

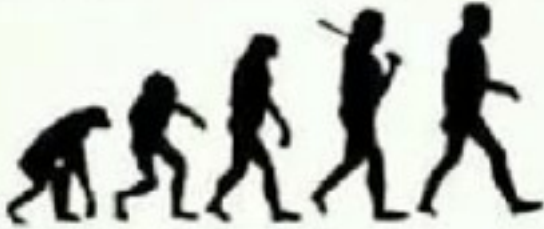
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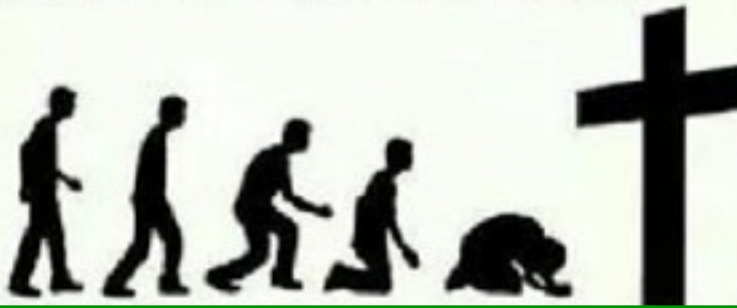
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**ST. THOMAS
SUNDAY**

FALSE EVOLUTION:



TRUE EVOLUTION:



**THEY EXCHANGED THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD
FOR A LIE AND WORSHIPED AND SERVED
THE CREATURE RATHER THAN THE CREATOR,
WHO IS BLESSED FOR EVER! AMEN.
(ROMANS 15:25)**

**THE FOOL
SAYS IN
HIS HEART:
THERE IS
NO GOD!
(PSALM 14:1)**



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WE ARE A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA,
WHICH IS AN ARCHDIOCESE OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE OF ANTIOCH & ALL THE EAST.

لُغَتْنَا انطاكيّة، لُغَتْنَا واحدة

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

THE HOLY EPISTLE (ACTS 5:12-20)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

فِي تِلْكَ الْإَيَّامِ جَرَتْ عَلَى أَيْدِي الرُّسُلِ آيَاتٌ وَعَجَائِبٌ كَثِيرَةٌ فِي الشَّعْبِ. وَكَانَ الْجَمِيعُ يَنْفَسُ وَاحِدَةً فِي رَوْاقِ سُلَيْمَانَ. وَأَمَّا الْآخَرُونَ فَلَمْ يَكُنْ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُمْ يَجْسُرُ أَنْ يَلْتَصِقَ بِهِمْ لَكِنْ كَانَ الشَّعْبُ يَعْظُمُهُمْ. وَكَانَ مُؤْمِنُونَ يَنْضَمُونَ لِلرَّبِّ أَكْثَرَ جَمَاهِيرٍ مِنْ رَجَالٍ وَنِسَاءَ 15 حَتَّى إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يَحْمِلُونَ الْمَرْضَى خَارِجاً فِي الشُّوَارِعِ وَيَضْعُونَهُمْ عَلَى فُرُشٍ وَأَسْرَةٍ حَتَّى إِذَا جَاءَ بَطْرُسُ يُخِيمُ وَلَوْ ظَلَّهُ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ. وَاجْتَمَعَ جُمْهُورُ الْمَدِينِ الْمُحِيطَةِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ حَامِلِينَ مَرْضَى وَمُعَذِّبِينَ مِنْ أَرْوَاحِ نَجَسَةٍ وَكَانُوا يَبْرَأُونَ جَمِيعَهُمْ. فَقَامَ رَبِّيسُ الْكَهَنَةِ وَجَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ مَعَهُ الَّذِينَ هُمْ شِبَعَةُ الصَّدُوقِيِّينَ وَأَمْتَلَأُوا غَيْرَةً فَالْقُوا أَيْدِيَهُمْ عَلَى الرُّسُلِ وَوَضَعُوهُمْ فِي حَبْسِ الْعَامَّةِ. وَلَكِنْ مَلَكَ الرَّبِّ فِي اللَّيْلِ فَتَحَّ أَبْوَابَ السِّجْنِ وَأَخْرَجَهُمْ وَقَالَ: ((انْهَبُوا قِفُوا وَكَلِّمُوا الشَّعْبَ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ بِجَمِيعِ كَلَامِ هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ)).

