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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

**tone 6 / EOTHINON 9; THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
& FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE ("ZACCHAEUS") VENERABLE MAKARIOS THE
GREAT OF EGYPT, THE ANCHORITE**

VENERABLE XENOPHON, HIS WIFE, MARY, AND THEIR TWO SONS, ARKADIOS AND JOHN, OF CONSTANTINOPLE;
TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF VENERABLE THEODORE THE STUDITE



**Righteous Father Xenophon of Constantinople and his wife
Mary, and their sons Arkadios and John**

On January 26 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Xenophon of Constantinople, along with his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arkadios and John.

Prominent and wealthy citizens of the fifth century, Xenophon and Mary lived a God-pleasing life and dedicated all their attention to the Christian upbringing of their sons. When their sons reached adulthood, they were sent to study in Beirut; but it so happened that a storm capsized their boat. John and Arkadios were tossed ashore by the waves but in two different places so that each thought the other was drowned. Out of grief for each other, they both became monks in two different monasteries.

After two years, their grieving parents came to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage to pay homage before the holy shrines. There, with the help of a spiritual father, first the brothers met and, after that, the parents with their sons. Out of gratitude to God, Xenophon and Mary distributed their entire estate to the poor and both of them were tonsured. Thus the Lord wonderfully guides the destiny of those who believe in Him. He permits pain and sorrow upon them that they may, later on, be strengthened in faith, in order to lead them into still greater joy.

On this day, we also commemorate the translation of the relics of Venerable Theodore the Studite. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God.

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

خَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاثَكَ

إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ أَصْرُخُ، إِلَهِي.

فصل 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 أَلْفَيْنَا رَجَاءَنَا عَلَى اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مُخَلِّصُ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَلَا سَيِّمًا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ. فَوَصِّ بِهَذَا وَعَلِّمْ بِهِ. لَا يَسْتَهِنُ أَحَدٌ بِفُتُوتِكَ، بَلْ كُنْ مِثَالًا لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي الْكَلَامِ وَالتَّصَرُّفِ وَالمَحَبَّةِ وَالإِيمَانِ وَالعِفَافِ. وَاطَّبْ عَلَى القِرَاءَةِ إِلَى حِينِ قُدُومِي، وَعَلَى الوَعظِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ، وَلَا تُهْمَلِ المَوْهَبَةَ الَّتِي فِيكَ، الَّتِي أُوتِيْتَهَا بِنُبُوَّةٍ، بِوَضْعِ أَيْدِي الشِّيُوخِ. تَأَمَّلْ فِي ذَلِكَ وَكُنْ عَلَيْهِ عَاكِفًا لِيَكُونَ تَقْدُمُكَ ظَاهِرًا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ.

THE GOSPEL

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

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ القَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الإِنجِيلِيِّ البَشِيرِ وَالتِّلْمِيزِ الطَاهِرِ. (19:1-10)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ مُجْتَازًا فِي أَرِيحَا، إِذَا بِرَجُلٍ اسْمُهُ زَكَ كَانَ رَئِيسًا عَلَى العَشَّارِينَ، وَكَانَ غَنِيًّا وَكَانَ يَلْتَمِسُ أَنْ يَرَى يَسُوعَ مَنْ هُوَ، فَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَسْتَطِيعُ مِنَ الجَمْعِ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَصِيرَ القَامَةِ فَتَقَدَّمَ مُسْرِعًا، وَصَعِدَ إِلَى جُمَيْرَةٍ لِيَنْظُرَهُ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ مُزْمَعًا أَنْ يَجْتَازَ بِهَا فَلَمَّا انْتَهَى يَسُوعُ إِلَى المَوْضِعِ، رَفَعَ طَرْفَهُ فَرَأَاهُ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: يَا زَكَ أَسْرِعْ انزَلْ، فَالْيَوْمَ يَنْبَغِي لِي أَنْ أَمُكَّتَ فِي بَيْتِكَ فَاسْرِعْ وَنَزَلْ وَقَبِلْهُ فَرِحًا. فَلَمَّا رَأَى الجَمِيعُ ذَلِكَ تَدَمَّرُوا قَائِلِينَ: إِنَّهُ دَخَلَ لِيُخَلِّ عِنْدَ رَجُلٍ خَاطِيٍّ. "فَوَقَفَ زَكَ وَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ: هَاءَ نَدَا، يَا رَبُّ، أُعْطِيَ المَسَاكِينَ نِصْفَ أَمْوَالِي. وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ غَنَبْتُ أَحَدًا فِي شَيْءٍ، أَرُدُّ أَرْبَعَةَ أَضْعَافٍ فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: الْيَوْمَ قَدْ حَصَلَ الخَلَاصُ لِهَذَا البَيْتِ لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ أَيْضًا ابْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لِأَنَّ ابْنَ البَشَرِ إِنَّمَا أَتَى لِيُطَلِّبَ وَيُخَلِّصَ مَا قَدْ هَلَكَ.

