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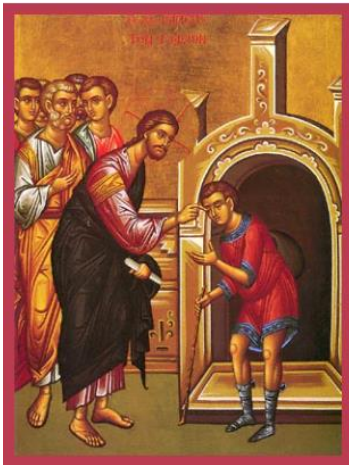
DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

TONE 6 / EOTHINON 10

SUNDAY OF THE AFTER-FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

TIKHON THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF AMATHOS IN CYPRUS; VENERABLE TIKHON OF KALUGA;
VENERABLE TIKHON OF LUKH



Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia.

Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First Ecumenical Council, which

gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as by one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in Substance, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith—"The Creed"—which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day. The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles.

By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all Thou hast done to us.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul was determined to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if possible, to be at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the priests of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you bishops, to shepherd the church of the Lord and God, which He purchased with His own blood. For I know that after my departure ravenous wolves will enter among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, remain watchful, remembering that for three years I did not cease to admonish every one, night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by such laboring we ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down on his knees with them all, and prayed.

الرسالة.

مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا. فَإِنَّكَ عَدَلٌ فِي كُلِّ مَا صَنَعْتَ بِنَا.

فصلٌ من أعمال الرُّسُلِ القِدِّيسين الأَطْهَارِ.

في تلك الأيام، ارتأى بولس أن يتجاوز أفسس في البحر لئلا يعرض له أن يبطن في آسية. لأنه كان يعجل حتى يكون في أورشليم يوم العنصرة إن أمكنه. فمن ميليس بعث إلى أفسس، فاستدعى فسوس الكنيسة. فلما وصلوا إليه قال لهم: احذروا لأنفسكم ولجميع الرعية التي أقامكم الروح القدس فيها أساقفة، لترعوا كنيسة الله التي أفتناها بدمه فإني أعلم هذا، أنه سيدخل بينكم بعد ذهابي ذئاب خاطفة لا تشفق على الرعية ومنكم أنفسكم سيقوم رجال يتكلمون بأمور متنوية ليجذبوا التلاميذ وراءهم لذلك اسهروا، متذكرين أنني مدة ثلاث سنين لم أكف لئلا ونهاراً أن أنصح كل واحد بدموع والآن أستودعكم، يا إخوتي، الله وكلمة نعمته القادرة أن تبنيكم وتمنحكُم ميراثاً مع جميع القديسين. إني لم أشته فصّة أو ذهب أو لباس أحد. وأنتم تعلمون أن حاجاتي وحاجات الذين معي خدمتها هاتان اليدان. في كل شيء بينت لكم أنه هكذا ينبغي أن نتعب لنساعد الضعفاء، وأن نتذكر كلام الرب يسوع. فإنه قال: إن العطاء هو مغبوط أكثر من الأخذ. ولما قال هذا، جثا على ركبتيه مع جميعهم وصلى.

THE GOSPEL (Sunday of the Holy Fathers)

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Saint John. (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

الإنجيل (لأحد الآباء)

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارة القديس يوحنا الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر.

في ذلك الزمان، رفع يسوع عينيه إلى السماء وقال: يا أبت قد أتت الساعة، مجد ابنك ليُمددك ابنك أيضاً. كما أعطيت سلطاناً على كل بشر ليُعطي كل من أعطيت له حياة أبدية. وهذه هي الحياة الأبدية، أن يعرفوك أنت الإله الحقيقي وحدك، والذي أرسلته يسوع المسيح. أنا قد مجدتك على الأرض. قد أتممت العمل الذي أعطيتني لأعمله. والآن مجدني أنت يا أبت عندك بالمجد الذي كان لي عندك من قبل كون العالم. قد أعلنت اسمك للناس الذين أعطيتهم لي من العالم. هم كانوا لك، وأنت أعطيتهم لي، وقد حفظوا كلامك. والآن قد علموا أن كل ما أعطيت لي هو منك. لأن الكلام الذي أعطيت لي أعطيتهم لهم. وهم قبلوا وعلموا حقاً أنني منك خرجت، وآمنوا أنك أرسلتني. أنا من أجلهم أسأل. لا أسأل من أجل العالم، بل من أجل الذين أعطيتهم لي، لأنهم لك. كل شيء لي هو لك، وكل شيء لك هو لي، وأنا قد مجدتك فيهم. ولست أنا بعد في العالم، وهؤلاء هم في العالم، وأنا أتى إليك. أيها الأب القدوس احفظهم باسمك، الذين أعطيتهم لي، ليكونوا واحداً كما نحن. حين كنت معهم في العالم، كنت احفظهم باسمك. إن الذين أعطيتهم لي قد حفظتهم، ولم يهلك منهم أحد إلا ابن الهلاك، ليتم الكتاب. أما الآن فإني أتى إليك. وأنا أتكلم بهذا في العالم ليكون فرحي كاملاً فيهم.

