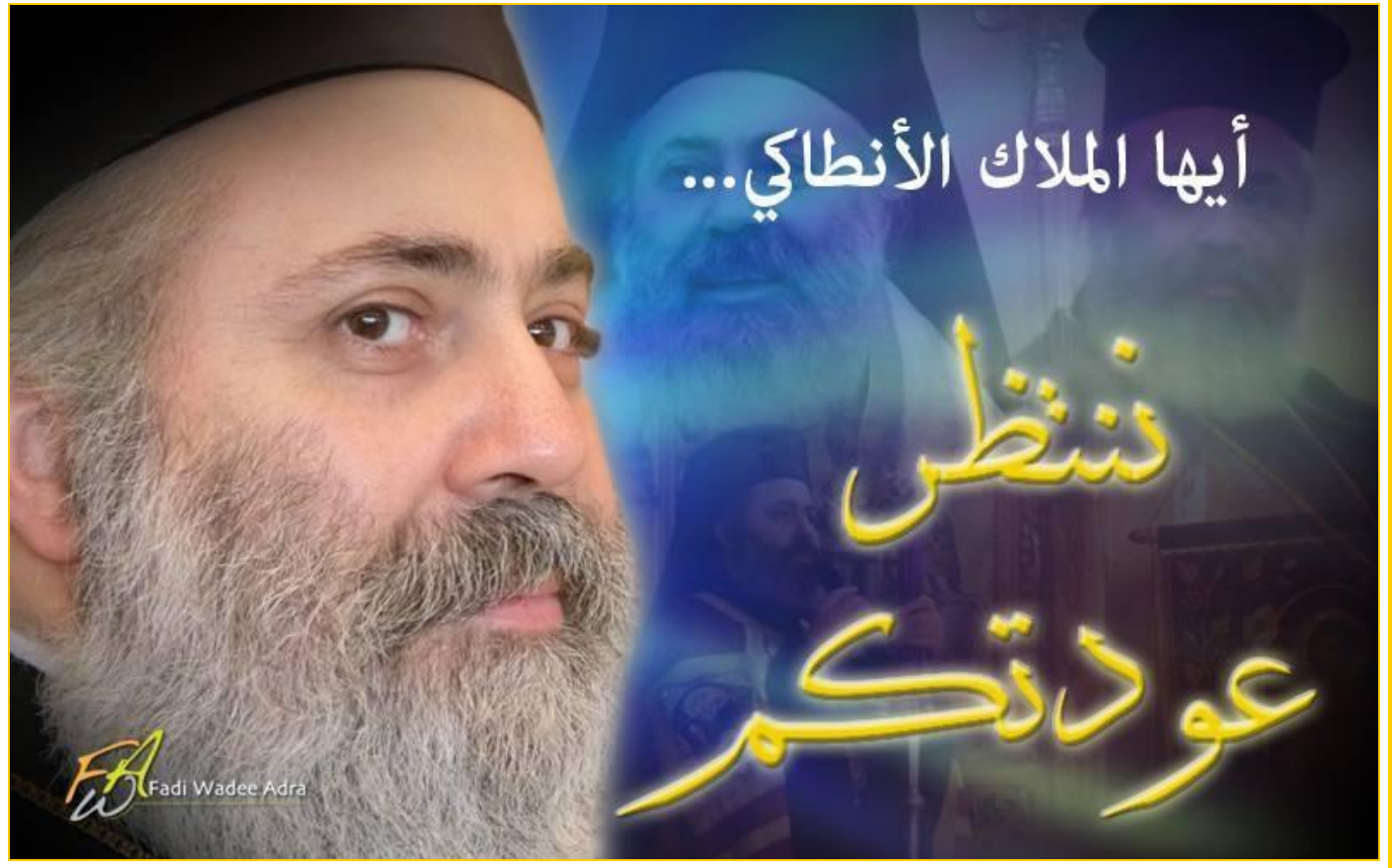


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Sunday Bulletin – June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013 A.D. – **Feast of Holy Pentecost**



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! We also pray for the repose of our 2 Priest-Martyrs who shed their blood in Syria, laying down their lives for the safety of their parishioners: **Fr. Basilios Nassar (shot by a terrorist sniper while tending to a dying parishioner on the street also shot by a terrorist)** & **Fr. Fadi Haddad (abducted and tortured to death by terrorists while attempting to liberate one of his own abducted parishioners)**. The above is a photo of the abducted Metropolitan Boulos and the Arabic text reads: **"O Antiochian Angel...we await your return."** Please visit [www.antiochian.org](http://www.antiochian.org) and view the June edition of "The Word Magazine" to read what **H.E. Metropolitan PHILIP** has to say about the unfortunate war in Syria.

