

"When we argue and fight over Liturgical Music, God is no longer present in our thoughts: we have become servants of the idol of 'religiosity' rather than Jesus Christ. We cannot improve our Church Music if we are convinced we are doing it the 'right way.' When we are open to change, then God will lead us to what is better."

+ H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH



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9:00am-12:00pm

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For Metropolitan Boulos, Archbishop John, and for their quick release from captivity and safe return, let us pray to the Lord.

THE HOLY EPISTLE (Colossians 3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

يا اخوة متى ظهر المسيح الذي هو حياتنا فانتم ايضا تظهرون حينئذ معه في المجد * فأميتوا اعضاءكم التي على الارض الزنى والنجاسة والهوى والشهوة الردية والطمع الذي هو عبادة وثن * لانه لاجل هذه ياتي غضب الله على ابناء العصيان * وفي هذه انتم ايضا سلكتم حينما اذ كنتم عائصين فيها * اما الان فانتم ايضا اطرحوا الكل الغضب والسخط والخبث والتجديف والكلام القبيح من افواهكم * ولا يكذب بعضكم بعضا بل اخلعوا الانسان العتيق مع اعماله * والبسوا الانسان الجديد الذي يتجدد للمعرفة على صورة خالقه * حيث ليس يوناني ولا يهودي ولا ختان ولا قلف لا بربري ولا اسكيثي لا عبد ولا حر بل المسيح هو كل شئ وفي الجميع.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (St. Luke 14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

قال الرب هذا المثل. انسان صنع عشاء عظيمًا ودعا كثيرين * فأرسل عبده في ساعة العشاء يقول للمدعوين تعالوا فإن كل شيء قد أُعد * فطفق كلهم واجد فوجد يستعفون. فقال له الأول قد اشتريت حقلًا ولا بد لي أن أخرج وأنظره فأسألك أن تعفيني * وقال الآخر قد اشتريت خمسة فدادين بقر وأنا ماض لأجر بها فأسألك أن تعفيني * وقال الآخر قد تزوجت امرأة فلذلك لا أستطيع أن أجيء * فأتى العبد وأخبر سيده بذلك * فحينئذ غضب رب البيت وقال لبعده أخرج سريعاً إلى شوارع المدينة وأرقتها وأدخل المساكين والجُدع والعميان والعرج إلى ههنا * فقال العبد يا سيدي قد قضي ما أمرت به ويبقى أيضاً محل * فقال السيد للبعده أخرج إلى الطرُق والأسبجة واضطربهم إلى الدخول حتى يمتلئ بيوتي * فإني أقول لكم إنه لا يدور عشائي أحد من أولئك الرجال المدعوين * لأن المدعوين كثيرين والمختارين قليلون.

TODAY THE VIRGIN COMETH TO THE CAVE WHERE SHE WILL GIVE BIRTH IN AN INEFFABLE MANNER TO THE WORD WHO IS BEFORE ALL THE AGES. REJOICE, THEREFORE, O UNIVERSE, WHEN THOU HEAREST IT HERALDED: GLORIFY HIM, WITH THE ANGELS AND THE SHEPHERDS, WHO CHOSE TO BE SEEN AS A NEW-BORN BABE, THE GOD WHO IS BEFORE ALL THE AGES.



Teen SOYO

St Nicholas SOYO presents:

2016 SOYO Visit to the Cedars Home

Come and enjoy a visit this Christmas Season at the home where
many of our parishoners reside!
Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 2:30 pm
Cedars Home for the Elderly
1275 Cote-Vertu suite 200, Saint-Laurent, Québec H4L 4V2

BLESSED NATIVITY FAST!
Nov 15 - Dec 25

We ABSTAIN FROM ALL
MEAT & DAIRY PRODUCTS.

FISH IS ALLOWED,
BUT NOT ON
WEDNESDAYS
& FRIDAYS,
AND NOT BETWEEN
Dec 12-24.

TRADITIONALLY,
WINE & OIL
ARE ALLOWED ONLY
WHEN FISH IS ALLOWED,
AND ALSO ON
SATURDAYS
& SUNDAYS.

Sunday, Dec 18
Sunday School
Christmas Concert
& Christmas Party

Friday, Dec 23
Paramon at 10:00am

Saturday, Dec 24
Orthros &
Divine Liturgy
starting at 7:00pm

Followed by
Christmas Concert
& Parish Christmas
Carols Sing-Along
& Christmas
Reception



ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS SALE
Every Sunday during the Coffee Hour
while supplies last,
Hosted by our Antiochian Women
All are welcome!

Antiochian Women "Christmas Dinner" - Monday, December 12 at 6:30pm
At Ezo Restaurant (9440 L'Acadie) - \$35/person.

Contact Sylvia Mefrige (514-344-0550) or Helene Zakaib (450-466-9205).

ALL OF OUR WOMEN ARE ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN!

"I Would like to thank all our donors, sponsors, an dour Committee for making our Hafli & St. Nicholas Feast Day Brunch a great success! We are grateful for your support and generosity and we look forward in planning for next year. God grant you good health and happiness." — Sylvia Mefrige, Chairwoman.

Today's Memorial Service is for the departed servant of God:

*Norma Salhany (2nd year); Fouad & Carolyn. Offered by Barbara Salhany.

*Roger and Paulette Sekaly. Offered by Christian , Elena & Maria Sekaly.

2017 Church Donation Envelopes:

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