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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 (Titus 3:8-15) Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ. وَأُرِيدُ أَنْ تُقَرِّرَ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورَ، لِكَيْ يَهْتَمُّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ أَنْ يُمَارِسُوا أَعْمَالًا حَسَنَةً. فَإِنَّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورَ هِيَ الْحَسَنَةُ وَالنَّافِعَةُ لِلنَّاسِ. وَأَمَّا الْمُبَاحَثَاتُ الْغَيْبِيَّةُ وَالْأَنْسَابُ وَالْخُصُومَاتُ وَالْمُنَازَعَاتُ النَّامُوسِيَّةُ فَاجْتَنِبْهَا، لِأَنَّهَا غَيْرُ نَافِعَةٍ، وَبَاطِلَةٌ. الرَّجُلُ الْمُبْتَدِعُ بَعْدَ الْإِنْذَارِ مَرَّةً وَمَرَّتَيْنِ أَعْرَضَ عَنْهُ. عَالِمًا أَنَّ مِثْلَ هَذَا قَدْ انْحَرَفَ، وَهُوَ يَخْطِئُ مَحْكُومًا عَلَيْهِ مِنْ نَفْسِهِ. حِينَمَا أُرْسِلُ إِلَيْكَ أَرْتِيمَاسَ أَوْ تِيخِيكُسَ بَادِرًا أَنْ تَأْتِيَ إِلَيَّ إِلَى نِيكُوبُولِيْسَ، لِأَنِّي عَزَمْتُ أَنْ أَشْتَبِي هُنَاكَ. جَهِّزْ زِينَاسَ النَّامُوسِيَّ وَأَبْلُوسَ بِاجْتِهَادٍ لِّلسَّفَرِ حَتَّى لَا يُعْوزَهُمَا شَيْءٌ. وَلْيَتَعَلَّمْ مَنْ لَنَا أَيْضًا أَنْ يُمَارِسُوا أَعْمَالًا حَسَنَةً لِلْحَاجَاتِ الضَّرُورِيَّةِ، حَتَّى لَا يَكُونُوا بِلَا تَمَرٍّ. يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكَ الَّذِينَ مَعِيَ جَمِيعًا. سَلِّمْ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَنَا فِي الْإِيمَانِ. النِّعْمَةُ مَعَ جَمِيعِكُمْ. آمِينَ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (St. Matthew 5:14-19) The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

"أَنْتُمْ نُورُ الْعَالَمِ. لَا يُمْكِنُ أَنْ تُخْفَى مَدِينَةٌ مَوْضُوعَةٌ عَلَى جَبَلٍ وَلَا يُوقَدُونَ سِرَاجًا وَيَضَعُونَهُ تَحْتَ الْمِكْيَالِ بَلْ عَلَى الْمَنَارَةِ فَيُضِيءُ لِجَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ فِي الْبَيْتِ. فَلْيُضِيءِ نُورُكُمْ هَكَذَا قُدَّامَ النَّاسِ لِكَيْ يَرَوْا أَعْمَالَكُمْ الْحَسَنَةَ وَيَمَجِّدُوا أَبَاكُمْ الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. «لَا تَطْنُوا أَنِّي جِئْتُ لِأَنْقُضَ النَّامُوسَ أَوْ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ. مَا جِئْتُ لِأَنْقُضَ بَلْ لِأَكْمِلَ. فَإِنِّي الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِلَى أَنْ تَزُولَ السَّمَاءُ وَالْأَرْضُ لَا يَزُولُ حَرْفٌ وَاحِدٌ أَوْ نَقْطَةٌ وَاحِدَةٌ مِنَ النَّامُوسِ حَتَّى يَكُونَ الْكُلُّ. فَمَنْ نَقَضَ إِحْدَى هَذِهِ الْوَصَايَا الصَّغْرَى وَعَلَّمَ النَّاسَ هَكَذَا يُدْعَى أَصْغَرَ فِي مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَأَمَّا مَنْ عَمِلَ وَعَلَّمَ فَهَذَا يُدْعَى عَظِيمًا فِي مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ.»

