

"Live in gratitude, and you will never be disappointed. See that your afflictions are not there to punish you, but to purify you and cleanse you of the delusions of this world. You all are being prepared each day for great things. Be wise, and prepare for the future, but do not be worried about it. Be prudent, but not obsessed. The man who constantly worries achieves nothing but stress and anxiety. Instead, pray and draw close to God. Believe that He will help you, and suddenly, you will see how He has already."

+ H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH



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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 (Hebrews 6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath. So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

يَا إِخْوَةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّا نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ إِذْ لَمْ يُمْكِنَ أَنْ يُقْسِمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَعْظَمُ مِنْهُ أَقْسَمَ بِنَفْسِهِ * قَائِلًا لِأَبْرَاهِيمَ بَرَكَاتِكَ وَأَكْثَرَتِكَ تَكْثِيرًا * وَذَلِكَ إِذْ تَأْتَى نَالَ الْمَوْعِدِ * وَإِنَّمَا النَّاسُ يُقْسِمُونَ بِمَا هُوَ أَعْظَمُ مِنْهُمْ وَتَنْقُضِي كُلَّ مَشَاجِرَةٍ بَيْنَهُمْ بِالْقَسَمِ لِلتَّثْبِيثِ * فَلِذَلِكَ لَمَّا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَزِيدَ وَرَثَةَ الْمَوْعِدِ بَيَانًا لَعَدَمِ تَحَوُّلِ عَزْمِهِ تَوَسُّطَ الْقَسَمِ * حَتَّى نَحْصَلَ بِأَمْرَيْنِ لَا يَتَحَوَّلَانِ وَلَا يُمْكِنُ أَنْ يُخْلِفَ اللَّهُ فِيهِمَا عَلَى تَعْزِيَةِ قَوِيَّةٍ نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ التَّجَأْنَا إِلَى التَّمَسُّكِ بِالرَّجَاءِ الْمَوْضُوعِ أَمَامَنَا * الَّذِي هُوَ لَنَا كَمِرْسَاةٍ لِلنَّفْسِ أَمِينَةٍ رَاسِخَةٍ تَدْخُلُ إِلَى دَاخِلِ الْحِجَابِ * حَيْثُ دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ كَسَابِقٍ لَنَا وَقَدْ صَارَ عَلَى رِثْبَةِ مَلِكِيصَادَقُ رُبِّيْسَ كَهَنَةٍ إِلَى الْآبِدِ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (St. Mark 9:16-30)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ دَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ إِنْسَانٌ وَسَجَدَ لَهُ قَائِلًا يَا مَعْلَمُ قَدْ أَتَيْتُكَ بِابْنِي بِهِ رُوحٌ أَبْكَمٌ * وَحَيْثُمَا أَخَذَهُ يَصْرَعُهُ فَيُزِيدُ وَيَصْرِفُ بِأَسْنَانِهِ وَيَبْيَسُ . وَقَدْ سَأَلْتَ تَلَامِيذَكَ أَنْ يُخْرِجُوهُ فَلَمْ يَقْدِرُوا * فَأَجَابَهُ قَائِلًا أَيُّهَا الْجِيلُ الْغَيْرُ الْمُؤْمِنِ إِلَى مَتَى أَكُونُ عِنْدَكُمْ حَتَّى مَتَى أَحْتَمِلُكُمْ هَلُمَّ بِهِ إِلَيَّ * فَآتَوْهُ بِهِ . فَلَمَّا رَأَاهُ لِلْوَقْتِ صَرَعهُ الرُّوحُ فَسَقَطَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَتَمَرَّعُ وَيُزِيدُ * فَسَأَلَ أَبَاهُ مِنْذُ كَمْ مِنَ الزَّمَانِ أَصَابَهُ هَذَا * فَقَالَ مِنْذُ صَبَاهُ * وَكَثِيرًا مَا أَلْقَاهُ فِي النَّارِ وَفِي الْمِيَاهِ لِيُهْلِكَهُ . لَكِنْ إِنْ اسْتَطَعْتَ شَيْئًا فَتَحْنُ عَلَيْنَا وَأَعِثْنَا * فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ إِنْ اسْتَطَعْتَ أَنْ تَوْمِنَ فَكُلَّ شَيْءٍ مُسْتَطَاعٌ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ * فَصَاحَ أَبُو الصَّبِيِّ مِنْ سَاعَتِهِ بِدَمُوعٍ وَقَالَ إِنِّي أَوْمِنُ يَا سَيِّدُ . فَأَعِثْ عَدَمَ إِيمَانِي * فَلَمَّا رَأَى يَسُوعُ أَنَّ الْجَمْعَ يَتَبَادَرُونَ إِلَيْهِ انْتَهَرَ الرُّوحَ النَّجِسَ قَائِلًا لَهُ أَيُّهَا الرُّوحُ الْأَبْكَمُ الْأَصْمُ أَنَا أَمْرُكَ أَنْ أَخْرُجَ مِنْهُ وَلَا تَعُدْ تَدْخُلُ فِيهِ * فَصَرَخَ وَخَبَطَهُ كَثِيرًا وَخَرَجَ مِنْهُ فَصَارَ كَالْمَيْتِ حَتَّى قَالَ كَثِيرُونَ إِنَّهُ قَدْ مَاتَ * فَأَخَذَ يَسُوعُ بِيَدِهِ وَأَنْهَضَهُ فَقَامَ * وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ بَيْتًا سَأَلَهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ عَلَى انْفِرَادٍ لِمَاذَا لَمْ نَسْتَطِعْ نَحْنُ أَنْ نُخْرِجَهُ * فَقَالَ لَهُمْ إِنَّ هَذَا الْجِنْسَ لَا يُمْكِنُ أَنْ يُخْرَجَ بِشَيْءٍ إِلَّا بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالصَّوْمِ * وَلَمَّا خَرَجُوا مِنْ هُنَاكَ اجْتَازُوا فِي الْجَلِيلِ وَلَمْ يَرِدْ أَنْ يَدْرِيَ أَحَدٌ . فَأَنَّهُ كَانَ يُعَلِّمُ تَلَامِيذَهُ وَيَقُولُ لَهُمْ إِنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ يُسَلِّمُ إِلَى أَيْدِي النَّاسِ فَيُقْتَلُونَ وَبَعْدَ أَنْ يُقْتَلَ يَقُومُ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ.

