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**SUNDAY, APRIL 06, 2025**

**TONE 8 / EOTHINON 8; FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT**

**COMMEMORATION OF OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT**

EUTYCHIOS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE PLATONIDA OF NISIBIS IN SYRIA

الأحد الخامس من الصوم الكبير

## **Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**



On the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, it was ordained that we make remembrance of our Godly Mother Mary of Egypt.

Once, during the Honorable Fast, the priest-monk Zosimus withdrew into the wilderness. He caught sight of a withered woman named Mary; her hair was white as snow. Mary then told Zosimus that she was born in Egypt and at the age of 12 began to live a life of debauchery in Alexandria for 17 years. One day, she went to Jerusalem to enter the church to venerate the Honorable Cross. However, some invisible force restrained her. In great fear, she gazed upon the icon of the Theotokos in the vestibule and prayed that she be allowed to enter the church, all the while confessing her sinfulness. She was then permitted to enter the church. Having venerated the Cross she again entered the vestibule and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: "If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest!" Mary left for the wilderness and remained

there for 47 years in repentance. She bade Zosimus to come back in one year with Holy Communion, which he did. The following year, on Holy Thursday, April 1, 522, Zosimus discovered Mary's lifeless body, and buried her. Thus, the Lord glorifies penitent sinners. The Church exalts and exemplifies Mary to the faithful in Great Lent as an incentive for repentance that brings entry into the Heavenly Kingdom.

## **THE EPISTLE**

*Make your vows unto the Lord and perform them.  
God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:11-14)**

Brethren, Christ having appeared a High Priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having found eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of bulls and goats and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

## الرسالة

صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا

اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي أَرْضِ يَهُوذَا. اِسْمُهُ عَظِيمٌ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ. (9:11-14)

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ إِذْ قَدْ جَاءَ رَئِيسَ كَهَنَةِ الْخَيْرَاتِ الْمُسْتَقْبَلَةِ، فَبِمَسْكَنِ عَظَمٍ وَأَكْمَلٍ غَيْرِ مَصْنُوعٍ بِأَيْدٍ، أَنِي لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ. وَلَيْسَ بِدَمِ نِيُوسٍ وَعُجُولٍ بَلْ بِدَمِ نَفْسِهِ دَخَلَ الْأَقْدَاسَ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً فَوَجَدَ فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا. لِأَنَّهُ إِنْ كَانَ دَمُ ثِيرَانٍ وَنِيُوسٍ وَرَمَادُ عَجَلَةٍ يُرَشُّ عَلَى الْمُتَنَجِّسِينَ فَيَقْدَسُهُمْ لِتَطْهِيرِ الْجَسَدِ، فَكَمْ بِالْأَحْرَى دَمُ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بِالرُّوحِ الْأَزَلِيِّ قَرَّبَ نَفْسَهُ لِلَّهِ بِلا عَيْبٍ، يُظَهِّرُ صَمَائِرَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ الْمَيِّتَةِ لِتَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ الْحَيَّ.

## THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

## الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْفُسِ الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (10:32-45)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، أَخَذَ يَسُوعُ تَلَامِيذَهُ الْإِنْتَى عَشَرَ وَابْتَدَأَ يَقُولُ لَهُمْ مَا سَيَعْرِضُ لَهُ. "هُوَذَا نَحْنُ صَاعِدُونَ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَابْنُ الْبَشَرِ سَيُسَلَّمُ إِلَى رُؤَسَاءِ الْكَهَنَةِ وَالْكَتَبَةِ، فَيَحْكُمُونَ عَلَيْهِ بِالْمَوْتِ وَيُسَلِّمُونَهُ إِلَى الْأُمَمِ. فَيَهْزَأُونَ بِهِ، وَيَبْصُقُونَ عَلَيْهِ، وَيَجْلِدُونَهُ، وَيَقْتُلُونَهُ، وَفِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ يَقُومُ." فَدَنَا إِلَيْهِ يَعْقُوبُ وَيُوحَنَّا ابْنَا زَبْدَى قَائِلَيْنِ: "يَا مُعَلِّمُ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ تَصْنَعَ لَنَا مَهْمًا طَلَبْنَا." فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: "مَاذَا تُرِيدَانِ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكُمَا؟" قَالَا لَهُ: "أَعْطِنَا أَنْ يَجْلِسَ أَحَدُنَا عَنْ يَمِينِكَ وَالْآخَرُ عَنْ يَسَارِكَ فِي مَجْدِكَ." فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: "إِنَّكُمْ لَا تَعْلَمَانِ مَا تَطْلُبَانِ. أَتَسْتَطِيعَانِ أَنْ تَشْرَبَا الْكَأْسَ الَّتِي أَشْرَبْتُهَا أَنَا، وَأَنْ تَصْطَبِعَا بِالصَّبْغَةِ الَّتِي أَصْطَبَعْتُ بِهَا أَنَا؟" فَقَالَا لَهُ: "نَسْتَطِيعُ." فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: "أَمَّا الْكَأْسُ الَّتِي أَشْرَبْتُهَا فَتَشْرَبَانِيهَا، وَبِالصَّبْغَةِ الَّتِي أَصْطَبَعْتُ بِهَا فَتَصْطَبِعَانِ. وَأَمَّا جُلُوسُكُمْ عَنْ يَمِينِي وَعَنْ يَسَارِي فَلَيْسَ لِي أَنْ أُعْطِيَهُ إِلَّا لِلَّذِينَ أَعَدَّ لَهُمْ." فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الْعَشْرَةُ، ابْتَدَأُوا يَغْضَبُونَ عَلَى يَعْقُوبَ وَيُوحَنَّا. فَدَعَاهُمُ يَسُوعُ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "قَدْ عَلِمْتُمْ أَنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحْسِبُونَ رُؤَسَاءَ الْأُمَمِ يَسُودُونَهُمْ، وَعُظَمَاءُهُمْ يَتَسَلَّطُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ. وَأَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَلَا يَكُونُ فِيكُمْ هَكَذَا. وَلَكِنْ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ فِيكُمْ كَبِيرًا، فَلْيَكُنْ لَكُمْ خَادِمًا. وَمَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ فِيكُمْ أَوَّلًا، فَلْيَكُنْ لِلْجَمِيعِ عَبْدًا. فَإِنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ لَمْ يَأْتْ لِيُخْدَمَ بَلْ لِيُخْدِمَ، وَلِيَبْذُلَ نَفْسَهُ فِدَاءً عَنْ كَثِيرِينَ."

### **Love Your Neighbor**

#### **April – Archdiocese Collection for Palm Sunday (April 13, 2025)**

Each year, the Archdiocese asks each parish to take a collection to help support the Patriarchate in Antioch on Palm Sunday. This will be our “neighbor” for the month of April.

### **Thank you for a Successful Ladies Luncheon**

A special thank and appreciation from the heart to all who supported the ladies luncheon last Sunday we raised \$1,400. The next luncheon is in June and we encourage all our parishioners to attend and support us, the minimum donation is \$20 children 6 and under are free and it is much cheaper than going out to have lunch at a restaurant. We look forward to have more families to come forward and sponsor future luncheons in 2025. All the proceeds of 2025 luncheons will be towards the building fund. Thank you

### **Help with the Easter Egg Hunt**

Our 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt is fast approaching, coming up on April 19th! We are looking for some volunteers and donations to help make this event a memorable one for all of our youth at St. John's! Please review the SignUp Genius link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A8A929AA8-55762312-stjohns#/>) and sign-up to donate some items or volunteer to help set-up/tear down and during the event!

We have created an Amazon Wishlist for the event, please take a look if you are able to help purchase any items: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/348DHSJRJZJR8?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/348DHSJRJZJR8?ref=wl_share)

Please reach out to Rania or Kimberly if you have any questions:

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Thank you!

Kimberly Bailey

### **PROJECT MEXICO & ST. INNOCENT ORPHANAGE**

At St. John's, many of our teens have had the opportunity to volunteer to build homes for communities in need in Northern Mexico, just across the US border (about 30 minutes from San Diego). We have some interest in taking a group down this summer, June 12-18th. This is a wonderful, transformative volunteer experience as part of "a mission to build hope, one home at a time" and has been a blessing to participate in. <https://www.projectmexico.org/homebuilding#gl>

The homebuilding program is open to all teens 14 years & above or adults of any age!!! Younger teens under 14 can join along with a parent chaperone. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Rula Adranly [rulaadranly@comcast.net](mailto:rulaadranly@comcast.net) or Nadine Potts [nbhpotts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nbhpotts@sbcglobal.net).