Love Your Neighbor

June - Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve - FOCUS North America

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve exists to support the growth of Orthodox Christian service efforts by providing engagement opportunities that reveal Christ in our neighbor and serve community needs within our five ministry areas of Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, and Shelter.

\$100,000 Challenge

Dear Parishioners,

A parishioner and his family challenged us to raise \$100,000 for our Fellowship Hall, and we did it! They will match our donations!

Dear parents of graduates.

We at St. John's, would like to recognize our graduates by publishing their names, photos and biographies in the church bulletin. This way, we can all know who they are and what is next for them in life. We are proud of them.

Please help us to do this by submitting their pictures and bio via email.

Memorial Services

June 23rd: by Fairouz Freij : 30 years memorial for Angel Freij and 20 years for Emilie Haddad . May their memory be eternal!

Upcoming Events

Every Sunday at 7pm	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting.
June 12th	Evening Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Ascension عيد الصعود at 6:00pm.
June 23rd	Festival committee meeting after Coffee Hour.
September 28-29	Annual Middle Eastern Festival

Coffee Hours

June 16th	Father's Day Barbecue
June 23rd	Fairouz Freij

Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, George Messih, Vivian Srouji, Daniel Romley and Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Frida Cawog**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Sam Nassab**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Henriette Hilal**. 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 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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Fellowship Hall News

Building Committee Update:

The doors, the doors! Our long awaited windows and doors for the hall have arrived from Jordan. These will be installed in the next two weeks, after which the tiles will be mounted to the new stucco exterior wall of the hall. This will mostly complete the exterior of the building. Interior work is continuing on electrical, audio visual (thank you Jay Cawog!), HVAC and some plumbing.

Outside the building, the new retaining walls on the corner of Moraga Way and Hall Drive are nearing completion and the preschool playground area is being cleared and prepared for fencing and eventual playground equipment. The service driveway is poured and some fencing installed, but we are waiting for PG&E to install the new electrical transformers in that area.

As an aside, special thanks to our contractor Petra Construction for replacing the existing church building electrical panels and bringing them up to the newest codes.

Parish Help Needed

Fellow parishioners, the fundraising committee is seeking your help in finding funding for our community hall. If you or anyone you know, has any experience with grants for charitable organizations, we would love to talk with you! We would like to apply for some grants, but don't know where to begin. This is an important step in fulfilling our financial goals for the hall. If you have any information, please email David Hanna at davidnlisah@hotmail.com. Thank you!

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Zinc Shingles on the Roof!



St. John's Church
FATHER'S DAY PICNIC
Sunday, June 16th

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Let's treat all the Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers & Uncles to a delicious BBQ Lunch complete with burgers, hot dogs, salad, chips, cold drinks & delectable homemade desserts!!!

Immediately following Divine Liturgy on the church grounds

\$20/adult

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All proceeds to benefit the Building Fund!!



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His Eminence
The Most Reverend
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May 28, 2024

Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Christ-loving Faithful of this Archdiocese,

Christ is risen!

Ten years ago, our young adults gathered for the first Orthodox Young Professionals Conference in San Diego. They initiated this project themselves, in order to keep our Faith at the center of their lives and to strengthen their relationships within the Church. This year, they will gather in Anaheim, California, July 25–28, for the same purpose. The weekend includes prayer, speaker sessions, and time for fellowship with one another. Father Evan and Presbyteria Stacy Armatas will be the keynote speakers, focusing on “Love & Relationships—God’s Greatest Gift.” Young adults aged 21+ are welcome, whether single or married.

We are so glad when our young adults prioritize faith in Christ and make it the foundation of their lives—building their house upon the rock, as our Lord Jesus said in His parable (Matthew 7:24–25). Moreover, we are encouraged by their camaraderie and love for one another, since those networks of relationships across the archdiocese bind us all together and foster collaboration in our sacred mission. Therefore, I would love to see as many of our young adults as possible attend this year’s conference, and I urge our pastors to spread the word and encourage those in their communities to attend.

