

"We should encourage the people to come to Orthros from the very beginning. In the 6 Psalms of Orthros we find all the Christian advice, wisdom and morality. We cannot come to the Divine Liturgy and receive the Holy Communion without preparation. Orthros is about how to prepare for the Divine Liturgy."

H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH



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ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH



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served in both English & Arabic

SUNDAY BULLETIN: SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 A.D.



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.

أَنْظُرُوا، مَا أَكْبَرَ الْأَحْرَفِ الَّتِي كَتَبْتُهَا إِلَيْكُمْ بِيَدِي! جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَعْمَلُوا مَنْظَرًا حَسَنًا فِي الْجَسَدِ، هَؤُلَاءِ يُلْزِمُونَكُمْ أَنْ تَحْتَنِبُوا، لِئَلَّا يُضْطَهَدُوا لِأَجْلِ صَلِيبِ الْمَسِيحِ فَقَط. لِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَحْتَنِبُونَ هُمْ لَا يَحْفَظُونَ النَّامُوسَ، بَلْ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَحْتَنِبُوا أَنْتُمْ لِكِي يَفْتَخِرُوا فِي جَسَدِكُمْ. وَأَمَّا مِنْ جِهَتِي، فَحَاشَا لِي أَنْ أَفْتَخِرَ إِلَّا بِصَلِيبِ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بِهِ قَدْ صُلبَ الْعَالَمُ لِي وَأَنَا لِلْعَالَمِ. لِأَنَّهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لَيْسَ الْخِتَانُ يَنْفَعُ شَيْئًا وَلَا الْغُرْلَةُ، بَلِ الْخَلِيفَةُ الْجَدِيدَةُ. فَكُلُّ الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ بِحَسَبِ هَذَا الْقَانُونِ عَلَيْهِمْ سَلَامٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ، وَعَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ اللهُ. فِي مَا بَعْدُ لَا يَجْلِبُ أَحَدٌ عَلَيَّ اتِّعَابًا، لِأَنِّي حَامِلٌ فِي جَسَدِي سِمَاتِ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ. نِعْمَةٌ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ مَعَ رُوحِكُمْ أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ. آمِينَ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (St. John 3:13-17) The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

وَلَيْسَ أَحَدٌ صَعِدَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ إِلَّا الَّذِي نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي هُوَ فِي السَّمَاءِ. «وَكَمَا رَفَعَ مُوسَى الْحَيَّةَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ هَكَذَا يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يُرْفَعَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ لِكِي لَا يَهْلِكَ كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ بَلْ تَكُونُ لَهُ الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ. لِأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا أَحَبَّ اللهُ الْعَالَمَ حَتَّى بَدَّلَ ابْنَهُ الْوَحِيدَ لِكِي لَا يَهْلِكَ كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ بَلْ تَكُونُ لَهُ الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ. لِأَنَّهُ لَمْ يُرْسِلِ اللهُ ابْنَهُ إِلَى الْعَالَمِ لِيَدِينِ الْعَالَمَ بَلْ لِيُخَلِّصَ بِهِ الْعَالَمَ.»

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

- Emeline Zakaib (40th day); Gordon Zakaib. Offered by Louise Zakaib.
- Gilbert Soumah (40th day). Offered by Carole Maloley, Loana Housey & Sylvia Mefrige.
- Hanna Zogheib (6th month). Offered by Ihab & Maha Zogheib.
- Rosa Abou Assaleh (5th year) & Moussa Abou Assaleh. Offered by the Abou Assaleh Family.
- Louis Kouri (35th year); Corona & Olivia. Offered by the Family.
- Fouad Salhany (2nd year); Norma & Carolyn. Offered by Barbara Salhany.
- Roger Saykaly (5th year); Eileen, Thomas, Balida, Alfred, Margaret, Julia, George and Nicholas. Offered by Brian & Carol Saykaly.
- Khalil & Angèle, Jean & Salwa & Karim Kachami. Offered by Lody Younes & Family.

Dear Fr. Mark, Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be! I want to thank you most sincerely for your very kind and gracious welcome to St. Nicholas when I was in Montreal last week! It was truly a joy to be back and see all of those familiar faces that meant so much to me for 31 years. YOU, Fr. Mark, always show great respect and very generously allow me to serve with you. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Also, please thank your Antiochian women who prepared the lovely Coffee Hour in our honor. It provided us with the opportunity to greet everyone. If you should ever travel to Florida, I hope that I can reciprocate your hospitality. Thank you once again for everything. With love in Christ, Fr. Joseph Shaheen.

***** 2nd Tray TODAY “Hurricane Harvey Appeal” ***
at the request of H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH — see insert.**

UPCOMING SATURDAY PROGRAM:

An agreement has been made between our Arabic School and Byzantine School to allow for a full Saturday program to keep things organized, and to keep Sunday available for the Sunday School activities including Bible Bowl & Creative Arts & Birthday Parties after the Liturgy (in conjunction with the busy coffee hours in the Hall) using our limited space. Also keeping in mind that most of our parish meals are on Sundays as well.

