

+ St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church +

Sunday Bulletin – January 6th, 2013 A.D.



+ Feast of Holy Theophany - The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ +

The above is a painting of the outdoor blessing of water in the cold Russian winter!

May you be encouraged to come to our warm Church even when it is cold outside!

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+ **Fr. Mark-Arsenius Wyatt (Pastor)**

+ The Holy Epistle (Titus 2:11-15,3:4-7) +

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

لَأَنَّهُ قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ نِعْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْمُخْلِصَةِ لِجَمِيعِ النَّاسِ، مُعَلِّمَةً إِيَّانَا أَنَّ نُتَكَرَ الْفُجُورَ وَالشَّهَوَاتِ الْعَالَمِيَّةَ، وَنَعِيشَ بِالتَّعَفُّلِ وَالْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَى فِي الْعَالَمِ الْحَاضِرِ، مُنْتَظِرِينَ الرَّجَاءَ الْمُبَارَكَ وَظُهُورَ مَجْدِ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ وَمُخْلِصِينَ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بَدَلَ نَفْسَهُ لِأَجْلِنَا، لِكَيْ يَفْدِيَنَا مِنْ كُلِّ إِثْمٍ، وَيُطَهِّرَ لِنَفْسِهِ شَعْبًا خَاصًّا غَيْرَ فِي أَعْمَالٍ حَسَنَةٍ. تَكَلَّمْ بِهِذِهِ وَعِظْ وَوَبِّخْ بِكُلِّ سُلْطَانٍ. لَا يَسْتَهِنُ بِكَ أَحَدٌ. خَلَّصْنَا بِغَسَلِ الْمِيَلَادِ الثَّانِي وَتَجْدِيدِ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، الَّذِي سَكَبَهُ بِغَنَى وَلَكِنْ حِينَ ظَهَرَ لَطْفُ مُخْلِصِنَا اللَّهُ وَإِحْسَانُهُ - لَا بِأَعْمَالٍ فِي بَرٍّ عَمَلْنَاهَا نَحْنُ، بَلْ بِمُقْتَضَى رَحْمَتِهِ - عَلَيْنَا بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ مُخْلِصِنَا. حَتَّى إِذَا تَبَرَّرْنَا بِنِعْمَتِهِ نَصِيرُ وَرَثَةً حَسَبَ رَجَاءِ الْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ.

+ The Holy Gospel (St. Matthew 3:13-17) +

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

حِينَئِذٍ جَاءَ يَسُوعُ مِنَ الْجَلِيلِ إِلَى الْأُرْدُنِّ إِلَى يُوْحَنَّا لِيَعْتَمِدَ مِنْهُ. وَلَكِنْ يُوْحَنَّا مَنَعَهُ قَائِلًا: «أَنَا مُحْتَاجٌ أَنْ أَعْتَمِدَ مِنْكَ وَأَنْتَ تَأْتِي إِلَيَّ!» فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ لَهُ: «اسْمَحْ الْآنَ لِأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا يَلِيْقُ بِنَا أَنْ نُكَمَّلَ كُلُّ بَرٍّ». حِينَئِذٍ سَمَحَ لَهُ. فَلَمَّا اعْتَمَدَ يَسُوعُ صَعِدَ لِلْوَقْتِ مِنَ الْمَاءِ وَإِذَا السَّمَاوَاتُ قَدْ انْفَتَحَتْ لَهُ فَرَأَى رُوحَ اللَّهِ نَازِلًا مِثْلَ حَمَامَةٍ وَآتِيًا عَلَيْهِ وَصَوْتٌ مِنَ السَّمَاوَاتِ قَائِلًا: «هَذَا هُوَ ابْنِي الْحَبِيبُ الَّذِي بِهِ سُرَرْتُ».