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## The Holy Epistle (Acts 2:1-11)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

وَلَمَّا حَضَرَ يَوْمُ الْخَمْسِينَ كَانَ الْجَمِيعُ مَعًا بِنَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَصَارَ بَعْتَةً مِنَ السَّمَاءِ صَوْتُ كَمَا مِنْ هُبُوبِ رِيحٍ عَاصِفَةٍ وَمَلَأَ كُلَّ الْبَيْتِ حَيْثُ كَانُوا جَالِسِينَ وَظَهَرَتْ لَهُمْ أَلْسِنَةٌ مُنْقَسِمَةٌ كَأَنَّهَا مِنْ نَارٍ وَاسْتَقَرَّتْ عَلَى كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ. وَامْتَلَأَ الْجَمِيعُ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَابْتَدَأُوا يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِاللِّسَانَةِ أُخْرَى كَمَا أَعْطَاهُمُ الرُّوحُ أَنْ يَنْطِقُوا. وَكَانَ يَهُودٌ رِجَالٌ أَنْقِيَاءُ مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ تَحْتَ السَّمَاءِ سَاكِنِينَ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ. فَلَمَّا صَارَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ اجْتَمَعَ الْجُمْهُورُ وَتَحَيَّرُوا لِأَنَّ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ كَانَ يَسْمَعُهُمْ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِلُغَتِهِ. فَهَيْتَ الْجَمِيعُ وَتَعَجَّبُوا قَائِلِينَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ: «أَتُرَى لَيْسَ جَمِيعٌ هؤُلَاءِ الْمُتَكَلِّمِينَ جَلِيلِيِّينَ؟ فَكَيْفَ نَسْمَعُ نَحْنُ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِمَّا لُغَتَهُ الَّتِي وُلِدَ فِيهَا: فَرِثِيُونَ وَمَادِيُونَ وَعِيلَامِيُّونَ وَالسَّاكِنُونَ مَا بَيْنَ النَّهْرَيْنِ وَالْيَهُودِيَّةِ وَكَبْدُوكِيَّةِ وَبُنُشَسَ وَأَسِيَّا وَفَرِيجِيَّةِ وَبِمَفِيلِيَّةِ وَمِصْرَ وَتَوَاحِي لِيُبِّيَّةِ الَّتِي نَحْوَ الْقَيْرَوَانَ وَالرُّومَانِيِّونَ الْمُسْتَوَطِّنُونَ يَهُودٌ وَدَخَلَاءُ كَرِيثِيُونَ وَعَرَبٌ نَسْمَعُهُمْ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِاللِّسَانَتَيْنَا بِعِظَائِمِ اللَّهِ؟».

### Synaxarion

On this day—the fiftieth after Great and Holy Pascha—we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Numbering about 120, they who followed the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord's promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, there came a sound from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house. Cloven tongues immediately appeared, like as of fire, and sat upon the head of each of them. The Apostles began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with other languages with which the Holy Spirit supplied them, as He inspired them. After the Apostle Peter explained what had happened, 3,000 people joined the Church on the day of its birth. The objectives of Pentecost are, namely, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles. By the intercessions of the Holy Apostles, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

O heavenly King, the Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art in all places, and fillest all things, Treasury of good things, and Giver of life, come, and dwell in us, and cleanse us from every stain; and save our souls, O good One.

The Holy Spirit hath ever been, is and ever shall be; for He is wholly without beginning and without end. Yet He is in covenant with the Father and the Son, counted as Life and Life-giver, Light and Light-giver, good by nature and a Fountain of goodness, through whom the Father is known and the Son glorified. And by all it is understood that one power, one rank, one worship are of the Holy Trinity.

