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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 (Acts 2:1-11) When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

وَلَمَّا حَضَرَ يَوْمَ الْخَمْسِينَ كَانَ الْجَمِيعُ مَعًا بِنَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَصَارَ بَعْتَةً مِنَ السَّمَاءِ صَوْتُ كَمَا مِنْ هُبُوبِ رِيحٍ عَاصِفَةٍ وَمَلَأَ كُلَّ الْبَيْتِ حَيْثُ كَانُوا جَالِسِينَ وَظَهَرَتْ لَهُمُ السِّنَةُ مُنْقَسِمَةً كَأَنَّهَا مِنْ نَارٍ وَاسْتَقَرَّتْ عَلَى كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ. وَأَمْتَلَأَ الْجَمِيعُ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَابْتَدَأُوا يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِالسِّنَةِ أُخْرَى كَمَا أَعْطَاهُمُ الرُّوحُ أَنْ يَنْطِقُوا. وَكَانَ يَهُودٌ رِجَالٌ أَتَقِيَاءُ مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ تَحْتَ السَّمَاءِ سَاكِنِينَ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ. فَلَمَّا صَارَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ اجْتَمَعَ الْجُمْهُورُ وَتَحِيرُوا لِأَنَّ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ كَانَ يَسْمَعُهُمْ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِلُغَتِهِ. فَبِهِتَ الْجَمِيعُ وَتَعَجَّبُوا قَائِلِينَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ: «أَتُرَى لَيْسَ جَمِيعٌ هؤُلَاءِ الْمُتَكَلِّمِينَ جَلِيلِيِّينَ؟ فَكَيْفَ نَسْمَعُ نَحْنُ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهَا لُغَتَهُ الَّتِي وُلِدَ فِيهَا: فَرَسِيونَ وَمَادَرِيونَ وَعِيلَامِيونَ وَالسَّاكِنُونَ مَا بَيْنَ النَّهْرَيْنِ وَالْيَهُودِيَّةَ وَكَبْدُوكِيَّةَ وَبِنْتَسَ وَأَسِيَّا وَفَرِيجِيَّةَ وَبِمَفِيلِيَّةَ وَمِصْرَ وَنَوَاجِي لِيْبِيَّةَ الَّتِي نَحْوَ الْفَيْرَوَانَ وَالرُّومَانِيونَ الْمُسْتَوَطِنُونَ يَهُودٌ وَدُخَلَاءُ كَرِيْتِيونَ وَعَرَبٌ نَسْمَعُهُمْ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِالسِّنَتِنَا بَعْضَائِمُ اللّهِ؟».

Reminder: **Kneeling Prayers** today following the Divine Liturgy, as today is the Feast of Holy Pentecost. We pray that the Holy Spirit descend and bless us and cleanse us.

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

- * Daad Michel Khezam (40th day); Michel, Lorette, Riyad, Anwar, Michael, Fouad & Fares. Offered by her brother Murhaf & his Family.
- * Salma Hannoun (40th day); Georges Elias & Fayez Dib. Offered by Malak Dib & Roula Mourani.
- * Georgette Zaien. Offered by Vicky & Liza.
- * Nelson Ayoub (28th year); Jamile Ayoub. Offered by his wife Doreen Ayoub & Family.

Congratulations to our English Byzantine Choir Director, **Hanna Ayoub**, who recently returned from Cyprus after successfully passing his musical exam of higher Byzantine learning, graduating with the Byzantine Music Diploma from the Hellenic Conservatory of Athens, Greece. This course was completed in participation with the famous Mt. Lebanon Choir (SEM), which has full accreditation with the Conservatory.

Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist - Orthros & Divine Liturgy starting at 10:00am on Saturday, June 24 at St. John the Baptist Antiochian Orthodox Church (Fr. Elie Touma) on 400 Laurier, Laval, H7N 2P6. Reception to follow. All are welcome!

AGM - Sunday, June 11 after the Divine Liturgy.

The Antiochian Women invite you to join them for their closing event of the year! **Paint Nite** is coming to St. Nicholas! June 13th, at 7:00pm. Please be on time. The artist will start giving directions at 7:30pm sharp. \$40 will get you all painting supplies, snacks and beverages. Please buy your tickets by June 4th. Absolutely no tickets will be available at the door. The painting we will all be doing is called "The Breeze". If you would like to see it, please email Ann Zakaib at: azakaib@gmail.com. For tickets and info, please call Helene Zakaib at 450-466-9205 or email at: helene.zakaib@gmail.com. See you there!

THE HOLY GOSPEL (St. John 7:37-52; 8:12) On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

