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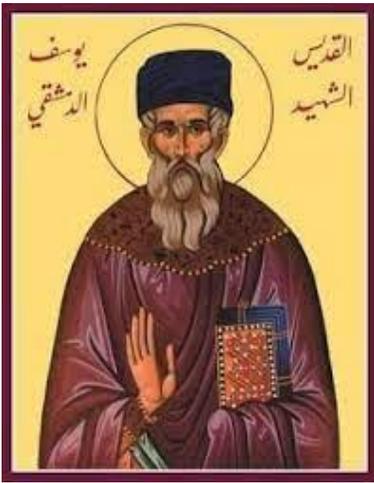
SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 4

HIEROMARTYR JOSEPH OF DAMASCUS & HIS COMPANIONS & FOURTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

THE 45 MARTYRS AT NIKOPOLIS IN ARMENIA; VENERABLE ANTHONY OF THE KIEV CAVES;
VENERABLE-MARTYRS NIKODEMOS THE ALBANIAN AND NEKTARIOS OF ST. ANNE SKETE ON ATHOS

SAINT JOSEPH OF DAMASCUS



Saint Joseph of Damascus, as he is commonly known, was a weaver by trade. After he was married and ordained to the priesthood, Joseph was assigned Great Ekonomos of the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos (al-Mariamiyeh) in the heart of the Old City of Damascus. On Monday, July 9, 1860, the brutal massacre of Christians which began in the Lebanese mountains spread to Damascus. Some Damascenes (including Michael Hawaweeny and his young wife Mariam who was bearing in her womb a son, the future Saint Raphael), fled the city for Beirut. The majority, however, took refuge in al-Mariamiyeh. Joseph took up his communion kit containing the Reserved Sacrament, left his home and began to make his way to the Cathedral by jumping from rooftop to rooftop in the Old City. As he went, he stopped to confess and commune the aged and infirm who could not flee their

homes, encouraging them with stories from the Lives of the Great Martyrs. On the morning of Tuesday, July 10, the Cathedral was surrounded, pillaged and burned. Those inside perished in the flames; of those who escaped and fled into the streets, most were caught and forced back into the burning building, while only a few, including Father Joseph, survived. As he roamed the narrow streets searching for survivors who needed confession and communion, Joseph was surrounded by the enemies of Christ. Seeing that his end was near, Saint Joseph took out his communion kit and consumed what remained of the Body and Blood of Christ. Recognizing him as the "leader of the Christians," the persecutors savagely attacked and killed him with axes. Joseph and his Companions were glorified by the Holy Synod of Antioch in 1993.

THE EPISTLE

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.

Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

لِيَبْتَهِجَ الْأَتْقِيَاءُ بِمَجْدِ لِيُرْتَمُوا عَلَى مَضَاجِعِهِمْ.
عُنُوا لِلرَّبِّ تَرْزِيمَةً جَدِيدَةً، تَسْبِخْتُهُ فِي جَمَاعَةِ الْأَتْقِيَاءِ.
فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى تِيموثَاوَسِ.

يا ولدي تيموثاوس، تَقَوَّ في النِّعْمَةِ التي في الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. وما سَمِعْتَهُ مِنِّي لَدَى شُهُودِ كَثِيرِينَ، اسْتَوْدِعْهُ أَنْسَاءً أَمْنَاءَ كُفُوءاً لِأَنْ يُعَلِّمُوا آخَرِينَ أَيْضاً. احْتَمِلِ الْمَشَقَّاتِ كَجُنْدِيِّ صَالِحٍ لِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. لَيْسَ أَحَدٌ يَتَجَدَّدُ فَيَرْتَبِكُ بِهُمُومِ الْحَيَاةِ، وَذَلِكَ لِيُرْضِيَ الَّذِي جَدَّدَهُ. وأيضاً، إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يُجَاهِدُ، فَلَا يَنَالُ الْإِكْلِيلَ مَا لَمْ يُجَاهِدْ جِهَاداً شَرَعِيّاً. وَيَجِبُ أَنْ الْحَارِثَ الَّذِي يَتَعَبُ أَنْ يَشْتَرِكَ فِي الْأَثْمَارِ أَوَّلًا. إِنْهُمْ مَا أَقُولُ. فَلْيُوتِكَ الرَّبُّ فَهَمًّا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. أَذْكَرُ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوُدَ، قَدْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ عَلَى حَسَبِ إِنْجِيلِي. الَّذِي أَحْتَمِلُ فِيهِ الْمَشَقَّاتِ حَتَّى الْقُبُورِ كَمُجْرِمٍ، إِلَّا أَنْ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُفَيْدُ. فَلِذَلِكَ أَنَا أَصْبِرُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمُخْتَارِينَ، لِكَيْ يَحْصُلُوا هُمْ أَيْضاً عَلَى الْخَلَاصِ الَّذِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، مَعَ الْمَجْدِ الْأَبَدِيِّ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:5-13)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتِّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

