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**TONE 1 / EOTHINON 1; THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

VENERABLE PALLADIOS OF ANTIOCH; VENERABLE THEODOSIOS OF TOTMA



Righteous Father Ephrem the Syrian

On January 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Ephraim the Syrian.

Ephraim was born in Syria of poor parents in about 306. He spent his youth rather tempestuously, but suddenly a change took place in his soul, and he began to burn with love for the Lord Jesus. Ephraim was a disciple of St. James, bishop of Nisibis. Due to the great grace of God, wisdom flowed from Ephraim's tongue like a stream of honey, and ceaseless tears flowed from his eyes. Industrious as a bee, Ephraim continually wrote books, orally taught the monks in the monastery and the people of Edessa, and dedicated himself to prayer and contemplation. Numerous are his books and beautiful are his prayers, the most famous of which is his prayer recited during Great Lent: "O Lord and Master of my life,

take from me the spirit of sloth, meddling, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to me, Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins and not to judge my brother; for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen." When the people wanted to appoint him a bishop by force, he pretended to be insane, racing through the city, dragging his garment behind him. Seeing this, the people left him in peace. Ephraim was a contemporary and friend of St. Basil the Great. Ephraim is considered the apostle of repentance. Even today, his works soften many hearts hardened by sin, returning them to Christ. Ephraim reposed in 378.

THE EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (1:15-17)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

الرسالة

لِنُكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَيْنَا.
إِبْتَهَجُوا أُيُّهَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ الْأُولَى إِلَى تِيموثَاوَسِ.

يَا وَلاَدِي تِيموثَاوَسِ، صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ وَمُسْتَحِقَّةٌ كُلُّ قُبُولٍ: أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَسُوعَ جَاءَ إِلَى الْعَالَمِ لِيُخَلِّصَ الْخُطَاةَ الَّذِينَ أَوْلَهُمْ أَنَا. لَكِنِّي لِهَذَا رُحِمْتُ: لِيُظْهِرَ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحُ فِيَّ أَنَا أَوْلًا كُلِّ أَنَاةٍ، مِثَالًا لِلْعَتِيدِينَ أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِهِ لِلْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ. وَمَلِكِ الدُّهُورِ الَّذِي لَا يَفْنَى وَلَا يُرَى، الْإِلَهَ الْحَكِيمِ وَخَدَهُ، لَهُ الْكِرَامَةُ وَالْمَجْدُ إِلَى دَهْرِ الدُّهُورِ. آمِينَ.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ بِالْقُرْبِ مِنْ أَرِيحَا، كَانَ أَعْمَى جَالِسًا عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ يَسْتَعْطِي. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعَ مُجْتَازًا، سَأَلَ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا، فَأَخْبَرُوهُ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيِّ مُجْتَازًا. فَصَرَخَ قَائِلًا: "يَا يَسُوعَ بْنَ دَاوُدَ، ارْحَمْنِي!" فَانْتَهَرَهُ الْمُتَقَدِّمُونَ لِيَسْكُتَ، أَمَّا هُوَ فَصَرَخَ أَكْثَرَ كَثِيرًا: "يَا ابْنَ دَاوُدَ، ارْحَمْنِي!" فَوَقَّفَ يَسُوعُ وَأَمَرَ أَنْ يُقَدَّمَ إِلَيْهِ. وَلَمَّا اقْتَرَبَ سَأَلَهُ قَائِلًا: "مَاذَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ أَفْعَلَ بِكَ؟" فَقَالَ: "يَا سَيِّدُ، أَنْ أَبْصِرَ." فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "أَبْصِرْ؛ إِيمَانُكَ قَدْ شَفَاكَ." وَفِي الْحَالِ أَبْصَرَ، وَتَبِعَهُ وَهُوَ يُمَجِّدُ اللَّهَ. وَجَمِيعُ الشَّعْبِ إِذْ رَأَوْا سَبَّحُوا اللَّهَ.

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!

Building Committee Update:

The building is taking shape nicely. It is water tight for the winter rains, and the final stage of the roofing is nearing completion. Tiles for the exterior walls are on order and should be in soon, hopefully installed before too long.

Please come to church for the parish meeting the first week in February for a full update on the construction and the fundraising.

Upcoming Events

Every Sunday at 7pm	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting.
January 28th	Ladies meeting after the Divine Liturgy.
February 1st	At 6 pm evening Divine Liturgy to celebrate the feast of the Entrance of The Lord to the Temple.
February 4th	The General Parish Meeting. We will review reports and elect new members of the Parish Council.

Coffee Hours

January 28th	In loving memory of the 13th memorial anniversary of Khalil Ibrahim Munayer. Passed away on January 14, 2021. Acknowledging the birthdays of Khalil Munayer on January 19th and Mariam Munayer's (memory eternal) on January 25th. She would've turned 68. Coffee hour is sponsored by their children, Amal, Ibrahim, Joseph & Stephani Munayer"
February 4th	Sponsor needed
February 11th	Rula Adranly
February 18th	Evelyn Salem and Eddie Salem and family in memory of Sister Albertina Qubeen.

Memorial Services

Sunday January 28th. 40 days memorial service for the handmaiden of God Hayat Khoury Abboud and Shafiqua Atallah Khoury. May their memory be eternal!

Sunday, February 18th. 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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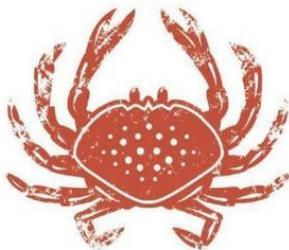


Items for the Hall that can be Donated by Individuals or Families

EXTERIOR			
SITE LIGHTING	\$	50,000	
LANDSCAPING - Hardscape	\$	110,000	
LANDSCAPING - Plants	\$	75,000	
EXTERIOR WOOD TRELLIS	\$	32,000	
EXTERIOR BUILDING LIGHTING	\$	50,000	
FELLOWSHIP HALL INTERIOR			
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	\$	25,000	Rocky and Nada Dudum
SPECIAL SYSTEMS - SECURITY	\$	15,000	
SPECIAL SYSTEMS - AUDIO	\$	15,000	David and Lisa Hanna
SPECIALTIES - Custom Casework	\$	45,000	
KITCHEN			
- 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	\$	87,000	
Kitchen Total	\$	300,000	
WINDOWS AND DOORS			
- 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 Kreta
- Entry doors from foyer to hall (2@ 25K ea)	\$	50,000	
Windows and door Total	\$	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 Nick and Deena Farr
SUM OF ABOVE ITEMS			
	\$	1,499,500	

**THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF
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~THE 45 TH ANNUAL CRAB FEED~

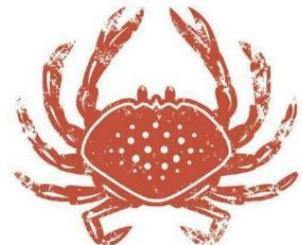


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2024

COCKTAILS 6:00 PM

DINNER 7:00 PM

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Dn Nicholas (Najeeb) (510) 207-1796

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