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**SUNDAY, JUNE 05, 2022**

**TONE 6 / EOTHINON 10**

**SUNDAY OF THE AFTER-FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

HIEROMARTYR DOROTHEOS, BISHOP OF TYRE; MARTYR NICANDER OF EGYPT; NEW-MARTYR MARK OF SMYRNA



## The First Ecumenical Council

On June 05 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Dorotheos, bishop of Tyre; Martyr Nicander of Egypt; and New-martyr Mark of Smyrna.

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.

## 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.

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

### فصلٌ من أعمال الرسل القديسين الأظهر.

في تلك الأيام، ارتأى بولس أن يتجاوز أفسس في البحر لئلا يعرض له أن يبطئ في آسية. لأنه كان يعجل . فمن ميلينس بعث إلى أفسس، فاستدعى فسوس الكنيسة. حتى يكون في أورشليم يوم العنصرة إن أمكنه . فلما وصلوا إليه قال لهم: احذروا لأنفسكم ولجميع الرعية التي أقامكم الروح القدس فيها أساقفة، لترعوا كنيسة الله التي اقتناها بدمه فإني أعلم هذا، أنه سيدخل بينكم بعد ذهابي ذئاب خاطفة لا تُشفق على الرعية ومنكم أنفسكم سيقوم رجال يتكلمون بأمر ملثوية ليجذبوا التلاميذ وراءهم لذلك اسهروا، مُتذكرين أنني مدة ثلاث سنين لم أكف ليلاً ونهاراً أن أنصح كل واحد بدموع والآن أستودعكم، يا إخوتي، الله وكلمته وأنتم . إنني لم أشته فضة أو ذهب أو لباس أحد. نِعْمَتِهِ الْقَادِرَةَ أَنْ تَبْنِيَكُمْ وَتَمْنَحَكُمْ مِيراثاً مع جميع القديسين في كل شيء بيئت لكم أنه هكذا ينبغي أن تعلمون أن حاجاتي وحاجات الذين معي خدمتها هاتان اليدان ولما نتعب لنساعد الضعفاء، وأن نتذكر كلام الرب يسوع. فإنه قال: إن العطاء هو مغبوط أكثر من الأخذ قال هذا، جئنا على رُكبتيه مع جميعهم وصلّى.