- * Feast of St. George, April 22: Vespers Divine Liturgy at St. George Church with Bishop ALEXANDER & Montreal Clergy (7:00pm)
- * Vespers: EVERY Saturday (6:00pm-7:00pm) - Sacrament of Confession is by appointment only.
- * Every Sunday: Orthros (9:00am-10:30am) & Divine Liturgy (10:30am-12:00pm)



For Your Information! **I have been asked to present the Orthodox Perspective on End of Life Choices (Provincial Legislation Bill 52)** on Monday, April 27 at a Family Conference hosted by Seniors Action Quebec, which is a non-profit organization working on behalf of English-speaking seniors in Quebec. The Conference is about the new Provincial Legislation Bill 52: End of Life Choices and the goal is to inform individuals/families on the new Legislation and services available for those facing a terminal illness; to begin discussions with family members, caregivers and health care professionals to ensure that their decisions are understood and respected. This conference will begin the discussion among families, caregivers and health care professionals. Topics to be covered include; Bill 52: Overview, Religious Perspectives, Front Line Medical Situations and Services, Depression and Terminal Illness, Supreme Court Ruling; Next Steps for Parliament, Ethics, Legal and Funeral Arrangements, Notary, Palliative Care: Comfort and Support. The Panel will include Religious Leaders, Medical Doctors & Government Representatives. **If the presentation is recorded, I will try to share it with you on our Church Website. Pray for me!** (+ Fr. Mark)

THE HOLY GOSPEL (ST. JOHN 20:19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

لَمَّا كَانَتْ عَشِيَّةَ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ وَهُوَ أَوَّلُ الْأُسْبُوعِ وَكَانَتْ الْأَبْوَابُ مَغْلَقَةً حَيْثُ كَانَ التَّلَامِيذُ مُجْتَمِعِينَ لِسَبَبِ الْخَوْفِ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ جَاءَ يَسُوعُ وَوَقَفَ فِي الْوَسْطِ 20 وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «سَلَامٌ لَكُمْ». 21 وَكَمَا قَالَ هَذَا أَرَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَجَنْبَهُ فَفَرِحَ التَّلَامِيذُ إِذْ رَأَوْا الرَّبَّ. 22 فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ أَيْضًا: «سَلَامٌ لَكُمْ. كَمَا أَرْسَلَنِي الْآبُ أَرْسَلُكُمْ أَنَا». 23 وَكَمَا قَالَ هَذَا نَفَخَ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «أَقْبِلُوا الرُّوحَ الْقُدُسَ. 24 مَنْ غَفَرْتُمْ خَطَايَاهُ تُغْفَرْ لَهُ وَمَنْ أَمْسَكْتُمْ خَطَايَاهُ أُمْسَكْتُمْ». 25 أَمَّا تَوْمًا أَحَدُ الْاِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ الَّذِي يُقَالُ لَهُ التَّوَّامُ فَلَمْ يَكُنْ مَعَهُمْ حِينَ جَاءَ يَسُوعُ. 26 فَقَالَ لَهُ التَّلَامِيذُ الْآخَرُونَ: «قَدْ رَأَيْنَا الرَّبَّ». فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «إِنْ لَمْ أَبْصِرْ فِي يَدَيْهِ أَثَرَ الْمَسَامِيرِ وَأَضَعُ إِصْبِعِي فِي أَثَرِ الْمَسَامِيرِ وَأَضَعُ يَدِي فِي جَنْبِهِ لَا أُوْمِنُ». 27 وَيَعْدُ ثَمَانِيَةَ أَيَّامٍ كَانَ تَلَامِيذُهُ أَيْضًا دَاخِلًا وَتَوْمًا مَعَهُمْ. فَجَاءَ يَسُوعُ وَالْأَبْوَابُ مَغْلَقَةً وَوَقَفَ فِي الْوَسْطِ وَقَالَ: «سَلَامٌ لَكُمْ». 28 ثُمَّ قَالَ لَتَوْمًا: «هَاتِ إِصْبِعَكَ إِلَيَّ هُنَا وَأَبْصِرْ يَدَيَّ وَهَاتِ يَدَكَ وَضَعْهَا فِي جَنْبِي وَلَا تَكُنْ غَيْرَ مُؤْمِنٍ بَلْ مُؤْمِنًا». أَجَابَ تَوْمًا: «رَبِّي وَإِلَهِي». 29 قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «لَأَنَّكَ رَأَيْتَنِي يَا تَوْمًا أَمَنْتَ! طُوبَى لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَلَمْ يَرَوْا». 30 وَأَيَّاتٌ أُخْرَى كَثِيرَةٌ صَنَعَ يَسُوعُ قُدَّامَ تَلَامِيذِهِ لَمْ نُكْتُبْ فِي هَذَا الْكِتَابِ. 31 وَأَمَّا هَذِهِ فَقَدْ كُتِبَتْ لِتُؤْمِنُوا أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ وَلِكَيْ تَكُونَ لَكُمْ إِذَا آمَنْتُمْ حَيَاةً بِاسْمِهِ.

