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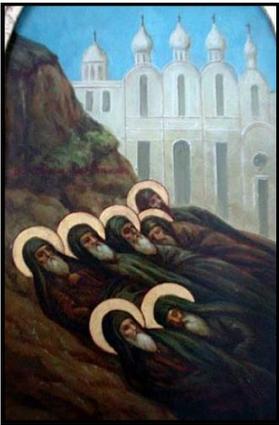
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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024**

## **LEAVE-TAKING OF & SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY**

HOLY FATHERS SLAIN AT SINAI AND RAITHU; HOLY MARTYR AGNES



### **The Holy Fathers Slain on Mount Sinai and at Raithu**

On January 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we take leave of the Feast of Theophany, and we commemorate the holy Forty Fathers that were slain on Mount Sinai in the reign of Diocletian, and those slain in the days of Neilos the Wise.

In the fourth century, Ammonios, an Egyptian monk, witnessed the first martyrdom. He tells of how the Saracens attacked his monastery and would have killed all the monks, if God had not intervened. A fire appeared on the summit of the peak, and the whole mountain smoked. The barbarians were terrified, and fled, while the surviving monks thanked God for sparing them. The second massacre occurred nearly one hundred years later, and was also recorded by an eyewitness, St. Neilos the Wise, who miraculously escaped. The attackers permitted some of the monks run for their lives. They also thanked God for sparing them and glorified God for

glorifying their departed brethren.

On this day, we commemorate the holy Forty Fathers that were slain at Raithu.

On the same day of the first attack at Sinai, the Blemmyes martyred forty Fathers at Raithu on the shores of the Red Sea. Igumen Paul exhorted his monks to endure their suffering with courage and pure hearts.

### **THE EPISTLE**

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)**

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

### **الرسالة**

**لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا .  
اتَّبَهَجُوا أَنِّيَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ .**

**فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل أفسس .**

يا إخوة، لكل واحدٍ مِنَّا أُعْطِيَتْ النِّعْمَةُ عَلَيَّ مِقْدَارَ مَوْهَبَةِ الْمَسِيحِ . فَلِذَلِكَ يَقُولُ لَمَّا صَعَدَ إِلَى الْعُلَى سَبِي سَدِيًّا وَأَعْطَى النَّاسَ عَطَايَا . " فَكَوْنُهُ صَعِدَ، هَلْ هُوَ إِلَّا أَنَّهُ نَزَلَ أَوْلَى إِلَى أَسْفَلِ الْأَرْضِ؟ فَذَلِكَ الَّذِي نَزَلَ، هُوَ الَّذِي صَعَدَ أَيْضًا فَوْقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ كُلِّهَا لِيَمْلَأَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ . وَهُوَ قَدْ أُعْطِيَ أَنْ يَكُونَ الْبَعْضُ رُسُلًا، وَالْبَعْضُ أَنْبِيَاءَ، وَالْبَعْضُ مُبَشِّرِينَ، وَالْبَعْضُ رُعَاةَ، وَمُعَلِّمِينَ، لِأَجْلِ تَكْمِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِينَ، وَلِعَمَلِ الْخِدْمَةِ، وَبُنْيَانِ جَسَدِ الْمَسِيحِ إِلَى أَنْ نُنْتَهِيَ جَمِيعُنَا إِلَى وَحْدَةِ الْإِيمَانِ وَمَعْرِفَةِ ابْنِ اللَّهِ، إِلَى إِنْسَانٍ كَامِلٍ، إِلَى مِقْدَارِ قَامَةِ مِلءِ الْمَسِيحِ .

## THE GOSPEL

### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)**

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

### **الإنجيل**

#### **فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارَةِ القديسِ متىّ الإنجيليّ البشيرِ والتلميذِ الطاهرِ.**

في ذلكَ الزمانِ، لَمَّا سَمِعَ يسوعُ أنّ يوحنا قَدْ أُسْلِمَ، انصَرَفَ إلى الجليلِ وتَرَكَ الناصِرَةَ، وجاءَ فَسَكَنَ في كَفَرناحومَ التي على شاطئِ البحرِ في تُخومِ زَبولونَ ونَفْتاليمَ. لِيَتِمَّ ما قِيلَ بأشعياءَ النَّبِيِّ القائلِ: أَرْضُ زَبولونَ وَأَرْضُ نَفْتاليمَ، طَرِيقُ البحرِ، عَبْرَ الأردنِّ، جَليلُ الأُمَمِ. الشَّعْبُ الجالسُ في الظُّلْمَةِ أَبصَرَ نوراً عَظيماً، والجالسُونَ في بُعْةِ المَوْتِ وظِلالِهِ أَشْرَقَ عَلَيهِمْ نُورٌ. ومُنذُئذِ ابْتَدَأَ يسوعُ يَكْرُرُ ويقولُ: توبُّوا، فَقدِ اقْتَرَبَ مَلَكوتُ السَّمَاواتِ.