### **Flowers for The Bier نعيش المسيح of Christ .**

We are asking for donations for the flowers for the Bier of Christ. Please let Fr. Nicholas know if you can donate flowers.

### **Upcoming Events**

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| <b>Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup></b>    | Akathist/Salutations المديح at 6:30 PM  |
| <b>Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup></b>    | Great Compline صلاة النوم الكبرى at 6:00 PM   |
| <b>Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup></b> | Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 PM   |
| <b>Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup></b>  | Screening of “The Island”, a movie about a small Russian monastery in Alaska at St. Michael Archangel Orthodox Church, See flyer below for details. |
| <b>Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup></b>    | Prison Ministry Easter Card Writing Workshop after Divine Liturgy.  |
| <b>Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup></b> | Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM   |
| <b>Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup></b>   | Palm Sunday احد الشعانين at 10 am. The Triumphant Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem!  |
| <b>Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup></b>   | Rose Bake Sale. Please call denise @ 925 360-3350 for pre order of Easter cookies and Fadwa Samara @ 510 909-0119 for pre order of Atayef.          |

### **Coffee Hour**

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| <b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b>  | Raif and Sonia Rihani for the good health of their family! |
| <b>April 13<sup>th</sup></b> | Coffee available. No host because of the bake sale.        |

## Holy Week Schedule

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| <b><u>April 12<sup>th</sup></u> : Lazarus Saturday</b>      | Lazarus Saturday Liturgy at 10:00am.   |
| <b><u>April 13<sup>th</sup></u> : Palm Sunday</b>           | Matins at 9:00am, Divine Liturgy at 10:00am<br>Bridegroom Service صلاة الختن at 6:30pm   |
| <b><u>April 14<sup>th</sup></u> : Holy Monday</b>           | Bridegroom Service صلاة الختن at 6:30 pm   |
| <b><u>April 15<sup>th</sup></u> : Holy Tuesday</b>          | Bridegroom Service صلاة الختن at 6:30 pm   |
| <b><u>April 16<sup>th</sup></u> : Holy Wednesday</b>        | Holy Unction صلاة الزيت المقدس at 6:30 pm  |
| <b><u>April 17<sup>th</sup></u> : Holy Thursday</b>         | Vespereal Liturgy and Washing of the Feet at 10:00am<br>Passion Gospels at 6:30 pm   |
| <b><u>April 18<sup>th</sup></u> : Holy Friday</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Royal Hours, Vespers and Taking the Body from the Cross – 2:30 pm</li> <li>Lamentations تقاريط الجناز at 6:30 pm</li> <li>Vigil at Christ's Tomb at 9:00pm</li> </ul> |
| <b><u>April 19<sup>th</sup></u> : Holy Saturday</b>         | Vespereal Liturgy at 10:00am<br>Rush Service 10:30 pm followed by the Divine Liturgy   |
| <b><u>April 20<sup>th</sup></u> : Great and Holy Pascha</b> | Agape Vespers at 1:00pm  |

### Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, George Messih, Sam Nassab, Sandy Dudum Bennett, Fairouz Freij, Henriette Hilal and Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Rose Freij**. May her memory be eternal!
- † Victor and Angela Husary for the good health of **Chris Husary**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Naim Nazzal**. May his memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nabil Tovil**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish family for the good health of **Samir and Pat Jeha**. Many years!

### Candles for the altar table and in front of the icons of Christ and the Theotokos offered by:

- † Ibrahim Fasheh in memory of Hanada Fasheh for one full year. May her memory be eternal!



- † Altar Servers:  
Nathan Sweis, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin, James Dudum, John Dudum, David Evans, Evan Kavar, Mason Kavar, Jonathan Juha, Maron Juha and Zaiden Karanikola

- † Thank you to Ziad and Charlene Nassoura for donating the communion wine. God bless you and your children!

