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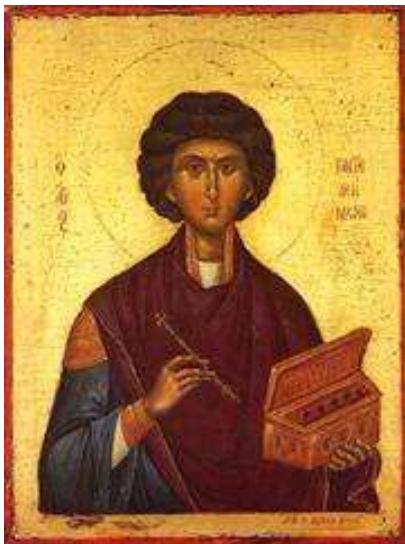
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**SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022**

**TONE 6 / EOTHINON 7; SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**HOLY GREAT MARTYR AND HEALER PANTELEIMON**

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## **HOLY GREAT MARTYR AND HEALER PANTELEIMON**

On July 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon. Panteleimon means “all merciful” in Greek. He was born in third-century Nicomedia of a Christian mother, Eubula, and a pagan father, Eustorgius. As a young man he studied medicine. The priest, Hermolaus, invited Panteleimon to be with him and taught him the Faith of Christ and baptized him. Panteleimon miraculously cured a blind man by the power of Christ whom the other doctors treated in vain. The blind man was later martyred and we also commemorate him today. Out of envy the doctors accused Panteleimon of being a Christian and he went before the Emperor Maximian to stand trial. Before the emperor, he freely declared that he was a Christian and he also healed a long-time paralytic. This miracle drew many pagans to the Faith of Christ. Sentenced to death, Panteleimon knelt for prayer. At that moment the executioner struck him on the neck with a sword, and it broke. The executioner was unable to execute him until the saint completed his prayer and until Panteleimon told him to behead him, which he then did. His relics possessed the ability to heal. Panteleimon is invoked in prayers at the time of the “Blessing of Waters” and in July 27 Festal Orthros 11 St. Panteleimon the blessing of the holy oils used in the “The Sacrament of Holy Unction,” together with Hermolaus and the other unmercenary saints and wonderworkers.

## **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 Epistle of  
St. Paul to the Romans. (15:1-7)**

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good for his edification. For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: “The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me.” For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

خَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيراثَكَ.

إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ أَصْرُخُ إِلَهِي.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرِّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ رُومِيَةِ.

يا إِخْوَةَ، يَجِبُ عَلَيْنَا نَحْنُ الْأَقْوِيَاءُ أَنْ نَحْتَمِلَ وَهَنْ الضُّعْفَاءِ، وَلَا نُرْضِيَ أَنْفُسَنَا. فَلْيُرِضْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا قَرِيبَهُ لِلْخَيْرِ، لِأَجْلِ الْبُنْيَانِ. فَإِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ لَمْ يُرِضْ نَفْسَهُ، وَلَكِنْ كَمَا كُتِبَ "تَغْيِيرَاتُ مُعْطَرِيكَ وَقَعَتْ عَلَيَّ." لِأَنَّ كُلَّ مَا كُتِبَ مِنْ قَبْلُ، إِنَّمَا كُتِبَ لِتَعْلِيمِنَا، لِيَكُونَ لَنَا الرَّجَاءُ بِالصَّبْرِ وَبِتَعْزِيَةِ الْكُتُبِ. وَلْيُعْطِكُمْ إِلَهُ الصَّبْرِ وَالتَّعْزِيَةِ أَنْ تَكُونُوا مُتَّقِي الْأَرَءِ فِيمَا بَيْنَكُمْ، بِحَسَبِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. حَتَّى إِنَّكُمْ بِنَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَفِي وَاحِدٍ تُمَجِّدُونَ اللَّهَ أَبَا رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ. مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ، فَلْيَتَّخِذْ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا كَمَا اتَّخَذَكُمْ الْمَسِيحُ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ.

### THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)**

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (35-27:9)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ مُجْتَازٌ، تَبِعَهُ أَعْمِيَانِ يَصِيحَانِ وَيَقُولَانِ: ارْحَمْنَا يَا ابْنَ دَاوُدَ. فَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْبَيْتَ، دَنَا إِلَيْهِ الْأَعْمِيَانِ، فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: هَلْ تُؤْمِنَانِ أَنِّي أَفْعَلُ ذَلِكَ؟ فَقَالَا لَهُ: نَعَمْ، يَا رَبُّ. حِينَئِذٍ لَمَسَ أَعْيُنَهُمَا قَائِلًا: كَايْمَانِكُمَا فَلْيَكُنْ لَكُمَا. فَاثْقَحْتُمَا أَعْيُنَهُمَا. فَانْتَهَرَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: انظُرَا، لَا يَعْلَمُ أَحَدٌ. فَلَمَّا خَرَجَا، شَهَرَاهُ فِي تِلْكَ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا. وَبَعْدَ خُرُوجِهِمَا، قَدَمُوا إِلَيْهِ أَخْرَسَ بِهِ شَيْطَانٌ. فَلَمَّا أَخْرَجَ الشَّيْطَانُ، تَكَلَّمَ الْأَخْرَسُ. فَتَعَجَّبَتِ الْجُمُوعُ قَائِلِينَ: لَمْ يَطْهَرْ قَطُّ مِثْلُ هَذَا فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. أَمَّا الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ فَقَالُوا: إِنَّهُ بِرَبِّ الشَّيَاطِينِ يُخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينِ. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَطُوفُ الْمُدُنَ كُلِّهَا وَالْقُرَى، يُعَلِّمُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ، وَيَكْرُزُ بِبَشَارَةِ الْمَلَكُوتِ، وَيَشْفِي كُلَّ مَرَضٍ وَكُلَّ ضَعْفٍ فِي الشَّعْبِ

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

As we enjoy our last few weeks of the summer vacation and look forward to the beginning of a Fall school year, our parish will join other parishes in our Archdiocese in supporting youth, our seminarians, and those wishing to continue studies in Theology and Church History. Please consider gifts for the next few months supporting these three Antiochian Archdiocese Programs.

### **August** – Antiochian House of Studies

As per Metropolitan Joseph’s letter dated July 13, 2022, parishes are asked to set aside the first Sunday of the Dormition fast to take a collection for the newly accredited Antiochian House of Studies. This program offers an option for the education and pastoral formation of students preparing for the Diaconate, the Priesthood and Church ministries of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America.

### **September** – Archdiocese collection for Seminarian Fund

Each year in the Fall, the Archdiocese asks parishes to take a collection to help support the Antiochian Orthodox students studying at the seminaries in our country, including St Vladimir’s, St Tikhon’s and Holy Cross Seminary.

### **October** – (Youth Month) SOYO Special Olympics

This ministry is sponsored by the North American Council of Teen SOYO and is the second longest running program of Special Olympics Pennsylvania, serving over 340 Special Olympics athletes, coaches, and staff each season. It is the premier SOYO outreach program, now in its 38th year of service. Each year SOYO teens raise the funds on Special Olympics Awareness Day.

## **Upcoming Events**

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

## **Coffee Hours**

<b>July 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Mona Thayer for the good health of Steven and Andrew Thayer. Many years!
<b>August 7<sup>th</sup></b>	George and Amanda Khalilieh for the good health of their family. Many years!
<b>August 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Saleem and Samya Abu-Dawood
<b>August 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Sponsor Needed
<b>August 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Elias and Samia Shaheen for the 1 year memorial of Mary Shaheen. May her memory be eternal!

### 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!
- † 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!
- † 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!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Ibtisam Haddad**. 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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July 13, 2022

**To be published and read from the Pulpit**

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](mailto: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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