The Saturday plan will be as follows:

- Arabic School — 3:00pm-4:30pm (see details below)
- Byzantine Music School — 4:30pm-5:30pm (see insert for details)
- Great Vespers — 5:30pm-6:15pm
- English Byzantine Choir Practice starts immediately after Vespers.
- Confession (by appointment only) with Fr. Mark will take place during the Arabic School & Music School.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Sunday School will remain on Sunday and will begin on Sept. 24. Their events & activities will remain in conjunction with the Coffee Hour, and they will have access to the Church upstairs for Bible Bowl practice, etc. unless the Church is being used for a Baptism/Wedding, etc. The schedule for the Sunday School will soon be announced, however **Registration** is now open for both NEW & EXISTING students - please register with Jeff & Mira Azakie via email: miranegm@aol.com — jeffazakie@aol.com. It is a very good sign that we are so active and have interest, just unfortunate that we don't have a lot of space. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation. We ask that everyone arrive on-time to all 3 schools as we have limited time. And thank you to our volunteers!

ARABIC SCHOOL:

A Message from our Arabic School Team: Dear Parishioners, we hope you had a super summer and a great vacation. The St. Nicholas Arabic School is resuming on October 15 from 3:00-4:30, open to all ages. We have a great team of teachers who are willing to teach your kids to read and write Arabic. Classes for all levels will be offered. Registration will take place in the Church Hall on October 1 and 8, after the Liturgy. Registration fees (for the entire year):

\$25 per kid — \$40 for 2 kids (siblings) — \$50 for 3 or more (siblings)

We have a class for spoken Arabic (for all ages). For more information, please call the Church Office: (514) 270-9788, or Kh. Rola: (514) 626-6789, or Hala Zakaib: (514) 748-0882. We're looking forward to seeing you!

Charitable Giving & Financial Literacy Presentation - Tuesday September 19 at 7:00pm in our Church Hall. Given by Parish Council Member: Sacha Sara, financial security advisor at Sun Life Financial. All are welcome and encouraged to come! Refreshments will be served! We count on your presence! **Would you like to donate more to the Church or favourite charity & reduce your income tax? Come and find out how!**

Fr. Mark's monthly Pastoral visit to both Cedars Homes is Thursday, Sept 14.

The remainder of the 2017 House Visits will be contacted very shortly to finish before the winter.

***** ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL HAFLI *****

**ANOTHER FUN NIGHT WITH DELICIOUS FOOD, GREAT DANCING
& HAPPY MEMORIES. ALL IN SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH!**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 @ 6:30PM

AT NUITS DU BEYROUTH RESTAURANT (965 CURE-LABELLE, LAVAL, QC)

TICKETS \$50/ADULTS — \$25/CHILDREN 12 & UNDER.

FOR TICKETS & RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

**SYLVIA MEFRIGE (CHAIR) 514-344-0550, SALWA ABOUASSALY (CO-CHAIR)
514-337-6779 & HALA ZAKAIB (CO-CHAIR) 514-748-0882.**

Wednesday, Sept 20 - Antiochian Women monthly meeting at 7:00pm

Saturday, September 23 - Teen SOYO Movie Night

Sunday, September 24 - Pie Bake & Opening of Sunday School

Book these Dates: Sunday Oct 1 - **Turkey Lunch** & Sunday, Dec 10 - **St. Nicholas Feast Brunch**

Feast of the HOLY CROSS:

Orthros & Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, Sept. 13 starting at 7:30pm

— MERCY MEALS, EULOGIES & CONDOLENCES —

Why not consider holding the Mercy Meal in the Parish Hall the next time your family is faced with the unfortunate event of planning a funeral. It is fully acceptable to come downstairs immediately after the funeral prayers and have the Mercy Meal there, followed by the immediate family going to the cemetery with the Priest for the burial like usual. There isn't a rule that the burial must be before the meal. It is totally up to you!

As you well know, there is an Archdiocese rule that only the Priest may speak in the Church upstairs, and that family & friends are not permitted to speak before, during or after the funeral in the Church — and that rule is enforced at our Church. However, by holding the Mercy Meal in the Parish Hall downstairs, you will also have the opportunity to speak and give eulogies. We have a great sound system and plenty of seating.

Even without a Mercy Meal, if you would like to use our Parish Hall downstairs to receive condolences before or after the Funeral Service, and speak there also, you are welcome to that option.

The Eulogy issue should not be a roadblock that keeps you away from your own Church, and not bury your loved ones at the same Church of their Baptism & Marriage. The Archdiocese policy is quite old, and there is a sound reason for it, but it was not enforced in Montreal for many-many years. It is not a new rule, as if it was okay in the past but not anymore. No! It was always in effect, but simply not enforced until the arrival of H.G. Bishop ALEXANDER. And that policy was reaffirmed again by H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH, so it is not going to change. It has been an issue for many parishioners, unfortunately, because they are expecting to give eulogies and become upset when the Priest says he cannot allow them to speak in the Church at all. For that reason, we remind you that our own newly-renovated Parish Hall is available for you to use.

— CASKETOUTLET.CA —

Funerals are super-expensive, and to help you save money, we suggest the above website, which supplies very nice caskets at a much-more affordable price than what you will ever find at the funeral home. One of our recent funerals used this competitive Canadian company, and it was an easy delivery, great quality wood, and an excellent price. — 'Thank you' to Carol Maker who found this great money-saver for our parishioners!