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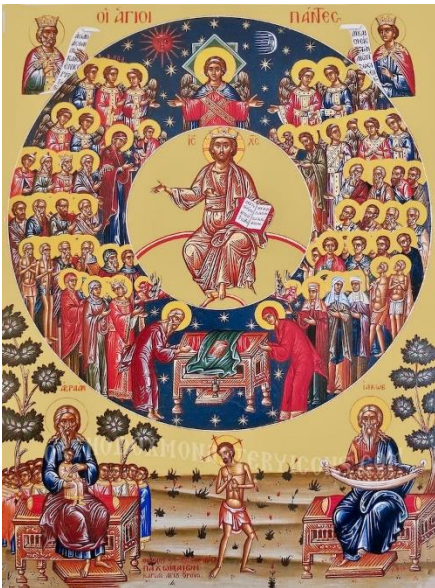
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THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

HIEROMARTYR THEODOTOS, BISHOP OF ANCYRA; VENERABLE SEBASTIANA THE WONDERWORKER



On June 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Theodotos, bishop of Ancyra; and Venerable Sebastiana the wonderworker. On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West. David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, “How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God” (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, “Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God’s commandments, shining

examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

THE EPISTLE

God is wondrous in His saints.

In the churches, bless ye God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

عَجِيبٌ هُوَ اللَّهُ فِي قَدِيسِيهِ.

فِي الْمَجَامِعِ بَارِكُوا اللَّهَ.

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ. (2:12- 33:11)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّ الْقَدِيسِينَ، بِالْإِيمَانِ قَهَرُوا الْمَمَالِكَ، وَعَمَلُوا الْبِرَّ، وَنَالُوا الْمَوَاعِدَ، وَسَدَّوْا أَفْوَاهَ الْأُسُودِ. وَأَطْفَأُوا حِدَّةَ النَّارِ وَنَجَّوْا مِنْ حَدِّ السَّيْفِ، وَتَقَوَّوْا مِنْ ضَعْفٍ، وَصَارُوا أَشِدَّاءَ فِي الْحَرْبِ، وَكَسَرُوا مُعْسَكَرَاتِ الْأَجَانِبِ. وَأَخَذَتْ نِسَاءٌ أَمْوَاتَهُنَّ بِالْقِيَامَةِ، وَعُذِّبَ آخَرُونَ بِتَوْتِيرِ الْأَعْضَاءِ وَالضَّرْبِ، وَلَمْ يَقْبَلُوا بِالنَّجَاةِ لِيَحْصَلُوا عَلَى قِيَامَةِ أَفْضَلِ. وَآخَرُونَ ذَاقُوا الْهَزْءَ وَالْجَلْدَ وَالْقَيْدَ أَيْضًا وَالسَّجْنَ. وَرُجِمُوا وَنُشِرُوا وَامْتَحِنُوا وَمَاتُوا بِحَدِّ السَّيْفِ، وَسَاحُوا فِي جُلُودٍ غَنَمٍ وَمَعَزٍ وَهُمْ مُعَوَّزُونَ مُضَايِقُونَ مَجْهُودُونَ. وَلَمْ يَكُنِ الْعَالَمُ مُسْتَحِقًّا لَهُمْ، فَكَانُوا تَائِهِينَ فِي الْبَرَارِيِّ وَالْجِبَالِ وَالْمَغَاوِرِ وَكُھُوفِ الْأَرْضِ. فَهَؤُلَاءِ كُلُّهُمْ مَشْهُودًا لَهُمْ بِالْإِيمَانِ لَمْ يَنَالُوا الْمَوْعِدَ. لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَبَقَ فَتَنَظَرَ لَنَا شَيْئًا أَفْضَلَ، أَنْ لَا يَكْمَلُوا بِدُونِنَا. فَحَنُّ أَيْضًا إِذْ يُحَدِّقُ بِنَا مِثْلُ هَذِهِ السَّحَابَةِ مِنَ الشُّهُودِ فَلَنُلْقِ عَنَّا كُلَّ ثِقَلٍ وَكُلَّ خَطِيئَةٍ مُحِيطَةٍ بِنَا، وَلِنُسَاقِبَ بِالصَّبْرِ فِي الْجِهَادِ الَّذِي أَمَامَنَا، نَاضِرِينَ إِلَى رَئِيسِ الْإِيمَانِ وَمُكَمِّلِهِ يَسُوعَ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

فَصْلٌ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

(10: 32-33، 37-38؛ 19: 27-30)

