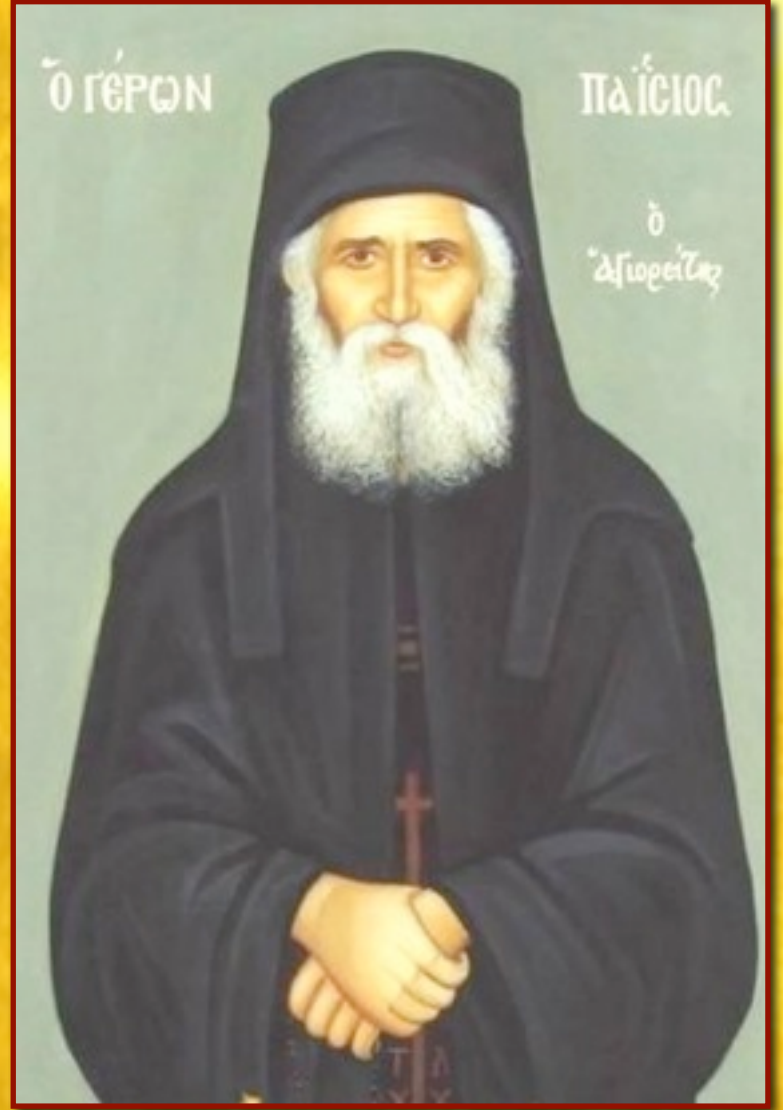
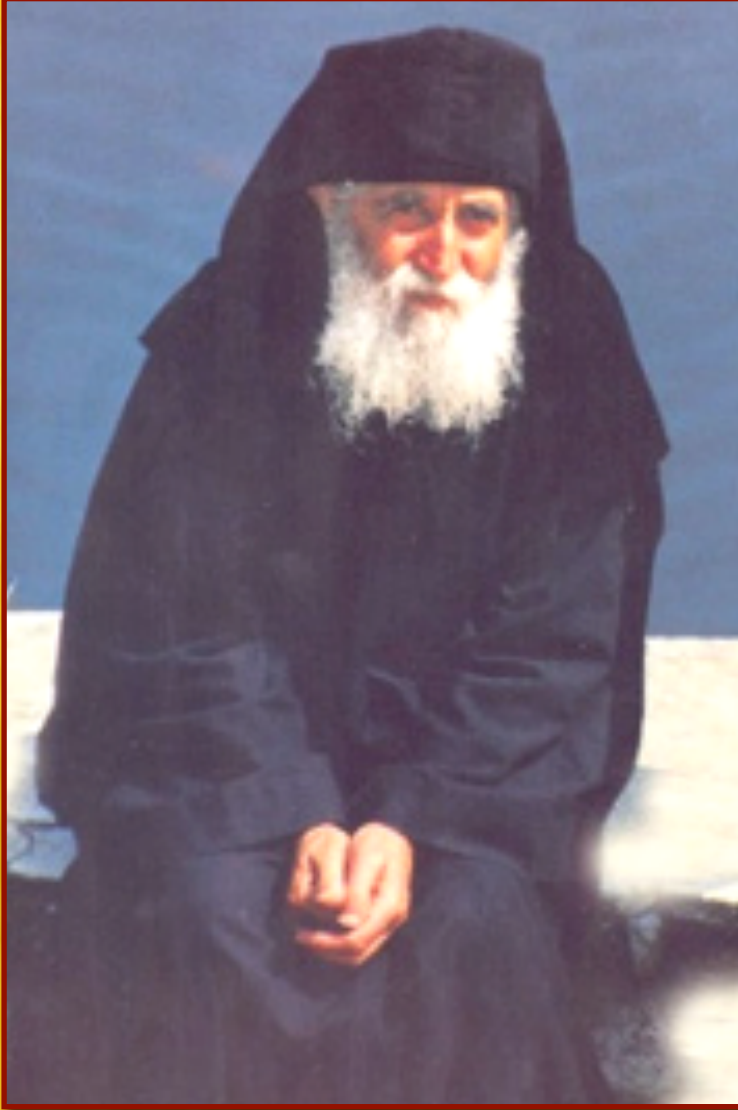


