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كنيسة القديس نيقولاوس الانطاكية الأرثوذكسية

SUNDAY BULLETIN - FEBRUARY 22, 2015 A.D.



Have a Blessed & Holy Fast!

The Lord shall keep you from all evil.

The Lord shall keep your soul.

The Lord shall keep your coming in and your going out

From this present time and unto the ages.

(Psalm 121: 7-8 / 120:7-8 LXX)

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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.

لُغَتْنَا انطاكيّة، لُغَتْنَا واحدة

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

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### THE HOLY EPISTLE (ROMANS 13:11-14:4)

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

هَذَا وَإِنَّكُمْ عَارِفُونَ الْوَقْتَ أَنَّهَا الْآنَ سَاعَةٌ لِنَسْتَيْقِظَ مِنَ النَّوْمِ فَإِنَّ خَلَاصَنَا الْآنَ أَقْرَبُ مِمَّا كَانَ حِينَ آمَنَّا. قَدْ تَنَاهَى اللَّيْلُ وَتَقَارَبَ النَّهَارُ فَلْنَخْلَعْ أَعْمَالَ الظُّلْمَةِ وَنَلْبَسْ أَسْلِحَةَ النُّورِ. لِنَسْلُكَ بِلِيَاقَةِ كَمَا فِي النَّهَارِ لَا بِالْبَطَرِ وَالسُّكْرِ لَا بِالْمُضَاجَعِ وَالْعَهْرِ لَا بِالْخِصَامِ وَالْحَسَدِ. بَلِ الْبِسُوا الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ وَلَا تَصْنَعُوا تَدْبِيرًا لِلْجَسَدِ لِأَجْلِ الشَّهَوَاتِ. وَمَنْ هُوَ ضَعِيفٌ فِي الْإِيمَانِ فَاقْبَلُوهُ لَا لِحَاكِمَةِ الْأَفْكَارِ. وَاحِدٌ يُؤْمِنُ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَأَمَّا الضَّعِيفُ فَيَأْكُلُ بَقُولًا. لَا يَزِدُّ مَنْ يَأْكُلُ بِمَنْ لَا يَأْكُلُ وَلَا يَدِينُ مَنْ لَا يَأْكُلُ مَنْ يَأْكُلُ - لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَبَّلَهُ. مَنْ أَنْتَ الَّذِي تَدِينُ عَبْدَ غَيْرِكَ؟ هُوَ لِمَوْلَاهُ يَنْبِتُ أَوْ يَسْقُطُ. وَلَكِنَّهُ سَيَنْبِتُ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَادِرٌ أَنْ يَنْبِتَهُ.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL (ST. MATTHEW 6:14-21)

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. “Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

فَإِنَّهُ إِنْ عَفَرْتُمْ لِلنَّاسِ زَلَّاتِهِمْ يَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ أَيْضًا أَبُوكُمُ السَّمَاوِيِّ. وَإِنْ لَمْ تَغْفِرُوا لِلنَّاسِ زَلَّاتِهِمْ لَا يَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ أَبُوكُمْ أَيْضًا زَلَّاتِكُمْ. «وَمَتَى صُمْتُمْ فَلَا تَكُونُوا عَابِسِينَ كَالرَّائِينَ فَإِنَّهُمْ يُغَيِّرُونَ وَجُوهَهُمْ لِكَيْ يَظْهَرُوا لِلنَّاسِ صَائِمِينَ. الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُمْ قَدْ اسْتَوْفَوْا أَجْرَهُمْ. وَأَمَّا أَنْتَ فَمَتَى صُمْتَ فَادْهِنْ رَأْسَكَ وَاغْسِلْ وَجْهَكَ لِكَيْ لَا تَظْهَرَ لِلنَّاسِ صَائِمًا بَلْ لِأَبِيكَ الَّذِي فِي الْخَفَاءِ. فَأَبُوكَ الَّذِي يَرَى فِي الْخَفَاءِ يُجَازِيكَ عَلَانِيَةً. «لَا تَكْنُزُوا لَكُمْ كُنُوزًا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ حَيْثُ يُفْسِدُ السُّوسُ وَالصَّدَأُ وَحَيْثُ يَنْقُبُ السَّارِقُونَ وَيَسْرِقُونَ. بَلِ اكْنُزُوا لَكُمْ كُنُوزًا فِي السَّمَاءِ حَيْثُ لَا يُفْسِدُ سُّوسٌ وَلَا صَدَأٌ وَحَيْثُ لَا يَنْقُبُ سَارِقُونَ وَلَا يَسْرِقُونَ لِأَنَّهُ حَيْثُ يَكُونُ كَنْزُكَ هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ قَلْبُكَ أَيْضًا.»