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. 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.
February 2 nd	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 th	Memorial Service (10 year) by Laila Adranly and family in memory of Naim Adranly. May his memory be eternal!

Coffee Hours

January 26 th	Sponsor Needed
February 2 nd	Sponsor Needed
February 9 th	By Laila Adranly and family in memory of Naim Adranly. May his memory be eternal!
March 2 nd	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!



- † 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

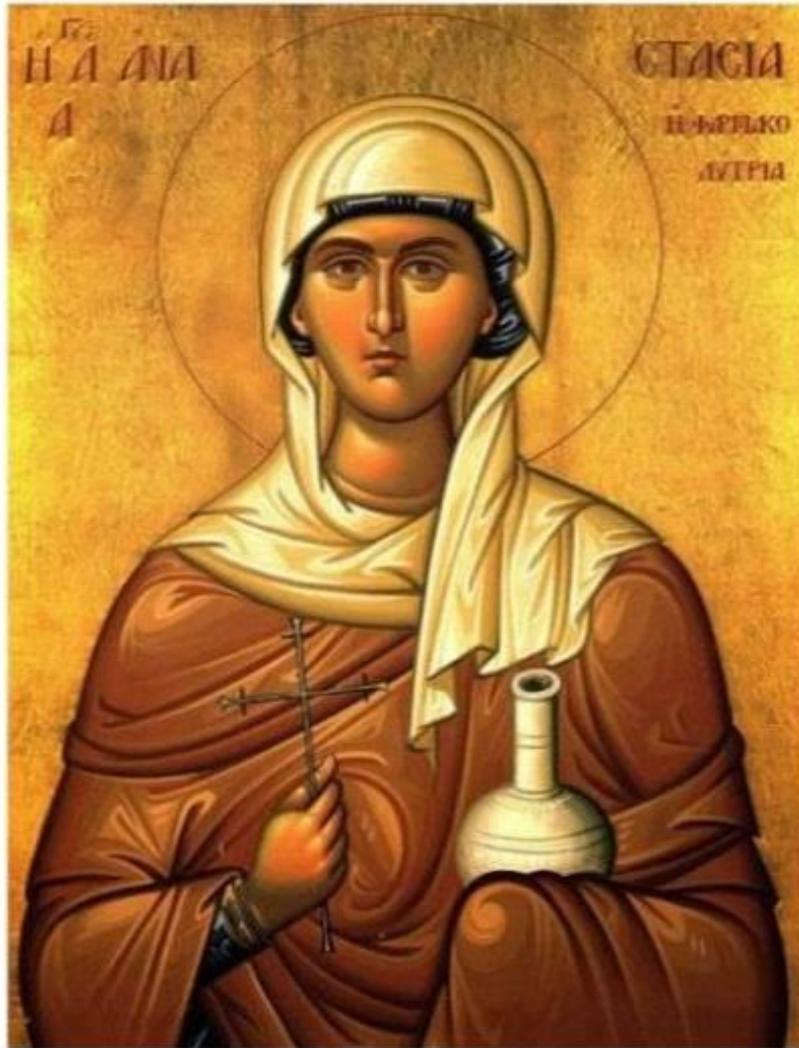
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St. Anastasia's Fellowship

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



Every Sunday @ 7pm

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Contact Joseph: (310) 227-9848



Join us to pray, march,
& fellowship together
at the Walk for Life!



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Gathering**

of the

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Saturday, January 25

12:00 PM

**Civic Center Plaza,
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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.