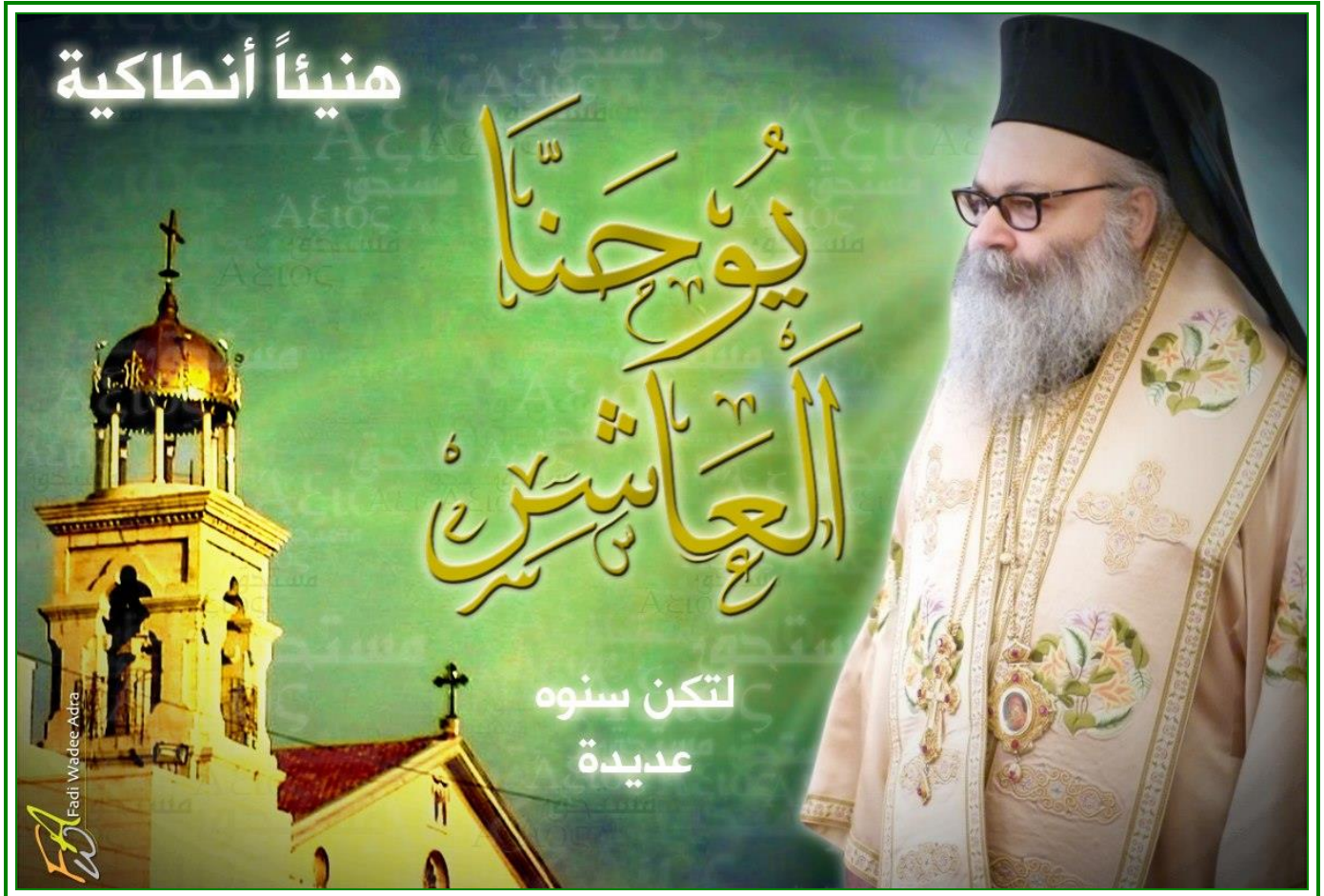


+ St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church +

Sunday Bulletin – July 7th 2013 A.D.



We thank God for the safety of **His Beatitude Patriarch Youhanna X** as he was not injured by the explosion by 2 suicide bombers who blew themselves up outside the Patriarchal residence in Damascus last week. Fortunately, the explosion happened after the Patriarch entered the building. But sadly, some needy civilians were killed and injured while waiting to receive food assistance near-by.

