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TONE 5 / EOTHINON 6; SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

GREAT-MARTYR CHRISTINA OF TYRE

NEW-MARTYRS ATHANASIOS OF IKIA AND THEOPHILOS OF ZAKYNTHOS; ATHENAGORAS THE CONFESSOR; PASSION-BEARERS BORIS (ROMAN) AND GLEB (DAVID)



GREAT-MARTYR CHRISTINA OF TYRE

On July 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-martyr Christina of Tyre.

She was the beautiful daughter of the imperial governor, Urban, an idolater. Christina knew nothing of the Savior until the age of eleven, but, when she reached that age, her father—who was hiding her from the world until she was fully grown—made her live in a high tower. He gave her every comfort, but Christina’s young soul was suffocated in this idolatrous atmosphere. Looking out of the window at God’s natural wonders, she came, through her own understanding, to a firm belief in Him. God, in His great mercy, sent His angel to her, who named her the bride of Christ and fully instructed her in the things of God. Then Christina smashed all the golden idols in her rooms and distributed the remnants to the poor. Urban and two other leaders, Dion and Julian, tortured her and intended to kill her. Urban and Dion dropped dead, and Julian was blinded when Christina threw her severed tongue into his face. Christina’s courage in suffering and the marvels which were performed by the power of God brought many of Tyre’s pagan inhabitants to Christianity. Christina entered the immortal kingdom in the year 200.

THE EPISTLE

Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.

Save me, O Lord, for the Godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (12:6-14)

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace that was given to us, let each use them accordingly: whether prophecy, let him prophesy according to the proportion of the faith; or ministry, let him give himself to the ministry; or the teacher, to the teaching; or he who exhorts, in the exhorting; he who gives, let him do it with simplicity; he who presides, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Love one another with brotherly affection; in honor preferring one another; in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing steadfastly in prayer; communicating to the necessities of the saints; given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse.

أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ تَحْفَظُنَا وَتَسْتُرُنَا مِنْ هَذَا الْجِيلِ

خَلِّصْنِي يَا رَبُّ، فَإِنَّ الْبَارَّ قَدْ فَنِيَ.

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ رومية.

يا إخوة، إذ لنا مواهبٌ مختلفةٌ باختلافِ النعمةِ المُعطاةِ لنا، فمنٌ وهبَ النبوءةَ فلينبأُ وفقاً للإيمان، ومنٌ وهبَ الخدمةَ فليلازمِ الخدمةَ، والمُعَلِّمُ التعلِيمَ، والواعِظُ الواعِظَ، والمُتَصَدِّقُ البساطةَ، والمُدَبِّرُ الاجتهادَ، والرَّاحِمُ البشاشةَ. ولتكنِ المحبةُ بلا رياءٍ. كونوا ماقنينَ للشرِّ ومُلتصقينَ بالخيرِ. مُحبِّينَ بعضُكم بعضاً حُباً أخوياً، مُبادرينَ بعضُكم بعضاً بالإكرامِ، غيرَ مُتكاسلينَ في الاجتهادِ، حارِّينَ بالروحِ، عابدينَ للربِّ، فرحينَ في الرجاءِ، صابرينَ في الضيقِ، مُواظبينَ على الصلاةِ، مُواسينَ القديسينَ في احتياجاتِهِم، عاكفينَ على ضيافةِ الغرباءِ. باركوا الذينَ يضطهدونكم، باركوا، ولا تلعنوا.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر.

في ذلك الزمان، دخل يسوع السفينة واجتاز وجاء إلى مدينته. فإذا بمخلعٍ مُلقى على سريره قدموه إليه. فلما رأى يسوع إيمانهم، قال للمخلع: "ثق يا بُني، مغفورة لك خطاياك." فقال قومٌ من الكتبة في أنفسهم "هذا يُجَدِّف." فعلم يسوع أفكارهم، فقال: "لماذا تُفكِّرون بالشَّرِّ في قلوبكم؟ ما الأيسر أن يُقال، مغفورة لك خطاياك، أم أن يُقال قُمْ فامش؟ ولكن لكي تعلموا أن ابن البشر له سلطان على الأرض أن يغفر الخطايا. حينئذٍ قال للمخلع "قُمْ، احمل سريرك واذهب إلى بيتك." فقام ومضى إلى بيته. فلما نظر الجموع، تعجبوا ومجدوا الله الذي أعطى الناس سلطاناً كهذا.

"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.

Meeting for the Festival

We will have a brief meeting for the St. John's 2022 Festival on Sunday, 7/24 following coffee hour. All who are interested in helping with festival organization are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Thank you,
Rula

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 24 th	Meeting for the September Festival
Sunday, July 31 st	6 month memorial service in memory of Mounir Haddadin. May his memory be eternal!
Wednesday, August 3 rd	Paraklesis service of the Theotokos at 6 pm.
Friday, August 5 th	Evening Divine Liturgy in celebration of the feast of the transfiguration عيد التجلي.
Sunday, August 7 th	Blessing of grapes 🍇 after the Divine Liturgy.
Wednesday, August 10 th	Paraklesis service of the Theotokos at 6 pm.
September 24 th – 25 th	Festival

Coffee Hours

July 24 th	Sponsor needed
July 31 st	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!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nabil Wahbeh**. Many years!
- † Patrick and Linda Cummings in memory of **Ray Gloria** and **Brad Zachariah, Jim** and **Rose Romley** and **Sig Dietzmann**. May their memories be eternal! Also for the continued good health of **George** and **Frieda Cawog**. 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!



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- † Altar Servers: Nathan Swiess, 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.

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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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