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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025**

**TONE 5 / EOTHINON 8; TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
& TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**VENERABLE MAKARIOS THE GREAT OF EGYPT, THE ANCHORITE**

MARTYR TATIANA OF ROME AND THOSE WITH HER; MARTYR PETER ABSALOM OF VENERABLE MAKARIOS OF ALEXANDRIA; VENERABLE MARK EUGENIKOS, METROPOLITAN OF EPHESUS, PILLAR OF ORTHODOXY; MARTYR ANTONY OF DAMASCUS



**Righteous Fathers Makarios the Great of Egypt, the Anchorite and Makarios of Alexandria**

On January 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Makarios the Great of Egypt, the Anchorite; and our righteous Father Makarios of Alexandria.

Both men were the contemporaries of Anthony the Great. Makarios the Great withdrew into the wilderness where he spent 60 years in labor and struggle, both internally and externally for the Kingdom of Heaven. So much did he succeed in cleansing his mind and heart of evil that God bestowed upon him the abundant gift of miracle-working; he even raised the dead. Makarios often told his disciple Paphnutius: "Do not judge anyone and you will be saved." Nine days before his death, St. Anthony, St. Pachomius and a cherub revealed to him that he would enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Makarios lived to be 97 years old and died in the year 390. The younger Makarios also entered the monastic life to fight demonic temptations. Once, a brother saw him fill a basket with sand, carry it uphill and empty it. Astonished, the brother asked him, "What are you doing?" Makarios answered, "I am tormenting my tormentor," that is, the devil. He died in the year 393, well past the age of 100.

**THE EPISTLE**

*Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.*

*Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

**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

أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ تَحْفَظُنَا وَتَسْتُرُنَا مِنْ هَذَا الْجِيلِ،

خَلَّصْنِي، يَا رَبُّ، فَإِنَّ الْبَارَّ قَدْ فَنِي

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ كُولُوسِي. (11-4:3)

يا إخوة، متى ظهرَ المسيحُ الذي هُوَ حَيَاتُنَا، فَأَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً تُظَهَرُونَ حِينئِذٍ مَعَهُ فِي الْمَجْدِ. فَأَمِيتُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ الَّتِي عَلَى الْأَرْضِ: الرِّزْيَ، وَالنَّجَاسَةَ، وَالهُوَى، وَالشَّهْوَةَ الرَّدِيَّةَ، وَالطَّمَعِ الَّذِي هُوَ عِبَادَةٌ وَتَن. لِأَنَّهُ لِأَجْلِ هَذِهِ يَأْتِي غَضَبُ اللَّهِ عَلَى أَبْنَاءِ الْعِصْيَانِ. وَفِي هَذِهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً سَلَكْتُمْ حِيناً إِذْ كُنْتُمْ عَائِشِينَ فِيهَا. أَمَّا الْآنَ، فَأَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً أَطْرَحُوا الْكُلَّ: الْعَضْبَ، وَالسَّخَطَ، وَالْحُبْتَ، وَالتَّجْدِيفَ، وَالْكَلامَ الْقَبِيحَ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِكُمْ. وَلَا يُكَدِّبُ 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 بَرِبَرِيٌّ وَلَا اسْكِيثِيٌّ، لَا عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، بَلِ الْمَسِيحُ هُوَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ وَفِي الْجَمِيعِ.

## THE GOSPEL

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 شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْبَشِيرِ التَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (19-12:17)

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

## 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.

## St. Anastasia Fellowship Presentation

Thursday, January 16, 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity, Father Nikolas Delaveris will present his St. Anastasia model of Orthodox recovery. This uniquely Orthodox approach to addressing addiction has been successfully implemented on the East Coast. Anyone who struggles with addiction, supports persons with addiction, has been in a recovery program, or who simply wants to learn more about this subject is invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting will take place in the lower level of the church. Obviously, the hope is that this meeting might generate interest in establishing similar groups in the Bay Area.

## House Blessing

Fr. Nicholas will be visiting parishioners for house blessings. Please contact Fr. Nicholas (415-317-2072) to schedule your house blessing. Also, Fr. Nicholas might call, text or email you if he is going to a certain area near you. God bless you all!

## Upcoming Events

Every Sunday at 7pm	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting.
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial service (40 days) by Suzanne Gebara for her mother Afaf Gebara. May her memory be eternal!
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	General parish meeting. One year memorial service by Nadia Zeidan and family for Hayat Abboud (Nadia's mother) and Shafika Khoury (Nadia's aunt). May their memories be eternal!
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Service (10 year) by Laila Adranly and family in memory of Naim Adranly. May his memory be eternal!

### Coffee Hours

<b>January 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Suzanne Gebara in memory of her mother Afaf Gebara. May her memory be eternal!
<b>January 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Sponsor Needed
<b>February 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Sponsor Needed
<b>February 9<sup>th</sup></b>	By Laila Adranly and family in memory of Naim Adranly. May his memory be eternal!
<b>March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	In memory of Sal Freij (20 yr.) May his 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, Henriette Hilal, George Wahbeh** and **Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Sam Nassab**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Haseeb Kaileh**. May his memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Fairouz Freij**. Many years!
- † Rocky and Nada Dudum for the good health of **Sandy Dudum Bennett**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Rose Freij**. 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 Sweis, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin, James Dudum, John Dudum, David Evans, Evan Kawar, Mason Kawar, Jonathan Juha, Maron Juha and Zaiden Karanikola

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# St. Anastasia's Fellowship

A 12-Step Fellowship for Orthodox Christians seeking recovery from alcoholism and addiction in its many forms



Every Sunday @ 7pm

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501 Moraga Way  
Orinda, CA 94563

Contact Joseph: (310) 227-9848

## Building Committee Update:

The loan money has finally come through, and we are ready to get back to work. As mentioned previously, next steps will be the floors and walls of the kitchen and bathrooms, followed by ceilings and wall painting and treatments. Parishioners with experience in this area are working on completing final reviews for kitchen equipment decisions and installation. These will be the most visible and obvious steps. Additionally there is work being done on a business plan for hall rental as well as final electrical and mechanical fixtures. Will keep you posted.

To date, we have raised over \$920,000 on our fundraising drive - with your help we hope to get to \$1,000,000 soon! Again, thank you all for your support.

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INVITES YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO

~THE 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CRAB FEED~



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2025  
COCKTAILS 6:00 PM  
DINNER 7:00 PM  
HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH  
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ALL ~ YOU ~ CAN ~ EAT

APPETIZERS, PASTA, CRAB, SALAD, CHICKEN, GARLIC BREAD AND DESSERT

FEATURING GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES

ADULTS: \$75

CHILDREN (UNDER 13): \$25

For information, tickets, or to volunteer please call: Parish Office (925) 258-4255, Deacon Nicholas (Najeeb) (510) 237-6049

**YOUR DONATIONS ARE A HUGE PART OF EACH SUCCESS!**

**Crab Feed Donations 2025:** For the February 22nd, 2025 Crab Feed, it is not too early to contact Dn. Nicholas Adranly (510) 237-6049 with your donations!  
The Crab Feed Placemat will feature business card size ads for a standard donation of \$80, Medium Size for \$250, Large size for \$350 and Premium size for \$500. Please make your checks payable to St. John AOC. And give or send them with your business card to Dn. Nicholas.



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for the

2025 Orthodox  
Gathering

of the

**WALK  
for LIFE**

Saturday, January 25  
12:00 PM

Civic Center Plaza,  
San Francisco, CA  
Corner of Polk Street &  
Grove Street



for details go to [oclife.org/walk](http://oclife.org/walk)