“We pray and work for the stability of our country and for the spread of peace and truth in every place in the world...There must be people or voices that call for rationality and moderation, which is what we constantly call for...Christianity, Islam, and spiritual leaders have a fundamental role in calling for love.”

(H.B. Patriarch Youhanna at a Press Conference prior to the terrorist attack)

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The Holy Epistle (Galatians 3:23-4:5)

But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

إِذَا قَدْ كَانَ النَّامُوسُ مُؤَدَّبَنَا إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ، وَلَكِنْ قَبْلَمَا جَاءَ الْإِيمَانُ كُنَّا مَحْرُوسِينَ تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ، مُغْلَقًا عَلَيْنَا إِلَى الْإِيمَانِ الْعَتِيدِ أَنْ يُعْلَنَ. لِكَيْ تَنْبَرَّ بِالْإِيمَانِ. وَلَكِنْ بَعْدَ مَا جَاءَ الْإِيمَانُ لَسْنَا بَعْدَ تَحْتَ مُؤَدَّبٍ. لِأَنَّكُمْ جَمِيعًا أَبْنَاءُ اللَّهِ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. لِأَنَّ كُلَّكُمْ الَّذِينَ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ بِالْمَسِيحِ قَدْ لَبَسْتُمْ الْمَسِيحَ. لَيْسَ يَهُودِيٌّ وَلَا يُونَانِيٌّ. لَيْسَ عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ. لَيْسَ ذَكَرٌ وَأُنْثَى، لِأَنَّكُمْ جَمِيعًا وَاحِدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَإِنْ وَإِنَّمَا أَقُولُ: مَا دَامَ الْوَارِثُ قَاصِرًا لَا يَفْرِقُ شَيْئًا عَنِ الْعَبْدِ، مَعَ كَوْنِهِ صَاحِبَ كُنْتُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ فَإِنَّكُمْ إِذَا نَسَلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَحَسَبَ الْمَوْعِدِ وَرَثَةً. الْجَمِيعِ. بَلْ هُوَ تَحْتَ أَوْصِيَاءَ وَوُكَلَاءَ إِلَى الْوَقْتِ الْمَوْجَلِّ مِنْ أَبِيهِ. هَكَذَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا: لَمَّا كُنَّا قَاصِرِينَ كُنَّا مُسْتَعْبِدِينَ تَحْتَ أَرْكَانِ الْعَالَمِ. وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا جَاءَ مِلءُ الزَّمَانِ، أَرْسَلَ اللَّهُ ابْنَهُ مَوْلُودًا مِنْ امْرَأَةٍ، مَوْلُودًا تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ، لِيَفْتَدِيَ الَّذِينَ تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ، لِنَنَالَ النَّبِيَّ.

The Holy Gospel (St. Matthew 4:18-23)

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

وَإِذْ كَانَ يَسُوعُ مَاشِيًا عِنْدَ بَحْرِ الْجَلِيلِ أَبْصَرَ أَحْوَيْنَ: سِمْعَانَ الَّذِي يُقَالُ لَهُ بُطْرُسُ وَأَنْدَرَاوَسَ أَخَاهُ يُقْبِيَانِ شَبَكَةَ فِي الْبَحْرِ فَإِنَّهُمَا كَانَا صَيَّادَيْنِ. فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «هَلُمَّ وَرَائِي فَأَجْعَلُكُمْ صَيَّادِي النَّاسِ». فَلَلَوَفَتِ تَرَكَ الشَّبَاكَ وَتَبِعَاهُ. ثُمَّ اجْتَاَزَ مِنْ هُنَاكَ فَرَأَى أَحْوَيْنَ آخَرَيْنِ: يَعْقُوبَ بَنَ زَيْدِي وَيُوحَنَّا أَخَاهُ فِي السَّفِينَةِ مَعَ زَيْدِي أَبِيهِمَا يُصْلِحَانِ شَبَاكَهُمَا فَدَعَاهُمَا. فَلَلَوَفَتِ تَرَكَ السَّفِينَةَ وَأَبَاهُمَا وَتَبِعَاهُ. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَطُوفُ كُلَّ الْجَلِيلِ يُعَلِّمُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ وَيَكْرِزُ بِبِشَارَةِ الْمَلَكُوتِ وَيَشْفِي كُلَّ مَرَضٍ وَكُلَّ ضَعْفٍ فِي الشَّعْبِ.