Again, this year’s conference will be held July 25–28, at the JW Marriott Resort in Anaheim, California. Find more information and register at www.oypc.org.

Wishing you a joyous continuation of the Paschal season, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Saba". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

✠ SABA

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

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2024 Parish Life Conference

Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of LA & the West

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS



DAY: HYGIENE KITS W/ TEEN SOYO

**THURSDAY
JULY 4**

NIGHT: YOUNG ADULT HAFLEH



**FRIDAY
JULY 5**

DAY: YOUNG ADULT MEETING AND KEYNOTE BY
FR. CHRIS SALAMY

NIGHT: TACO BAR - SALSA & DABKE DANCE

DAY: POOL PARTY

**SATURDAY
JULY 6**

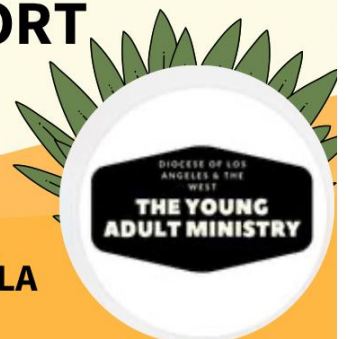
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Congratulations Class of 2024!

Dear parents of graduates,

This year, we are honoring our graduates by putting their names and photos in the bulletin. We are very proud of them. We ask the Lord Jesus Christ to be with them in the next step in their lives.

Peter Sami Adranly

Sami and Kathy Adranly joyfully announce the graduation of their youngest son, Peter Sami Adranly, from Santa Clara University, where he has earned a degree in Computer Science. We celebrate his achievements and eagerly anticipate the bright future ahead for him.

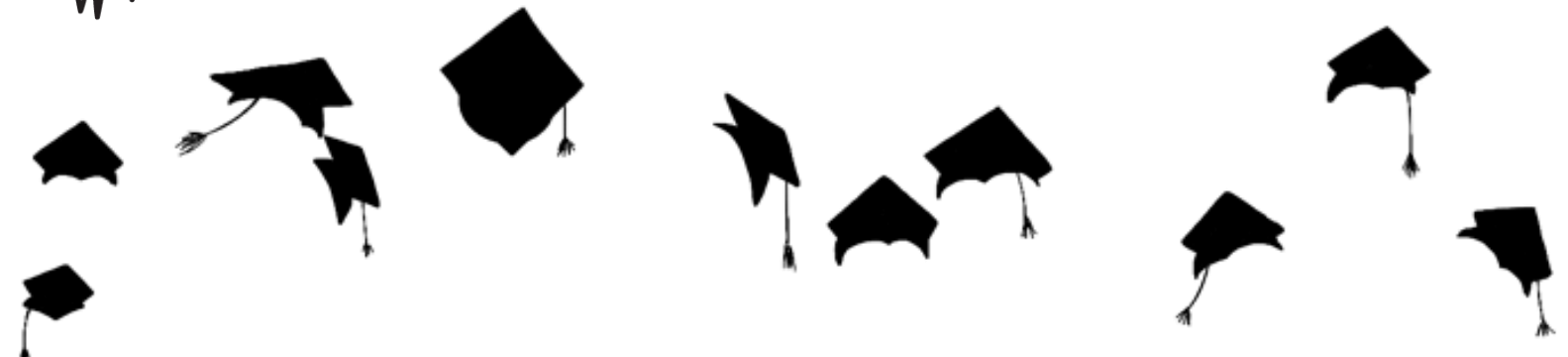


Chase Dudum

Chase Dudum who is the son of Jeff and Mary Ellen Dudum recently graduated from University of Southern California (USC) with a degree in environmental studies. He also achieved Magna Cum Laude and was a part of student government. He is currently looking for his first full-time opportunity in the environmental and sustainability space.



GRAD





Dominic Farradj

Dominic is graduating with a BS in Statistics from California Polytechnic San Luis Obispo. He will be starting this July at University of San Francisco for a MS in Data Science.



Grace Potts

Grace Potts, third daughter of James and Nadine Potts, graduated from Las Lomas High School this week. With more than a half dozen offers from California universities and colleges, Grace has chosen to attend San Diego State University in the fall, studying English.



Jordan Ho

We're proud to share that Jordan Ho graduated with a BS in Kinesiology from San Francisco State University. He plans to pursue an advanced degree to become a Physician Assistant.





Tyler Craner

Tyler Craner graduated with a Construction Management degree from Chico State University and will be moving to Los Angeles in the Fall to work for Pankow Builders as a Project Engineer.