### **Today's Memorial Service is for the departed servants of God:**

- \* Elias Salhany (10th year); Khatoun and Toufic. Offered by Rose Salhany & Family.
- \* William, Olga, Steve Kouri & Glen Wills. Offered by the Family.
- \* Georgette Zaien Rynn (17th year). Offered by the Family.

# MID-LENTEN LUNCHEON

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015**

FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY

TICKETS: \$25/ADULT

\$10/CHILD (UNDER 12 YEARS)

INFO: MARIE AZAKIE 514-835-7878

## + LENTEN SCHEDULE OF HOLY SERVICES +

- \* Great Compline (7:00pm-9:00pm) on Mondays: Feb. 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)
- \* Presanctified Divine Liturgy (7:00pm-9:00pm) on Wednesdays: Feb. 25; March 4, 11, 18; April 1
- \* Akathist to the Theotokos (7:00pm-9:00pm) on Fridays: Feb. 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27
- \* March 25: Feast of the Annunciation to the Theotokos - Vesperal Divine Liturgy (7:00pm-9:00pm)
- \* Friday, April 3 - Little Compline with Canon of St. Lazarus (7:00pm-9:00pm)
- \* Saturday, April 4 - Feast of St. Lazarus: Orthros & Divine Liturgy (9:00am-12:00pm) & Youth Brunch!
- \* Sunday, April 5: Palm Sunday Procession! (and Bake Sale)
- \* Holy Monday, April 6: Bridegroom Service (7:00pm-10:00pm)
- \* Holy Tuesday, April 7: Bridegroom Service (7:00pm-10:00pm)
- \* Holy Wednesday, April 8: Holy Unction Service (7:00pm-10:00pm)
- \* Holy Thursday, April 9: Mystical Supper Vesperal Divine Liturgy (10:30am-12:00pm)  
Passion Gospels (7:00pm-10:00pm)
- \* Holy Friday, April 10: Paramon/Royal Hours (10:00am-12:00pm)  
Lamentation Service with Tomb-Procession (7:00pm-10:00pm)
- \* Holy Saturday, April 11: Saturday of Light Vesperal Divine Liturgy (10:00am-12:00pm)  
**Full Paschal Vigil** (*Midnight Hour, Resurrection/Rush Service, Paschal Orthros & Paschal Divine Liturgy*) begins not earlier than 10:00pm uninterrupted and complete by the written instruction of H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH. (10:00pm-1:00am approx)
- \* Sunday of Pascha, April 12: Agape Vespers (1:00pm-2:00pm)  
With the Gospel read in foreign languages & indoor Candle Procession.
- \* Bright Monday, April 13: Divine Liturgy with Bishop ALEXANDER & Montreal Clergy (details to come)
- \* Vespers: EVERY Saturday (6:00pm-7:00pm) - Sacrament of Confession is by appointment only.

## St. Nicholas Teen SOYO: YES Trip Montreal

YES (YOUTH EQUIPPED TO SERVE)

IS THE YOUTH PROGRAM OF FOCUS N.AMERICA

Register at <https://portal.focusna.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=277>

WHEN? Saturday, March 7, 2015, 10 am to 7 pm

WHAT? A wonderful opportunity to serve and love  
our most needy neighbours in Montreal

WHERE? We will meet at 10 am at St Nicholas Antiochian  
Orthodox Church. Pick up will be at 7 pm

QUESTIONS? Contact Katrina Bitar at [kbitar@focusna.org](mailto:kbitar@focusna.org)

Mary-Eve Anderson at [maryeveanderson@gmail.com](mailto:maryeveanderson@gmail.com)

Nicholas Zakaib at [nick.zak@hotmail.com](mailto:nick.zak@hotmail.com)

"The Teen SOYO would like to thank everyone who  
helped out and came to the Valentine's Day Dance"  
- Mary Eve Anderson and Nicholas Zakaib

