

+ St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church +

+ May 19th 2013 A.D. – Sunday of Holy Myrrh-bearing Women +



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The Holy Epistle (Acts 6:1-7): And in those days when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them and said, "It is not fitting that we should leave the Word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, look ye out among you for seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor, and Timon and Parmenas and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch, whom they set before the apostles. And when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the Word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly, and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

وَفِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ إِذْ تَكَثَّرَ التَّلَامِيذُ حَدَّثَ تَدْمُرٌ مِنَ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ عَلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ أَنَّ أَرَامِلَهُمْ كُنَّ يُعْفَلُ عَنْهُنَّ فِي الْخِدْمَةِ الْيَوْمِيَّةِ. فَدَعَا الْإِثْنَا عَشَرَ جُمُهورَ التَّلَامِيذِ وَقَالُوا: «لَا يُرْضِي أَنْ نَتْرَكَ نَحْنُ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ وَنَخْدِمَ مَوَائِدَ. فَانْتَجِبُوا أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ سَبْعَةَ رِجَالٍ مِنْكُمْ مَشْهُوداً لَهُمْ وَمَمْلُؤِينَ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدْسِ وَحِكْمَةٍ فَتَقِيمَهُمْ عَلَى هَذِهِ الْحَاجَةِ. وَأَمَّا نَحْنُ فَنَوَاطِبُ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ وَخِدْمَةِ الْكَلِمَةِ». فَحَسُنَ هَذَا الْقَوْلُ أَمَامَ كُلِّ الْجُمُهورِ فَأَخْتَارُوا اسْتِفَانُوسَ رَجُلًا مَمْلُؤًا مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدْسِ وَفِيلِبُّسَ وَبِرُوحُوسَ وَنِيكَانُورَ وَتِيمُونَ وَبَرَمِينَاسَ وَنِيْقُولَاوُسَ دَخِيلاً أَنْطَاكِيًّا. الَّذِينَ أَقَامُوهُمْ أَمَامَ الرُّسُلِ فَصَلُّوا وَوَضَعُوا عَلَيْهِمُ الْأَيْدِي. وَكَانَتْ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ تَتَّمُو وَعَدَدُ التَّلَامِيذِ يَتَكَثَّرُ جِدًّا فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ وَجُمُهورٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْكَهَنَةِ يُطِيعُونَ الْإِيمَانَ.

The Holy Gospel (St. Mark 15:43-16:8): Joseph of Arimathea, an honorable council member who also was waiting for the Kingdom of God, came and went in boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether He had been any while dead. And when he learned it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And Joseph bought fine linen, and took Him down and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a sepulcher which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulcher. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher?" And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away, for it was very large. And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were frightened. And he said unto them, "Be not afraid. Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. Behold the place where they laid Him. But go your way. Tell His disciples and Peter that He goeth before you into Galilee. There shall ye see Him, as He said unto you." And they went out quickly and fled from the sepulcher, for they trembled and were amazed; neither said they any thing to any man, for they were afraid.

