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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024**

**TONE 8 / EOTHINON 11; TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &  
TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**VENERABLE MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR**

MARTYR NEOPHYTOS OF NICAEA; VENERABLE ZOSIMAS, BISHOP OF SYRACUSE IN SICILY



## **Righteous Father Maximos the Confessor**

On January 21 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Maximos the Confessor.

Maximos was born in Constantinople. First, he was a high-ranking courtier for Emperor Heraclius and, after that, a monk and abbot of a monastery not too far from the capitol. He was the greatest defender of Orthodoxy against the so-called Monothelite heresy which proceeded from the heresy of Eutyches. He claimed that there is only one nature in Christ (Monophysitism), so the Monothelites claimed that there is only one will in Christ (Monothelitism). Maximos opposed that claim and found himself as an opponent of the emperor and the patriarch. Maximos did not frighten easily but endured to the end in proving that there were two wills as well as two natures in Christ. Because of his efforts, a council was held in Carthage and another in Rome. Both councils anathematized the teachings of the

Monothelites. Maximos suffered greatly for Orthodoxy: he was tortured by princes, deceived by prelates, spat upon by the masses of the people, beaten by soldiers, exiled, imprisoned, until finally, with a severed tongue and hand, he was condemned to exile for life in the land of Skhemaris (near Batum on the Black Sea) where he spent three years in prison and gave up his soul to God in the mid-seventh century.

## **THE EPISTLE**

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.*

*God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.*

**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

صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا.  
اللهُ معروفٌ في أرضِ يهوذا. إسمُهُ عَظِيمٌ في إِسْرَائِيلَ.  
فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ كُولُوسِي.

يا إِخْوَةَ، متى ظَهَرَ الْمَسِيحُ الَّذِي هُوَ حَيَاتُنَا، فَأَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً تُظْهِرُونَ حَيَاتِكُمْ مَعَهُ فِي الْمَجْدِ. فَأَمِيتُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ الَّتِي عَلَى الْأَرْضِ: الزَّنى، وَالنَّجَاسَةَ، وَالهُوى، 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 اطَّرَحُوا الْكُلَّ: الْغَضَبَ، وَالسَّخَطَ، وَالْخُبْثَ، وَالتَّجْدِيفَ، وَالْكَلامَ الْقَبِيحَ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِكُمْ. وَلَا يَكْذِبْ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضاً، بَلِ اخْلَعُوا الْإِنْسَانَ الْعَتِيقَ مَعَ أَعْمَالِهِ. وَابْسُوا 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

**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.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ دَاخِلٌ إِلَى قَرْيَةٍ اسْتَقْبَلَهُ عَشْرَةُ رِجَالٍ بُرْصٍ وَوَقَفُوا مِنْ بَعِيدٍ، وَرَفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَهُمْ قَائِلِينَ: يَا يَسُوعُ الْمَعْلَمُ اِرْحَمْنَا. فَلَمَّا رَأَهُمْ قَالَ لَهُمْ امْضُوا وَأَرُوا الْكَهَنَةَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ. وَفِيمَا هُمْ مُنْطَلِقُونَ طَهَرُوا. 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 طَهَرُوا فَأَيْنَ التَّسْعَةُ؟ أَلَمْ يُوجَدْ مَنْ يَرْجِعُ لِيُحَمِّدَ اللَّهَ إِلَّا هَذَا الْأَجْنَبِيُّ؟ وَقَالَ لَهُ، فَمُ وَاْمَضْ، إِيمَانُكَ 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.

## **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>January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Ladies meeting after the Divine Liturgy.
<b>February 4<sup>th</sup></b>	The General Parish Meeting. We will review reports and elect new members of the Parish Council.

## **Coffee Hours**

<b>January 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Sonia Nesheirat in memory of her mother (10 years) Anni
<b>January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	In memory of Khalil Mounayer, offered by his children. May his memory be eternal!
<b>February 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Sponsor needed
<b>February 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Sponsor needed
<b>February 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Evelyn Salem and Eddie Salem and family in memory of Sister Albertina Qubeen.

## **Memorial Services**

**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!

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.** 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!
- † 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!
- † 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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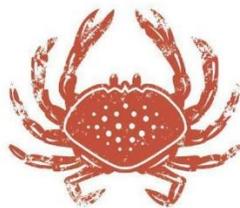
**Items for the Hall that can be Donated by Individuals or Families**

<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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