## THE GOSPEL

### 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."

## فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارَةِ القديسِ يوحنا الإنجيليِّ البشيرِ والتلميذِ الطاهرِ.

في ذلكَ الزمانِ، رَفَعَ يسوعُ عَيْنِيهِ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَقَالَ: يَا أَبَتِ قَدْ أَنْتِ السَّاعَةُ، مَجِّدِ ابْنَكَ لِيُجَدِّدَكَ ابْنُكَ أَيْضاً. كَمَا أَعْطَيْتَهُ سُلْطَاناً عَلَى كُلِّ بَشَرٍ لِيُعْطِيَ كُلَّ مَنْ أَعْطَيْتَهُ لَهُ حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً. وَهَذِهِ هِيَ الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ، أَنْ يَعْرِفُوكَ أَنْتَ الْإِلَهَ الْحَقِيقِيَّ وَحَدَّكَ، وَالَّذِي أَرْسَلْتَهُ يسوعَ الْمَسِيحَ. أَنَا قَدْ مَجَّدْتُكَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ. قَدْ أَنْمَمْتُ الْعَمَلَ الَّذِي أَعْطَيْتَنِي لِأَعْمَلُهُ. وَالْآنَ مَجَّدْنِي أَنْتَ يَا أَبَتِ عِنْدَكَ بِالْمَجْدِ الَّذِي كَانَ لِي عِنْدَكَ مِنْ قَبْلِ كَوْنِ الْعَالَمِ. قَدْ أَعْلَنْتُ اسْمَكَ لِلنَّاسِ الَّذِينَ أَعْطَيْتَهُمْ لِي مِنَ الْعَالَمِ. هُمْ كَانُوا لَكَ، وَأَنْتَ أَعْطَيْتَهُمْ لِي، وَقَدْ حَفِظُوا كَلَامَكَ. وَالْآنَ قَدْ عَلِمُوا أَنَّ كُلَّ مَا أَعْطَيْتَهُ لِي هُوَ مِنْكَ. لِأَنَّ الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي أَعْطَيْتَهُ لِي أَعْطَيْتَهُ لَهُمْ. وَهُمْ قَبِلُوا وَعَلِمُوا حَقّاً أَنِّي مِنْكَ خَرَجْتُ، وَأَمَنُوا أَنَّكَ أَرْسَلْتَنِي أَنَا مِنْ أَجْلِهِمْ أَسْأَلُ. لَا أَسْأَلُ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْعَالَمِ، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِ الَّذِينَ أَعْطَيْتَهُمْ لِي، لِأَنَّهُمْ لَكَ. كُلُّ شَيْءٍ لِي هُوَ لَكَ، وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ لَكَ هُوَ لِي، وَأَنَا قَدْ مُجَّدْتُ فِيهِمْ. وَأَسْتُ أَنَا بَعْدُ فِي الْعَالَمِ، وَهُوَ لَاءِ هُمْ فِي الْعَالَمِ، وَأَنَا آتِي إِلَيْكَ. أَيُّهَا الْآبُ الْفُؤُوسُ أَحْفَظْهُمْ بِاسْمِكَ، الَّذِينَ أَعْطَيْتَهُمْ لِي، لِيَكُونُوا وَاحِدًا كَمَا نَحْنُ. حِينَ كُنْتُ مَعَهُمْ فِي الْعَالَمِ، كُنْتُ أَحْفَظُهُمْ بِاسْمِكَ. إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أَعْطَيْتَهُمْ لِي قَدْ حَفِظْتَهُمْ، وَلَمْ يَهْلِكْ مِنْهُمْ أَحَدٌ إِلَّا ابْنُ الْهَلَاكِ، لِيَتِمَّ الْكِتَابُ. أَمَّا الْآنَ فَايُّ آتِي إِلَيْكَ. وَأَنَا أَتَكَلَّمُ بِهَذَا فِي الْعَالَمِ لِيَكُونَ فَرَحِي كَامِلاً فِيهِمْ.

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

During these next few months at the beginning of summer, 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.

**June - Contra Costa Crisis Center** - The mission of the Contra Costa Crisis Center is to keep people alive and safe, help them through crises, and provide or connect them with culturally relevant services in the community.

**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.

### Upcoming Events

June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Evening Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Ascension. عيد الصعود. at 6:00pm.
June 20 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Three Holy Children Camp in Jackson, CA
Sunday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Belated Father's Day Barbecue after Divine Liturgy
September 24 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Festival

### Coffee Hours

June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jordis Fasheh
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nawal Khalil for the good health of Randy Faris and for the honor of celebrating Randy graduating from the University of Michigan Law School.
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sponsor Needed
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Faironz F. in memory of Angel Freij, 28 years.

**Dear Sunday School Parents,**

May 29, 2022 is the **last day of Sunday School!** AND **June 5, 2022 is the Sunday School Graduation!** (No Sunday School).

We will have an Ice Cream Social following graduation! Look forward to seeing you all there!

Thank you!

Paula

**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!
- † St. John Parish Family for all the mothers, grandmothers and godmothers of our parish. 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 for the good health of **Fairouz Freij, Rania and Angelina Shuhaiber**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Souhad Halaka**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Helen Addes**. May her 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!



