

+ St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church +

Sunday Bulletin – February 24th, 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 4:6-15) +

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

لَأَنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي قَالَ أَنْ يُشْرِقَ نُورٌ مِنْ ظُلْمَةٍ، هُوَ الَّذِي أَشْرَقَ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، لِإِنَارَةِ مَعْرِفَةِ مَجْدِ اللَّهِ فِي وَجْهِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. وَلَكِنْ لَنَا هَذَا الْكَنْزُ فِي أَوَانٍ خَرَفِيَّةٍ، لِيَكُونَ فَضْلُ الْقُوَّةِ لِلَّهِ لَا مِنَّا. مُكْتَسِبِينَ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، لَكِنْ غَيْرَ مُتَضَايِقِينَ. مُتَحِيرِينَ، لَكِنْ غَيْرَ يَائِسِينَ. مُضْطَهَدِينَ، لَكِنْ غَيْرَ مَتْرُوكِينَ. مَطْرُوحِينَ، لَكِنْ غَيْرَ هَالِكِينَ. حَامِلِينَ فِي الْجَسَدِ كُلِّ حِينٍ إِمَاتَةَ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، لِكَيْ تَظْهَرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ أَيْضًا فِي جَسَدِنَا. لِأَنَّنا نَحْنُ الْأَحْيَاءُ نَسْلَمُ دَائِمًا لِلْمَوْتِ مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ، لِكَيْ تَظْهَرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ أَيْضًا فِي جَسَدِنَا الْمَائِتِ. إِذَا الْمَوْتُ يَعْمَلُ فِيْنَا، وَلَكِنْ الْحَيَاةُ فِيكُمْ. فَإِذَا لَنَا رُوحُ الْإِيمَانِ عِنْدَهُ، حَسَبَ الْمَكْتُوبِ «أَمَنْتُ لِذَلِكَ تَكَلَّمْتُ» - نَحْنُ أَيْضًا نُؤْمِنُ وَلِذَلِكَ نَتَكَلَّمُ أَيْضًا. عَالِمِينَ أَنَّ الَّذِي أَقَامَ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ سَيُقِيمُنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا بِيَسُوعَ، وَيُحْضِرُنَا مَعَكُمْ. لِأَنَّ جَمِيعَ الْأَشْيَاءِ هِيَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، لِكَيْ تَكُونَ النِّعْمَةُ وَهِيَ قَدْ كَثُرَتْ بِالْأَكْثَرِينَ، تَزِيدُ الشُّكْرَ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ.

+ The Holy Gospel (St. Luke 18:10-14) +

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

«إِنْسَانَانِ صَعِدَا إِلَى الْهَيْكَلِ لِيُصَلِّيَا وَاحِدٌ فَرِّيسِيٌّ وَالْآخَرُ عَشَّارٌ. أَمَّا الْفَرِّيسِيُّ فَوَقَفَ يُصَلِّي فِي نَفْسِهِ هَكَذَا: اللَّهُمَّ أَنَا أَشْكُرُكَ أَنِّي لَسْتُ مِثْلَ بَاقِي النَّاسِ الْخَاطِئِينَ الظَّالِمِينَ الزَّانَةَ وَلَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الْعَشَّارِ. أَصُومُ مَرَّتَيْنِ فِي الْأُسْبُوعِ وَأَعْشُرُ كُلَّ مَا أَقْتَنِيهِ. وَأَمَّا الْعَشَّارُ فَوَقَفَ مِنْ بَعِيدٍ لَا يَشَاءُ أَنْ يَرْفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ نَحْوَ السَّمَاءِ بَلْ قَرَعَ عَلَى صَدْرِهِ قَائِلًا: اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْنِي أَنَا الْخَاطِئِي. أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّ هَذَا نَزَلَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ مَبْرَرًا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِأَنَّ كُلَّ مَنْ يَرْفَعُ نَفْسَهُ يَنْضَعُ وَمَنْ يَضَعُ نَفْسَهُ يَرْتَفِعُ».

