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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

HOLY APOSTLE TIMOTHY & ANASTASIOS THE PERSIAN

VENERABLE JOSEPH THE SANCTIFIED OF CRETE

Saint Anthony the Great (January 17th)



Saint Anthony, the Father of monks, was born in Egypt in 251 of pious parents who departed this life while he was yet young. On hearing the words of the Gospel: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell what thou hast, and give to the poor" (Matt. 19:21), he immediately put it into action. Distributing to the poor all he had, and fleeing from all the turmoil of the world, he departed to the desert. The manifold temptations he endured continually for the span of twenty years are incredible. His ascetic struggles by day and by night, whereby he mortified the uprisings of the passions and attained to the height of dispassion, surpass the bounds of nature; and the report of his deeds of virtue drew such a multitude to follow him that the desert was transformed into a city, while he became, so to speak, the governor, lawgiver, and master-trainer of all the citizens of this newly-formed city.

The cities of the world also enjoyed the fruit of his virtue. When the Christians were being persecuted and put to death under Maximinus in 312, he hastened to their aid and consolation. When the Church was troubled by the Arians, he went with zeal to Alexandria in 335 and struggled against them in behalf of Orthodoxy. During this time, by the grace of his words, he also turned many unbelievers to Christ.

Saint Anthony began his ascetic life outside his village of Coma in Upper Egypt, studying the ways of the ascetics and holy men there, and perfecting himself in the virtues of each until he surpassed them all. Desiring to increase his labors, he departed into the desert, and finding an abandoned fortress in the mountain, he made his dwelling in it, training himself in extreme fasting, unceasing prayer, and fierce conflicts with the demons. Here he remained, as mentioned above, about twenty years. Saint Athanasius the Great, who knew him personally and wrote his life, says that he came forth from that fortress "initiated in the mysteries and filled with the Spirit of God." Afterwards, because of the press of the faithful, who deprived him of his solitude, he was enlightened by God to journey with certain Bedouins, until he came to a mountain in the desert near the Red Sea, where he passed the remaining part of his life.

THE EPISTLE (For the Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God; ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

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

الرَّبُّ يُعْطِي قُوَّةً لَشَعْبِهِ.

قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ، قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ مَجْدًا وَكَرَامَةً.

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

يا ولدي تيموثاوس، صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ وَجَدِيرَةٌ بِكُلِّ قَبُولٍ فَإِنَّا لِهَذَا نَتَعَبُ وَنُعَيِّرُ، لَأَنَّا أَلْقَيْنَا 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 القِرَاءَةِ إِلَى حِينِ قُدُومِي، وَعَلَى الوَعْظِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ، وَلَا تُهْمِلِ المَوْهَبَةَ الَّتِي فِيكَ، الَّتِي أُوتِيَتْهَا بِنُبُوءَةٍ، بِوَضْعِ أَيْدِي الكَهَنَةِ * تَأَمَّلْ فِي ذَلِكَ وَكُنْ عَلَيْهِ عَاكِفًا لِيَكُونَ تَقَدُّمُكَ ظَاهِرًا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ.

THE GOSPEL (For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke)

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

فَصَلَ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيَّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّمْلِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ. (10-1:19)

في ذلك الزمان، فيما يسوع مُجتازاً في أريحا، إذا برجلٍ اسمه زكَّا كانَ رَئيساً على العَشَّارينَ، وكانَ غَنِيًّا وكانَ يَلْتَمِسُ أَنْ يَرى يسوعَ مِنْ هُوَ، فَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَسْتَطِيعُ مِنَ الْجَمْعِ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَصِيرَ الْقَامَةِ فَتَقَدَّمَ مُسْرِعاً، وَصَعِدَ إِلَى جُمَيْزَةٍ لِيَنْظُرَهُ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ مُرْمِعاً أَنْ يَجْتَازَ بِهَا فَلَمَّا انْتَهَى يسوعُ إِلَى الْمَوْضِعِ، رَفَعَ طَرْفَهُ فَرَأَاهُ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: يَا زَكَّا أَسْرِعِ انْزِلْ، فَالْيَوْمَ يَنْبَغِي لِي أَنْ أَمْكُثَ فِي بَيْتِكَ فَأَسْرِعَ وَنَزَلَ وَقَبِلَهُ فَرِحاً* فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْجَمِيعُ ذَلِكَ تَدَمَّرُوا قَائِلِينَ: إِنَّهُ دَخَلَ لِيَحُلَّ عِنْدَ رَجُلٍ خَاطِيٍّ. "فَوَقَفَ زَكَّا وَقَالَ لِيَسوعَ: هَاءَ نَدَا، يَا رَبُّ، أُعْطِيَ الْمَسَاكِينَ نِصْفَ أَمْوَالِي. وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ غَبَنْتُ أَحَدًا فِي شَيْءٍ، أَرُدُّ أَرْبَعَةَ أَضْعَافٍ فَقَالَ لَهُ يسوعُ: الْيَوْمَ قَدْ حَصَلَ الْخَلَّاصُ لِهَذَا الْبَيْتِ لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ أَيْضاً ابْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لِأَنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ إِنَّمَا آتَى لِيَطْلُبَ وَيُخَلِّصَ مَا قَدْ هَلَكَ.