## ST. NICHOLAS SCOUTS:

**EVERY FRIDAY**

**7:00PM-9:00PM**

**IN THE CHURCH HALL.**

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**FEBRUARY IS SCOUTS**

**MONTH**

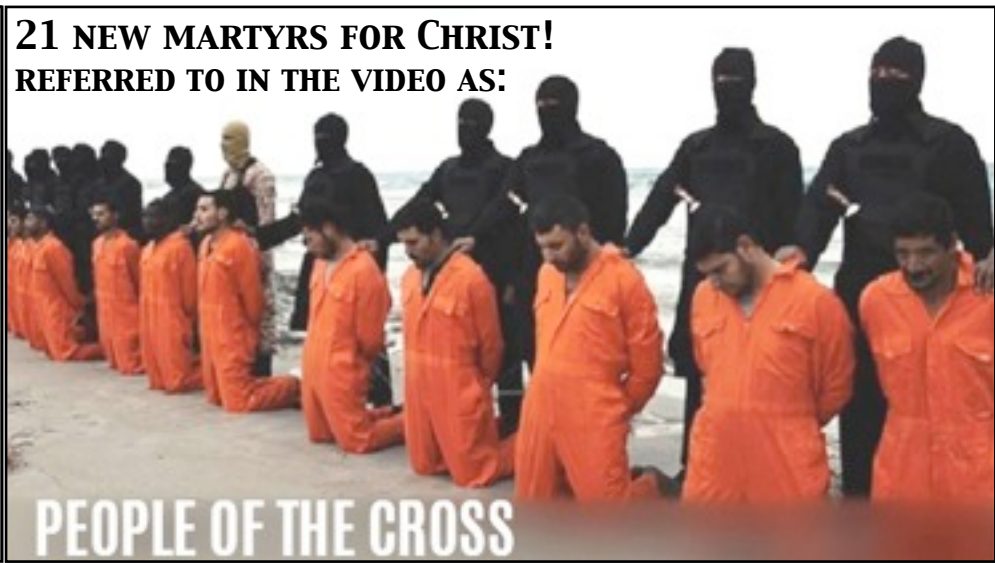
**AND MEMBERS OF OUR**

**SCOUTS GROUP WILL BE ON**

**DUTY AND ASSISTING**

**WITH THE USHERING EVERY  
SUNDAY.**

**21 NEW MARTYRS FOR CHRIST!  
REFERRED TO IN THE VIDEO AS:**



I AM  
PEOPLE OF  
THE CROSS

PEOPLE OF THE CROSS

**Statement by His Grace Bishop Angaelos, General Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church in the United Kingdom following the brutal murder of Coptic Christians in Libya (15 February 2015)**

It is with deep feelings of sorrow and pain that we received confirmation earlier this evening of the brutal murder of Coptic Christians in Libya at the hands of Daesh (IS). While every life is sacred and every death tragic, the particular brutality demonstrated in this instance and others like it shows not only a disregard for life but a gross misunderstanding of its sanctity and equal value in every person. Our prayers are particularly with the families of these young Coptic men, who were fathers, brothers, sons and friends of many within their tight-knit rural communities, in which their absence will cause significant loss and sorrow. Their families are not only deprived of breadwinners who had travelled to Libya to support them, but of the joy that they bring when they return. While it may seem illogical or incomprehensible, we also pray for those who have carried out these horrific crimes, that the value of God's creation and human life may become more evident to them, and in this realisation, that the wider effects of pain brought by this and other acts of brutality may be realised and avoided. We pray for an end to the dehumanisation of captives who become mere commodities to be bartered, traded and negotiated with. We cannot remember our Coptic brothers without also remembering all those who have lost their lives in equally brutal circumstances: journalists, aid workers, medical staff, religious leaders, a young pilot and communities that are considered incompatible with a fringe and intolerant element. In the midst of this sorrow however, we must continue to dig deeper for the joy that comes from an understanding that this life is but a "vapour that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14), and that true glory and joy are found in an eternal life prepared for all those who live in and for love and peace. It is only through this understanding that we can continue to live according to the words of 1 Peter 3:15 as demonstrated in the life and witness of the Coptic Church and her children over centuries, "...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you..."



**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!**