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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 3

SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (MEAT FARE)

APOSTLES ARCHIPPUS, PHILEMON AND APPIAS OF THE SEVENTY

The Second and impartial Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

On February 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostles Archippos, Philemon and Apphias of the Seventy. Today, we commemorate the Second and impartial Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is the Sunday of the Last Judgment—known also as Meat Fare Sunday—the lesson of which occurs in today's Holy Gospel. Jesus illustrates to us God's ineffable goodness and His great love for mankind. And so lest some who are lazy should loiter and spend the time appropriate to their salvation in the pursuit of sin, and be suddenly overtaken by death, the divine Fathers decree that on this day the remembrance of the Second Appearance of Christ may be celebrated. The intention is to remind them that, as God is good and loving to mankind, He is also a very righteous Judge Who recompenses each according to his deeds. Our Lord teaches us that when we minister to our brother or sister, we really minister to Him. This brings us righteousness and life eternal.



THE EPISTLE (For the Sunday of the Last Judgment)

The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement has the Lord chastened me!

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food will not bring us closer to God; for neither if we eat, are we the better, nor if we do not eat, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this authority of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if any one sees you, as someone who has knowledge, reclining at a table in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of the one who is weak be emboldened to eat of the things sacrificed to idols, and through your knowledge the weak brother perishes, for whom Christ died? And thus, sinning against the brethren, and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will not eat meat forever, lest I cause my brother to stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are not you my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of my apostleship are you in the Lord.

الرسالة

فُوتِي وَتَسْبِحْتِي الرَّبُّ. أَدْبَاباً أَدَّبَنِي الرَّبُّ، وَإِلَى الْمَوْتِ لَمْ يُسَلِّمْنِي.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ الْأُولَى إِلَى أَهْلِ كورِنْثُوسِ.

يا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّ الطَّعَامَ لَا يُقَرِّبُنَا إِلَى اللَّهِ، لَأَنَّا إِنِ أَكَلْنَا لَا نَزِيدُ وَإِنِ لَمْ نَأْكُلْ لَا نَنْقُصُ. وَلَكِنْ انظُرُوا أَنِ لَا يَكُونَ سُلْطَانُكُمْ هَذَا مَعْتَرَةً لِلضُّعْفَاءِ. لِأَنَّهُ إِنِ رَأَى أَحَدٌ يَأْكُلُ مِنْ لَهْ الْعِلْمِ مُتَكَبِّراً فِي بَيْتِ الْأَوْثَانِ، أَفَلَا يَتَقَوَّى ضَمِيرُهُ، وَهُوَ ضَعِيفٌ، عَلَى أَكْلِ ذَبَائِحِ الْأَوْثَانِ. فَيَهْلِكُ بِسَبَبِ عِلْمِكَ الْأَخِ الضَّعِيفِ الَّذِي مَاتَ الْمَسِيحُ لِأَجْلِهِ؟ وَهَكَذَا إِذْ تُخْطِئُونَ إِلَى الْإِخْوَةِ وَتَجْرَحُونَ ضَمَائِرَهُمْ، وَهِيَ ضَعِيفَةٌ، إِنَّمَا تُخْطِئُونَ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ. فَلِذَلِكَ إِنِ كَانَ الطَّعَامُ يُشْكِكُ أَخِي، فَلَا أَكُلْ لِحَمَاءٍ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ لئَلَّا أَشْكِكَ أَخِي. أَلَسْتُ أَنَا رَسُولاً؟ أَلَسْتُ أَنَا حُرّاً؟ أَمَا رَأَيْتُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ رَبَّنَا؟ أَلَسْتُمْ أَنْتُمْ عَمَلِي فِي الرَّبِّ؟ وَإِنِ لَمْ أَكُنْ رَسُولاً إِلَى آخَرِينَ، فَإِنِّي رَسُولٌ إِلَيْكُمْ. لِأَنَّ خَاتَمَ رِسَالَتِي هُوَ أَنْتُمْ فِي الرَّبِّ.

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:31-46)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِيّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ .

قال الرَّبُّ: مَتَّى جَاءَ ابْنُ الْبَشَرِ فِي مَجْدِهِ وَجَمِيعُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ مَعَهُ، فَحِينِئِذٍ يَجْلِسُ عَلَى عَرْشِ مَجْدِهِ. وَتُجْمَعُ إِلَيْهِ كُلُّ الْأُمَمِ، فَيَمَيِّزُ بَعْضَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ، كَمَا يُمَيِّزُ الرَّاعِي الْخِرَافَ مِنَ الْجِدَاءِ. وَيُقِيمُ الْخِرَافَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ وَالْجِدَاءَ عَنْ يَسَارِهِ. حِينِئِذٍ يَقُولُ الْمَلِكُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ: تَعَالَوْا يَا مُبَارَكِي أَبِي رَثْوَا الْمَلِكِ الْمَعْدَّ لَكُمْ مِنْذُ إِنْشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ. لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَأَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطِشْتُ فَسَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيباً فَأَوْثَمْتُمُونِي، وَعُرْيَاناً فَكَسَوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضاً فَعُدْتُمُونِي، وَمَحْبُوساً فَأَنْتَيْتُمُ إِلَيَّ. حِينِئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ الصِّدِّيقُونَ قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبُّ مَتَّى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعاً فَأَطْعَمْنَاكَ، أَوْ عَطِشْنَا فَسَقَيْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَّى رَأَيْنَاكَ غَرِيباً فَأَوْثَمْنَاكَ، أَوْ عُرْيَاناً فَكَسَوْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَّى رَأَيْنَاكَ مَرِيضاً أَوْ مَحْبُوساً فَأَتَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ؟ فَيُجِيبُ الْمَلِكُ وَيَقُولُ لَهُمْ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، بِمَا أَنْتُمْ فَعَلْتُمْ ذَلِكَ بِأَخَوْتِي هَؤُلَاءِ الصِّغَارِ فَبِي فَعَلْتُمُوهُ. حِينِئِذٍ يَقُولُ أَيْضاً لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ يَسَارِهِ: اذْهَبُوا عَنِّي يَا مَلَاعِينُ إِلَى النَّارِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ الْمُعَدَّةِ لِإِبْلِيسَ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ. لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَلَمْ تُطْعَمُونِي، وَعَطِشْتُ فَلَمْ تَسْقُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيباً فَلَمْ تُؤْوِئُونِي، وَعُرْيَاناً فَلَمْ تَكْسُونِي، وَمَرِيضاً وَمَحْبُوساً فَلَمْ تَزُورُونِي. حِينِئِذٍ يُجِيبُونَهُ هُمْ أَيْضاً قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبُّ، مَتَّى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعاً أَوْ عَطِشَاناً أَوْ غَرِيباً أَوْ عُرْيَاناً أَوْ مَرِيضاً أَوْ مَحْبُوساً وَلَمْ نَخْدِمَكَ؟ حِينِئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُمْ قَائِلاً: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، بِمَا أَنْتُمْ لَمْ تَفْعَلُوا ذَلِكَ بِأَخَدِ هَؤُلَاءِ الصِّغَارِ، فَبِي لَمْ تَفْعَلُوهُ. فَيَذْهَبُ هَؤُلَاءِ إِلَى الْعَذَابِ الْأَبَدِيِّ، وَالصِّدِّيقُونَ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ.

Family Night

Join us for the next FAMILY FUN NIGHT Saturday, 2/18/23 at 5:00 pm

We had a great time at the first one so let's do it again!! Join us for a casual evening of good food, games and fellowship. All are welcome!! Please bring a dish to share and a fun game you would like to play. We'll eat together in the church hall then gather for games. Vespers will be held at 4:30 pm.

Please see Rula Adranly to sign up or email at rulaadranly@comcast.net so we can have an idea of how many to expect. After this, we'll take a break for Lent then resume after Easter.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 18th	Family fun night
Sunday, February 19th	Teen SOYO gathering following church. We are planning to go get burgers to celebrate meat-fare.
Sunday, February 19th	Meat fare Sunday احد مرفع اللحم
Sunday, February 26th	Cheese fare Sunday احد مرفع الجبن 5:30pm Forgiveness Vespers
Sunday, February 26th	One year memorial service for the servant of God Fred Gedeon, offered by Sue Gedeon, daughter Sandi, son Stan, daughter in law Ann and the grandchildren. May his memory be eternal!
Monday, February 27th	Beginning of Lent بدء الصيام الكبير , Great Compline and canon of St. Andrew

Coffee Hours

February 19th	Hala Yowakeem for the good health of the Yowakeem family and 2 years memory of Antoinette.
February 26	Sue Gedeon, daughter Sandi, son Stan, daughter in law Ann and the grandchildren in memory of the servant of God Fred Gedeon. May his memory be eternal!
March 5th	Dudum, Dietzmann and Morgan family in memory of Jim and Rose Romley, Siz Dietmann, Ray, Gloria and Brad Zachariah.

Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Khalid Haddad** (Fairouz Freij's nephew), **Nick Nicola, Nadia Frangieh, Souhila Swies, Noha Schulze, George Messih** and **Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † Also, for the good health of their family!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Julian and Mary Farradj**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Jane Nassif**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nabil and Souhila Wakileh**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the **victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey**. For the good health of the survivors and memory eternal for the departed!

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!



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- † Altar Servers: Nathan Sweis, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin

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Join us for a special **live Zoom session on Monday, February 13th at 10 pm ET / 7 pm PT for any Students, Parents, Clergy, and Youth Workers who are interested in learning more.** This session is especially designed for interest in San Francisco and/or Chicago sessions.