Announcements

- Our new Church Website (www.stnicholasmtl.com) is complete and is being updated weekly! Check it frequently! A complete Calendar of Events for 2013 and everything pertaining to our Parish is clearly posted. There is also an excellent resource of Links for you to benefit from: Free Orthodox TV & Radio (including live Nour-Sat from Lebanon), Orthodox spiritual links, previous Bulletins, video & photo Archive (still being added to!), Links to Orthodox Institutions and Monasteries, and information about the Orthodox Charities that we raise funds for (coin boxes). Please take the time to look through our very organized and easy-to-explore website and forward it to your relatives and friends. Those who do not have access to the internet are encouraged to find a relative to help them out! The website is for ALL members of the household.
- Our condolences to the Marcus Family on the repose of Dorothy Marcus. Memory eternal!
- We wish to thank the members of the Antiochian Women who helped prepare the Zalabi today!
- Please do not remove the Divine Liturgy Service Books from the Church (*some are missing?*)
- The 2013 Church Calendars were mailed out before Christmas, if you are registered and did not receive one, please contact the Church Office.

Parish Events for January 2013

January is designated as the Sacred Gift of Life Month, where our Orthodox Church speaks up for the right for the Unborn Children to Live! (Children of our Sunday School are encouraged to serve by assisting the Parish Council with the ushering and collecting the donation trays on Sundays)

January 4: Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm

January 6: Feast of Theophany - Blessing of the Water
2nd Tray Collection (towards the Archdiocese Seminarian Fund)
Zalabi Reception following the Liturgy

January 8: Parish Council Meeting at 7:00pm
Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm

January 11: Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm

January 13: Sunday School Monthly Birthday Party (Sunday School starts)
40th Day Memorial Service for H.B. Patriarch Ignatius IV at our Church

January 15: Antiochian Women Meeting at 7:30pm
Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm

January 18: Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm

January 19: Spiritual Discussion & Monthly Movie Night (hosted by the Teen SOYO)

January 20: Receiving the Relics of the Holy Martyrs of Sinai & Raithu for the Altar of St. Nicholas Church. (Procession & Veneration following the Divine Liturgy)
Sunday School Staff Meeting following the Liturgy

January 22: Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm

January 25: Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm

January 27: Sitto's Kitchen (hosted by the Antiochian Women)
2nd Tray Collection

January 29: Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm

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

- Every Sunday: Orthros at 9:30am & Divine Liturgy at 10:30am
- Coffee Hour following the Liturgy - All are welcome!
Fr. Mark must bless the food & drink downstairs to open the Coffee Hour. If you wish to speak with him after the service, you are most welcome to see him during the Coffee Hour downstairs, so he is not delayed upstairs in the Church. Thank you for your understanding!
- Confession: in the Church and by appointment only with Fr. Mark.
- Church Bookstore - open after all Church Services & upon request.



Join us for our next monthly Spiritual Discussion & Movie Night with Fr. Mark
on Saturday, January 19 at 6:30 pm

Based on the life of St. Charbel, who is a contemporary Lebanese Saint canonized by the Maronite Church. Although he is not officially recognized by the Orthodox Church, this movie portrays many spiritual virtues and lessons on holiness that are beneficial to anyone seeking to deepen their own spiritual life! ***A must-see movie!***

*This movie is in Arabic with English Subtitles (filmed in Lebanon)
Released in 2009 - Approximately 2 hours long*

Suitable for all ages. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Nous serions très heureux de vous compter parmi nous lors du dîner de levée de fonds pour soutenir notre monastère qui est en pleine expansion

We would be delighted to have you with us during the fundraiser dinner to support our expanding monastery

Dimanche, le 13 Janvier 2013 à 14h

Sunday January 13th 2013 at 2:00 pm

99 De La Mairie, Sainte-Marthe-Sur-Le-Lac, QC J0N 1P0

Autoroute 13 N // sortie 22 Ouest ↙ Autoroute 640 Ouest (640W) direction Saint Eustache-Oka // sortie 8 ↗ Boulevard Albert Mondou/Boulevard des Promenades direction de Deux-Montagnes // Continuer Boulevard des Promenades // Continuez sur Rue Louise // Tournez à gauche ↙ sur Rue de la Mairie.

Adulte: 50,00\$

Enfants (moins de 10 ans) = **25,00\$**
Children (under 10)

*Que la Vierge Marie, en qui l'honneur nous construisons ce monastère, vous protège ainsi que vos familles
May the Virgin Mary, who in her honor we are building this monastery, protects you and your families*

For tickets: see or call our chanter Zaher Samaan (514-996-2862)