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

Richard Kishfy (Diane, Jonathan, Rae), Dorothy Kokoskin, Andrew Kouri (Susan, Megan, Alexandria, Caroline), Brenda Anne Kouri, Donald Kouri (Diane), Gary Kouri (Scott, Adam), George Kouri (Patricia, Kimberly), George Kouri (Marlene), Neil Kouri (Dina), Peter Kouri (Cynthia), Robert Kouri (Joan), Ronald E. Kouri (Susan, Debra), Susan Marie Kouri, Tom Kouri (Ann, Alexandra), Daniel Koury (Maria, Anthony, Matthew), Dennis Koury (Marie-Jose, Amelie, Lucas), Diana Koury (Donna), Gabriel Koury (Lorraine), George Koury (Rosanna, Karen), Gerald Koury (Jane, Jessica, Shawn), Karim Koury (Patricia, Marc), Neil Koury (Dina), Samantha Koury Chopra (Shiv), Thomas Koury (Nanette, Jennifer), Wayne Koury (Louisa, Melissa, Marlena).

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

* For Georgette Zaien Rynn (15th year). Offered by the Family.

- Congratulations to Sam & Debra Makarios on their Marriage last Thursday. Also to Yanick & Matilda Rivest on their Marriage last Saturday. God grant them many years!
- Our Condolences go to all the relatives of the late Arthur Boosamra. Memory Eternal!

Parish Events for March 2013

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

March is designated for the Antiochian Women! Members of our Antiochian Women are encouraged to serve by assisting the Parish Council with the ushering and collecting the donation trays on Sundays this month.

- March 1: Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm
- March 3: Receiving the Relics of St. Nicholas Planas for the Altar of St. Nicholas Church.
Sunday School Staff Meeting after Liturgy
- March 5: Parish Council Meeting at 7:00pm
Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
- March 8: Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm
- March 10: Meat Fare Sunday (Last day to consume Meat Products) - Hierarchal D. Liturgy
Ordination of Hector Zakaib to the Sub-Deaconate by Bishop ALEXANDER
Sunday School Monthly Birthday Party & Reception for Hector Zakaib
- March 11: St. George & St. Nicholas Men's Clubs "Wine & Mezza Event" held at St. George Church (5-7pm). All Men, young & old, are invited to attend and join our Men's Club!
- March 12: Antiochian Women Meeting at 7:30pm
Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
- March 15: Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm
- March 17: Cheese Fare Sunday (Last day to consume Dairy Products & Fish)
Antiochian Women Annual Message delivered after the Divine Liturgy, with the blessing of H.E. Metropolitan PHILIP.
2nd Tray Collection
- March 18: Beginning of Great Fast (March 18 - May 5) We Orthodox fast from all meat and dairy products. Fish is permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation and Palm Sunday.
- March 19: Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
- March 20: 1st Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7:00pm
- March 22: 1st Akathist Service at 7:00pm
No Lenten Dinner this evening! Skip dinner tonight and remember those who are less fortunate than you and sleep hungry around the world! Honor the Mother of God and not your belly this evening! Come to the Church and still bring your donation for the Orthodox Charities. Test your heart and strengthen your faith!
- March 24: Sunday of Orthodoxy - Procession with the Holy Icons.
ALL Parishioners are encouraged to bring their favorite Icon from home to the Church for the Procession!
2nd Tray Collection
Lenten Luncheon in celebration of Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos.
- March 26: Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm
- March 27: 2nd Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7:00pm
- March 29: Lenten Dinner at 6:00pm
2nd Akathist Service at 7:00pm
- March 30: Spiritual Discussion & Monthly Movie Night - All are Welcome! (hosted by the Teen SOYO)
- March 31: Anointing Blessing of Holy Oil from the Tomb of Christ (Jerusalem) following the Divine Liturgy.



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:

Sylvia (514) 344-0550

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***Come & Enjoy a Delicious and Wholesome Home-Cooked Family Meal!
The Food is Better Every Year! ALL Are Welcome!***



*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

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