جَاءَ يُوسُفُ الَّذِي مِنَ الرَّمَاةِ مُشِيرٌ شَرِيفٌ وَكَانَ هُوَ أَيْضًا مُنْتَظِرًا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ فَتَجَاسَرَ وَدَخَلَ إِلَى بِيلاطُسَ وَطَلَبَ جَسَدَ يَسُوعَ. فَتَعَجَّبَ بِيلاطُسُ أَنَّهُ مَاتَ كَذَا سَرِيعًا. فَدَعَا قَائِدَ الْمِيَّةِ وَسَأَلَهُ: «هَلْ لَهُ زَمَانٌ قَدْ مَاتَ؟» وَلَمَّا عَرَفَ مِنْ قَائِدِ الْمِيَّةِ وَهَبَ الْجَسَدَ لِيُوسُفَ. فَاشْتَرَى كِتَانًا فَأَنْزَلَهُ وَكَفَّنَهُ بِالْكِتَانِ وَبَعَثَهُ مَضَى وَوَضَعَهُ فِي قَبْرِ كَانَ مَحْوُوتًا فِي صَخْرَةٍ وَدَحْرَجَ حَجْرًا عَلَى بَابِ الْقَبْرِ. وَكَانَتْ مَرْيَمُ الْمَجْدَلِيَّةُ وَمَرْيَمُ أُمُّ يُوْسِي تَنْظُرَانِ آيْنَ وَضِعَ السَّبْتُ اشْتَرَتْ مَرْيَمُ الْمَجْدَلِيَّةُ وَمَرْيَمُ أُمُّ يَعْقُوبَ وَسَالُومَةَ حَنُوطًا لِيَأْتِيْنَ وَيَدَهْنَهُ. وَبَاكِراً جِدًّا فِي أَوَّلِ الْأُسْبُوعِ أَتَيْتِ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ إِذْ طَلَعَتِ الشَّمْسُ. وَكُنَّ يَقُلْنَ فِيمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ: «مَنْ يَدْحُرُ لَنَا الْحَجَرَ عَنِ بَابِ الْقَبْرِ؟» فَتَطَّلَعْنَ وَرَأَيْنَ أَنَّ الْحَجَرَ قَدْ دَحْرَجَ! لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ عَظِيماً جِدًّا. وَلَمَّا دَخَلْنَ الْقَبْرَ رَأَيْنَ شَابًا جَالِسًا عَنِ الْيَمِينِ لِأَيْسَاءَ حَلَّةً بِيضَاءَ فَاَنْدَهَشْنَ. فَقَالَ لَهُنَّ: «لَا تَنْدَهَشْنَ! أَنْتُنَّ تَطْلُبْنَ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيَّ الْمَصْلُوبَ. فَدَقَامَ! لَيْسَ هُوَ هَهُنَا. هُوَذَا الْمَوْضِعُ الَّذِي وَضَعُوهُ فِيهِ. لَكِنْ اذْهَبْنَ وَقُلْنَ لِتَّلَامِيذِهِ وَلِبَطْرُسَ إِنَّهُ يَسْبِقُكُمْ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ. هُنَاكَ تَرَوْنَهُ كَمَا قَالَ لَكُمْ». فَخَرَجْنَ سَرِيعًا وَهَرَبْنَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ لِأَنَّ الرُّعْدَةَ وَالْحَيْرَةَ أَخَذَتْهُنَّ. وَلَمْ يَقُلْنَ لِأَحَدٍ شَيْئًا لِأَنَّهُنَّ كُنَّ خَائِفَاتٍ

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

Gary Tabah (Lynn, Sabrina, Brandon), Georges Tabah (Marina), George Tabah Jr., Jean Pierre Tabah (Emilie), Joseph Tabah (Caroline), Mark Tabah (April, Ashley, Justin, Trevor), Nicolas Tabah, Raja Tabah (Aida), Richard Tabah (Vesna, Liane, Mark), Stephen Tabah (Philip, Eric), Alexandre Taillefer (Debbie, Thomas, Daphnee), Ibrahim Tamer (Amanda, George), Theo Tannis (Saloma), Jack Tannous (Mona, Salim, Elie), Pierre Tannous, Santino Danny Testani (Melanie, Rebecca, Karen), Charles Thoun (Jo-Ann), Roger Tomy (Louise, Caroline), Susan Nemer Tremblay (Pierre), David Turner (Lilia, Gladys, Stephanie), Florence Tweel, Bernice Vincent, Hani Wahba, Lucy Wall, Walid Wardeh (Reine, Ryan, Rea), Lonnie Weatherby (Karen, Lisa), Charles Wihbey (Madaleine), Joan Wills (James), Corey-James Wittebol (Monica, Syler).

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

- * For Victor Zakaib (40th day). Offered by George & Sandra Zakaib & Families.
- * For Michael Saulters (1st week). Offered by Jo-Ann Moufrage, Johnny, Merle, Adelina & Paul.
- * For Lottie Diab (6th month). *Remembered also Adele, Nick & James.* Offered by Loretta Ducharme & Family.
- * For Habib & Fadwa Kouri. (*Remembered also: Mary, Molly, Georgette, Nicholas, Kay & Edmund, Nick, Alice & Lily*). Offered by the Kouri Family.

