

# ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## REGULAR SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP:

**Saturdays:** Great Vespers 7:00pm-8:00pm

Confession 8:00pm-9:00pm (by Appointment only)

**Sundays:** 9:00am-12:00pm

(9:00am Orthros & 10:30am Divine Liturgy)

**Agape Coffee Hour 12:00pm-2:00pm**

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## Racism has No Place in the Life of a Christian!

**By: Abbot Tryphon, All-Merciful Orthodox Monastery, Vashon Island - Washington**

It is important to understand that genetically, all humans are of but one race. Indians, Arabs, Jews, Caucasians, Africans, and Asians, are not different races, but rather, different ethnicities of the human race. God created all humans with the same physical characteristics, with only minor variations. Furthermore, He created all humans in His image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27), and has invited all of us to enter into communion with Him. A black man is just as much my brother as a fellow Norwegian with blue eyes like mine. In the Book of Acts we read that with the coming of the Holy Spirit, diverse expressions of languages were being spoken. And in Revelation we see a glimpse of eternity with men and women from every tongue, tribe, and nation making up the choir of eternal praise (Rev. 7:9). That the writers of Scripture took notice of ethnicity, and saw diversity as good, makes it impossible for the Christian to hold to thoughts of racial superiority, or separation of the races. How can we hold to racist ideologies when even the Apostle John hinted at prejudice concerning Jesus, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth (John 1:46)?" How can we dare hold to racist opinions when the Lord Jesus Christ presented parables which even offended the religious leaders of His time? The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10) and the story of the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4) make it impossible for us to hold to ideas of ethnic superiority over different races. Even our Orthodox iconography intentionally reflects the full range of skin hues when painting a saint's face in order to stress the interconnectedness and blessedness of all races of humanity. All forms of racism, prejudice, and discrimination are affronts to the work of Christ on the cross. Jesus Christ died that all men might be saved, be they Jews, Africans, Spanish, Norwegians, Asians, or whatever. In Christ we are united as One Body, and as humans we are all of one race. Ethnicity should mean nothing for the Christian, and our parishes should demonstrate the truth of the ethnic diversity of the Kingdom of God. If we hold to racist beliefs we only demonstrate how far we have distanced ourselves from the teachings of Our Lord. Can a Christian be a racist? The answer is an emphatic NO!

## 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.

يَا وَدَي تَيْطُسَ، صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ. وَأُرِيدُ أَنْ نُفَرِّرَ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورَ، لِكَيْ يَهْتَمَّ 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 قَدِ انْحَرَفَ، وَهُوَ يُخْطِئُ مَحْكُومًا عَلَيْهِ مِنْ نَفْسِهِ. حِينَمَا أُرْسِلُ إِلَيْكَ أَرْتِيمَاسَ أَوْ تِيخِيكُسَ بَادِرًا أَنْ تَأْتِيَ إِلَيَّ إِلَيَّ نِيكُوبُولِيَسَ، لِأَنِّي عَزَمْتُ أَنْ أَشْتِيَ هُنَاكَ. جَهِّزْ زِينَاسَ النَّامُوسِيَّ وَأَبْلُوسَ بِاجْتِهَادٍ لِلسَّفَرِ حَتَّى لَا يُعْوزَهُمَا شَيْءٌ. وَلِيَتَعَلَّمْ مَنْ لَنَا أَيْضًا أَنْ يُمَارِسُوا أَعْمَالًا حَسَنَةً لِلْحَاجَاتِ الضَّرُورِيَّةِ، حَتَّى لَا يَكُونُوا بِلَا نَمْرِ. يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكَ الَّذِينَ مَعِيَ جَمِيعًا. سَلِّمُ 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."

قال الرب لتلاميذه أنتم نور العالم. لا يمكن أن تخفي مدينة موضوعة على جبل، ولا يوقدون سراجاً ويضعونه تحت الكيال، بل على المنارة فيضيء لجميع الذين في البيت. فليضيء نوركم هكذا قدام الناس، لكي يروا أعمالكم الحسنة، ويمجدوا آبائكم الذي في السماوات. ((لا تظنوا أنني جئت لأنقض الناموس أو الأنبياء. ما جئت لأنقض بل لأكمل. فإنني الحق أقول لكم: إلى أن تزول السماء والأرض لا يزول حرف واحد أو نقطة واحدة من الناموس حتى يكون الكل. فمن نقض إحدى هذه الوصايا الصغرى وعلم الناس هكذا، يدعى أصغر في ملكوت السماوات. وأمّا من عمل وعلم، فهذا يدعى عظيماً في ملكوت السماوات

Fr. Mark will be attending the Archdiocese Clergy Symposium at the Antiochian Village, and will not be available from Monday, July 18 - Friday, July 22.

In case of a Pastoral Emergency only, please contact Carol Maker (514-335-4372) to arrange for another Priest to help you.

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

\* Amelia Zakem (40th day); Mary, Nazleh & Elias. Offered by Eric Zakaib and Family.

\* George Koury (3rd year); Rosanna Koury, Nazly David (35th year). Offered by the Koury Family.

# St Nicholas SOYO & YAM Present



Gourmet  
Burger

**BBQ**

\$15

Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 PM

80 de Castelnau St. East, Montreal, QC H2R 1P2

Congratulations to **Nicholas Zakaib** who was elected by SOYO and installed by H.G. Bishop ALEXANDER at the PLC in Utica as the new Diocese SOYO Board Secretary.

Congratulations to **Marina Wyatt** who received her Creative Arts award from H.G. Bishop ALEXANDER at the Awards Brunch at the PLC.

Congratulations to all of our Creative Arts winners, who could not attend the PLC:

## Judges Choices - St. Nicholas, Montreal

### Creative Arts Festival - Diocese of Ottawa, Upstate New York, and Eastern Canada - 2016

Name	Grade	Art	Writing	Poetry	Photography
NAHHAS, Rena-Maria	3	GOLD			
DEVITO, Marco	7	GOLD			
SEMAAN, Peter	9	GOLD			
NAHHAS, Thea-Galia	1	Silver			
DEVITO, Marco	7		Bronze		
WYATT, Marina	3			GOLD	
EL-DICK, Nicholas	8			GOLD	
EL-DICK, Anthony	5				Silver-Tied

5 GOLD

2 Silver

1 Bronze

TOTAL: 8 Judges Choices

*Report prepared by Bruna L. Salhany  
Creative Arts Festival Co-Coordinator*

# UPCOMING CHURCH FUNDRAISERS

**To purchase tickets for the Grand Hafli Please contact:**

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Hala Zakaib  
514-748-0882  
Hana Rahhal  
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514-270-9788

NOTE: Children 12 & under \$25.00

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**To purchase tickets for the Fashion Show please contact:**  
**Carol Maker**  
**514-335-4372**  
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## Grand Hafli

Presented by: St. Nicholas Antiochian Church  
Date: Saturday, November 5th 2016  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Price: \$50/ per person

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Laval, Quebec**



Mezza  
Supper

Ticket #-----

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Diane Majdell and St. Nicholas Church  
present  
**A Cocktail Fashion Show and After Party Dance**  
To benefit  
**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**  
Sunday, September 25, 2016  
5:00 pm Cocktails/Hors D'oeuvres  
6:30 pm Fashion Show  
Followed by After Party Dance and Sweet Table

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