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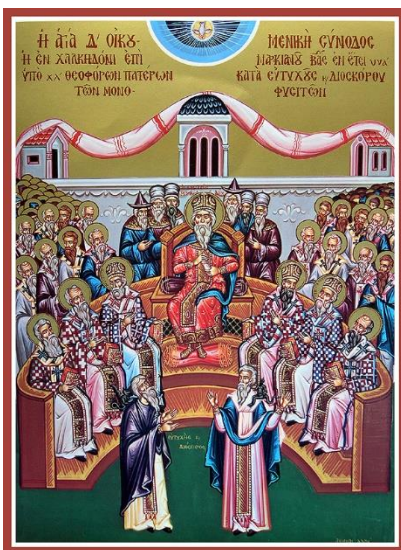
SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

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SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

GREAT-MARTYR MARINA OF ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA

VENERABLE IRENARCHOS OF SOLOVKY



THE FATHERS OF THE FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the **Fourth Ecumenical Council**, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 against the Monophysites.

The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The false teaching arose that Christ's human nature (considered by heretics as less perfect) dissolved itself in His divine nature (considered by heretics as more perfect): like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were called Monophysites ("mono", meaning "one" and "physis", meaning "nature"), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any change.

THE EPISTLE

*Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O ye righteous.
Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven!*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

أَفْرَحُوا بِالرَّبِّ وَابْتَهِجُوا يَا أَيُّهَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ.
طُوبَى لِلَّذِي غُفِرَ إِثْمُهُ.

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى تَيْطُسَ.

يا ولدي تيطس، صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ وَإِيَّاهَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ تُقَرَّرَ حَتَّى يَهْتَمَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ فِي الْقِيَامِ بِالْأَعْمَالِ الْحَسَنَةِ، فَهَذِهِ هِيَ الْأَعْمَالُ الْحَسَنَةُ وَالنَّافِعَةُ. أَمَّا الْمُبَاحَثَاتُ الْهَدْيَانِيَّةُ وَالْأَنْسَابُ وَالْخُصُومَاتُ وَالْمُمَاحَكَاتُ النَّامُوسِيَّةُ فَاجْتَنِّبْهَا، فَإِنَّهَا غَيْرُ نَافِعَةٍ وَبَاطِلَةٌ. وَرَجُلٌ الْبِدْعَةَ بَعْدَ الْإِنْذَارِ مَرَّةً وَأُخْرَى أَعْرَضَ عَنْهُ. عَالِمًا أَنَّ مَنْ هُوَ كَذَلِكَ قَدْ اعْتَسَفَ، وَهُوَ فِي الْخَطِيئَةِ يَقْضِي بِنَفْسِهِ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ. وَمَتَى أُرْسَلْتُ إِلَيْكَ أُرْتِيمَاسَ أَوْ تَيْخِيكُسَ، فَبَادِرْ أَنْ تَأْتِيَنِي إِلَى نِيكُوبُولِسَ لِأَنِّي قَدْ عَزَمْتُ أَنْ أَشْتَبِيَ هُنَاكَ. أَمَّا زِينَايُسُ مُعَلِّمُ النَّامُوسِ وَأَبْلُوسُ، فَاجْتَهِدْ أَنْ تُشَيِّعَهُمَا مُتَأَهِّبِينَ لِئَلَّا يُعَوِّزَ هُمَا شَيْءٌ. وَلْيَتَعَلَّمْ دُونَا أَنْ يَقُومُوا بِالْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ لِلْحَاجَاتِ الضَّرُورِيَّةِ حَتَّى لَا يَكُونُوا غَيْرَ مُثْمِرِينَ. يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكَ جَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ مَعِيَ، سَلِّمَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَنَا فِي الْإِيمَانِ، النِّعْمَةُ مَعَكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ. آمِينَ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)

