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"DON'T CRITICIZE OR JUDGE OTHER PEOPLE! REGARD EVERYONE ELSE AS AN ANGEL, JUSTIFY THEIR MISTAKES AND WEAKNESSES, AND CONDEMN ONLY YOURSELF AS THE WORST SINNER. THIS IS STEP ONE IN ANY KIND OF SPIRITUAL LIFE".

(BLESSED FR. SERAPHIM ROSE)



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WE ARE A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA,  
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لُغَتْنَا انطاكيّة، لُغَتْنَا واحدة

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

## THE HOLY EPISTLE (2 TIMOTHY 3:10-15)

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

وَأَمَّا أَنْتَ فَقَدْ تَبِعْتَ تَعْلِيمِي، وَسِيرَتِي، وَقَصْدِي، وَإِيمَانِي، وَأَنَاتِي، وَمَحَبَّتِي، وَصَبْرِي، وَأَضْطِهَادَاتِي، وَالْأَمِي، مِثْلَ مَا أَصَابَنِي فِي أَنْطَاكِيَّةَ وَإِيقُونِيَّةَ وَلِسْتَرَةَ. آيَةٌ أَضْطِهَادَاتٍ أَحْتَمَلْتُ! وَمَنْ الْجَمِيعَ أَنْقَذَنِي الرَّبُّ. وَجَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ يَرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَعِيشُوا بِالتَّقْوَى فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ يُضْطَهَدُونَ. وَلَكِنَّ النَّاسَ الْأَشْرَارَ الْمَزُورِينَ سَيَنْقَدِمُونَ إِلَيَّ أَرْدَاءً، مُضِلِّينَ وَمُضَلِّينَ. وَأَمَّا أَنْتَ فَانْتَبِتْ عَلَيَّ مَا تَعَلَّمْتَ وَأَيَّقَنْتَ، عَارِفًا مِمَّنْ تَعَلَّمْتَ. وَأَنْتَ مِنْذُ الطُّفُولِيَّةِ تَعْرِفُ الْكُتُبَ الْمُقَدَّسَةَ، الْقَادِرَةَ أَنْ تُحْكَمَكَ لِلْخَلَاصِ، بِالْإِيمَانِ الَّذِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL (ST. LUKE 18:10-14)

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

«إِنْسَانَانِ صَعَدَا إِلَى الْهَيْكَلِ لِيُصَلِّيَا وَاحِدٌ فَرِيسِيٌّ وَالْآخَرُ عَشَّارٌ. أَمَّا الْفَرِيسِيُّ فَوَقَفَ يُصَلِّي فِي نَفْسِهِ هَكَذَا: اَللّهُمَّ اَنَا أَشْكُرُكَ أَنِّي لَسْتُ مِثْلَ بَاقِي النَّاسِ الْخَاطِفِينَ الظَّالِمِينَ الرِّزَاةَ وَلَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الْعَشَّارِ. أَصُومُ مَرَّتَيْنِ فِي الْأُسْبُوعِ وَأَعْشِرُ كُلَّ مَا أَقْتَنِيهِ. وَأَمَّا الْعَشَّارُ فَوَقَفَ مِنْ بَعِيدٍ لَا يَشَاءُ أَنْ يَرْفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ نَحْوَ السَّمَاءِ بَلْ قَرَعَ عَلَى صَدْرِهِ قَائِلًا: اَللّهُمَّ ارْحَمْنِي اَنَا الْخَاطِي. أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّ هَذَا نَزَلَ إِلَيَّ بَيْنَهُ مَبْرَرًا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِأَنَّ كُلَّ مَنْ يَرْفَعُ نَفْسَهُ يَتَضَعُ وَمَنْ يَضَعُ نَفْسَهُ يَرْتَفِعُ.»

## PUTTING ASIDE ALL HYPOCRISY AND LIVING FOR CHRIST – BY ABBOT TRYPHON

How easy it is to worship with all piety and correctness while standing in a service within an Orthodox temple, yet make no effort to live Orthodoxy during the rest of our week. If we are abusive towards our spouse, abrasive with a coworker, and short tempered with a neighbor, all the piety and liturgical correctness of our Sunday morning is of no value. If we cheat on our taxes, steal pens from the office, or refuse to point out an error to a clerk who has failed to ring up an item, we will have reduced our life in Christ to no more than membership in a club. If we walk past a child who is being bullied, without intervening, we have become the bully. If we fail to call the police when we hear a neighbor pleading with an abusive husband, not wanting to get involved, we are a wife beater. If we smile at the racist joke of a coworker, we are just as guilty of racism as he. Being a Christian is far more than adherence to a set of doctrines, or the adaptation of liturgical forms of worship and piety. To be a follower of Christ is not like joining the Elks Club, where paying your dues and attending meetings makes you a member. ---->

Taking the name of the Saviour for ourselves, and calling ourselves Christian, must mean that we imitate the Saviour's life. It must mean that others see Christ in us, each and every hour of our day. We must be the neighborhood peacemaker, the one who is quick to forgive when wronged, the person who is always looking for ways of being in service to others. If we truly wish to be called a Christian, we must put aside hypocrisy in all its forms, and live Christ. We must work towards changing the world, just as did Saint Seraphim of Sarov, who told us that if we acquire peace in our heart, we will save a thousand around us. Justice and peace does not come with revolution, but comes when the hearts of men and woman are transformed by the Holy Spirit, and this change can only begin, when we put aside all hypocrisy, and replace it with genuine, heartfelt commitment to Jesus Christ, living in imitation of the Saviour.

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

- \* Omar Aziz (12th year); Rabella, Eddy, Joe & Josephine. Offered by Constance Aziz & Family.
- \* Dany C. Abdalla (25th year). Offered by his parents Chuck & Claire Abdallah, his sister Cathy & her Family.
- \* Fadwa, Saleem, Helen, Gordon, Richard, Maurice, Susan, Louis & Gregory. Offered by the Aboud Family.

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