TO OUR BELOVED HIERARCHS AND REVEREND CLERGY: CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN! IT HAS BEEN A LONG-STANDING POLICY OF THIS ARCHDIOCESE THAT MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTED ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THOMAS SUNDAY, DUE TO LITURGICAL REASONS. I EXPECT THAT ALL OF OUR CLERGY WILL ABIDE BY THIS POLICY.
YOURS IN THE RISEN CHRIST,
+ JOSEPH - ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA.

RENOVATIONS: On April 13 we began renovating our Church Hall which will be finished over the summer. Until then, the Hall will be under full construction and completely off-limits. The Hall entrance & elevator to the Church is fully operational, but the main washrooms are NOT accesible. The only open washroom during this period will be the one that is at the foot of the staircase near the kitchen (accessible only by going down the stairs). The Coffee Hours will resume after the renovations. The AGM on June 7 will take place in the Church upstairs. For alternate washroom locations, please speak with any Parish Council member on duty in the Narthex. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding.

+ HOLY LIGHT +

TO SEE A SHORT VIDEO OF THE UNCREATED HOLY LIGHT THAT MIRACULOUSLY EMERGED THIS YEAR (AND EVERY YEAR) ONLY ON ORTHODOX HOLY SATURDAY FROM THE ALL-HOLY & LIFE-GIVING TOMB OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST IN JERUSALEM - PLEASE VISIT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE: WWW.STNICHOLASMTL.COM

All Are Welcome
Antiochian Women Closing Dinner



June 1st, 2015

*Place: Restaurant Ezo
9440 Boulevard de l'Acadie*

Price: \$30 (cash only)

Time: 6:15pm

*For Info - Contact:
Any Antiochian Women or
Chairperson - Sylvia Mefrige
(514)344-0550*

RSVP by May 15th, 2015

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

Once again we're delighted to announce the huge success of our annual Bake Sale, that wouldn't happen without your help and support. On behalf of the Antiochian Women of St. Nicholas Church, I thank you for your generosity, whether by baking, donating, helping or buying. God bless you all and Happy Easter!

Chair person,
Hala Zakaib.



Two Greek Orthodox Churches burnt down this Paschal weekend: one here close to us in Parc-Extension Montreal, and one in Knoxville TN. Investigations are still underway to discover if it was arson or not. Among all the heartbreaking photos of these 2 destroyed Churches, this photo caught my eye: **The heat was hot enough to melt the glass, yet the Icon of Christ underneath was untouched!** Pray for these communities and help protect our Church and keep an open eye on it like you would your home!
+ Fr. Mark



**MET. BOULOS YAZIGI
& MET. YOUHANNA IBRAHIM
ABDUCTED BY TERRORISTS IN SYRIA
ON APRIL 22, 2013**
THE INTERNATIONAL SILENCE CONTINUES
DURING THE GENOCIDE OF THE
CHRISTIANS OF THE MIDDLE EAST.
WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THEM ALL!