- † Palms for Palm Sunday are offered by **Jim and Denise Dudum and Family** in loving memory of John, Misadeh, Audie and Mary Dudum, Jim and Rose Romley and Naim Nazzal. May their memory be eternal!



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SUNDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>



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OR KIMBERLY BAILEY

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**St. Michael Archangel Orthodox Church, 2425 Olivera Rd., Concord**  
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## Dine & Donate

A dine and donate fundraising event, where a portion of a restaurant's sales on a specific day are donated to our church when mention St. John and/or show the flyer. Essentially creating a win-win situation for both the restaurant and St. John. Plus you can gather with fellow community members and have no mess to clean. Additionally you don't have to cook or worry about what to eat that day. :)



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The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan SABA

The Right Reverend  
Bishop ANTHONY



Archbishop of New York and  
Metropolitan of  
All North America

Diocese of Los Angeles  
And the West

March 27, 2025

Dear reverend clergy, parish council officers and faithful parishioners:

As you know, every year, in the West and throughout the Archdiocese, in every geographic and administrative area, there have been organized, promoted and established Parish Life Conferences.

In the West, there have been and continue to be dedicated persons who, over the years, have worked to refine and expand these conferences, so all of us can enjoy the experience of sharing, caring and growing in our life in Christ, in His Body, the Church.

The historical beginnings and social pedigree of these Conferences can be generally discovered in the post-World-War-II American experience, where all ethnic and national groups formed the so-called “melting pot” of U.S. political identity. It was at this time when America was not so much multi-cultural as it was an acculturation of all social, cultural, ethnic, linguistic and national peoples. It was the time of the GI Bill, when higher education was available to returning veterans and where that—at the time—uniquely American home expansion called “urban sprawl” and numerous neighborhood subdivisions crowded the city landscapes of urban centers and spread across every state and farm.

Though I am simplifying this development of Conferences, they were planned for us around the senior SOYO organization of our Archdiocese. These early years saw very large conventions and gatherings that celebrated their Orthodoxy along with their appreciation for being here, in what they called a “God-protected land,” as it was known among many immigrant groups.

We have, since then, been blessed with a dynamic addition of—in the words of Scripture—“*the redeemed for God* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation” (Rev. 5.9b; cf. 7.9). We are more than a big tent; we have a domed stadium!

With that review, our Metropolitan and our Archdiocese still schedule PLCs and expect our clergy and parishes to support, attend, participate in and promote our host parish’s PLCs.

We have many opportunities and obligations that are admirably publicized by the PLC organizing volunteers, as has been mentioned previously.

In this regard, I have taken an informed survey of our priests concerning the overall challenges of time, resources and benefit that come from PLCs today. I have heard of the challenges of costs, which are only increasing, both in general and for attending our Conferences.

*“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)*

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This year, as I compose this memorandum, the PLC is three short months away, and we cannot assemble all the desired venues of parish needs, such as: stewardship, teen group development, young adult groups, etc. Be assured, however, that we will work on giving our clergy more tools and resources for their parish needs in future PLCs, as we work to include them.

We need to start to build expectations and participation this year. As we work together to grow and evolve our Conferences in the years to come, this year's PLC will be primarily a social and liturgical gathering, but it will definitely include some workshops and inspiring take-away messages. So, we would *not* want anyone to evaluate its value on preconceived or biased bases. Come and see!

Since I was in seminary, PLCs were obligatory for pastors, and our Metropolitan expected us at the Conference (exclusive of obvious reasons for being absent and pre-excused permission not to attend).

To mitigate costs, we are working with the Order of St. Ignatius and certain individuals who may be willing to help with travel, room and other expenses, so we can come together. *And I believe it is really important for us to be together.* Beyond specific offerings of workshops and such, it is often those conversations on the sidelines, and those relationships we forge when we are together in person, that prove invaluable. Finally and crucially, we can get out of our parochial boundaries at the PLC, as we gather from across the West, clergy and laity around the Bishop, to make manifest the larger Body of Christ.

We must build a spiritual and social camaraderie with each other. In fact, the Divine Liturgy—the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Faithful—may be explained in this way: community of the gathering, for the communication of the Word, to become One in communion with His Body—*community, communication, communion. That's the ideal of Parish Life Conferences, and it is still relevant today!*

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "+ Bishop Anthony". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized script.

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