The Lord said to His Disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر

قال الرب لتلاميذه، أنتم نور العالم، لا يمكن أن تخفى مدينة واقعة على جبل. ولا يوقد سراج ويوضع تحت المكيال، لكن على المنارة ليضيء لجميع الذين في البيت. هكذا فليضي نوركم قدام الناس ليروا أعمالكم الصالحة، ويمجدوا أباكم الذي في السموات. لا تظنوا أنني أتيت لأحل الناس والأنبياء، إنني لم آت لأحل لكن لأتمم. الحق أقول لكم، إنه إلى أن تزول السماء والأرض، لا يزول حرف واحد أو نقطة واحدة من الناموس حتى يبيد الكل. فكل من يحل واحدة من هذه الوصايا الصغار ويعلم الناس هكذا، فإنه يدعى صغيراً في ملكوت السموات؛ وأما الذي يعمل ويعلم، فهذا يدعى عظيماً في ملكوت السموات.

“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.

Fr. Nicholas Going to the Clergy Symposium

Fr. Nicholas Borzghol will be at the Antiochian Village in Pennsylvania to attend the Archdiocese clergy symposium July 18-22.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 17th	Memorial Service: Bahij and Yardena Hanhan; Fadi and Sophi Hanhan and families in memory of Victor Hanhan (3-9 days), Samir Hanhan (one year) and George Dahoud Hanhan (40 days). May their memories be eternal!
Sunday, July 31st	6 month memorial service in memory of Mounir Haddadin. May his memory be eternal!
Wednesday, August 3rd	Paraklesis service of the Theotokos at 6 pm.
Friday, August 5th	Evening Divine Liturgy in celebration of the feast of the transfiguration عيد التجلي.
Wednesday, August 10th	Paraklesis service of the Theotokos at 6 pm.
September 24th – 25th	Festival

Coffee Hours

July 17th	Bahij and Yardena Hanhan in memory of Victor Hanhan. May his memory be eternal!
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!
- † 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. May his memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Mitry Abdullah Muna**. May his memory be eternal!
- † Siham Mitry and family in memory of **George Masri**. 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 Swiss, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin

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Reverend Hierarchs, Clergy, esteemed Board of Trustees, Organizations, and Faithful of the Antiochian Archdiocese:

We are very pleased to announce that on June 7, 2022, the Antiochian House of Studies received full accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) to offer the following degrees:

- Master of Divinity
- Master of Theological Studies
- Master of Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Doctor of Ministry
- Doctor of Philosophy

We congratulate the V. Rev. Father Michel Najim (President), the Rt. Rev. Father Fadi Rabbat (Academic Dean) and the V. Rev. Father Joseph Purpura (Accreditation Director) and all the officers, faculty, staff, the AHOS board of trustees, alumni and students of the Antiochian House of Studies for this outstanding achievement in the life of the school and in the life of our Archdiocese and Orthodoxy across North America.

The Antiochian House of Studies (AHOS) was founded in 1980 as the St. Stephens Program of Studies. Over the past several decades, AHOS has developed into full-fledged school, offering another option for the education and pastoral formation of students who are preparing themselves for priesthood and for Church ministries within the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America and beyond. Today, with over two hundred students presently enrolled, the Antiochian House of Studies is now a fully accredited Graduate School of Theology.

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

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We encourage all the priests and parishes to financially support and participate in the life and work of this Orthodox Theological School <https://tahos.org> and we ask that you encourage the faithful of your parish to consider supporting by various means, as well as encouraging participation by your faithful in one of these degree programs.

We ask that you offer your prayers as well as your parish's financial support and participation in this school. I do designate the First Sunday of the Dormition Fast as a Sunday to support the Antiochian House of Studies. On that day a collection tray will be passed. The collection tray will be sent to Antiochian Archdiocese (earmarked AHOS). On personal level you may make your tax-deductible on line donation by clicking her or copying this link into your browser: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=5322090> or by mailing your check payable to: The Antiochian House of Studies, 1020 Baseline Road, La Verne, CA 91750.

For further questions or to make large donations, you may contact the Very Reverend Joseph Antypas, Frjoseph.antypas@tahos.org, Vice President of Business Development.

Yours in the service of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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