### **Love Your Neighbor**

#### **January – St John's Community Fund/Special offering**

The St John's Community fund is a special fund that will allow our priest to help, anonymously, anyone in our parish throughout the year that may need temporary financial help.

### **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!

### **Update from the Building Committee:**

We want to thank everyone for their generous donations to the building fund this past year, and of course look forward to continued support in 2024!

Q: If we have already donated or pledged, can we still dedicate our commitments to something specific on the donation list?

A: Yes, all donations and pledges, new and continuing can be applied to specific items on the attached donation list. And again, please let the church office know if we can include your names on future donation list updates.

### **Upcoming Events**

<b>Every Sunday at 7pm</b>	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting.
<b>February 4th</b>	The General Parish Meeting. We will review reports and elect new members of the Parish Council.

### **Coffee Hours**

<b>January 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Jill Norgaard, Jordis Fasheh, Margaret Mas and Rula Adranly in memory of Dwight Underhill. May his memory be eternal!
<b>January 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Sponsor Needed
<b>January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	In memory of Khalil Mounayer, offered by his children. May his memory be eternal!

### **Memorial Services**

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>:** One year memorial for the servant of God Dwight Underhill. May his memory be eternal!  
Also, one-week memorial service in memory of the servant of God Fady Jalaf of Connecticut, offered by Fr. Nicholas Borzghol and family. May his memory be eternal!

**Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>.** 40 days memorial service for the handmaiden of God Hayat Khoury Abboud and Shafiqua Atallah Khoury. May their 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!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola**. Many years!
- † 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!
- † Leila Adranly and family in memory of **Eva Al Amash**. May her memory be eternal!
- † 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 **Conner Ganjavi**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Blanche Manneh**. Many years!
- † Karen Mahshi in memory of **Jack Mahshi** (8 years). 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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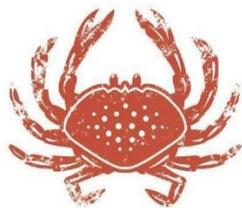
**Items for the Hall that can be Donated by Individuals or Families**

<b>EXTERIOR</b>			
SITE LIGHTING	\$	50,000	
LANDSCAPING - Hardscape	\$	110,000	
LANDSCAPING - Plants	\$	75,000	
EXTERIOR WOOD TRELLIS	\$	32,000	
EXTERIOR BUILDING LIGHTING	\$	50,000	
<b>FELLOWSHIP HALL INTERIOR</b>			
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 - 4@ \$ 5,000 each	\$	20,000	Rocky and Nada Dudum
SPECIAL SYSTEMS - SECURITY	\$	15,000	
SPECIAL SYSTEMS - AUDIO	\$	15,000	David and Lisa Hanna
SPECIALTIES - Custom Casework	\$	45,000	
<b>KITCHEN</b>			
- 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 collection, etc	\$	87,000	
<b>Kitchen Total</b>	\$	300,000	
<b>WINDOWS AND DOORS</b>			
- 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 Kreia
- Entry doors from foyer to hall (2@ 25K ea)	\$	50,000	
<b>Windows and door Total</b>	\$	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 Nickand Deena Farrah
<b>SUM OF ABOVE ITEMS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,494,500</b>	

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## **Miraculous Icon of St. Anna, Prayers & Anointing**

St Timothy will be hosting the Miraculous Icon of St Anna, along with anointing and prayers on Friday January 12th. Archimandrite Sergius, Abbott of St Tikhons Monastery will be our special guest. We will start with a Moleben at 6:00pm, followed by the presentation, anointing, veneration and light reception to follow.

We dearly hope to see you all. Any one staying for the light reception afterwards, we kindly ask for an RSVP to ensure enough refreshment for all at [admin@sttimothy.us](mailto:admin@sttimothy.us).

For a history of the Icon, please click the link below:

<https://sttikhonsmonastery.org/stanna>