*** IMPORTANT NOTE ***

On Sunday July 9 & 16 there will be a substitute Priest serving as Fr. Mark will be on vacation with his family July 6-19, and away again for the Archdiocese Convention July 24-28. There will not be Vespers on July 15. For Pastoral Emergencies during Fr. Mark's absence, please contact Carol Maker (514-335-4372) to arrange a Priest for you and to book the Church for a funeral, etc. Thank you!

+ SYNAXARION +

On July 16 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Athenogenes, bishop of Herakleopolis, and his ten disciples; and the 15,000 martyrs of Pisidia who believed in Christ through St. Marina. On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 against the Monophysites. The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The false teaching arose that Christ's human nature (considered by heretics as less perfect) dissolved itself in His divine nature (considered by heretics as more perfect): like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were called Monophysites ("mono", meaning "one" and "physis", meaning "nature"), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any change. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

When the rank of the holy Fathers flocked from the ends of the inhabited world, they believed in one Substance and one Nature of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, delivering plainly to the Church the mystery of discoursing in theology. Wherefore, in that we laud them in faith, we beatify them, saying: What a divine army, ye God-inspired soldiers of the camp of the Lord, ye most brilliant luminaries in the noetic firmament, ye impregnable towers of the mystical Zion, ye scented flowers of paradise, the golden mouths of the Word, the boast of Nicaea, and delight of the whole universe, intercede ceaselessly for our souls.

As true servants of Christ God, the godly shepherds assembled all their wise experience as the shepherds of the flock; and with godly zeal, stirring up righteous wrath, they wrought righteous judgment, driving off diseased and grievous wolves, when, with the Spirit's sling, they expelled them all from the Church's ranks, as fallen even unto death, stricken with a malady past all cure. For the holy Fathers were ven'erable initiates and seers of the divine preaching from on high, teaching sacred mysteries.

— BECOMING THE IMAGE OF CHRIST TO OTHERS —

By: Abbot Tryphon (Taken from The Morning Offering - Ancient Faith Radio)

If we be true to our calling as the children of God, we must live in imitation of Christ. We must imitate His meekness and humility. We must love others just as did He. We must be willing to be transformed, and made whole, that others might see in us, the Light of Christ. Each and every hour must be closely scrutinized, that we make sure the Image of the Saviour shines forth as we interact with others. If we find ourselves growing angry towards a family member, or a coworker, we must sincerely repent at that very moment, and with Christ's help, turn ourselves around. In our journey to God, time must not be wasted, for we never know the day or hour when we will be held accountable. Tomorrow is never early enough, for the day of our repentance must be today! Tomorrow can not be the day we start treating others with love, for tomorrow may never come. If we see another person abused, now is the time to act. If we see an old woman needing help paying for her groceries, now is the time to reach into our own pocket book. If we see a woman being abused by her boyfriend, now is the time to speak out on her behalf, or to call the police. If a homeless person approaches us for help, we must not refuse to give them at least a dollar, and a kind word of encouragement. If a clerk is rude to us, a smile must be our only response. If, returning to our car, we see a parking enforcement officer writing a ticket, we must receive it with a smile. If a police officer has pulled us over for speeding, we must thank them for doing their job to keep us all safe. If a neighbor is speaking unkind words about another neighbor, we must not remain silent, lest our silence be interpreted as agreement, and their own day of repentance be avoided. If a stranger is in need of a word of encouragement, we must not let our own needs be a deterrent to our becoming a vehicle of the mercy of Christ. Church services, personal prayer, and fasting, are all required components of the Christian life, but are never enough if we wish to be saved. We must see ourselves as "our brothers keeper", for if we do not love our neighbor, we will not inherit the Kingdom of God. As daunting as this all may sound, it is never impossible, for we have the help of the Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit can ignite our soul for love of God, and the love of neighbor, but we must cooperate by working to make our hearts open to Christ. Christianity is not meant to be an easy path, for how can anyone hear the words of Our Saviour, requiring that we love even our enemies, and not know how hard this journey will be. Yet if we take up our cross, hourly, we will have victory over our fallen nature, and we will be given the power to love everyone, even as we love ourself, and the love of God will grow stronger in our own heart, ever remembering the words of scripture, "Without Me you can do nothing (John 15:5)".

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