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ON JANUARY 13 2015, THE HOLY SYNOD OF THE ECCUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE IN CONSTANTINOPLE OFFICIALLY CANONIZED "ELDER PAISIOS THE ATHONITE" TO BE NUMBERED AMONG THE SAINTS OF THE HOLY ORTHODOX CHURCH. MAY HIS BLESSINGS & INTERCESSIONS BE WITH US!

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

THE HOLY EPISTLE (HEBREWS 13:7-16)

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

أَذْكُرُوا مُرْشِدِيكُمْ الَّذِينَ كَلَّمَكُم بِكَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ. انظُرُوا إِلَى نَهَايَةِ سِيرَتِهِمْ فَتَمَثَّلُوا بِإِيمَانِهِمْ. يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ هُوَ أَمْسًا وَالْيَوْمَ وَإِلَى الْأَبَدِ. لَا تُسَاقُوا بِتَعَالِيمٍ مُتَنَوِّعَةٍ وَغَرِيبَةٍ، لِأَنَّهُ حَسَنٌ أَنْ يُنْبَتَ الْقَلْبُ بِالنِّعْمَةِ، لَا بِأَطْعَمَةٍ لَمْ يَنْتَفِعْ بِهَا الَّذِينَ تَعَاطَوْهَا. لَنَا «مَذْبَحٌ» لَا سُلْطَانٌ لِلَّذِينَ يَخْدُمُونَ الْمَسْكَنَ أَنْ يَأْكُلُوا مِنْهُ. فَإِنَّ الْحَيَوَانَاتِ الَّتِي يَدْخُلُ بِدَمِهَا عَنِ الْخَطِيئَةِ إِلَى «الْأَقْدَاسِ» بِيَدِ رَئِيسِ الْكَهَنَةِ تُحْرَقُ أَجْسَامُهَا خَارِجَ الْمَحَلَّةِ. لِذَلِكَ يَسُوعُ أَيْضًا، لَكِي يُقَدِّسَ الشَّعْبَ بِدَمِ نَفْسِهِ، تَأَلَّمَ خَارِجَ الْبَابِ. فَلْنَخْرُجْ إِذَا إِلَيْهِ خَارِجَ الْمَحَلَّةِ حَامِلِينَ عَارَهُ. لِأَنَّ لَيْسَ لَنَا هُنَا مَدِينَةٌ بَاقِيَةٌ، لَكِنَّا نَطْلُبُ الْعَتِيدَةَ. فَلْنَقْدِّمْ بِهِ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ ذَبِيحَةَ التَّسْبِيحِ، أَيِ ثَمَرِ شِفَاهِ مُعْتَرِفَةٍ بِاسْمِهِ. وَلَكِنْ لَا تَنْسُوا فِعْلَ الْخَيْرِ وَالتَّوَزُّعِ، لِأَنَّهُ بِذَبَائِحٍ مِثْلِ هَذِهِ يَسُرُّ اللَّهُ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (ST. LUKE 17:12-19)

