

"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 (Galatians 6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

يَا إِخْوَةَ، أَنْظُرُوا، مَا أَكْبَرَ الْأَحْرَفَ الَّتِي كَتَبْتُهَا إِلَيْكُمْ بِيَدِي! جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَعْمَلُوا مَنْظَرًا حَسَنًا فِي الْجَسَدِ، هَوْلًا يُلْزِمُونَكُمْ أَنْ تَخْتَنُوا، لِئَلَّا يُضْطَهَدُوا لِأَجْلِ صَلِيبِ الْمَسِيحِ فَقَط. لِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَخْتَنُونَ هُمْ لَا يَحْفَظُونَ النَّامُوسَ، بَلْ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَخْتَنُوا أَنْتُمْ لِكَيْ يَفْتَخِرُوا فِي جَسَدِكُمْ. وَأَمَّا مِنْ جِهَتِي، فَحَاشَا لِي أَنْ أَفْتَخِرَ إِلَّا بِصَلِيبِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بِهِ قَدْ صُلِبَ الْعَالَمُ لِي وَأَنَا لِلْعَالَمِ. لِأَنَّهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لَيْسَ الْخِتَانُ يَنْفَعُ شَيْئًا وَلَا الْغُرْلَةَ، بَلِ الْخَلِيقَةُ الْجَدِيدَةُ. فَكُلُّ الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ بِحَسَبِ هَذَا الْقَانُونِ عَلَيْهِمْ سَلَامٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ، وَعَلَى إِسْرَائِيلِ اللَّهِ. فِي مَا بَعْدُ لَا يَجْلِبُ أَحَدٌ عَلَيَّ اتِّعَابًا، لِأَنِّي حَامِلٌ فِي جَسَدِي سِمَاتِ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ. نِعْمَةُ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ مَعَ رُوحِكُمْ أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةَ. آمِينَ..

THE HOLY GOSPEL (St. Luke 12:16-21)

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

قال الرب هذا المثل : ((إِنْسَانٌ غَنِيٌّ أَخْصَبَتْ كُورَتُهُ ، فَفَكَرَ فِي نَفْسِهِ قَائِلًا: مَاذَا أَعْمَلُ ، لِأَنَّ لَيْسَ لِي مَوْضِعٌ أَجْمَعُ فِيهِ أَثْمَارِي؟ وَقَالَ: أَعْمَلُ هَذَا: أَهْدِمُ مَخَارِنِي وَأَبْنِي أَعْظَمَ ، وَأَجْمَعُ هُنَاكَ جَمِيعَ غَلَاتِي وَخَيْرَاتِي ، وَأَقُولُ لِنَفْسِي: يَا نَفْسُ لِكِ خَيْرَاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ ، مَوْضُوعَةٌ لِسِنِينَ كَثِيرَةٍ. اسْتَرِيحِي وَكُلِّي وَاشْرَبِي وَافْرَحِي! فَقَالَ لَهُ اللَّهُ: يَا غَنِي! هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةُ تُطَلَّبُ نَفْسُكَ مِنْكَ ، فَهَذِهِ الَّتِي أَعَدَدْتَهَا لِمَنْ تَكُونُ؟ هَكَذَا الَّذِي يَكْنِزُ لِنَفْسِهِ وَلَيْسَ هُوَ غَنِيًّا لِلَّهِ وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا نَادَى مَنْ لَهُ أذنان للسمع فليسمع)).

BLESSED NATIVITY FAST!

(NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 25)

We abstain from all Meat & Dairy products.

Fish is allowed, but not on Wednesdays & Fridays.

Traditionally, wine & oil are allowed only when fish is allowed, and also on Saturdays & Sundays.

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

*Mira, Gergi, Khalil, Nicholas & Mona. Offered by Laurice Ayoub Gibara & Family.

*Gloria Kishfy (7th month) & Nicholas Kishfy (23rd year). Offered by Brian Kishfy & 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!!
- * 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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