Applications Close February 22nd!

Have you applied? Remember that all components of your application must be submitted by February 22nd to be considered complete. Reach out with any questions to program@crossroadinstitute.org.

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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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February 7, 2023

To be read from the pulpit and printed in the bulletin.

Beloved Brother Hierarchs, reverend Clergy, and Christ-loving Faithful,

Greetings to you in the Name of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ.

This week we learned with heavy hearts of the devastation wrought by the powerful earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The toll of death and destruction is only slowly coming to light, but it is clear that thousands have died and the lives and livelihoods of many have been wrecked. In these moments, as our hearts break for our fellow man—especially for our brothers and sisters in the Faith—we feel acutely what St. Paul said about the Body of Christ: “When one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it” (1 Cor. 12:26).

Brethren, the same apostle teaches us to share what we have with those who are now in need, knowing that a time may come when they can help us. He writes, “It is not that you should be burdened so that others might have it easy. Rather, out of equality, your abundance should now go toward their need, so that their abundance might someday supply your need, so that there might be equality” (2 Cor. 8:13–14). This openhearted sharing is an affirmation of our bonds with those now suffering. It is also an expression of love, which always takes the burden of the beloved upon one’s own shoulders.

I call upon all our parishes to collect contributions each Sunday throughout the month of February for the relief of those suffering as a result of this earthquake. Immediately after each Sunday, each parish should mail a check for the funds collected that Sunday to our archdiocese headquarters and email the total amount to Mr. Daniel Nehme at our headquarters (dnehme@antiochian.org), which will allow us to distribute the funds more quickly. Individuals can also contribute online at antiochian.org/earthquake. We will forward the collected funds to His Beatitude Patriarch John X as they come in, as a demonstration of our love, to be distributed through our patriarchal relief agencies to those affected by this disaster.

With love and prayers for you as we approach the holy struggle of Great Lent, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

✠Metropolitan ANTONIOS

Metropolitan of Zahle, Baalbek, and Dependencies

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

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Antiochian Archdiocese of North America Provides Relief to Earthquake Survivors

The clergy and laity continuously offer prayers and precious dollars to save lives in Turkey and Syria.

On the morning of Feb. 6, 2023, two earthquakes of magnitudes of 7.8 and 7.5 rocked southern Turkey and northern Syria. To date, the death toll has surpassed 41,000 people in both countries and tens of thousands of people are homeless. Countless homes and houses of worship have been destroyed.

Heeding the distress call of His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East, His Eminence Metropolitan Antonios, Patriarchal Vicar, and the clergy and laity of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America immediately mobilized to express their love, firstly by lifting their prayers for the repose of the souls of the victims, the health of the survivors, and to save those who are trapped in the rubble. The following litany was offered to the divine service:

“For the preservation of all victims of the recent natural disaster in Syria and Turkey, and for the souls of all who have perished, let us pray to the Lord.”

The Archdiocese of North America wired an initial contribution of \$250,000 to the Patriarchate to aid in the relief efforts in Syria and Turkey that provide food, clothing, counseling, temporary shelter, hygiene kits, diapers, medicine and medical supplies to earthquake survivors, some of whom are staying in Antiochian churches and halls. On Feb. 14, a delegation from by His Beatitude arrived in Adana, Turkey to assess the urgent needs and to coordinate relief efforts on the ground.

Complementing the relief efforts, the Archdiocese of North America established an online donation portal at Antiochian.org/earthquake. To date, more than \$292,000 has been raised here, with generous donors often paying transaction fees to ensure 100% of their donations will reach earthquake survivors. Additionally, anonymous donors set up a matching grant of \$150,000 for online donations which has now been matched. Therefore, online donations have reached more than \$442,000 at this point.

Furthermore, the churches of the Archdiocese of North America are taking special collections (trays) for earthquake victims on Sundays, Feb. 12, 19 and 26. As this money reaches the Archdiocesan headquarters in Englewood, New Jersey, along with the online and other private donations, it will be wired regularly to the Patriarchate to sponsor relief efforts on the ground.

The Archdiocese of North America ensures that every dollar collected through its mechanisms will reach relief efforts without transactional delays.

Additionally, the Archdiocese of North America applauds the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury for easing sanctions on Syria, authorizing all transactions related to earthquake and humanitarian relief that would otherwise be hindered under the existing sanctions regulations for 180 days. This is good news in the short term that will hopefully raise awareness about the humanitarian and economic crises that have now plagued Syria for over a decade. The Archdiocese stands ready to help the U.S. government find long-term, peaceful solutions.

Keep up with the latest news on the Archdiocese of North America’s relief efforts on its online platforms. And please keep giving generously to help our suffering brothers and sisters in Turkey and Syria.



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