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THE 30 NEW ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX MARTYRS OF LIBYA



**CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION!
INTERNATIONAL SILENCE!**

Am Of The Cross

The Lord said: "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves...When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you...and you will be hated by all for My Name's sake...But he who endures to the end will be saved...Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in Hell...every one who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in Heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in Heaven...Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matt 10:16-33; 5:44)

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WE ARE A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA, WHICH IS AN ARCHDIOCESE OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE OF ANTIOCH & ALL THE EAST.

أُغْتَنَا انطاكيّة، أُغْتَنَا واحدة

"Our language is Antiochian, our language is One" - H.B. Patriarch John X

THE HOLY EPISTLE (ACTS 6:1-7)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

فِي تِلْكَ الْيَّامِ إِذْ تَكَثَّرَ التَّلَامِيذُ حَدَثَ تَذَمُّرٌ مِنَ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ عَلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ أَنَّ أَرَامِلَهُمْ كُنَّ يَعْغَلُ عَنْهُنَّ فِي الْخِدْمَةِ الْيَوْمِيَّةِ. فَدَعَا الْاِثْنَا عَشَرَ جَمْهُورَ التَّلَامِيذِ وَقَالُوا: ((لَا يَرْضَى أَنْ نَتْرِكَ نَحْنُ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ وَنَخْدِمَ مَوَائِدَ. فَأَنْتَخِبُوا أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ سَبْعَةَ رِجَالٍ مِنْكُمْ مَشْهُودًا لَهُمْ وَمَمْلُوكِينَ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَحِكْمَةً فَتَقِيمُهُمْ عَلَى هَذِهِ الْحَاجَةِ. وَأَمَّا نَحْنُ فَنَوَاطِبُ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ وَخِدْمَةِ الْكَلِمَةِ)). فَحَسَّنَ هَذَا الْقَوْلُ أَمَامَ كُلِّ الْجَمْهُورِ فَاخْتَارُوا اسْتِفَانُوسَ رَجُلًا مَمْلُوكًا مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَفِيلِبُّسَ وَبِرُوخُورِسَ وَنِيكَانُورَ وَتِيْمُونَ وَبِرْمِينَاسَ وَنِيْقُولَاوُسَ دَخِيلاً أَنْطَاكِيًّا. لَّذِينَ أَقَامُوهُمْ أَمَامَ الرُّسُلِ فَصَلُّوا وَوَضَعُوا عَلَيْهِمُ الْيَدَايَ. وَكَانَتْ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ تَنْمُو وَتَعْدُدُ التَّلَامِيذُ يَتَكَثَّرُ جَدًّا فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ وَجَمْهُورٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْكَهَنَةِ يُطِيعُونَ الْإِيمَانَ.

Palm Sunday Bake Sale: "Once again we're delighted to announce the huge success of our annual Bake Sale, that wouldn't happen without your help and support. On behalf of the Antiochian Women of St. Nicholas Church, I thank you for your generosity, whether by baking, donating, helping or buying. God bless you all and Happy Easter! Chair person, Hala Zakaib."



For Your Information! **I have been asked to present the Orthodox Perspective on End of Life Choices (Provincial Legislation Bill 52)** on Monday, April 27 at a Family Conference hosted by Seniors Action Quebec, which is a non-profit organization working on behalf of English-speaking seniors in Quebec. The Conference is about the new Provincial Legislation Bill 52: End of Life Choices and the goal is to inform individuals/families on the new Legislation and services available for those facing a terminal illness; to begin discussions with family members, caregivers and health care professionals to ensure that their decisions are understood and respected. This conference will begin the discussion among families, caregivers and health care professionals. Topics to be covered include; Bill 52: Overview, Religious Perspectives, Front Line Medical Situations and Services, Depression and Terminal Illness, Supreme Court Ruling; Next Steps for Parliament, Ethics, Legal and Funeral Arrangements, Notary, Palliative Care: Comfort and Support. The Panel will include Religious Leaders, Medical Doctors & Government Representatives. **If the presentation is recorded, I will try to share it with you on our Church Website. Pray for me!** (+ Fr. Mark)

THE HOLY GOSPEL (ST. MATTHEW 15:43-47; 16:1-8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

