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**TONE 6 / EOTHINON 9; TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

VENERABLE PAUL OF THEBES & JOHN THE HUT-DWELLER

VENERABLE MARTYR PANSOPHIOS OF ALEXANDRIA; VENERABLE GABRIEL OF LESNOVO



Righteous Fathers Paul of Thebes and John the Hut-dweller

On January 15 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Paul of Thebes. He and a sister of his inherited all their parents' wealth, but his brother-in-law, an idol-worshipper, threatened Paul that he would betray him to the authorities as a Christian if he did not hand over his share of the property. Paul gave his half of the property to his sister and went into the desert, where he lived in asceticism until his death. The spiritual heights attained by this giant of a monk are testified to by no less a person than Antony the Great, who once visited Paul and marveled how the wild animals and birds of the air ministered to him. Paul

lived 113 years, and entered peacefully into rest in the Lord in the year 342.

On this day, we also commemorate our righteous Father John the Hut-dweller, who became poor for Christ's sake.

He was born in Constantinople, an only child of rich and eminent parents. The young John fled to a monastery in Asia Minor, where he spent six years in the greatest restraint, prayer and obedience to the superior. Then the devil attacked him to return to his parents, which he did, but he dressed as a beggar and remained in their courtyard, living off the crumbs that the servants threw him and enduring much ridicule from all. He lived thus for three years, praying God that He would save the souls of his father and mother. They eventually recognized John by a precious Gospel-book which they had given him in childhood. He saved his soul and those of his parents, overcame the devil and entered into rest in the Lord in about the year 450.



THE EPISTLE (For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

الرسالة

ما أَعْظَمَ أَعْمَالِكَ، يَا رَبُّ، كُلُّهَا بِحِكْمَةٍ صَنَعْتَ. بَارِكِي يَا نَفْسِي الرَّبَّ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ كُولُوسِي.

يَا إِخْوَةَ، مَتَى ظَهَرَ الْمَسِيحُ الَّذِي هُوَ حَيَاتُنَا، فَأَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً تُظْهِرُونَ حِينَنْدِ مَعَهُ فِي الْمَجْدِ. فَأَمِيتُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ الَّتِي عَلَى الْأَرْضِ: الزَّنى، وَالنَّجَاسَةَ، وَالهِوَى، وَالشَّهْوَةَ الرَّدِيَّةَ، وَالطَّمَعِ الَّذِي هُوَ عِبَادَةٌ وَتَن. لِأَنَّهُ لِأَجْلِ هَذِهِ يَأْتِي عَضْبُ اللَّهِ عَلَى أُنْبَاءِ الْعِصْيَانِ. وَفِي هَذِهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً سَلَكَتُمْ حِيناً إِذْ كُنْتُمْ عَائِشِينَ فِيهَا. أَمَّا الْآنَ، فَأَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً اطَّرَحُوا الْكُلَّ: الْعَضْبَ، وَالسَّخَطَ، وَالْحُبْتَ، وَالتَّجْدِيفَ، وَالْكَلامَ الْقَبِيحَ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِكُمْ. وَلَا يُكْذِبْ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضاً، بَلِ اخْلَعُوا الْإِنْسَانَ الْعَتِيقَ مَعَ أَعْمَالِهِ. وَالْبَسُوا الْإِنْسَانَ الْجَدِيدَ الَّذِي يَتَجَدَّدُ لِلْمَعْرِفَةِ عَلَى صُورَةِ خَالِقِهِ. حَيْثُ لَيْسَ يُونَانِيٌّ وَلَا يَهُودِيٌّ، لَا خِتَانٌ وَلَا قَلْفٌ، لَا بَرَبْرِيٌّ وَلَا اسْكِيثِيٌّ، لَا عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، بَلِ الْمَسِيحُ هُوَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ وَفِي الْجَمِيعِ.

THE GOSPEL (For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفًا مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْبَشِيرِ التِّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ دَاخِلًا إِلَى قَرْيَةِ اسْتَقْبَلَهُ عَشْرَةُ رِجَالٍ بُرْصٍ وَوَقَفُوا مِنْ بَعِيدٍ، وَرَفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَهُمْ قَائِلِينَ: يَا يَسُوعُ الْمُعَلِّمُ ارْحَمْنَا. فَلَمَّا رَأَاهُمْ قَالَ لَهُمْ امْضُوا وَأَرُوا الْكَهَنَةَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ. وَفِيمَا هُمْ مُنْطَلِقُونَ طَهَّرُوا. وَإِنَّ وَاحِدًا مِنْهُمْ، لَمَّا رَأَى أَنَّهُ قَدْ بَرِيءٌ، رَجَعَ يُمَجِّدُ اللَّهَ بِصَوْتٍ عَظِيمٍ. وَخَرَّ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ عِنْدَ قَدَمَيْهِ شَاكِرًا لَهُ وَكَانَ سَامِرِيًّا، فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ، أَلَيْسَ الْعَشْرَةُ قَدْ طَهَّرُوا فَأَيَّنَ التَّسْعَةُ؟ أَلَمْ يُوجَدْ مَنْ يَرْجِعُ لِيُحَمِّدَ اللَّهَ إِلَّا هَذَا الْأَجْنَبِيُّ؟ وَقَالَ لَهُ، قُمْ وَامْضِ، إِيْمَانُكَ قَدْ خَلَّصَكَ.