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

وَفِيمَا هُوَ دَاخِلٌ إِلَى قَرْيَةٍ اسْتَقْبَلَهُ عَشْرَةُ رِجَالٍ بُرْصَ فَوَقَفُوا مِنْ بَعِيدٍ وَصَرَخُوا: «يَا يَسُوعُ يَا مَعْلَمَ ارْحَمْنَا». فَانظَرَ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «أَذْهَبُوا وَأَرَوْا أَنْفُسَكُمْ لِلْكَهَنَةِ». وَفِيمَا هُمْ مُنْطَلِقُونَ طَهَّرُوا. فَوَاحِدٌ مِنْهُمْ لَمَّا رَأَى أَنَّهُ شَفِيَ رَجَعَ يَمَجِّدُ اللَّهَ بِصَوْتٍ عَظِيمٍ وَخَرَّ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ عِنْدَ رِجْلَيْهِ شَاكِرًا لَهُ. وَكَانَ سَامِرِيًّا. فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: «أَلَيْسَ الْعَشْرَةُ قَدْ طَهَّرُوا؟ فَأَيْنَ التَّسْعَةُ؟ أَلَمْ يَوْجَدْ مَنْ يَرْجِعُ لِيُعْطِيَ مَجْدًا لِلَّهِ غَيْرَ هَذَا الْغَرِيبِ الْجِنْسِ؟» ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ: «فُمْ وَأَمْضِ. إِيمَانُكَ خَلَّصَكَ».

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Q & A with Elder Paisios the Athonite - A Great Saint of our Times! (1924-1994)

Q: I've noticed, Elder, that sometimes babies smile at the time of Divine Liturgy.

A: They don't do that only at the Divine Liturgy. Babies are in constant contact with God, because they've got nothing to worry about. What did Christ say about little children? 'Their angels in heaven continually gaze upon the face of my Father who is in heaven'. They're in touch with God and with their guardian angel, who's with them all the time. They smile in their sleep sometimes, and at other times cry, because they see all sorts of things. Sometimes they see their guardian angels and play with them- the angels stroke them, tease them, shake their fists and they laugh. On other occasions they see some kind of temptation and cry.

Q: Why does temptation come to babies?

A: It helps them to feel the need to seek their mothers. If there wasn't this fear, they wouldn't need to seek the comfort of being cuddled by their mothers. God allows everything so that it'll turn out well.

Q: Do they remember what they see as babies when they grow up?

A: No, they forget. If a little child remembered the number of times it had seen its guardian angel, it might fall into pride. That's why, when it grows up, it forgets. God's wise in His doings.

Q: Do they see these things after baptism?

A: Of course after baptism.

Q: Elder, is it all right for an unbaptized child to reverence relics?

A: Why not? And they can be blessed with the holy relics. I saw a child today, it was like a little angel. I asked, 'Where are your wings?' It didn't know what to say! At my hermitage, when spring comes and the trees are in blossom, I put sweets on the holm-oaks next to the gate in the fence and I tell the little boys who come: 'Go on, boys, cut the sweets from the bushes, because if it rains they'll melt and spoil'. A few of the more intelligent ones know that I've put them there and laugh. Others really believe that they've grown there and some others have to think about it. Little children need a bit of sunshine.

Today's Holy Oblation is offered for the servants of God:

Victor Souaid (Mary), Eric Soumah (Amelie, Laurence), Gilbert Soumah, Nicholas Srour (Liliane), Delal Tabah (Dany, Jeff), Doris Tabah, Fayez Tabah (Mona), Gary Tabah (Lynn, Sabrina, Brandon), Georges Tabah (Marina), George Tabah Jr., Jean Pierre Tabah (Emilie), Joseph Tabah (Caroline), Mark Tabah (April, Ashley, Justin, Trevor), Nicolas Tabah, Raja Tabah (Aida), Richard Tabah (Vesna, Liane, Mark), Rudy Tabcharani, Ibrahim Tamer (Amanda, George, Daniel), Theo Tannis (Saloma), Pierre Tannous, Riccardo Teoli (Jennifer), Santino Danny Testani (Melanie, Rebecca, Karen), Charles Thoun (Jo-Ann), Louise Tomy (Caroline), David Turner (Lilia, Gladys, Stephanie), Florence Tweel, Bernice Vincent.

