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ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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We are a Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America,
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SUNDAY WORSHIP:

Orthros/Matins 9:00am-10:30am

Divine Liturgy 10:30am-12:00pm

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THE HOLY EPISTLE (Ephesians 4:1-7)

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

يَا إِخْوَةَ، أَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكُمْ، أَنَا الْأَسِيرُ فِي الرَّبِّ، أَنْ تَسْلُكُوا كَمَا يَحِقُّ لِلدَّعْوَةِ الَّتِي دُعِيتُمْ بِهَا. بِكُلِّ تَوَاضَعٍ، وَوَدَاعَةٍ، وَبِطُولِ أَنَاةٍ، مُحْتَمِلِينَ بَعْضَكُمْ بَعْضًا فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ. مُجْتَهِدِينَ أَنْ تَحْفَظُوا وَحْدَانِيَّةَ الرُّوحِ بِرِبَاطِ السَّلَامِ. جَسَدٌ وَاحِدٌ، وَرُوحٌ وَاحِدٌ، كَمَا دُعِيتُمْ أَيْضًا فِي رَجَاءِ دَعْوَتِكُمُ الْوَاحِدِ. رَبٌّ وَاحِدٌ، إِيْمَانٌ وَاحِدٌ، مَعْمُودِيَّةٌ وَاحِدَةٌ، إِلَهٌ وَآبٌ وَاحِدٌ لِلْكُلِّ، الَّذِي عَلَى الْكُلِّ وَبِالْكُلِّ وَفِي كُلِّكُمْ. وَلَكِنْ لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا أُعْطِيَتْ النِّعْمَةُ حَسَبَ قِيَاسِ هِبَةِ الْمَسِيحِ.

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 ، فَفَكَّرَ فِي نَفْسِهِ قَائِلًا: مَاذَا أَعْمَلُ ، لِأَنْ لَيْسَ لِي مَوْضِعٌ أَجْمَعُ فِيهِ أَثْمَارِي؟ وَقَالَ: أَعْمَلُ هَذَا: أَهْدِمُ مَخَازِنِي وَأَبْنِي أَعْظَمَ ، وَأَجْمَعُ هُنَاكَ جَمِيعَ غَلَاتِي وَخَيْرَاتِي ، وَأَقُولُ لِنَفْسِي: يَا نَفْسُ لِكِ خَيْرَاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ ، مَوْضُوعَةٌ لِسِنِينَ كَثِيرَةٍ. اسْتَرِيحِي وَكُلِّي وَاشْرَبِي وَافْرَحِي! فَقَالَ لَهُ اللهُ: يَا غَنِيُّ ! هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةُ تُطَلَّبُ نَفْسُكَ مِنْكَ ، فَهَذِهِ الَّتِي أَعْدَدْتَهَا لِمَنْ تَكُونُ؟ هَكَذَا الَّذِي يَكْنِزُ لِنَفْسِهِ وَلَيْسَ هُوَ غَنِيًّا لِلَّهِ وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا نادى من له أذنان للسمع فليسمع)).

Antiochian Women Christmas Dinner:

Tuesday, December 8 at 6:15pm at CASA GREQUE

(1565 boul. Daniel-Johnson, Laval, QC H7V 4C2)

MENU: Entree: Soup & Salad - Main plate: Choice of Chicken filet, Medallion plate, filet of Sole or Salmon. Choice of coffee or tea and dessert. Choice of one soft drink.

Price: \$30.00 (all included) **cash only**. You can bring your own wine!

RSVP: November 30th by contacting: Alissar Dib at 514-704-5778 (alissa.dib@outlook.com) or Marie Azakie at 514-835-7878 (marieroseazakie@gmail.com)

***** ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY LUNCH *****

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 2015

FOR TICKETS: CONTACT SYLVIA MEFRIGE (514-344-0550)

ADULTS \$25 (CHILDREN 12 & UNDER \$10)

- TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR -

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

DECEMBER 5 & 6 2015

BISHOP ALEXANDER

WILL BE VISITING US.

COME AND RECEIVE

HIS BLESSING!