- † Altar Servers: Nathan Swiess, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin

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# **St. John Orthodox Church Father's Day Picnic**



**After Liturgy**  
**Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**St. John Church Grounds**  
**501 Moraga Way, Orinda**  
\$20 Adult                  Children FREE

***We will be roasting a LAMB  
In Memory of Naim Frangieh***

*Plus hamburgers, & hot dogs,*

*Beer and Wine \$5*

*FUN FOR ALL*

*Backgammon, Tug of War, Games & Prizes*

***Generous Donations are always welcome***

*We will be needing help from our community*

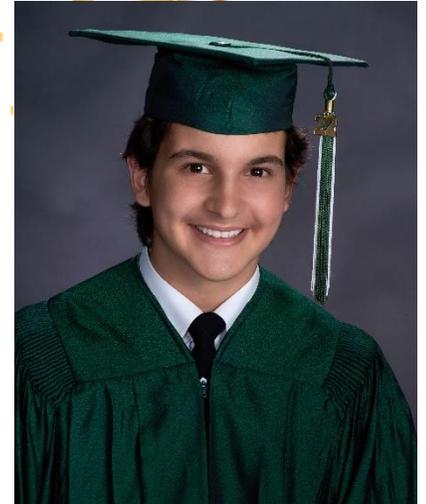
# Congratulations Class of 2022!

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.

## Andrew Craner

is graduating from El Cerrito High School and planning to attend Sacramento State University in the Fall. His major is Early Childhood Development which he hopes to use as an elementary school teacher.



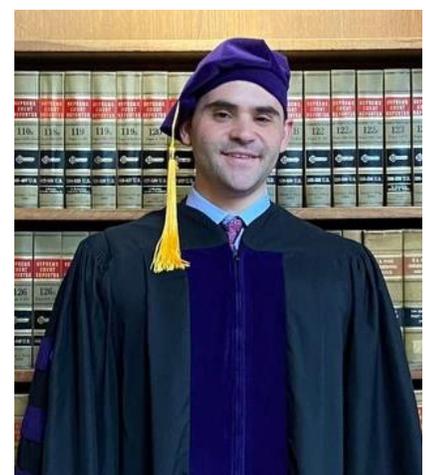
## Nyree Nassar

is graduating Kindergarten from Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy and will continue going there. (It's a Kinder through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school.)



## Randy Khalil,

son of Faris and Nawal Khalil, graduated with a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in May. He will take the California Bar Exam in July and join the firm Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco as a litigation associate this fall.



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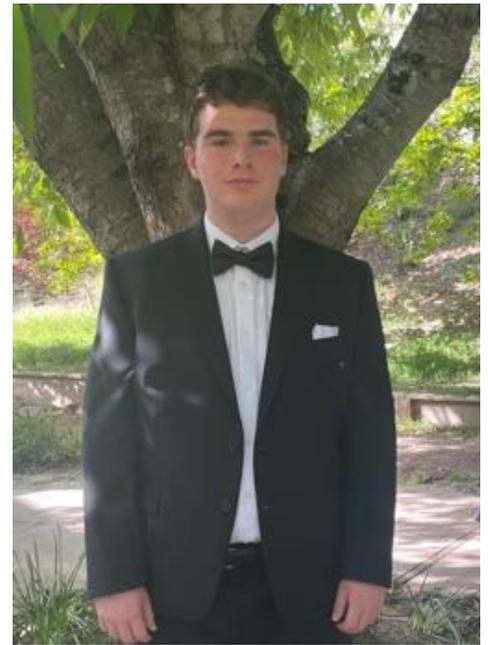
## Nada Habash

Daughter of Elias and Hala Habash.  
Graduated with BA degree in psychology.



## Ian McLellan

Ian McLellan is graduating from Campolindo High School and will be attending UC Berkeley in the Fall. He plans to major in Mathematics and Computer Science. Ian is a National Merit Finalist, received the Outstanding Student Award for Social Sciences, is a Presidential Scholar, and an AP Scholar with Distinction. He figure skates, plays clarinet, was a member of the Robotics Team, Math Competition Team, Environmental Club, and the Coding Club.



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