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| May 21 | Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm |
| May 26 | Sunday School Staff Meeting after Liturgy |
| May 28 | Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm |
| June 2 | Sunday School Monthly Birthday Party & Soccer Picnic |
| June 4 | Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm |
| June 9 | AGM (Annual General Meeting) |
| June 11 | Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm |
| June 13 | Feast of the Holy Ascension |
| June 16 | Father's Day BBQ & 2nd Tray Collection |
| June 18 | Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm |
| June 22 | Soul Saturday: Grave Blessings at Mt. Royal Cemetery
(<i>Call the Church Office to schedule an appointment</i>) |
| June 23 | Feast of Holy Pentecost: Kneeling Prayers at the end of the Divine Liturgy |
| June 25 | Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm |
| July 2 | Parish Council Meeting at 7:00pm
Byzantine Practice at 7:00pm & Church Choir Practice at 7:30pm |
| July 4-7 | PLC: Parish Life Conference (hosted by St. George Church - Montreal)
Note: St. Nicholas Church will be closed this Sunday <u>only</u> as all Clergy will be serving at the PLC |
| July 22-28 | Archdiocese Convention held in Houston, Texas.
Fr. Mark will be attending and not available in Montreal |
| August 12-23 | Camp Transfiguration - The Camp website is on our "Orthodox Links" page for more information. Fr. Mark will be at the Camp on August 14 & 15 for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. |
| August 27 | ANNUAL RAFFLE at 6:30pm. Contact Paul Massad for tickets (514-816-5760) |

The following is a thank you note from Kh. Rola Wyatt concerning the Mother's Day Event:

"Thank you to all who supported & attended the Mother's Day Event! And a special thank you to my wonderful Committee Members & generous Sponsors. Thanks to all of you, it was a wonderful event that had a great positive effect on our parish with pleasant memories for all who attended! Thank you!"



We continue to pray for the safe release of H.E. **Metropolitan Boulos Yazigi** - Antiochian Orthodox Metropolitan of Aleppo, Syria (*he is the brother of our Patriarch*) & of H.E. **Metropolitan Gregorios-Youhanna Ibrahim** - Syriac Orthodox Metropolitan of Aleppo, Syria. Both were abducted together by armed terrorists in Syria on Monday, April 22 2013, while on a humanitarian mission to liberate two other abducted Priests. Candles are being lit all over the Orthodox world! A petition has been created by the Orthodox Faithful in North America to the White House/Obama for intervention to have them released. The petition was blessed by H.E. Metropolitan PHILIP for you to sign it and it is available on our Church Website. **Please sign it!**

An excerpt from the Paschal Message of H.B. Patriarch Youhanna X: "Priests and lay persons are still being held by their kidnappers. A number of priests and lay persons have been killed here and there, and thousands of believers have been displaced from their homes. We are carrying the cross of what all of them have suffered and are still suffering. We share the grief and the tragedy of the Archdiocese of Aleppo, as well as every parish. However, **we should use this grief to make a way to a greater steadfastness and an occasion to proclaim our faith in the Resurrection.** We have made until today every effort with international and local authorities, asking them to help in the release of the kidnapped. This is the least of what we could do. We need to work for peace to prevail in our regions and we call for an immediate cessation of violence in actions between fellow citizens. We will not surrender to these circumstances as the Lord did not succumb on the way to Golgotha. We shall continue in our way and we shall always claim the rights of man to a decent and peaceful life, mindful that the resurrection is certainly going to happen. For these reason **I call upon you for more unity, more prayer, more steadfastness in your faith, more love for your homeland and more openness toward your fellow citizens.** Only then can we be more powerful and more efficient in asking for the removal of oppression, a safe return of the kidnapped and the removal of every tear from the faces of those who are sad."