Holy Services to be held during the PLC

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- * Thursday, July 4 – Vespers at 6:00pm
- * Friday, July 5 – Divine Liturgy at 9:00am & Paraklisis at 5:30pm *(for the safe release of our captive Metropolitans in Syria & for the suffering Christians in the Middle East)*
- * Saturday, July 6 – Divine Liturgy at 9:00am & Great Vespers at 5:00pm
- * **Sunday, July 7 – Orthros at 9:00am & Divine Liturgy at 10:00am**
(Note: No Service held at St. Nicholas Church on July 7th only)

August 27: **ANNUAL RAFFLE** at 6:30pm. Contact Paul Massad for tickets (514-816-5760)

Synaxarion

On July 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious **Great-Martyr Kyriaki** of Nicomedia. Kyriaki means “the Lord’s day” in Greek. Her devoutly Christian parents, Doretheus and Eusebia, gave their only child this name because she was born on a Sunday. From her childhood, Kyriaki consecrated herself to God, restraining from everything that unruly children do. When she matured, beautiful in body and soul, many suitors came to ask for her hand in marriage. Kyriaki refused them all, saying that she betrothed herself to Christ the Lord and desired to die as a virgin. One of the rejected suitors denounced Kyriaki and her parents to Emperor Diocletian as being Christians. The emperor ordered that her parents be tortured and banished to the town of Melitene where they died for Christ. Kyriaki endured trial and similar tortures. When Kyriaki lay in her prison cell, completely covered with wounds, Christ the Lord appeared to her, healed her and said: “Kyriaki, do not be afraid of torture. My grace is with you.” When she was taken from there for beheading, Kyriaki—bearing in mind all of the glorious martyrs before her—offered one last prayer that God would have mercy and save all those who would celebrate her memory, and to give rest to her soul together with the souls of her parents. Kyriaki rendered her soul to God just before the sword was lowered on her head. Many pagans believed in Christ through her, and also received martyrdom. Kyriaki was received into eternal joy in 289 in Nicomedia. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