في ذلك الزمان، دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ كَفَرْنَاحُومَ، فَدَنَا إِلَيْهِ قَائِدُ مِئَةٍ، وَطَلَبَ إِلَيْهِ قَائِلًا: يَا رَبُّ إِنَّ فَتَايَ مُلْقَى فِي الْبَيْتِ مُخْلَعًا يُعَذَّبُ بِعَذَابٍ شَدِيدٍ. فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: أَنَا آتِي وَأَشْفِيهِ. فَأَجَابَ قَائِدُ الْمِئَةِ قَائِلًا: يَا رَبُّ، لَسْتُ مُسْتَحِقًّا أَنْ تَدْخُلَ تَحْتَ سَقْفِي، وَلَكِنْ قُلْ كَلِمَةً لَا غَيْرُ، فَيَبْرَأَ فَتَايَ. فَإِنِّي أَنَا إِنْسَانٌ تَحْتَ سُلْطَانٍ، وَلي جُنْدٌ تَحْتَ يَدِي، أَقُولُ لِهَذَا "اذهَبْ"، فَيَذْهَبُ، وَلِلْآخِرِ "أَنْتِ"، فَيَأْتِي، وَلِعَبْدِي "اعْمَلْ هَذَا"، فَيَعْمَلُ. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ يَسُوعُ، تَعَجَّبَ وَقَالَ لِلَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَهُ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنِّي لَمْ أَجِدْ إِيمَانًا بِمِثْلِ هَذَا وَلَا فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّ كَثِيرِينَ سَيَأْتُونَ مِنَ الْمَشَارِقِ وَالْمَغَارِبِ وَيَتَّكُونَ مَعَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَاسْحَقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ فِي مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَأَمَّا بَنُو الْمَلَكُوتِ فَيُلْقَوْنَ فِي الظُّلْمَةِ الْبَرَّانِيَّةِ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصْرِيْفُ الْأَسْنَانِ. ثُمَّ قَالَ يَسُوعُ لِقَائِدِ الْمِئَةِ: اذْهَبْ، وَليكنْ لَكَ كَمَا آمَنْتَ. فَشَفِيَ فَتَاهُ فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ.

“Love your Neighbor”- A Ministry of St John the Evangelist Orthodox Church

During July, we will be helping our neighbors in the Bay Area who are struggling with various mental and physical health issues. Please also keep these neighbors in your prayers.

July - Women’s Daytime Drop in Center – Berkeley - California's Northern Alameda County is home to the country’s highest concentration of chronically homeless individuals, nearly all of whom struggle with addictions, physical disabilities, domestic violence, or severe and persistent mental illness. The Women's Daytime Drop-In Center provide a safe space, warm meals, counseling, and support to identify housing to any homeless woman and her children during the day, when shelters are closed. WDDC serves an average of 150 women and children each month.

Winners of the Creative Arts Festival

The winners have been announced for the annual Creative Arts Festival and St. John has many winners!!! Please be present this Sunday, July 3rd to receive your certificate. We are proud of all students who participated in this event. It is beautiful to see how our children express their faith through art.

Preschool

1st Place Wolfgang Ritter St. John the Evangelist (Orinda, CA)

3rd Place Abrianna & Amarain Kashou St. John the Evangelist (Orinda, CA)

Kindergarten

Honorable Mention Islay Guajardo St. John the Evangelist (Orinda, CA)

First Grade

1st Place Yasmeen Rafeedie St. John the Evangelist (Orinda, CA)

3rd Place Zoe Guajardo St. John the Evangelist (Orinda, CA)

Third Grade

Honorable Mention Nathan Sweis St. John the Evangelist (Orinda, CA)

Fifth Grade

1st Place Malak Khalileh St. John the Evangelist (Orinda, CA)

In Christ,
Paula Rafeedie

Congratulations to our Team

Our adult team (Zzane and Irene Guajardo; Jacob Ritter) for the Bible bowl, won the second place at the Parish Life Conference.

Upcoming Events

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| Sunday, July 10th | 40 days memorial service in memory of Helen Addes offered by St. John parish family. May her memory be eternal! |
| Sunday, July 24th | 6 month memorial service in memory of Mounir Haddadin. May his memory be eternal! |
| September 24th – 25th | Festival |

Coffee Hours

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| July 10th | The ladies of St. John’s in memory of Helen Addes. May her memory be eternal! |
| July 17th | Amy McLellan |
| July 24th | Sponsor needed |
| July 31st | Mona Thayer for the good health of Steven and Andrew Thayer. Many years! |

Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Noha Schulze, George Messih and Nabil Wahbeh**. Many years!
- † Hala Youakeem and the Youakeem family for the good health of **Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nadia Frangieh**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Helen Addes**. May her memory be eternal!
- † Also, for the good health of their family!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Georgiana Rishwain**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Victor Hanhan**. May his memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Mitry Abdullah Muna**. 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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- † Altar Servers: Nathan Swiess, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin

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