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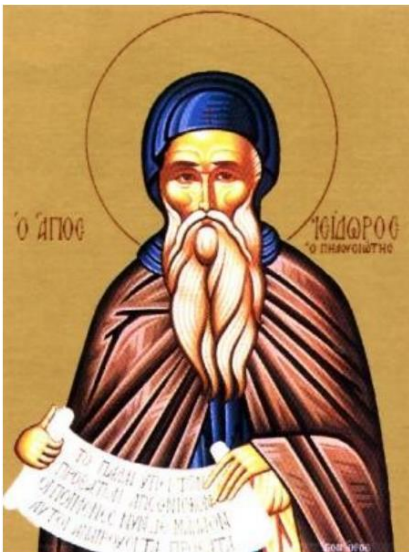
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2024

**TONE 2 / EOTHINON 2; THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
& FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE ("ZACCHAEUS")**

AFTER-FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF CHRIST

VENERABLE ISIDORE OF PELUSIUM;

THE MOTHERS OF THE THREE HIERARCHS: EMMELIA, NONA AND ANTHOUSA



Righteous Father Isidore of Pelusium

On February 4 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple. On this day, we commemorate our righteous Father Isidore of Pelusium.

Isidore was a kinsman of the Alexandrian Patriarchs Theophilus and Cyril. Having studied all the secular disciplines, he renounced worldly riches and glories and devoted himself completely to the spiritual life for the love of Christ. He was a great and ardent defender and interpreter of the Orthodox Faith. Isidore wrote more than ten-thousand letters to various individuals in which he reproached, counseled, comforted and instructed his spiritual children. In one letter Isidore writes: "It is more important to teach by a life of doing good than to preach in eloquent terms." In another, he says: "If one desires that his virtues appear great, let him consider them small and they will surely manifest themselves as great." The first and basic rule for Isidore was this: "First do, then teach according to the example of our Lord Jesus." At the time of the persecution of St. John Chrysostom when the entire population was divided into two camps; one for and one against, Isidore sided with Chrysostom. Isidore lived long, glorifying Christ the God with his life and his writings. Isidore took up habitation in the kingdom of Christ in 436.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song.

With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:9-15)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

الرسالة

قَوْتِي وَتَسْبِخَتِي الرَّبِّ. أَدَباً أَتَّبَنِي الرَّبِّ.

فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى تيموثاوس. (4:9-15)

يا ولدي تيموثاوس، صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ وَجَدِيرَةٌ بِكُلِّ قَبُولٍ فَإِنَّا لِهَذَا نَنْتَعِبُ وَنُعَيِّرُ، لِأَنَّا أَلْفَيْنَا رَجَاءَنَا عَلَى اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مُخَلِّصُ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَلَا سِيَّما الْمُؤْمِنِينَ. فَوَصِّ بِهَذَا وَعَلِّمْ بِهِ. لَا يَسْتَهِنُ أَحَدٌ بِفُتُوتِكَ، بَلْ كُنْ مِثَالاً لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي الْكَلَامِ وَالتَّصَرُّفِ وَالمَحَبَّةِ وَالإِيمَانِ وَالعَفَافِ. وَاطْبُبْ عَلَى الْقِرَاءَةِ إِلَى حِينِ قُدُومِي، وَعَلَى الوَعْظِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ، وَلَا تُهْمَلِ المَوْهَبَةَ الَّتِي فِيكَ، الَّتِي أُوتَيْتَهَا بِبُنُوبَةٍ، بِوَضْعِ أَيْدِي الشُّيُوخِ. تَأَمَّلْ فِي ذَلِكَ وَكُنْ عَلَيْهِ عَاكِفًا لِيَكُونَ تَقَدُّمُكَ ظَاهِرًا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (19:1-10)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ مُجْتَازٌ فِي أَرِيحَا، إِذَا بِرَجُلٍ اسْمُهُ زَكَا كَانَ رَئِيسًا عَلَى الْعَشَّارِينَ، وَكَانَ غَنِيًّا وَكَانَ يَلْتَمِسُ أَنْ يَرَى يَسُوعَ مَنْ هُوَ، فَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَسْتَطِيعُ مِنَ الْجَمْعِ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَصِيرَ الْقَامَةِ فَتَقَدَّمَ مُسْرِعًا، وَصَعِدَ إِلَى جُمُيزَةٍ لِيَنْظُرَهُ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ مُزْمِعًا أَنْ يَجْتَازَ بِهَا فَلَمَّا انْتَهَى يَسُوعُ إِلَى الْمَوْضِعِ، رَفَعَ طَرْفَهُ فَرَأَاهُ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: يَا زَكَا أَسْرِعِ انْزِلْ، فَالْيَوْمَ يَنْبَغِي لِي أَنْ أَمْكُثَ فِي بَيْتِكَ فَأَسْرِعْ وَنَزَلْ وَقَبِلْهُ فَرِحًا. فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْجَمِيعُ ذَلِكَ تَدَمَّرُوا قَائِلِينَ: إِنَّهُ دَخَلَ لِيَحِلَّ عِنْدَ رَجُلٍ خَاطِيٍّ. "فَوَقَفَ زَكَا وَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ: هَاءَ نَدَا، يَا رَبُّ، أُعْطِيَ الْمَسَاكِينَ نِصْفَ أَمْوَالِي. وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ غَبَنْتُ أَحَدًا فِي شَيْءٍ، أَرُدُّ أَرْبَعَةَ أَضْعَافٍ فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: الْيَوْمَ قَدْ حَصَلَ الْخَلَاصُ لِهَذَا الْبَيْتِ لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ أَيْضًا ابْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لِأَنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ إِنَّمَا أَتَى لِيَطْلُبَ وَيُخَلِّصَ مَا قَدْ هَلَكَ.