## The Holy Gospel (St. John 7:37-52; 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

وَفِي الْيَوْمِ الْأَخِيرِ الْعَظِيمِ مِنَ الْعِيدِ وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ وَتَادَى: «إِنْ عَطِشَ أَحَدٌ فَلْيَقْبَلْ إِلَيَّ وَيَشْرَبْ. مَنْ آمَنَ بِي كَمَا قَالَ الْكِتَابُ تَجْرِي مِنْ بَطْنِهِ أَنْهَارٌ مَاءٍ حَيٍّ». قَالَ هَذَا عَنِ الرُّوحِ الَّذِي كَانَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ مُرْمَعِينَ أَنْ يَقْبَلُوهُ لِأَنَّ الرُّوحَ الْقُدُسَ لَمْ يَكُنْ قَدْ أُعْطِيَ بَعْدُ لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَكُنْ قَدْ مُجِّدَ بَعْدُ. فَكَثِيرُونَ مِنَ الْجَمْعِ لَمَّا سَمِعُوا هَذَا الْكَلَامَ قَالُوا: «هَذَا بِالْحَقِيقَةِ هُوَ النَّبِيُّ». آخَرُونَ قَالُوا: «هَذَا هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ». وَآخَرُونَ قَالُوا: «أَلَعَلَّ الْمَسِيحَ مِنَ الْجَلِيلِ يَأْتِي؟ أَلَمْ يَقُلِ الْكِتَابُ إِنَّهُ مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوُدَ وَمِنْ بَيْتِ لَحْمِ الْقَرْيَةِ الَّتِي كَانَ دَاوُدُ فِيهَا يَأْتِي الْمَسِيحُ؟» فَحَدَّثَ انْشِقَاقٌ فِي الْجَمْعِ لِسَبَبِهِ. وَكَانَ قَوْمٌ مِنْهُمْ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُمَسِّكُوهُ وَلَكِنْ لَمْ يُلْقِ أَحَدٌ عَلَيْهِ الْأَيْدِي. فَجَاءَ الْخُدَّامُ إِلَى رُؤَسَاءِ الْكَهَنَةِ وَالْفَرِيسِيِّينَ. فَقَالَ هُوَ لَهُمْ: «لِمَآذَا لَمْ تَأْتُوا بِهِ؟» أَجَابَ الْخُدَّامُ: «لَمْ يَتَكَلَّمْ قَطُّ إِنْسَانٌ هَكَذَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الْإِنْسَانِ». فَأَجَابَهُمُ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ: «أَلَعَلَّكُمْ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا قَدْ ضَلَلْتُمْ؟ أَلَعَلَّ أَحَدًا مِنَ الرُّؤَسَاءِ أَوْ مِنَ الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ آمَنَ بِهِ؟ وَلَكِنَّ هَذَا الشَّعْبَ الَّذِي لَا يَفْهَمُ النَّامُوسَ هُوَ مَلْعُونٌ». قَالَ لَهُمْ نِيْفُودِيمُوسُ الَّذِي جَاءَ إِلَيْهِ لَيْلًا وَهُوَ وَاحِدٌ مِنْهُمْ: «أَلَعَلَّ نَامُوسَنَا يَدِينُ إِنْسَانًا لَمْ يَسْمَعْ مِنْهُ أَوْلًا وَيَعْرِفُ مَاذَا فَعَلَ؟» أَجَابُوا: «أَلَعَلَّكَ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا مِنَ الْجَلِيلِ؟ ثُمَّ كَلَّمَهُمْ يَسُوعُ أَيْضًا قَائِلًا: «أَنَا هُوَ نُورُ الْعَالَمِ. مَنْ يَتَّبِعْنِي فَلَا يَمشي فِي الظُّلْمَةِ بَلْ يَكُونُ لَهُ فَتْسٌ وَانظُرْ! إِنَّهُ لَمْ يَقُمْ نَبِيٌّ مِنَ الْجَلِيلِ». نُورُ الْحَيَاةِ».

Light, Life, and a living noetic Fountain is the Holy Spirit, good, upright, noetic Spirit of understanding, and purifying offenses, God understanding, presiding, and purifying offenses, God and deifying, Fire projecting from Fire, speaking, active, Distributor of gifts, through whom all the Prophets, the Apostles of God, and the Martyrs are crowned, a strange Report, a strange sight, a Fire divided for the distribution of gifts.

Today all the nations in the city of David beheld wonders, when the Holy Spirit descended in fiery tongues, as the God-inspired Luke spake; for he said, The Disciples of Christ being gathered together, there was a sound as of a mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And they began to speak strange doctrines and strange teachings with diverse tongues, to the holy Trinity.

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