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT - Saturday, 1/14/23 5:00 pm



Let's get together 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 - younger kids in the classrooms, Teens in the teen room, etc.

Please see Rula Adranly to sign up or email at rulaadranly@comcast.net so we can have an idea of how many to expect. We hope this will be the start of a new tradition at St. John's.

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. If you are still not comfortable having visitors, please let us know when we call you. We fully understand. God bless you all!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 14th	5:00pm Family Fun Night for adults, teens and kids to share a potluck meal, play games and more.
Sunday, January 15th	Funeral service for Dwight Underhill at Sunset Mortuary in El Cerrito at 2 pm. There will be a viewing at 1 pm and a reception afterwards. The reception will be at Hana Gardens Senior Center in El Cerrito.
Tuesday, January 17th	Burial service for Dwight Underhill at Sunset Mortuary at 11 am.
Sunday, January 22nd	One year Memorial Service for the servant of God Mounir Haddadin, offered by his children and their families. May his memory be eternal!
Sunday, February 5th	General parish meeting after Divine Liturgy. We will elect 2 new members and Fr. will appoint 1 new member. If you would like to suggest or nominate someone, contact Fr. Nicholas or Ron Nicola.
Sunday, February 12th	One year memorial service for the servant of God Fred Gedeon. May his memory be eternal!

Coffee Hours

January 15th	Sponsor needed
January 22nd	Sponsor needed
January 29th	Coffee hour and luncheon sponsored by the Ladies of St. John in memory of Dwight Underhill.

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!
- † Mariam Mounayer, her daughter Amal, her sons Ibrahim and Joseph and her daughter in law Stephani in memory of **Khalil Ibrahim Munayer** (Entered eternal life January 14th 2011.). May his memory be eternal!
- † Victor and Angel Husary and family for the good health of **Chris Husary**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Dwight Underhill**. May his memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Julian Farradj**. 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!



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

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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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To be read from the pulpit on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Beloved Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Esteemed members of the Archdiocese Board of Trustees and Parish Councils, and all the faithful:

Blessings and greetings to you as we celebrate Theophany, the manifestation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as God.

As I have had the honor and privilege of meeting with many of you during my travels, some have asked about the upcoming special convention, the process of elections of the three nominees for the office of Metropolitan, and how the Archdiocese produced its list of candidates for the next Metropolitan.

The Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Antioch maintains the overall list of eligible candidates for the sacred episcopacy. The patriarch and the metropolitans of the Holy Synod of Antioch update this list every year by submitting new names.

As Patriarchal Vicar, I worked in consultation with the Board of Trustees to draw from this list and approve the list of candidates for the office of Metropolitan. As a reminder, they are:

Metropolitan Saba Ispier	Bishop Thomas Joseph	Bishop Alexander Mufarrij
Bishop John Abdalah	Bishop Anthony Michaels	Bishop Nicholas Ozone
Archimandrite Maximos Jamal	Archimandrite Jeremy Davis	Archimandrite Michael Razzouk

From this list of nine candidates, delegates at the Special Convention in Dallas on Jan. 13 will each vote for one candidate. Consistent with past practice, the three candidates who receive the most votes will be announced in alphabetical order by first name (not necessarily in order of the number of votes received). The actual vote totals for these three nominees will be reported to the Holy Synod, which will then hold a meeting to elect the next Metropolitan.

Working with the auxiliary bishops, we designated three individuals – one clergyman and two lay people – from each of the eight regions of the Archdiocese as ballot counters, resulting in 24 individuals responsible for counting ballots. Ballots will be randomly placed into twelve boxes. The 24 ballot counters will be divided into four teams, each of which will be responsible for counting two boxes of ballots.

I invite you to review all the materials posted for the Special Convention on Antiochian.org. I look forward to seeing the clergy and lay delegates in Dallas, praying for their safe travels.

Yours in Christ,
+Metropolitan ANTONIOS
Metropolitan of Zahle, Baalbek and Dependencies
Patriarchal Vicar of New York and All North America

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

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