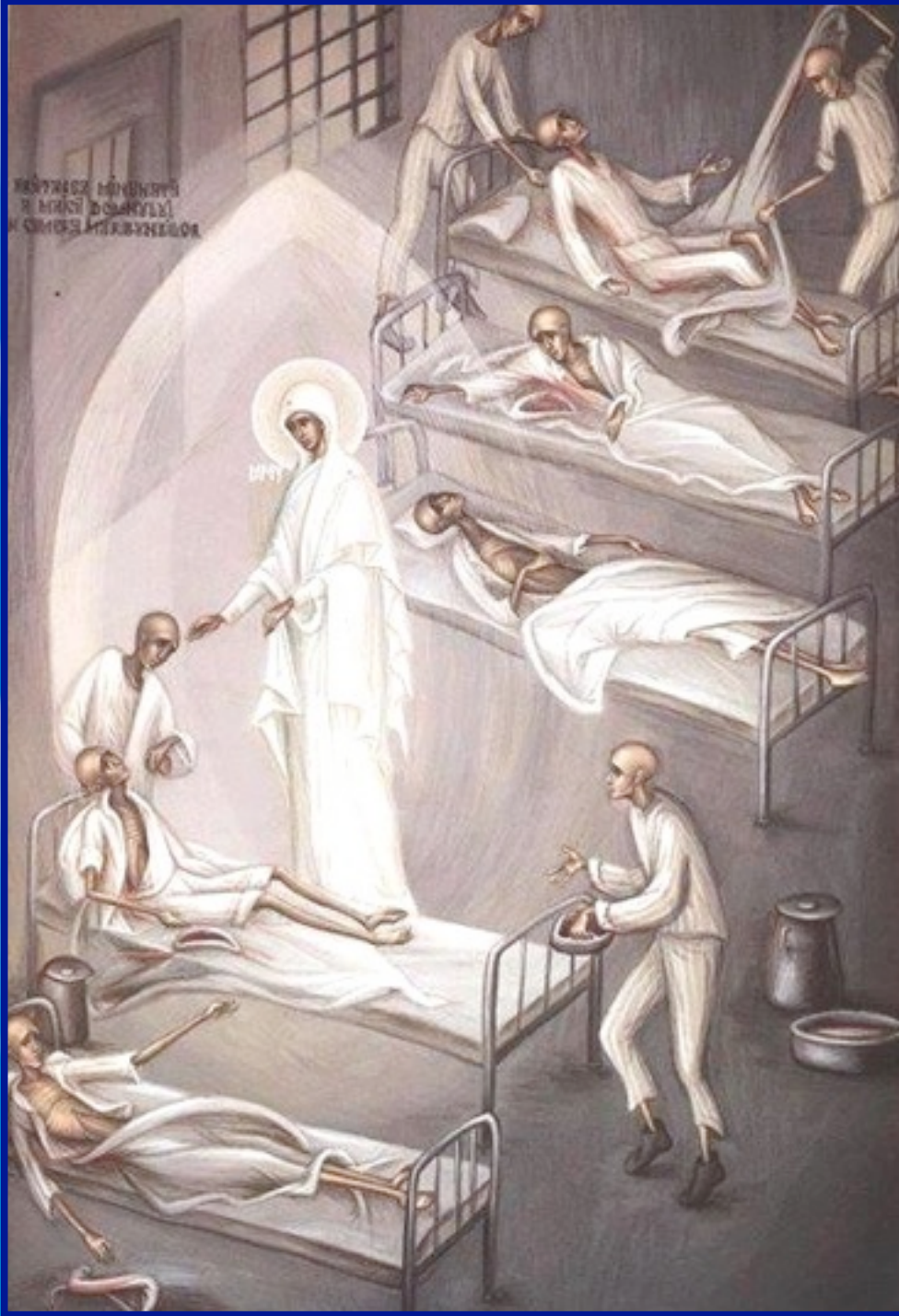


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Sunday of the Paralytic



Joy of all that sorrow are thou, and of the oppressed a Protectress, and Nurturer of all the poor, Comfort unto the estranged, a Staff are thou of the blind, Visitation of all the sick, a Shelter and Succour unto those brought down by pain, Helper of orphaned ones: Mother of God in the highest are thou, O immaculate Maiden; hasten, we beseech thee, to redeem thy servants.