Love Your Neighbor

February – IOCC Gaza relief

IOCC, in the spirit of Christ's love, offers emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination, and strengthens the capacity of the Orthodox Church to so respond. We envision that, by God's grace, IOCC will enable those suffering and in need to continue to improve their own lives and communities and to have means to live with dignity, respect, and hope. This month's Love Your Neighbor collections will go towards their Gaza relief fund.

House Blessing

Fr. Nicholas will be visiting parishioners for house blessings. You will receive a call from Fr. Nicholas or Evan to schedule. You may also call Fr. To schedule. God bless you all!

Building Committee Update:

The building is taking shape nicely. It is water tight for the winter rains, and the final stage of the roofing is nearing completion. Tiles for the exterior walls are on order and should be in soon, hopefully installed before too long.

Please come to church for the parish meeting the first week in February for a full update on the construction and the fundraising.

Upcoming Events

Every Sunday at 7pm	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting.
Thursday, February 1st	At 6 pm evening Divine Liturgy to celebrate the feast of the Entrance of The Lord to the Temple.
February 4th	The General Parish Meeting. We will review reports and elect new members of the Parish Council.

Coffee Hours

February 4th	Nelly Nasif
February 11th	Rula Adranly
February 18th	Evelyn Salem and Eddie Salem and family in memory of Sister Albertina Qubeen.

Memorial Services

Sunday, February 18th. For the handmaiden of God Sister Albertina Qubeen, offered by Evelyn Salem and Eddie Salem and family. May her memory be eternal!

Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, George Messih and Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
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- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Haseeb Keileh**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Ghassan and Vivian Sruji**. Many years!
- † Ghounwa and Salem Sadikni and family in memory of **Norma Slibi**. May her memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Blanche Manneh**. Many years!
- † Nino family in memory of husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather **Elias Nino** (20 yr.) May his memory be eternal!

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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- † The poinsettia plants at church were donated by Georgianna and Ray Rishwain, Nick and Najat Nicola and Ron and Nancy Nicola in memory of their parents. God Rest their Souls.

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

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Items for the Hall that can be Donated by Individuals or Families

EXTERIOR			
SITE LIGHTING	\$	50,000	
LANDSCAPING - Hardscape	\$	110,000	
LANDSCAPING - Plants	\$	75,000	
EXTERIOR WOOD TRELLIS	\$	32,000	
EXTERIOR BUILDING LIGHTING	\$	50,000	
FELLOWSHIP HALL INTERIOR			
SKYLIGHTS	\$	25,000	
FINISHES - Interior walls	\$	75,000	
FINISHES - Flooring - Main Hall and Foyer	\$	60,000	
FINISHES - Flooring - Kitchen	\$	24,000	
FINISHES - Wood ceiling, main hall	\$	200,000	
FINISHES - Acoustic panels	\$	40,000	
FINISHES - Interior paint	\$	18,000	
LIGHTING - Chandeliers	\$	25,000	Rocky and Nada Dudum
SPECIAL SYSTEMS - SECURITY	\$	15,000	
SPECIAL SYSTEMS - AUDIO	\$	15,000	David and Lisa Hanna
SPECIALTIES - Custom Casework	\$	45,000	
KITCHEN			
- Hood	\$	45,000	
- Convection oven	\$	15,000	
- Ice Machine, bin, and ice caddy	\$	12,500	
- Gas range - 36"	\$	6,000	
- Gas range - 48" w/ griddle	\$	15,000	
- Brazing pan/skillet	\$	30,000	
- Banquet carts 2@ \$7,500 ea	\$	15,000	
- Work table - 2@ \$4,000 ea	\$	8,000	
- Coffee urn	\$	4,500	
- Beverage cabinet	\$	6,500	
- Reach in refrigerator - 2@ \$7,500 ea	\$	15,000	
- Food slicer	\$	3,500	
- Food Processor(s)	\$	2,000	
- Counter top	\$	10,000	
- Hand sink - 3 @ \$2,000 ea	\$	6,000	
- 3 compartment dish table	\$	7,000	
- Dishwasher	\$	12,000	
- Misc; including taxes, installation, flooring, wiring, shelving, filtration systems, waste	\$	87,000	
Kitchen Total	\$	300,000	
WINDOWS AND DOORS			
- Main Entrance	\$	90,000	
- Side glass door and window units (2@30K ea)	\$	60,000	
- Rear corner window	\$	10,000	
- Rear glass exit door by kitchen	\$	15,000	
- folding glass doors between hall and foyer	\$	25,000	Steve and Angie Kreta
- Entry doors from foyer to hall (2@ 25K ea)	\$	50,000	
Windows and door Total	\$	250,000	
FURNISHINGS			
Tables	\$	15,000	
Chairs	\$	10,500	
Dishes - plates, cups, silverware	\$	15,000	
Portable bar(2@\$25,000 each)	\$	50,000	1 by Nick and Deena Farr
SUM OF ABOVE ITEMS			
	\$	1,499,500	

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Meeting Urgent Needs and Planning for the Future

Active in the Middle East since the 1990s, IOCC is using its deep experience and relationships to provide aid during the ongoing conflict in the Holy Land. Since conflict began in October, IOCC has remained in close contact with partners and staff on the ground.

From food and water to baby formula and medicine, IOCC has supplied essential support to thousands of displaced refugees in Gaza. Read more about how IOCC is providing emergency relief while planning for long-term needs.

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