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

## + Soul Saturday +

ON SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015 - FR. MARK WILL BE AT MT. ROYAL CEMETERY FROM 12:00PM - 4:00PM AVAILABLE TO JOIN YOU AT THE TOMBS OF YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES TO OFFER PRAYERS. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BOOK AN EXACT TIME TO MEET WITH FR. MARK DURING THOSE HOURS AS HE WILL ZIG-ZAG ALL OVER THE CEMETERY. AN APPOINTMENT WILL PREVENT YOU FROM WAITING FOR HIM AND WILL GAURANTEE YOU ARE NOT MISSED!

### **THE HOLY EPISTLE (Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36)**

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

في تلك الأيام عزم بولس أن يتجاوز أفسس في البحر لئلا يعرض له أن يصرف وقتاً في آسيا لأنه كان يسرع حتى إذا أمكنه يكون في أورشليم في يوم الخميس. ومن ميليتس أرسل إلى أفسس وأسندعى فسوس الكنيسة. فلما جاءوا إليه قال لهم: ((أنتم تعلمون من أول يوم دخلت أسياً كيف كنت معكم كل الزمان. احترزوا إذا لأنفسكم ولجميع الرعية التي أقامكم الروح القدس فيها أساقفة لترعوا كنيسة الله التي اقتناها بدمه. لأنني أعلم هذا: أنه بعد ذهابي سيدخل بينكم ذئاب خاطفة لا تشفق على الرعية. ومنكم أنتم سيقوم رجال يتكلمون بأمور ملتوية ليجتذبوا التلاميذ وراءهم. لذلك أسهروا متذكرين أنني ثلاث سنين ليلاً ونهاراً لم أفتر عن أن أنذر بدموع كل واحد. والآن أستودعكم يا إخوتي لله ولكلمة نعمته القادرة أن تبنيكم وتُعطيكم ميراثاً مع جميع المقدسين. فضة أو ذهب أو لباس أحد لم أشته. أنتم تعلمون أن حاجاتي وحاجات الذين معي خدمتها هاتان اليدان. 35 في كل شيء أريتكم أنه هكذا ينبغي أنكم تتعبون وتعضدون الضعفاء متذكرين كلمات الرب يسوع أنه قال: مغبوط هو العطاء أكثر من الأخذ)). ولما قال هذا جثا على ركبتيه مع جم

**ST. NICHOLAS SCOUTS**

Join us Every Friday

7:00pm-9:00pm

For more info:

Please see Eric Zakaib

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**RAFFLE ON AUGUST 25 2015**

**IN OUR NEW CHURCH HALL!**

**FOR TICKETS, PLEASE SEE**

**PAUL MASSAD OR ANY**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER.**

### **Congratualtions to our new Antiochian Women Executive Board Members!**

Marie Azakie (President), Hala Zakaib (Vice President), Sylvia Mefrige (Treasurer),  
Judy Hodhod (Secretary), Dianne Barbara (Corresponding Secretary).

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

\* Christopher Shatilla (1st year); Edward C. Shatilla, Casimir & Wadeha Shatilla, Nadia & Danya David, Edmund & Norman Shatilla. Offered by his parents Andrew & Grayce Shatilla.

\* Moussa, Afifi, Yousef, Ajia, Frank, Juliette, Bechara, Habib, Georges, Victoria, Julia, Fouad Naziha & Raymond. Offered by Eric & Hala Zakaib.

\* Richard Rynn (16 year). Offered by the Family.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL (St. John 17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made." I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

في ذلك الزمان رفع يسوع عينيّه نحو السماء وقال: ((أيّها الأب قد أتت الساعه. مجدّ ابنك ليُمدّدك ابنك أيضاً إذ أعطيتّه سلطاناً على كلّ جسّد ليُعطي حياةً أبديةً لكلّ من أعطيتّه. وهذه هي الحياة الأبدية: أن يعرفوك أنت الإله الحقيقي وحدك ويسوع المسيح الذي أرسلتّه. أنا مجدّدك على الأرض. العمل الذي أعطيتني لأعمل قد أكملتّه. 5والآن مجدّدني أنت أيّها الأب عند ذاتك بالمجد الذي كان لي عندك قبل كون العالم.)) أنا أظهرت اسمك للناس الذين أعطيتني من العالم. كانوا لك وأعطيتهم لي، وقد حفظوا كلامك. والآن علموا أن كلّ ما أعطيتني هو من عندك، لأنّ الكلام الذي أعطيتني قد أعطيتهم، وهم قبلوا وعلموا يقيناً أنّي خرجت من عندك، وأمنوا أنّك أنت أرسلتني. من أجلهم أنا أسأل. لست أسأل من أجل العالم، بل من أجل الذين أعطيتني لأنهم لك. وكلّ ما هو لي فهو لك، وما هو لك فهو لي، وأنا ممجد فيهم. ولست أنا بعد في العالم، وأما هؤلاء فهم في العالم، وأنا آتي إليك. أيّها الأب القدوس، احفظهم في اسمك الذين أعطيتني، ليكونوا واحداً كما نحن. حين كنت معهم في العالم كنت احفظهم في اسمك. الذين أعطيتني حفظتهم، ولم يهلك منهم أحد إلاّ ابن الهلاك ليتم الكتاب. أما الآن فإنّي آتي إليك. واتكلّم بهذا في العالم ليكون لهم فرحي كاملاً فيهم.

### + FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD GOD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST +

The Lord Jesus passed forty days on earth after His Resurrection from the dead, appearing continually in various places to His disciples, with whom He also spoke, ate, and drank, thereby further demonstrating His Resurrection. On this Thursday, the fortieth day after Pascha, He appeared again in Jerusalem. After He had first spoken to the disciples about many things, He gave them His last commandment, that is, that they go forth and proclaim His Name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. But He also commanded them that for the present, they were not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait there together until they receive power from on high, when the Holy Spirit would come upon them. Saying these things, He led them to the Mount of Olives, and raising His hands, He blessed them; and saying again the words of the Father's blessing, He was parted from them and taken up. Immediately a cloud of light, a proof of His majesty, received Him. Sitting thereon as though on a royal chariot, He was taken up into Heaven, and after a short time was concealed from the sight of the disciples, who remained where they were with their eyes fixed on Him. At this point, two Angels in the form of men in white raiment appeared to them and said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, Who is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven" (Acts 1:11). These words, in a complete and concise manner, declare what is taught in the Symbol of Faith concerning the Son and Word of God. Therefore, having so fulfilled all His dispensation for us, our Lord Jesus Christ ascended in glory into Heaven, and sat at the right hand of God the Father. As for His sacred disciples, they returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, rejoicing because Christ had promised to send them the Holy Spirit. It should be noted that the Mount of Olives is a Sabbath's day journey from Jerusalem, that is, the distance a Jew was permitted to walk on the day of the Sabbath. Ecumenius writes, "A Sabbath day's journey is one mile in length, as Clement says in his fifth Stromatis; it is two thousand cubits, as the Interpretation of the Acts states." They draw this conclusion from the fact that, while they were in the wilderness, the Israelites of old kept within this distance from the Holy Tabernacle, whither they walked on the Sabbath day to worship God.



# BEING A CRITIC!



By:

Abbot Tryphon

It is easy to be critical of another person, finding fault with what we perceive they are doing, have done, or have not done. Yet the man who points out how another man has stumbled, finding fault in something he himself has not done, and in what he himself thinks he could have done better, is in reality the one at fault. It is the one who has done the work whom he criticizes. The doer of the work may have stumbled, or perhaps could have done a better job, but he must receive credit for having tried. This man still deserves credit, for he is the one who put forth the effort, whereas the critic has done nothing, and, knowing he has done nothing, wishes to take the spotlight off himself, pointing, instead, to the doer. The credit belongs to the man who has erred, and who perhaps comes up short again and again. He knows that without chancing some error or failure, no deed will ever be done. This man takes up a worthy deed with great enthusiasm, even in spite of the fact he may fail. The critic, fearing he will fail, does nothing. The critic will never know either defeat or victory.

## All Are Welcome (Husbands Also Welcome) Antiochian Women Closing Dinner



June 1st, 2015

Place: Restaurant Tzo  
9440 Boulevard de l'Acadie

Price: \$30 (cash only)

Time: 6:15pm

For Info - Contact:  
Any Antiochian Women or  
Chairperson - Sylvia Mefrige  
(514)344-0550

RSVP by May 24th, 2015

### VESPERS

Saturday:  
6pm-7pm

### SUNDAY

Orthros:  
9am-10:30am

Divine Liturgy:  
10:30am-12pm

### CONFESSION

After Vespers  
by Appointment  
with Fr. Mark

### BOOKSTORE

Open after  
Vespers



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& MET. YOUHANNA IBRAHIM  
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THE INTERNATIONAL SILENCE CONTINUES  
DURING THE GENOCIDE OF THE  
CHRISTIANS OF THE MIDDLE EAST.  
WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THEM ALL!**

**OVER 2 YEARS OF CAPTIVITY!**