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لُغتنا انطاكيّة، لُغتنا واحدة

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

THE HOLY EPISTLE (ACTS 9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

فِي تِلْكَ الْإَيَّامِ حَدَثَ أَنَّ بَطْرُسَ وَهُوَ يَجْتَازُ بِالْجَمِيعِ نَزَلَ أَيْضاً إِلَى الْقَدِيسِينَ السَّاكِنِينَ فِي لُدَّةَ فَوَجَدَ هُنَاكَ إِنْسَاناً اسْمُهُ إِبْنِيَّاسُ مُضْطَجِعاً عَلَى سَرِيرٍ مُنْذُ ثَمَانِي سَنِينَ وَكَانَ مَفْلُوجاً. فَقَالَ لَهُ بَطْرُسُ: ((يَا إِبْنِيَّاسُ يَشْفِيكَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ. فُمْ وَافْرُشْ لِنَفْسِكَ)). فَقَامَ لِلْوَقْتِ. وَرَأَهُ جَمِيعُ السَّاكِنِينَ فِي لُدَّةَ وَسَارُونَ الَّذِينَ رَجَعُوا إِلَى الرَّبِّ. وَكَانَ فِي يَافَا تَلْمِيذَةً اسْمُهَا طَابِيثَا الَّتِي تَرَجَمَتْهُ غَزَالَةٌ. هَذِهِ كَانَتْ مُمْتَلِئَةً أَعْمَالاً صَالِحَةً وَإِحْسَانَاتٍ كَانَتْ تَعْمَلُهَا. وَحَدَّثَتْ فِي تِلْكَ الْإَيَّامِ أَنَّهَا مَرَضَتْ وَمَاتَتْ فَغَسَلُوهَا وَوَضَعُوهَا فِي عَلِيَّةٍ. وَإِذْ كَانَتْ لُدَّةَ قَرِيبَةً مِنْ يَافَا وَسَمِعَ التَّلَامِيذُ أَنَّ بَطْرُسَ فِيهَا أَرْسَلُوا رَجُلَيْنِ يَطْلُبَانِ إِلَيْهِ أَنْ لَا يَتَوَانَى عَنْ أَنْ يَجْتَازَ إِلَيْهِمْ. قَامَ بَطْرُسُ وَجَاءَ مَعَهُمَا. فَلَمَّا وَصَلَ صَعَدُوا بِهِ إِلَى الْعَلِيَّةِ فَوَقَفَتْ لَدَيْهِ جَمِيعُ الْأَرَامِلِ يَبْكِينَ وَيُرِينَ أَقْمَصَهُ وَثِيَاباً مِمَّا كَانَتْ تَعْمَلُ غَزَالَةً وَهِيَ مَعَهُنَّ. فَأَخْرَجَ بَطْرُسُ الْجَمِيعَ خَارِجاً وَجَنَأَ عَلَى رُكْبَتَيْهِ وَصَلَّى ثُمَّ التَفَّتْ إِلَى الْجَسَدِ وَقَالَ: ((يَا طَابِيثَا قُومِي!)) فَفَتَحَتْ عَيْنَيْهَا. وَلَمَّا أَبْصَرَتْ بَطْرُسَ جَلَسَتْ، فَتَنَاوَلَهَا يَدَهُ وَأَقَامَهَا. ثُمَّ نَادَى الْقَدِيسِينَ وَالْأَرَامِلَ وَأَحْضَرَهَا حَيَّةً. فَصَارَ ذَلِكَ مَعْلُوماً فِي يَافَا كُلِّهَا، فَآمَنَ كَثِيرُونَ بِالرَّبِّ.

All Are Welcome Antiochian Women Closing Dinner

June 1st, 2015

Place: Restaurant Ezo
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 15th, 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

