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+ May 26th 2013 A.D. – Sunday of the Paralytic +

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TO ME...”

MATTHEW 25:36

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

The Holy Epistle (Acts 9:32-42): And it came to pass, as Peter was passing throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had kept to his bed for eight years and was sick with the palsy. And Peter said unto him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed.” And he arose immediately. And all who dwelt in Lydda and Sharon saw him, and turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which interpreted is called Dorcas). This woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days that she was sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper chamber. And inasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he should not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. And when he had come, they brought him into the upper chamber; and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and kneeled down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and calling in the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

وَحَدَّثَ أَنَّ بُطْرُسَ وَهُوَ يَجْتَازُ بِالْجَمِيعِ نَزَلَ أَيْضاً إِلَى الْقِدِّيْسِينَ السَّاكِنِينَ فِي لُدَّةَ فَوَجَدَ هُنَاكَ إِنْسَاناً اسْمُهُ إِبْنِيَّاسُ مُضْطَجِعاً عَلَى سَرِيرٍ مُنْذُ ثَمَانِي سِنِينَ وَكَانَ مَقْلُوجاً. فَقَالَ لَهُ بُطْرُسُ: «يَا إِبْنِيَّاسُ يَشْفِيكَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ. فُمْ وَأَفْرُشْ لِنَفْسِكَ». فَقَامَ لِلْوَقْتِ. وَرَأَهُ جَمِيعُ السَّاكِنِينَ فِي لُدَّةَ وَسَارُونَ الَّذِينَ رَجَعُوا إِلَى الرَّبِّ. وَكَانَ فِي يَافَا بَلْمِيذَةٌ اسْمُهَا طَابِيثَا الَّتِي تَرَجَمَتْهُ غَزَالَةٌ. هَذِهِ كَانَتْ مُمْتَلِئَةً أَعْمَالاً صَالِحَةً وَإِحْسَانَاتٍ كَانَتْ تَعْمَلُهَا. وَحَدَّثَتْ فِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ أَنَّهَا مَرِضَتْ وَمَاتَتْ فَغَسَلُوهَا وَوَضَعُوهَا فِي عِلْيَةٍ. وَإِذْ كَانَتْ لُدَّةَ قَرِيبَةً مِنْ يَافَا وَسَمِعَ التَّلَامِيذُ أَنَّ بُطْرُسَ فِيهَا أَرْسَلُوا رَجُلَيْنِ يَطْلُبَانِ إِلَيْهِ أَنْ لَا يَتَوَانَى عَنْ أَنْ يَجْتَازَ إِلَيْهِمْ. فَقَامَ بُطْرُسُ وَجَاءَ مَعَهُمَا. فَلَمَّا وَصَلَ صَعِدُوا بِهِ إِلَى الْعِلْيَةِ فَوَقَفَتْ لَدَيْهِ جَمِيعُ الْأَرَامِلِ يَبْكِينَ وَيَبْرِينَ أَقْمِصَةً وَثِيَاباً مِمَّا كَانَتْ تَعْمَلُ غَزَالَةً وَهِيَ مَعَهُنَّ. فَأَخْرَجَ بُطْرُسُ الْجَمِيعَ خَارِجاً وَجَثَا عَلَى رُكْبَتَيْهِ وَصَلَّى ثُمَّ انْقَلَبَتْ إِلَى الْجَسَدِ وَقَالَ: «يَا طَابِيثَا قُومِي!» فَفَتَحَتْ عَيْنَيْهَا. وَلَمَّا أَبْصَرَتْ بُطْرُسَ جَلَسَتْ فَتَنَاوَلَهَا يَدَهُ وَأَقَامَهَا. ثُمَّ نَادَى الْقِدِّيْسِينَ وَالْأَرَامِلَ وَأَحْضَرَهَا حَيَّةً. فَصَارَ ذَلِكَ مَعْلُوماً فِي يَافَا كُلِّهَا فَأَمَنَ كَثِيرُونَ بِالرَّبِّ.

The Holy Gospel (St. John 5:1-15): After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of invalid folk — blind, halt, withered — waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool and troubled the water. Whosoever then first stepped in, after the troubling of the water, was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there who had an infirmity for thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had been in that state a long time, He said unto him, “Wilt thou be made whole?” The infirm man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool; but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.” Jesus said unto him, “Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.” And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed and walked. Now it was the Sabbath on that day. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, “It is the Sabbath day; it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.” He answered them, “He that made me whole said unto me, ‘Take up thy bed and walk.’” Then they asked him, “What man is that who said unto thee, ‘Take up thy bed and walk?’” And he that was healed knew not who it was, for Jesus had removed Himself away, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said unto him, “Behold, thou art made whole. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.” The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him whole.