"St. Nicholas Annual Deli-Night"

Wednesday, April 26 2017 at 6:30pm – \$25/ticket. Contact: Carol Maker or any member of the Parish Council; or the Church Office.

March is Antiochian Women month. We thank our Ladies for their continual service and dedication to our Church. Female parishioners of all ages are encouraged to join the Antiochian Women, attend their meetings and participate in their activities. Our young girls are also carrying the Holy Bread baskets in the Divine Liturgy as part of their service as future Antiochian Women!

Palm Sunday Decorated Candles: \$10.00 Our Antiochian Women have a selection of beautifully decorated Candles for Palm Sunday, great for your children to carry for our outdoor procession. The candles are available during the Coffee Hour today! The annual BAKE SALE will also take place on Palm Sunday.

Sunday School Birthday Party - TODAY! Enjoy a cup of coffee and join our children at their monthly Birthday Party.

Antiochian Orthodox Union of Canada — Family Brunch on May 22 at 11:30am - at Monastere de la Vierge Marie la Consolatrice (946 chemin de la Carriere, Brownsburg, QC J8G 1K5). Tickets: Adult/\$50, Children 2-12yrs \$25, Under 2yrs/Free. For info: 514-999-0428, or Hala Zakaib 514-449-0882.

St. Nicholas Arabic School: Every Saturday 3pm-5pm. For registration info, please speak with Hala Zakaib or Kh. Rola Wyatt.

St. Nicholas English Byzantine Choir practice (Hanna Ayoub): Every Saturday following Vespers. And for children, every Sunday following the Divine Liturgy.

St. Nicholas Arabic Byzantine Choir practice (Zaher Samaan): Every Sunday following the Divine Liturgy.

Bible Bowl practice (all teams) - Every Sunday following the Divine Liturgy.

Antiochian Women: Next meeting April 4, 2017

Parish Council: Next meeting: April 18, 2017

Teen SOYO & YAM meetings & activities will resume after Pascha.

Cedars Homes: Fr. Mark will make his next monthly pastoral visit to both Cedars Homes on April 27 in the morning.

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

*Hanna Rahhal, Georgette Hanna & Dalal Rahhal. Offered by Imad Rahhal & Family.

*Afife Zoghaib (15th year). Moussa, Bechara, Nicholas, Elias, Soraya, Toufic, Kamel, Youssef, Gurious, Lutfy, Hanna, Mariam & Takla Zogheib. Offered by Julia Zoghaib & Family.