THE HOLY GOSPEL (ST. JOHN 5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

في ذلك الزمان صعد يسوع إلى اورشليم. وفي اورشليم عند باب الضأن بركة يقال لها بالعبرانية «بيت حسدا» لها خمسة أروقة. في هذه كان مضطجعا جمهور كثير من مرضى وعمي وعرج وعسم يتوقعون تحريك الماء. لأن ملاكا كان ينزل أحيانا في البركة ويحرك الماء. فمن نزل أولا بعد تحريك الماء كان يبرا من أي مرض اعتراه. وكان هناك إنسان به مرض منذ ثمان وثلاثين سنة. هذا راه يسوع مضطجعا وعلم أن له زمانا كثيرا فقال له: «أتريد أن تبرا؟» أجابه المريض: «يا سيد ليس لي إنسان يلقيني في البركة متى تحرك الماء. بل بينما أنا أت ينزل فدأمي آخر». قال له يسوع: «قم. احمل سريرك وامش». فحالا برى الإنسان وحمل سريرته ومشى. وكان في ذلك اليوم سبت. فقال اليهود للذي شفي: «إنه سبت! لا يحل لك أن تحمل سريرك». أجابهم: «إن الذي أبراني هو قال لي احمل سريرك وامش». فسألوه: «من هو الإنسان الذي قال لك احمل سريرك وامش؟». أما الذي شفي فلم يكن يعلم من هو لأن يسوع اعتزل إذ كان في الموضع جمع. بعد ذلك وجده يسوع في الهيكل وقال له: «ها أنت قد برئت فلا تخطئ أيضا لئلا يكون لك شر». فمضى الإنسان وأخبر اليهود أن يسوع هو الذي أبراه.

Fellowship of St. John the Divine Meeting (Saturday, May 9 2015 - after Vespers)

Ortho-Coffee: "From the Womb to the Tomb: Orthodox Answers to Important Questions"

Discussion led by Fr. Mark - Meeting hosted by Carol Maker

Please contact Carol (514-335-4372) to confirm your attendance. Thank you!

Synaxarion for St. Mark the Evangelist & Apostle (Feast Day April 25)

St. Mark was an idolater from Cyrene of Pentapolis, which is near Libya. Having come to the Faith of Christ through the Apostle Peter, he followed him to Rome. While there, at the prompting of Peter himself and at the request of the Christians living there, he wrote his Gospel in Greek, and it is second in order after Matthew's. Afterwards, travelling to Egypt, he preached the Gospel there and was the first to establish the Church in Alexandria. The idolaters, unable to bear his preaching, seized him, bound him with ropes, and dragged him through the streets until he, cut to pieces on rocks, gave up his soul. It is said that he completed his life in martyrdom about the year 68. He is depicted in holy Icons with a lion next to him, one of the living creatures mentioned by Ezekiel (1:10), and a symbol of Christ's royal office, as Saint Irenaeus of Lyons writes.

Today's Memorial Service is offered for the Eternal Repose of the Servants of God:

* Amine, Victoria & Michel Banna, Albert, Agnes & Hanna Malek. Offered by the Banna Family.

* Peter, Cecile, Richard & Mark. Offered by Susan Shatilla & Family.



**THE MARTYRDOM
OF PATRIARCH
GREGORY V**

**ABBOT
TRYPHON**

In 1821, on Pascha, the Feast of Feasts, the Resurrection of Christ, the Moslem Sultan, Mahmud II, ordered the murder of the Oecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Gregory V, First Among Equals of the Bishops of the Orthodox Church, in reprisal for the Greek uprising, on the mainland, against their Moslem captors. This barbaric act was simply incomprehensible in its crude enactment. The Patriarch, 74 years of age, was arrested at the Paschal Liturgy, on the night of April 10, where he was celebrating the service with eight Hierarchs and the clergy and Faithful. Still dressed in his vestments, he was taken by the Turkish Sultan's officers and hanged at the gate of the Patriarchal compound, after **they offered him freedom in exchange for his conversion to their religion, which he of course refused.** Here he was left hanging for three days, as the Moslem population passed by hurling insults at him. Afterwards, his body was dragged through the streets of Constantinople and thrown into the Bosphorus. When news of this heinous act reached the West, the press was incredulous and shocked. Only today, as we see Islamic extremism once again raise its ugly head, has the West come to realize fully the savagery, bestiality, and depravity of such extremism. Rescued from the sea, St. Gregory's body was taken to Odessa, in Ukraine, where he was solemnly buried as a Martyr. His Relics were later moved to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Athens, where they are found to this day. The sad truth is that we are seeing the resurrection of this Islamic barbarism, and the number of Christian martyrs is increasing on a daily basis. Most Western politicians refuse to admit this has anything to do with Islam, and dismiss it simply as a form of extremism. On Friday, April 24th, we observed the 100th Anniversary of the **Armenian Genocide**, while the Turkish government continues to tell the world this terrible extermination of one and a half million Armenian Christians, never happened.



**ARMENIAN
GENOCIDE**

**A BLEEDING
WOUND**



**MET. BOULOS YAZIGI
& MET. YOUHANNA IBRAHIM
ABDUCTED BY TERRORISTS IN SYRIA
ON APRIL 22, 2013**

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