وَبَعْدَ هَذَا كَانَ عِيدٌ لِلْيَهُودِ فَصَعِدَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَفِي أُورُشَلِيمَ عِنْدَ بَابِ الصَّنَانِ بَرَكَةٌ يُقَالُ لَهَا بِالْعِبْرَانِيَّةِ «بَيْتُ حَسَدَا» لَهَا خَمْسَةُ أَرْوَاقَةٍ. فِي هَذِهِ كَانَ مُضْطَجِعاً جُمْهُورٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنْ مَرَضَى وَعُمِيٍّ وَعَرَجٍ وَعَسِمٍ يَتَوَقَّعُونَ تَحْرِيكَ الْمَاءِ. لِأَنَّ مَلَكَاً كَانَ يَنْزِلُ أحياناً فِي الْبَرَكَةِ وَيَحْرُكُ الْمَاءَ. فَمَنْ نَزَلَ أَوَّلًا بَعْدَ تَحْرِيكِ الْمَاءِ كَانَ بَيِّراً مِنْ أَيِّ مَرَضٍ اعْتَرَاهُ. وَكَانَ هُنَاكَ إِنْسَانٌ بِهِ مَرَضٌ مُنْذُ ثَمَانٍ وَثَلَاثِينَ سَنَةً. هَذَا رَأَى يَسُوعُ مُضْطَجِعاً وَعَلِمَ أَنَّ لَهُ زَمَاناً كَثِيراً فَقَالَ لَهُ: «أَتُرِيدُ أَنْ تَبْرَأَ؟» أَجَابَهُ الْمَرِيضُ: «يَا سَيِّدُ لَيْسَ لِي إِنْسَانٌ يُقْبِنِي فِي الْبَرَكَةِ مَتَى تَحْرَكَ الْمَاءُ. بَلْ بَيْنَمَا أَنَا آتٍ يَنْزِلُ قُدَّامِي آخَرٌ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «فُمْ. احْمِلْ سَرِيرَكَ وَامْشِ». فَحَالاً بَرِيَ الْإِنْسَانُ وَحَمَلَ سَرِيرَهُ وَمَشَى. وَكَانَ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ سَبْتٌ. فَقَالَ الْيَهُودُ لِلَّذِي شَفِيَ: «إِنَّهُ سَبْتٌ! لَا يَجِلُّ لَكَ أَنْ تَحْمِلَ سَرِيرَكَ». أَجَابَهُمْ: «إِنَّ الَّذِي أْبْرَأَنِي هُوَ قَالَ لِي احْمِلْ سَرِيرَكَ وَامْشِ». فَسَأَلُوهُ: «مَنْ هُوَ الْإِنْسَانُ الَّذِي قَالَ لَكَ احْمِلْ سَرِيرَكَ وَامْشِ؟». أَمَّا الَّذِي شَفِيَ فَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَعْلَمُ مَنْ هُوَ لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ اعْتَزَلَ إِذْ كَانَ فِي الْمَوْضِعِ جَمْعٌ. بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ وَجَدَهُ يَسُوعُ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «هَا أَنْتَ قَدْ بَرِئْتَ فَلَا تُخْطِئْ أَيْضاً لِئَلَّا يَكُونَ لَكَ أَشْرٌ». فَخَصَى الْإِنْسَانُ وَأَخْبَرَ الْيَهُودَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الَّذِي أْبْرَأَهُ.

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

Elias Yaacoub, John Yaacoub (Annie, Christopher), Salami Yaacoub (Marjolaine, Joelle, Jonathan, Juliana), Gemma Yared, Michael Yuhasz (Gladys, Julie-Ann), Bruce Zacard (Lana, Tanya, Nikki, Derek), Gary Zacard (Annick, Ashley, Bianka, Jazmine), Karen Zacard, Michael Zacard (June, Cheryl), Agnes Zakaib, Allen Zakaib (Martha, Jasmine, Jade), Barbara Zakaib, Derek Zakaib (Christine, David), Donald Zakaib (Denise), Edmund Zakaib (Victoria), Elaine Zakaib, Emeline Zakaib, Eric Zakaib (Hala, Myriam, Nicholas), George Zakaib (Isabella, Sarah, Matthew, Jamie), Gordon Zakaib (Louise), Gregory Zakaib, Hector Zakaib (Sandra, Cassandra, Keara), John Zakaib (Barbara, Jayden), Kenneth Zakaib (Lorraine, Joanne, Derek), Larry Zakaib (Anne, Julien, Alexa), Lorne Zakaib (Viola, Janice, Jay), Michel Zakaib (Helene), Patricia Zakaib (Lucas).