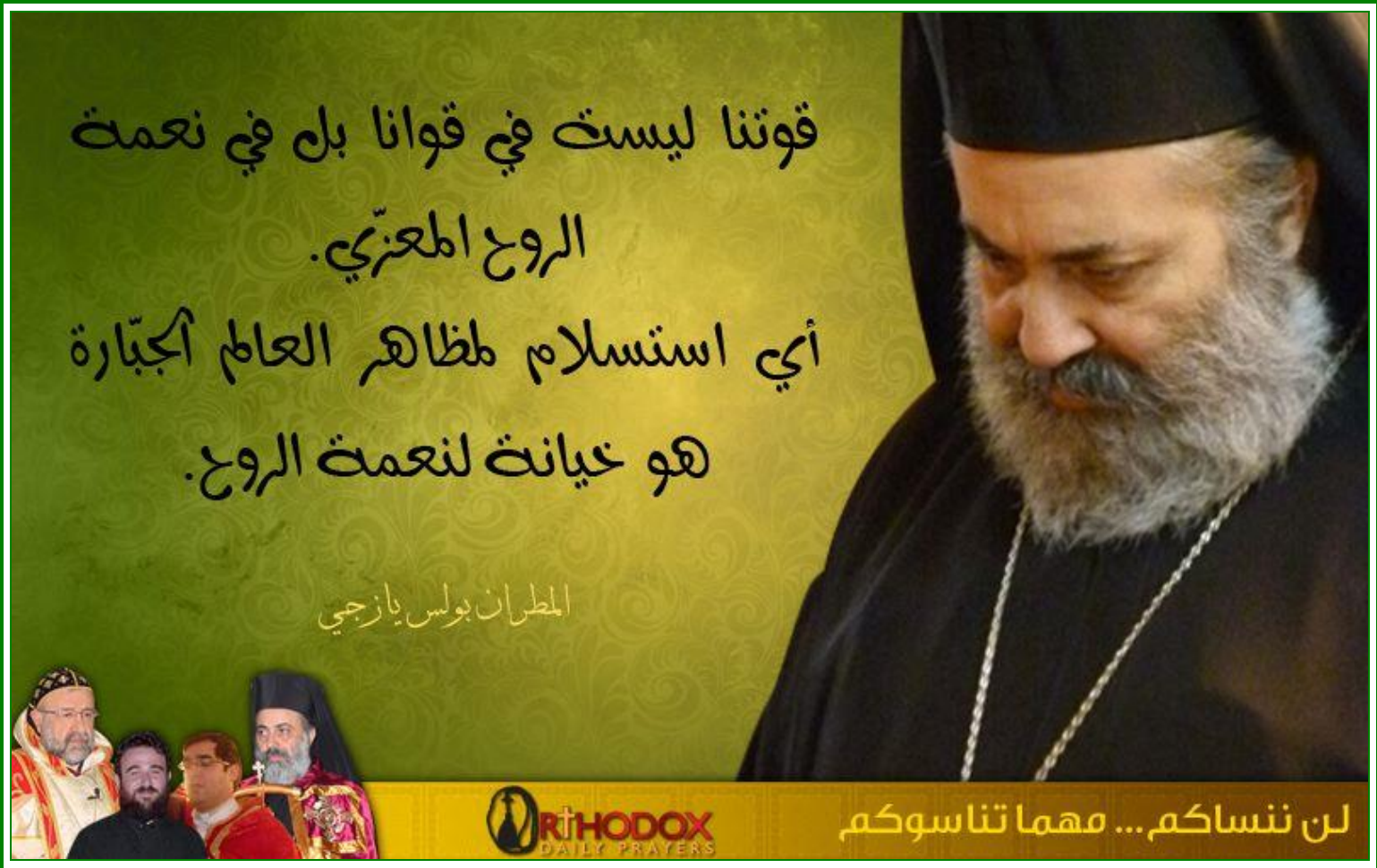
With thy Lord’s Cross wast thou made strong; and in contending valiantly, O comely virgin and Martyr, thou didst destroy the tyrants’ boldness; now that thou hast received from Christ the prizes of thy victory, O all-wise and all-marvelous Kyriaki, thou dost pray for us who revere thee with longing.

As thou dost dance with those wise virgins in the courts of the Lord, thou hast received grace from thence to heal pains and diseases, O fair and modest Martyr, wise Kyriaki; thou hast also received the gift to drive away the foul spirits from all of them that draw nigh to thee with fervent faith.

Rending asunder the power of godless tyrant kings, thou, O most modest virgin, didst direct thy steps Godward, fearing not the blows of the heavy lead balls, nor the harrowing of thy flesh, nor yet the fire, nor the cauldron that seethed with heat, neither slaughter by the headsman’s sword.

Having first tempered thy body in thine ascetic toils, then in thy contest making thy mind harder than iron, thou wast shown to all as a glittering sword forged in Heaven and tried with pains like unto gold in a furnace and well approved, comely virgin and wise Martyr of Christ.

At the right hand of the Savior stood the virgin and prizewinner and Martyr Kyriaki, arrayed with the invincibility of the virtues, and adorned with the oil of purity and the blood of contest, holding her lamp and crying unto Him with rejoicing: Unto the fragrance of Thy myrrh have I run, O Christ God, for I am wounded with Thy love; depart not from me, O Heavenly Bridegroom. By her entreaties, send down upon us Thy mercies, O Almighty Savior.



We continue to pray for **Metropolitan Boulos Yazigi (Antiochian Orthodox Metropolitan of Aleppo, Syria)** & **Metropolitan Youhanna Ibrahim (Syriac Orthodox Metropolitan of Aleppo, Syria)** who were abducted on April 22 by terrorists in Syria. Please keep them and the other 2 abducted Priests and all Christians of the Middle East in your prayers!

*Above: H.E. Metropolitan Boulos Yazigi
Below: H.B. Patriarch Youhanna X (Yazigi)*