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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!

Family Night

Join us for the next FAMILY FUN NIGHT Saturday, 2/18/23 at 5:00 pm

We had a great time at the first one so let's do it again!! Join us 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. Vespers will be held at 4:30 pm.

Please see Rula Adranly to sign up or email at rulaadranly@comcast.net so we can have an idea of how many to expect. After this, we'll take a break for Lent then resume after Easter.

"Love your Neighbor" A Ministry of St John the Evangelist Orthodox Church

Happy New Year! We would like to thank everyone for their support of our local, Archdiocesan and international charities over this past year. This month, we will again be looking locally, and are asking your support for the families in need in our church community. 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.

January – St John's Community Fund

Upcoming Events

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| 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, January 29th | 40 days memorial service in memory of the servant of God Dwight Underhill. 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! |
| Saturday, February 18th | Family fun night |

Coffee Hours

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| January 22nd | Salim and Samia Abou Dawoud |
| January 29th | Coffee hour and luncheon sponsored by the Ladies of St. John in memory of Dwight Underhill. |
| March 12th | Dudum, Dietzmann and Morgan family in memory of Jim and Rose Romley, Siz Dietmann, Ray, Gloria and Brad Zachariah. |

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!
- † 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!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Tony Dudum, Anthony Jildeh, Tony Tobassy**, and all who are named after **St. Anthony the Great (Jan. 17th)**. 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!



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

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Dallas, January 14th, 2023

**Pastoral Letter of His Eminence, Metropolitan Antonios
at the Conclusion of the Special Convention
held in Dallas, Texas, January 13th, 2023**

***“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace”
(Ephesians 4:10)***

**Very Esteemed Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Honorable Members of the
Archdiocese Board of Trustees and Beloved Faithful of this God-protected
Archdiocese:**

As the Special Convention was accomplished, I would like to glorify with you The Lord and express my gratefulness to our Savior Who bestowed us to live this special experience of unity and love through the Special Convention held in Dallas, Texas on Friday the 13th of January, 2023.

The spirit of Antioch was revealed through the comprehension and responsibility that dominated the Convention, with a spirit of openness to one another in love and acceptance of our “imperfectness”, accompanied with the enthusiasm to always improve our conventions and gatherings with the best practices at all levels while serving our Church.

Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge the blessed result of the nomination process and thank the Hierarchs and the members of the Board of Trustees and of the Temporary Operating Committee for their active and positive involvement in this regard. I thank the Lord that all what have been done was done with transparency and competence.

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

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I would like to emphasize on the spirit of responsibility, comprehension and positive dialogue and discussion that made the Special Convention a place of encounter in love, respect and search for the will of God concerning the nomination process. The fruits were the peace and joy that we enjoyed in the Special Convention although the special circumstances the Archdiocese went through. God granted us to achieve this mission all together, and thus this was a victory for the spirit of unity, integrity and peace in the Archdiocese and a great push in the healing process.

Beloved in Christ, I pray with you that the Holy Spirit illumines our hearts and minds to seek internal peace through deep and sincere repentance, and to build our lives on the “Rock” that is Christ, living in organic communication and love as members one to the other in Church the Body of Christ.

Let us all pray in one heart and one mind to the three nominees, our beloved Hierarchs Saba, John and Nicholas as well as to the members of the Holy Synod of Antioch, for the best conclusion of the election process that will take place in the near future, God willing.

We cannot but thank The Lord for the seeds planted by His Eminence, Metropolitan Philip of eternal memory, and all those who preceded him and those who lived and served with him and followed him for the mature fruits that we are getting nourished from years after his repose in the Lord. Indeed, his wisdom produced this structure that brought stability and control in all the pastoral, clerical and financial practices.

Moreover, I would like very much to highlight what His Beatitude, our Father and Patriarch JOHN X addressed in his letter to the Special Convention concerning the Antiochian spirit explaining it as the spirit of apostolic mission, in that the Church of Antioch *“is called to evangelize the whole world, bringing to all nations the Salvific Word and True Faith”*. Furthermore, His Beatitude expresses with certainty and sureness that *“one hundred years ago, this Antiochian Apostolic Spirit was at the root of founding our beloved Antiochian Archdiocese of North America”*, so this Archdiocese which was established by the Grace of God through Holy man, at the head of them is Saint Raphael of Brooklyn became *“a blessed image of the Great City of God – Antioch, established on the soil of the New Land of North America”*.

Finally, I express my gratefulness and appreciation to all those who worked with me in one heart and one hand so that this transitional period is smooth, peaceful and fruitful through their prayers and sincere endeavor, both visible and unseen. I would like also to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Special Convention and all those who participated in its preparation in any way and our hosts in Dallas for the caring love which they witnessed to the entire Archdiocese.

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May our Lord keep His blessing on all of you and that the fruits of this Special Convention be bestowed on us as a more manifest witness of the unity, integrity and mission of this God protected Archdiocese and for all the entire Antiochian See.

✠Metropolitan ANTONIOS

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Metropolitan of Zahle, Baalbek, and Dependencies
Patriarchal Vicar of New York and All North America

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