Today's Memorial Prayers are offered for the Eternal Memory of the Servants of God:

* For Gregory Diab (40th day). *Remembered also Louis Diab*. Offered by his son & his mother & families.

* For Richard Rynn (14th year). Offered by the Family.

Our Condolences go to Theo Kersheh on the repose of his sister Leila Kersheh Hawawini (Damascus, Syria). The family will be holding a Memorial Service & receiving condolences at our Church following the Orthros Prayers on Saturday, June 1 at 11:00am. Memory Eternal!

* For Leila Kersheh Hawawini. (*Remembered also: Michel, Alexandra, George, Nicholas & Renée*). Offered by Theo Kersheh & Family.

- June 2 Sunday School Monthly Birthday Party & Soccer Picnic
- June 9 **AGM (Annual General Meeting)** - to be held during the extended Coffee Hour following the D. Liturgy. All registered parishioners should attend!
- June 16 2nd Tray Collection to help cover the \$1,800.00 we are assessed by the 3 annual Archdiocese Trays, which go towards Orthodox Education & Humanitarian Relief.
- June 22 Soul Saturday: Grave Blessings at Mt. Royal Cemetery
(*Call the Church Office to schedule an appointment between 12-4pm*)
- June 23 Feast of Holy Pentecost: Kneeling Prayers at the end of the Divine Liturgy
- July 4-7 PLC: Parish Life Conference (hosted by St. George Church - Montreal)
Note: St. Nicholas Church will be closed this Sunday only!
- 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.
- August 27 **ANNUAL RAFFLE** at 6:30pm. Contact Paul Massad for tickets (514-816-5760)

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An Excerpt from a Recent Sermon by H.B. Patriarch Youhanna X

"I speak to you, with my brothers their beatitudes the Patriarchs and the Reverend Bishops, as reasons for sorrow surround us on all sides. In our beloved country of Syria, dangers threaten our homes and menace human beings in their daily bread, their livelihood, in their dwelling-place and in their life. Everyday we are put to the test by murder, by abduction, and by every sort of destruction. Once more, we deplore and denounce the abduction of our two brothers, Bishop Paul, Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of Aleppo and Alexandretta, and Bishop Youhanna Ibrahim, Syriac Orthodox Metropolitan of Aleppo, as well as the murder of the driver who accompanied them. We condemn their not having been freed up to now (*since April 22*), despite all the efforts expended for this. I share with you the pain that all of us feel. But we affirm and state that we are not willing to accept the situation that we are living here and now. We are working to make our refusal of this reality the mirror of our faith. We reject this reality and we condemn it. **We are not afraid of those who adopt violence as their way, as we are children of the Resurrection. That we may be killed, that we may be kidnapped, that our homes may be destroyed, all of this will neither affect nor reduce our determination to cling to our citizenship and to coexistence, to cling to our land, and to demand rights and justice in our countries.** Thus, each of us, whether in the Antiochian lands or in the diaspora, is called to express his concern, his rejection of the course of events, apart from any political orientation. **Christianity's cause is the cause of the human being, for our Savior became incarnate for his salvation.** I will use this occasion to address, in your name-- you who are in the homeland or the diaspora-- an appeal to the international community to encourage it to make every possible effort to bring about the liberation of these captives, whose absence wounds us. Quickly turning this page is extremely important in order to prevent the serious consequences that may result. Our appeal also insists on working to find a rapid solution to the prevailing situation in our beloved country of Syria, out of mercy for this people who bear witness to a civilization coming from thousands of years of human presence, and to prevent effects and reactions that could affect the entire region. Beloved children, even as we receive the blessings of the glorious Resurrection, let us multiply our prayers and supplications, so that they might be a way of living witness, by which we that God will cast injustice away from all, that the captives may return to their loved ones, that the bereaved may be consoled, and that the hard of heart will be inspired to stop harming their fellow humans. I ask for constant prayer with a contrite heart, aware that if we are brought into temptation by these trials, we have in God a place of refuge, and also aware that God does not turn away from us. May love, may service, may courage, be an introduction to the joy of the Resurrection, that joy that will not be removed from us. Christ is risen!"

***Assassination Plot Uncovered!!** In response to the reports in Turkish and world media about an uncovered assassination plot against His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, Archbishop Demetrios (*Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America*) wrote to President Obama urging him to exercise his good offices to ensure the safety of the Patriarch. There has been an Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch in Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul) for 1,700 years. The assassination was planned for May 29, which is the 560th anniversary of the fall of Constantinople, the former capital of the Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire, to the Ottoman Muslims. Today, Turkey is an Islamic country and Christians are a persecuted minority.