في تلك الأيام، جاء يوسُفُ الَّذِي مِنَ الرَّامَةِ مُشِيرٌ شَرِيفٌ وَكَانَ هُوَ أَيْضاً مُنْتَظِراً مَلَكَوتَ اللَّهِ فَتَجَاسَرَ وَدَخَلَ إِلَى بِيلاطُسَ وَطَلَبَ جَسَدَ يَسُوعَ. فَتَعَجَّبَ بِيلاطُسُ أَنَّهُ مَاتَ كَذَا سَرِيعاً. فَدَعَا قَائِدَ الْمُنَّةِ وَسَأَلَهُ: «هَلْ لَهُ زَمَانٌ قَدْ مَاتَ؟» وَمَا عَرَفَ مِنْ قَائِدِ الْمُنَّةِ وَهَبَ الْجَسَدَ لِيُوسُفَ. فَاشْتَرَى كَتَاناً فَأَنْزَلَهُ وَكَفَّنَهُ بِالكَتَّانِ وَوَضَعَهُ فِي قَبْرِ كَانَ مَنْحُوتاً فِي صَخْرَةٍ وَدَحْرَجَ حَجَراً عَلَى بَابِ الْقَبْرِ. وَكَانَتْ مَرِيَمُ الْمَجْدَلِيَّةُ وَمَرِيَمُ أُمُّ يُوْسُفِ تَنْظُرَانِ أَيْنَ وَضِعَ. وَبَعْدَ مَا مَضَى السَّبْتُ اشْتَرَتْ مَرِيَمُ الْمَجْدَلِيَّةُ وَمَرِيَمُ أُمُّ يَعْقُوبَ وَسَأَلُوهُ حَنُوطاً لِيَأْتِيَنَّ وَيُدْهِنَهُ. وَبِأَكْرَأَ جِداً فِي أَوَّلِ الْأُسْبُوعِ أَتَيْنَ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ إِذْ طَلَعَتِ الشَّمْسُ. وَكُنَّ يَقُلْنَ فِيمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ: «مَنْ يُدْحِرُجُ لَنَا الْحَجَرَ عَنِ بَابِ الْقَبْرِ؟» فَتَطَلَّعْنَ وَرَأَيْنَ أَنَّ الْحَجَرَ قَدْ دُحْرَجَ! لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ عَظِيماً جِداً. وَمَا دَخَلْنَ الْقَبْرَ رَأَيْنَ شَاباً جَالِساً عَنِ الْيَمِينِ لَابْساً حُلَّةً بِيضَاءَ فَاَنْدَهَشْنَ. فَقَالَ لَهُنَّ: «لَا تَنْدَهَشْنَ! إِنَّنِي تَطَلَّعْنَ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيَّ الْمُصْلُوبَ. قَدْ قَامَ! لَيْسَ هُوَ هَهُنَا. هُوَذَا الْمَوْضِعُ الَّذِي وَضَعُوهُ فِيهِ. لَكِنْ اذْهَبْنَ وَقُلْنَ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ وَلِبَطْرَسَ إِنَّهُ سَبَقَكُمْ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ. هُنَاكَ تَرَوْنَهُ كَمَا قَالَ لَكُمْ». فَخَرَجْنَ سَرِيعاً وَهَرَبْنَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ لِأَنَّ الرُّعْدَةَ وَالْحَيْرَةَ أَخَذَتَاهُنَّ. وَلَمْ يَقُلْنَ لِأَحَدٍ شَيْئاً لِأَنَّهُنَّ كُنَّ خَائِفَاتٍ..

Kontakion (Tone 4) for St. George: Cultivated by God, you became manifest as an honorable tiller gathering for yourself the sheaves of virtue. For you sowed with tears but reaped with gladness; in the contest you competed with your blood and came away with Christ. By your intercessions, O Holy One, all are granted forgiveness of sins.

Kontakion (Tone 2) for St. Mark: When you received the Spirit's grace from Heaven's heights, you tore apart the webs of the philosophers; and on catching all of the nations in your net, O all-lauded Mark, you offered them to your Lord, by preaching the Gospel of divine renown.

Today's Memorial Service is offered for the Eternal Repose of the Servants of God:

- * Georgette Chacra (40th day); Emile Chacra. Offered by her Children.
- * Nuhad Haddad (40th day); Fares, Michael, Wadih, Jamil, Nayef, Elias, Refca, Shafika, Nasra, Tafeeda, Tafeed, Fawzi Marta & Fr. Fadi Haddad. Offered by his wife & Children.
- * Nazih Saliba (1st year). Offered by the Family.
- * Rosanna Koury (1st year); George Koury (21 months). Offered by the Koury Family.
- * Nicholas David (21st year); Carole David, Jackie & Emile Zakaib, Nellie Soumah, Nazly, Michael, Edward & Joan David, Rosanna & George Koury, Edna, Mark & William Housey. Offered by the Family.

All Are Welcome
Antiochian Women Closing Dinner



June 1st, 2015

*Place: Restaurant Ezo
 9440 Boulevard de l'Acadie*

Price: \$30 (cash only)

Time: 6:15pm

*For Info - Contact:
 Any Antiochian Women or
 Chairperson - Sylvia Mefrige
 (514)344-0550*

RSVP by May 15th, 2015

VESPERS

Saturday:
 6pm-7pm

SUNDAY

Orthros:
 9am-10:30am
 Divine Liturgy:
 10:30am-12pm

CONFESSION

By Appointment
 with Fr. Mark

BOOKSTORE

Open after
 Church Services



We recently celebrated the Feasts of St. George the Great Martyr (April 23) & St. Mark the Evangelist; Apostle to Egypt & Martyr (April 25).

We wish a Blessed Feast for our Sister Parish - St. George of Montreal!

& Fr. Mark wishes all Parishioners a blessed Feast of his Intercessor 'St. Mark' with the best of health and happiness, and asks for your prayers!

+ Christ is Risen! +



2 YEARS OF CAPTIVITY!

**MET. BOULOS YAZIGI
 & MET. YOUHANNA IBRAHIM
 ABDUCTED BY TERRORISTS IN SYRIA
 ON APRIL 22, 2013**
 THE INTERNATIONAL SILENCE CONTINUES
 DURING THE GENOCIDE OF THE
 CHRISTIANS OF THE MIDDLE EAST.
 WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THEM ALL!