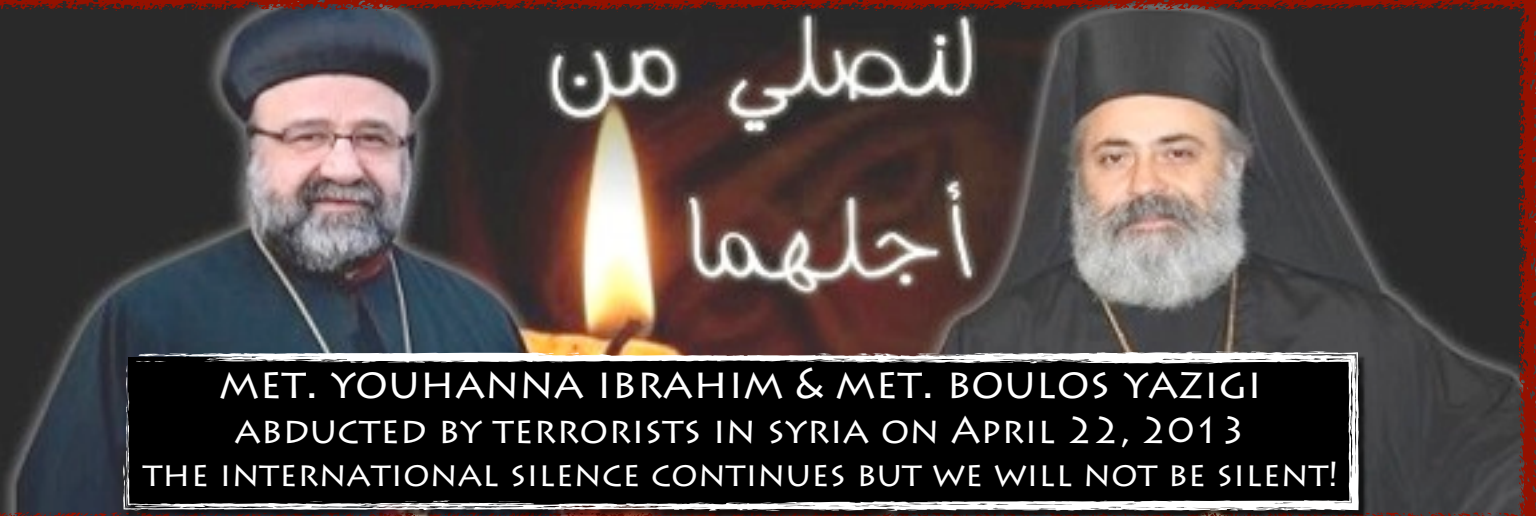
Today's Memorial Service is offered for the servants of God:

- * Norma Salhany (40th day); For Carolyn Salhany (1st year). Offered by Fred Salhany and his daughter Barbara.
- * Beatrice Hattem. Offered by the entire family.
- * Edmund Shatilla (50th year); Casmir & Wadeha Shatilla, Nadia & Danya David, Edward, Norman & Christopher Shatilla, Fadwa Boosamra Kouri & Habib Sedaway Kouri, Mary Kousaie, Nick, Alice, Molly, Georgette & Catherine Kouri. Offered by Maureen Shatilla.
- * Corona Koury (13th year); Louis & Olivia. Offered by the Family.
- * Sadie, Jamily, Nadine, Michel, Solomon, Lily, Wadih, Dee, Yvonne, Mary, Ronnie & Jennifer. Offered by Sub-Deacon Alex Zarbatany.

THE MONASTERY AND THE PARISH: THE TWO CENTERS OF OUR ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN LIFE

BY: ABBOT TRYPHON

The catholicity of our Orthodox way of life finds its roots in the link between the monastery and the parish. Both are essential to the life of the Church, and neither is better than the other. The monastic life is not better than the married life, and the married life is not better than the monastic life. Both are rooted in the Gospels, and both are grounded in our life in Christ. The catholic nature of our life in the Church is expressed in the wholeness by which our lives are directed and guided by the Holy Spirit. Both celibacy and marriage are essential to the Church, for both are expressions of the evangelical call to discipleship. Marriage and celibacy are mutually indebted, and essential to the catholicity of the Church. The basic truth is that virginity and marriage are both good because they have their foundation in the life of the Spirit. Saint Symeon the New Theologian says that he "...would not wish to give preference to any of these states or exalt one type of life and discredit another. In all walks of life, whatever our work and activities, blessed is the life lived for God and according to God". However we serve the Church, we must do so according to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, in the fear of God, and with love. When we do this, the work of the Lord will have eternal results, and we will have been blessed. Whether we are called to the monastic life, or the life of the married state, we will know that we are doing the will of God, while contributing to the life of the Church.



**MET. YUHANNA IBRAHIM & MET. BOULOS YAZIGI
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THE INTERNATIONAL SILENCE CONTINUES BUT WE WILL NOT BE SILENT!**