*Zeina Nasser (25th year). Elie Nasser. Offered by her mother Souad Chammas.

- ❖ Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30pm— 1st Presanctified Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ Thursday, March 2 at 7:30pm — 1st Great Compline.
- ❖ Friday, March 3 at 7:30pm— 1st Akathist with anointing of Miraculous Oil from Mt. Athos.
- ❖ Saturday, March 4 at 5:00pm — Great Vespers.
- ❖ Sunday, March 5, 9:00am-12:00pm — “Sunday of Orthodoxy” Orthros & Divine Liturgy with indoor Procession of Holy Icons. *Bring your favourite Icon from home!*
- ❖ Wednesday, March 8 at 7:30pm — 2nd Presanctified Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ Thursday, March 9 at 7:30pm — 2nd Great Compline.
- ❖ Friday, March 10 at 7:30pm — 2nd Akathist with anointing of Miraculous Oil from Mt. Athos.
- ❖ Saturday, March 11 at 5:00pm — Great Vespers.
- ❖ Sunday, March 12, 9:00am-12:00pm — “Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas” Orthros & Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30pm — 3rd Presanctified Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ Thursday, March 16 at 7:30pm — 3rd Great Compline.
- ❖ Friday, March 17 at 7:30pm — 3rd Akathist with anointing of Miraculous Oil from Mt. Athos.
- ❖ Saturday, March 18 at 5:00pm — Great Vespers.
- ❖ Sunday, March 19, 9:00am-12:00pm — “Sunday of the Holy Cross” Orthros & Divine Liturgy with indoor Procession with the Holy Cross. *Bring your Cross from home!*
- ❖ Wednesday, March 22 at 7:30pm — 4th Presanctified Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ Thursday, March 23 at 7:30pm — 4th Great Compline.
- ❖ Friday, March 24 at 7:30pm-10:00pm — Great Vespers & 4th Akathist Stasis & Anointing of Miraculous Oil.
- ❖ Saturday, March 25 at 10:00am Orthros & Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Annunciation at St. Mary Church with H.G. Bishop ALEXANDER & Montreal Clergy. At 5:00pm — Great Vespers at St. Nicholas Church.
- ❖ Sunday, March 26, 9:00am-12:00pm — “Sunday of St. John Climacus” Orthros & Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30pm — Small Compline with Canon of St. Andrew & Life of St. Mary of Egypt.
- ❖ Thursday, March 30 at 7:30pm — 5th Presanctified Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ Friday, March 31 at 7:30pm — 5th Akathist with anointing of Miraculous Oil from Mt. Athos.
- ❖ Saturday, April 1 at 5:00pm — Great Vespers.
- ❖ Sunday, April 2, 9:00am-12:00pm — “Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt” Orthros & Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30pm — 6th Presanctified Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ Thursday, April 6 at 7:30pm — 6th Great Compline.
- ❖ Friday, April 7 at 7:30pm — Small Compline “St. Lazarus” with anointing of Miraculous Oil from Mt. Athos.
- ❖ Saturday, April 8 at 10:00pm — Orthros & Divine Liturgy “St. Lazarus”. At 5:00pm — Great Vespers.
- ❖ Sunday, April 9, 9:00am-12:00pm — “Palm Sunday” Orthros & Divine Liturgy. Followed by outdoor Procession & Bake Sale. At 7:30pm — 1st Bridegroom Orthros.
- ❖ Monday, April 10 at 7:30pm — “Holy Monday” 2nd Bridegroom Orthros.
- ❖ Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30pm — “Holy Tuesday” 3rd Bridegroom Orthros.
- ❖ Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30pm — “Holy Wednesday” Holy Unction.
- ❖ Thursday, April 13 at 10:30am — “Holy Thursday” Divine Liturgy (Mystical Supper). At 7:30pm — Holy Passion Gospels.
- ❖ Friday, April 14 at 9:00am — “Holy Friday” Paramon. At 7:30pm — Orthros & Lamentations with outdoor Procession and distribution of blessed flowers.
- ❖ Saturday, April 15 at 10:00am — “Saturday of Light” Divine Liturgy. At 10:00pm — Paschal Vigil. Followed by distribution of Blessed Eggs and Late-night reception.
- ❖ Sunday, April 16 at 1:00pm — “Holy Pascha” Agape Vespers with indoor Candle Procession.
- ❖ Monday, April 17 at 10:30am — Bright Monday Divine Liturgy with H.G. Bishop ALEXANDER & Montreal Clergy at St. Nicholas Church.