وَفِي الْيَوْمِ الْأَخِيرِ الْعَظِيمِ مِنَ الْعِيدِ وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ وَنَادَى: «إِنْ عَطِشَ أَحَدٌ فَلْيُقْبِلْ إِلَيَّ وَيَشْرَبْ. مَنْ آمَنَ بِي كَمَا قَالَ الْكِتَابُ تَجْرِي مِنْ بَطْنِهِ أَنْهَارٌ مَاءٍ حَيٍّ». قَالَ هَذَا عَنِ الرُّوحِ الَّذِي كَانَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ مُزْمِعِينَ أَنْ يَقْبَلُوهُ لِأَنَّ الرُّوحَ الْقُدُسَ لَمْ يَكُنْ قَدْ أُعْطِيَ بَعْدُ لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَكُنْ قَدْ مُجِدَّ بَعْدُ. فَكَثِيرُونَ مِنَ الْجَمْعِ لَمَّا سَمِعُوا هَذَا الْكَلَامَ قَالُوا: «هَذَا بِالْحَقِّيقَةِ هُوَ النَّبِيُّ». آخَرُونَ قَالُوا: «هَذَا هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ». وَآخَرُونَ قَالُوا: «أَلْعَلَّ الْمَسِيحُ مِنَ الْجَلِيلِ يَأْتِي؟ أَلَمْ يَقُلِ الْكِتَابُ إِنَّهُ مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوُدَ وَمِنْ بَيْتِ لَحْمِ الْقَرْيَةِ الَّتِي كَانَ دَاوُدُ فِيهَا يَأْتِي الْمَسِيحُ؟» فَحَدَّثَ انْتِشَاقٌ فِي الْجَمْعِ لِسَبَبِهِ. وَكَانَ قَوْمٌ مِنْهُمْ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُمْسِكُوهُ وَلَكِنْ لَمْ يَلْقُ أَحَدٌ عَلَيْهِ الْإِيَادِي. فَجَاءَ الْخُدَّامُ إِلَى رُؤَسَاءِ الْكَهَنَةِ وَالْفَرِيسِيِّينَ. فَقَالَ هَؤُلَاءِ لَهُمْ: «لِمَاذَا لَمْ تَأْتُوا بِهِ؟» أَجَابَ الْخُدَّامُ: «لَمْ يَتَكَلَّمْ قَطُّ إِنْسَانٌ هَكَذَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الْإِنْسَانِ». فَاجَابَهُمُ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ: «أَلْعَلَّكُمْ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا قَدْ ضَلَلْتُمْ؟ أَلْعَلَّ أَحَدًا مِنَ الرُّؤَسَاءِ أَوْ مِنَ الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ آمَنَ بِهِ؟ وَلَكِنَّ هَذَا الشَّعْبَ الَّذِي لَا يَعْرِفُ النَّامُوسَ هُوَ مَلْعُونٌ». قَالَ لَهُمْ نِيقُودِيمُوسُ الَّذِي جَاءَ إِلَيْهِ لَيْلًا وَهُوَ وَاحِدٌ مِنْهُمْ: «أَلْعَلَّ نَامُوسَنَا يَدِينُ إِنْسَانًا لَمْ يَسْمَعْ مِنْهُ أَوْلًا وَيَعْرِفُ مَاذَا فَعَلَ؟» أَجَابُوا: «أَلْعَلَّكَ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا مِنَ الْجَلِيلِ؟ فَتَيْشُ وَانظُرْ! إِنَّهُ لَمْ يَقُمْ نَبِيٌّ مِنَ الْجَلِيلِ». ثُمَّ كَلَّمَهُمْ يَسُوعُ أَيْضًا قَائِلًا: «أَنَا هُوَ نُورُ الْعَالَمِ. مَنْ يَتَّبِعْنِي فَلَا يَمَشِي فِي الظُّلْمَةِ بَلْ يَكُونُ لَهُ نُورُ الْحَيَاةِ».

Today is the Feast of Holy Pentecost—the fiftieth after Great and Holy Pascha—we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Numbering about 120, they who followed the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord's promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, there came a sound from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house. Cloven tongues immediately appeared, like as of fire, and sat upon the head of each of them. The Apostles began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with other languages with which the Holy Spirit supplied them, as He inspired them. After the Apostle Peter explained what had happened, 3,000 people joined the Church on the inauguration of the priesthood of grace. The objectives of Pentecost are, namely, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles By the intercessions of the Holy Apostles, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

— ORTHODOXY: A RELIGION FOR THE SICK —

By: Abbot Tryphon. Taken from "The Morning Offering" - Ancient Faith Ministries.

Our Orthodox Church has always seen herself as a hospital for the soul, the place where her children can seek healing. It is within her walls that we find the medicine we need to make us holy (whole), and where we can find the means for transformation that opens the doors to the Kingdom of God. It is within her walls that we gain access to our true inheritance, and enter into communion with God. Adolf Harnack, in his book "The Mission and Expansion of Christianity: The First Three Centuries", wrote, "Christianity never lost hold of its innate principle; it was, and it remained, a religion for the sick. Accordingly it assumed that no one, or at least hardly any one, was in normal health, but that men were always in a state of disability." Christ is the Great Physician, and established His Church that we might all be healed of the sickness that has separated us from the Father. Nothing in this world offers this promise of healing, and nothing in this world can open the gates to Paradise. Only through Christ's Church can we hope to be saved, and only through His Church can heaven and earth be united as one. In the Church we find combined in one, a spiritual hospital, a clinic, a hospice, a therapeutic center, and a fitness center, for treatment to provide the spiritual cure, maintain wellness for its patients (faithful members). Is it any wonder, then, that the Church should be the very center of each and every day, taking precedence over everything else, including work, leisure time, and entertainment?

— UNBELIEF: THE ULTIMATE SICKNESS —

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Humankind's ultimate sickness is that of unbelief. This world is the place of preparation for our life in eternity, the place where we are prepared for the Kingdom that is to come. Within this world, Our Lord Jesus Christ established a hospital in which the medicine for the cure of our sickness is available, and this hospital of the soul is none other than the Church. This world does not provide the medicine for that which ails us, for the only medicine that can heal us, is Christ Himself. If we are unwilling to receive this medicine, we will never be healed, and will never know the joys of the eternal Kingdom that awaits us. This illness that awaits a cure is unbelief, and this unbelief is based on our failure to avail ourselves to the medicine that is abundantly available within the life of the Church. Belief comes as a free gift from a God Who "so love us that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him, will have eternal life (John 3:16)". All we need to do is cooperate with God's grace, and unbelief will disappear. When we receive the Word of God into our heart, we, like the Apostle Thomas, will have touched His wounds, and will know the Lord, personally. When we confess our sins, and receive Christ into our life, we will have thrust our hand into His side, and we will believe. Unbelief, at this very moment in time, will have no place to reside in our heart, and like the Apostle Thomas, we will know the peace that comes with a life in Christ.