنْ تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ.

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

Yves Jegou (Diana, Katherine), David Johnson (Karen, Alexander), Nadine Kabrita, Alex Kalil (Frances), Alexander Edward Kalil (Stephanie, Alexa, Daniella, Jessica), Edward Kalil (Ellen), Edward John Kalil (Rita, John, Esther), Geoffrey Kalil (Michelle, Megan, Grady), Peter Kalil, Peter Kandalaft, Frederick Kaneb (Tia, Christopher, Jenna-Marie), Mark Kaneb (Julie), Michelle Kaneb (Aidan, Evan), Stephanie Kaneb (Wilfred), Vanessa Kaneb, William Kaneb (Cathy, Andrew, Shelby-Ann), Anas Kardous (Debora, Alessio, Maya), Nabil Kardous (Ana-Paula, Karim, Kamil), Antoine Kardouss (Mona), John Kelzi (Marie), Samir Kersheh (Brigitte, Sabrina Mary, Tiffany), Theodore Kersheh (Yola), George Khazaka (Nadia, Nathan), Michel Khouri (Francine), Nizam Khouri (Laura), Nabil Khoury (Rose-Marie, Richard, Raphael), Brian Kishfy (Suzanne, Catherine, Patrick, Christian), Gloria Kishfy.

Today's Memorial Prayers are offered for the Eternal Memory of the Servants of God:

* For Dorothy Marcus (40th day). Remembered also: *Elias, Annie and Henry Marcus, Rasbedy and Assad Zarbatany*. Offered by Birdie Marcus.

* For Ted (Tewfik) Kteily (40th day). Remembered also: *Sulange, Jad, Sophia, Joseph and Zakeah*. Offered by Lynda Kteily.

Our Condolences go to Eleanor David on the sudden repose of her son Paul. Memory Eternal!

Congratulations to Gabriel & Kelly Jabbour on the Baptism of their children Mia & Victor last Saturday. God grant them many years!

Parish Events for February 2013

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

February is designated as Wisdom Month! Those who are gray with wisdom are encouraged to serve by assisting the Parish Council with the ushering and collecting the donation trays on Sundays this month.

- February 1: Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm
February 2: Feast of the Entrance of Christ into the Temple
February 3: Live Lecture (*in Arabic*) via Skype at 1:00pm following the Coffee Hour with Fr. Mounif Homsy (*Former Orthodox Theological Professor at Balamand Monastery, Lebanon*).
February 5: Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
February 8: Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm
February 9: Spiritual Discussion & Monthly Movie Night: "The Monks of Mt. Athos"
All are welcome! (hosted by the Teen SOYO)
February 10: **Sitto's Kitchen**
2nd Tray (towards the Archdiocese Seminarian Fund)
Sunday School Staff Meeting after Liturgy
Enthronement of H.B. Patriarch Youhanna X in Damascus
February 12: Antiochian Women Meeting at 7:30pm
Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
February 13: Parish Council Meeting at 7:00pm
February 15: Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm
February 16: St. Valentine's Youth Dance Event
(*Held at St. Nicholas Church & organized by the Youth of the 3 Montreal Churches*)
February 19: Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
February 22: Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm
February 23: Orthodox Women of Montreal Annual Session held at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church (*Guest Speaker: Matushka Yvonne Lysack from Christ the Savior Sobor - Ottawa. Highly recommended by Fr. Mark*)
February 24: Sunday School Monthly Birthday Party
February 26: Wine Tasting Event in Church Hall
February 28: Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm



The Honor of Your Presence is Requested at our Annual

St. Nicholas Church

WINE TASTING EVENT

Date: February 26 at 7pm

Location: St. Nicholas Church Hall Tickets: \$55

For Information, Please Contact:

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Join us on **Sunday, March 3rd** for the receiving of the **Holy Relics of the Contemporary Saint Nicholas Planas** for the Altar of St. Nicholas Church. A Procession will follow the Divine Liturgy with the opportunity to venerate the Holy Relics. Don't miss out on this great Blessing!

Saint Papa-Nicholas (Planas) of Athens (1851-1932) was officially glorified as a saint by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in 1992. He was born in 1851 on the island of Naxos in Greece. His feast day is celebrated on March 2nd. Papa Nicholas was married and the father of one child. He was married at 17, but his wife died only a few years later, and so he spent the rest of his life in celibacy, his only aspiration being to serve the Church. He was ordained a Priest on March 2, 1884 in Greece. His focus for over 50 years was to serve daily the Divine Liturgy, vigils, and other services. He never missed a Liturgy and spent most of his time in the very small church of Church of St. John the Hunter in Athens, Greece. He never refused to commemorate and pray for anyone when he served, and he carried in his pockets slips of paper containing thousands of names whom he would pray for during the Proskomedia and the Liturgy. Numerous stories are told of his being lifted in prayer and of the acolytes seeing him raised off the ground in front of the Altar during the Liturgy. While he would begin Liturgy at eight in the morning, he typically would not finish until two or three in the afternoon. He was famously absent-minded and was also well known for giving to the poor anything that anyone might give him. He was not an educated man but was considered immensely enlightened, an example of great holiness and humility. He reposed in February 1932. O Saint Papa-Nicholas, intercede for us!

**The Antiochian Women of St. Nicholas Church
Present the Annual:**

***** LENTEN LUNCHEON *****

Sunday, March 24 following the Divine Liturgy

Adults: \$20.00

Children under 12: \$7.00

For Tickets:

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***Come & Enjoy a Delicious and Wholesome
Home-Cooked Family Meal!***

The Food is Better Every Year!

ALL Are Welcome!