“ON RAISING CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY”

BY: METROPOLITAN EPHREM

Saint Porphyrios says, "Children's upbringing begins from the moment of their conception. The fetus hears and feels when he is in his mother's womb." A mother must pray much during the period of pregnancy. What sanctifies children and makes them good is their parents' life in the home. **Children's behavior is directly connected to the state of the family.** Prayer in the family, in the house and in the church makes a child feel secure because prayer goes into the heart. It is very useful for the family to gather together with the children in order to pray together. A child must be trained to participate with his parents in prayer, even if it is for only a little part or a hymn that he has learned by heart. It is very useful for a child to see his father and mother praying in front of him. This picture in childhood will not leave him during his entire life. Children today need people who provide them with a model and with prayer. **Everything happens through prayer, silence and love: much prayer and little talking for children.** If we constantly give them advice, then we will become overbearing to them. Family should not pressure children in order to make them good by force. **We must let God speak in their souls.** In the Book of Wisdom, Solomon says, "One who watches for Wisdom (i.e., Christ) at dawn will not be disappointed, for she will be found sitting at the gate" (Wisdom of Solomon 6:14) that is, present near him. A good upbringing in the Lord from infancy causes children not to be influenced by any of the bad influences coming from their surroundings. There is no doubt that the Priest has an important role in raising children spiritually, culturally and socially. Today children are absorbed with the lures of worldly things, with consumer society and with attractive modern technology. A Priest must know in his wisdom how to guide a child along with his family, so that they will not drown in this consumerist social vortex. He must earn the family's trust, making him a Spiritual Father to every member of the family. Then they consult him in matters relating to the children and their problems at home, in Church and at school. He must make use of knowledge of pedagogy and psychology relating to children and the family. Here we want to call attention to and stress what Saint Paisios advised about raising children, in terms of both family and Priests. That is, providing the virtue of **devotion** (philotimia), which requires **sacrifice, persistence** and **patience** alongside **instruction** and **guidance** so that we may attain **healing** from all the maladies of sin. So let us resemble the Lord Jesus Christ who "went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people" (Matthew 9:35). By the grace of the Holy Spirit, this virtue of devotion makes the one who possesses it into a **saint** who is capable, by the healing power of the Lord Jesus, to comfort others, cause them to grow, and make them **holy**.

Join us in welcoming Met. Ephrem in the Church Hall following the Divine Liturgy! We thank our Sunday School families for offering today's Lenten hospitality in honour of Met. Ephrem.

**SCOUTS: EVERY FRIDAY
(7:30PM-9:30PM)**

**CHRISTMAS Non-Perishable
Food Drive in Hall!
Help FEED the HUNGRY!**

AGAPE

St. Nicholas Hospitality!

Join us every Sunday after Liturgy!
Coffee & Snacks! All are Welcome!

NATIVITY FAST

NOV 15 - DEC 25

GREAT VESPERS

EVERY SATURDAY

7:00PM-8:00PM

- ASK ABOUNA -

SAT. DEC. 19

8:00PM-9:00PM

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**Dec. 5 - Vespers at 6:00 with
Bishop ALEXANDER & Clergy.**

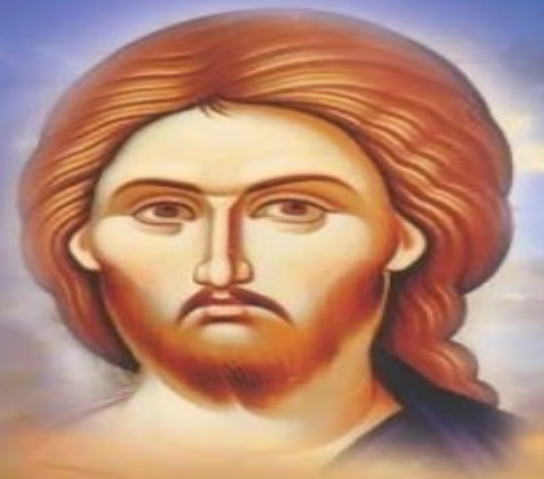
HEALING SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

(8:00PM - 9:00PM)

**+ FOR THE HEALING OF SOUL & BODY +
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

- * SMALL COMPLINE (PRAYERS BEFORE SLEEP)
- * METALYPHIS CANON (PRE-COMMUNION PRAYERS)
- * JESUS PRAYER (PRAYER ROPE)
- * ANOINTING WITH BLESSED OIL FROM
MIRACULOUS ORTHODOX SHRINES.



Parish Movie Night

Saturday November 28th (8-10pm)

**DO YOU
BELIEVE?**

Starring: Mira Sorvino, Delroy Lindo, Brian Bosworth & Sean Astin.



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