

"Parents must understand that life begins from the instant of conception. The Priest should explain to the world that the law regarding abortions is against the commandments of the Gospel. Doctors, from their own positions, should speak of the risks that follow the woman who has an abortion." (St. Paisios of Mt. Athos)



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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 7:26-8:2)

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

يَا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّهُ كَانَ يَلِيْقُ بِنَا رَّبِّيسُ كَهَنَةٍ مِثْلُ هَذَا، قُدُّوسٌ بِلَا شَرِّ وَلَا دَنَسٍ، قَدْ انْفَصَلَ عَنِ الْخَطَاةِ وَصَارَ أَعْلَى مِنْ السَّمَاوَاتِ الَّذِي لَيْسَ لَهُ اضْطِرَارُ كُلِّ يَوْمٍ مِثْلَ رُؤَسَاءِ الْكَهَنَةِ أَنْ يُقَدِّمَ ذَبَائِحَ أَوَّلًا عَنْ خَطَايَا نَفْسِهِ ثُمَّ عَنْ خَطَايَا الشَّعْبِ، لِأَنَّهُ فَعَلَ هَذَا مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً، إِذْ قَدَّمَ نَفْسَهُ. فَإِنَّ النَّامُوسَ يُقِيمُ أَنْسَاءً بِهِمْ ضَعْفُ رُؤَسَاءِ كَهَنَةٍ. وَأَمَّا كَلِمَةُ الْقَسَمِ الَّتِي بَعْدَ النَّامُوسِ فَتُقِيمُ ابْنًا مُكْمَلًا إِلَى الْأَبَدِ. وَأَمَّا رَأْسُ الْكَلَامِ فَهُوَ أَنَّ لَنَا رَّبِّيسَ كَهَنَةٍ مِثْلَ هَذَا، قَدْ جَلَسَ فِي يَمِينِ عَرْشِ الْعِظْمَةِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ خَادِمًا لِلْأَقْدَاسِ وَالْمُسْكَنِ الْحَقِيقِيِّ الَّذِي نَصَبَهُ الرَّبُّ لِأَنْسَانٍ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (St. Luke 10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ دَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ نَامُوسِيٌّ قَامَ يُجَرِّبُهُ قَائِلًا: ((يَا مُعَلِّمُ وَقَالَ مَاذَا أَعْمَلُ لِأَرِثَ الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ؟)) فَقَالَ لَهُ: ((مَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ فِي النَّامُوسِ. كَيْفَ تَقْرَأُ؟)) فَأَجَابَ: ((تُحِبُّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهَكَ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكَ ، وَمِنْ كُلِّ نَفْسِكَ ، وَمِنْ كُلِّ قُدْرَتِكَ ، وَمِنْ كُلِّ فِكْرِكَ ، وَقَرِيبِكَ مِثْلَ نَفْسِكَ)). فَقَالَ لَهُ: ((بِالصَّوَابِ أَجَبَ. اِفْعَلْ هَذَا فَتَحْيَا)). وَأَمَّا هُوَ فَإِذَا أَرَادَ أَنْ يُبْرِزَ نَفْسَهُ ، قَالَ لِيَسُوعَ: ((وَمَنْ هُوَ قَرِيبِي؟)) فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: ((إِنْسَانٌ كَانَ نَازِلًا مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ إِلَى أَرِيحَا ، فَوَقَعَ بَيْنَ لُصُوصٍ ، فَعَرَّوهُ وَجَرَّحُوهُ ، وَمَضُوا وَتَرَكَوهُ بَيْنَ حَيٍّ وَمَيِّتٍ. فَعَرَضَ أَنَّ كَاهِنًا نَزَلَ فِي تِلْكَ الطَّرِيقِ ، فَرَأَهُ وَجَارَ مُقَابِلَهُ. وَكَذَلِكَ لَأَوْيُّيٌّ أَيْضًا ، إِذْ صَارَ عِنْدَ الْمَكَانِ جَاءَ وَنَظَرَ وَجَارَ مُقَابِلَهُ. وَلَكِنَّ سَامِرِيًّا مُسَافِرًا جَاءَ إِلَيْهِ ، وَلَمَّا رَأَهُ تَحَنَّنَ ، فَتَقَدَّمَ وَضَمَدَ جِرَاحَاتِهِ ، وَصَبَّ عَلَيْهَا زَيْتًا وَخَمْرًا ، وَأَرْكَبَهُ عَلَى دَابَّتِهِ ، وَآتَى بِهِ إِلَى فُنْدُقٍ وَاعْتَنَى بِهِ. فِي الْغَدِ لَمَّا مَضَى أَخْرَجَ دِينَارَيْنِ وَأَعْطَاهُمَا لِصَاحِبِ الْفُنْدُقِ ، وَقَالَ لَهُ: اعْتَنِ بِهِ ، وَمَهْمَا أَنْفَقْتَ أَكْثَرَ فَعِنْدَ رُجُوعِي أُوفِيكَ. فَأَيُّ هَؤُلَاءِ الثَّلَاثَةِ تَرَى صَارَ قَرِيبًا لِلَّذِي وَقَعَ بَيْنَ اللَّصُوصِ؟)) فَقَالَ: ((الَّذِي صَنَعَ مَعَهُ الرَّحْمَةَ)). فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: ((اذهَبْ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا وَاصْنَعْ هَكَذَا)).

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

* Josephine Ghazi (26th year); Barbar & Salam Ghazi, Cesar & Hind Harb. Offered by Wadih Ghazi and his family.

- * NOTICE for those who are participating in our Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Program: Deadline for all submitted forms for 2016 is December 5. Contact Zaher Samaan (514-996-2862)
- * Every Sunday while supplies last, our Antiochian Women will have our St. Nicholas Christmas Sale during the Coffee Hours. All are welcome!! Quality items including candle holder sets, Santas and snowman, custom jewelry necklaces, rings, bracelets. Prices vary \$5.00 & up.
- * The Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas Feast Day will take place on Monday evening, Dec 5 at 7:00pm with H.G. Bishop ALEXANDER & the Montreal Clergy. The traditional Ilbee reception will take place in the Church Hall following the service.
- * Antiochian Women "Christmas Dinner" - Monday, December 12 at 6:30pm held at Ezo Restaurant (9440 L'Acadie) - \$35/person. Contact Sylvia Mefrige (514-344-0550) or Helene Zakaib (450-466-9205). ALL OF OUR WOMEN ARE ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN!
- * St. Nicholas Sunday School Christmas Concert: Immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 18.

A simple, yet powerful, message on Abortion - by the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize Recipient, and recently canonized Roman Catholic Saint: MOTHER TERESA:

"I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts. By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. That father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."



From the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese "Resolution on Abortion"

...this Archdiocese strongly reaffirms the Orthodox Church's opposition to abortion in all cases, and that it does so on theological and moral grounds; commends the efforts of Orthodox bishops, clergy, and laity to bear witness to the sanctity of life in the public arena, especially noting in this connection the work and witness of Orthodox Christians for Life; and commits the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America to continued witness on behalf of the God—given sanctity of life;

...this Archdiocese recognizes and affirms spiritual, pastoral and educational efforts towards moral persuasion, directed to the father as much as to the mother, to help stem the present hemorrhaging of unwanted unborn human persons and lives, and asks Orthodox Christians throughout the United States and Canada to support those Pro-Life organizations that strive to protect the rights of the unborn.

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