قَالَ الرَّبُّ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ، كُلُّ مَنْ يَعْتَرِفُ بِي قُدَّامَ النَّاسِ، أَعْتَرِفُ أَنَا بِهِ قُدَّامَ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَمَنْ يُنْكِرُنِي قُدَّامَ النَّاسِ، أُنْكِرُهُ أَنَا قُدَّامَ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. مَنْ أَحَبَّ أَبًا أَوْ أُمًّا أَكْثَرَ مِنِّي فَلَا يَسْتَحِقُّنِي، وَمَنْ أَحَبَّ ابْنًا أَوْ بِنْتًا أَكْثَرَ مِنِّي فَلَا يَسْتَحِقُّنِي. وَمَنْ لَا يَأْخُذُ صَلَيبَهُ وَيَتَّبِعُنِي فَلَا يَسْتَحِقُّنِي. فَأَجَابَ بُطْرُسُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: هُوَذَا نَحْنُ قَدْ تَرَكْنَا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَتَبِعْنَاكَ، فَمَاذَا يَكُونُ لَنَا؟ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّكُمْ أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تَبِعْتُمُونِي فِي جِيلِ التَّجْدِيدِ، مَتَى جَلَسَ ابْنُ الْبَشَرِ عَلَى كُرْسِيِّ مَجْدِهِ، تَجْلِسُونَ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا عَلَى اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ كُرْسِيًّا تَدِينُونَ أَسْبَاطَ إِسْرَائِيلِ الْآتِيَةِ عَشَرَ. وَكُلُّ مَنْ تَرَكَ بَيْوتًا أَوْ إِخْوَةً أَوْ أَخَوَاتٍ أَوْ أَبًا أَوْ أُمًّا أَوْ امْرَأَةً أَوْ أَوْلَادًا أَوْ حُقُولًا مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِي، يَأْخُذُ مِئَةً ضِعْفٍ، وَيَرِثُ الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ. وَكَثِيرُونَ أَوَّلُونَ يَكُونُونَ آخِرِينَ، وَآخَرُونَ يَكُونُونَ أَوَّلِينَ.

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Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, Sandy Dudum, George Messih, George Adranly, Fred Addas, Henriette Hilal, Souhad Halaka, George Cawog, Rocky Dudum** and **Norma Khalil**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Daniel McLellan**. May his memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **John Freij**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Norma Khalil**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Violet Jaber**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Laila Adranly**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Bradley Yowakim**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Laila Mashy**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Jean Harb**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Rocky Dudum**. 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!

† 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, Maron Juha and Zaiden Karanikola

Coffee Hour

June 7th	Guajardo Family
June 14th	Mona Thayer for the good health of Thayer and Messih Families
June 21st	Father's Day Picnic in lieu of coffee hour
June 28th	Samara Family to celebrate our mother, Fadwa's birthday

Upcoming Events

June 2nd	Men's Fellowship Dinner Meeting 6:00 PM in church hall
June 14th	40 days memorial service for the servant of God Daniel McLellan. May his memory be eternal!
June 21st	Father's Day Picnic
July 19th	One year memorial service for the handmaid of God Aida Yowakeem
1st and 3rd Sundays	St. Anastasia's Fellowship for those struggling with substance abuse. 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. 6pm meeting; 7pm Readers Paraklesis at St. John's. Contact Joseph: (310) 227-9848

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Announcements

Men's Fellowship Dinner Meeting

Please join us for our next Men's Fellowship Dinner Meeting. Tuesday June 2, 6:00pm at our church hall. All are welcome. Please RSVP jduduminc@gmail.com

How to Rent St. John Hall

A great way to inquire about renting St. John Hall is by using the link below. Completing the inquiry form helps us gather the information needed about your event, including the date, time, type of gathering, and any special requirements. Once your inquiry is received, a member of our team will review the details and follow up regarding availability, rental policies, pricing, and next steps.

Whether you are planning a family celebration, meeting, community event, or special occasion, we look forward to hearing from you and helping make your event a success.

This link can be provided to ANYONE!

Link: <https://saintjohnhall.org/>

Organizing Items in the Hall

We are beginning an important project to organize and improve the kitchen and storage areas in our hall. Our goal is to label all storage rooms, cabinets, shelves, and kitchen areas so that items can be easily returned to their proper place after use and the space can remain clean, organized, and well-maintained.

With the help of Joby, a professional organizer by trade, we will be starting this process on Sunday, July 19th at 1:00 PM, immediately following coffee hour. Please plan on dedicating at least 4+ hours. This project will take place in 2-3 phases, and we would greatly appreciate all volunteers who are willing to lend a hand. If you would like to help, please let Rania K know. Thank you in advance for your support as we work together to improve and maintain our shared space!

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Dine-and-Donate

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our dine-and-donate opportunity at Roccos pizzeria. We appreciate everyone who participated, with take-out, lunch time or dinner, you all helped make it a success. ♥ We only captured a few pictures.



Men's Meeting Recap Good Morning Gentlemen,

Thank you to everyone who attended the men's meeting Tuesday night. It was a great evening filled with good fellowship and conversation. A special thank-you to Eddie and Samir for generously providing and preparing a delicious dinner - deeply appreciated. We look forward to our next gathering and will keep you posted on future meetings.



God Bless and thanks again. -Jim Dudum

St. John's Church FATHER'S DAY PICNIC Sunday, June 21st



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!!!

Salmon burgers are available for anyone who is observing the Apostle's Fast!

Immediately following Divine Liturgy on the church grounds

\$20/adult minimum donation

Kids 12 & under – FREE

Organized by the St. John Ladies

All proceeds to benefit the Playground Rebuilding project!!



RSVP to Rula Adranly at rulaadranly@comcast.net so we can have plenty for everyone to enjoy!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FESTIVAL PREP WORKSHOPS: Saturdays at 9:30 AM in our new kitchen!

June 27 th	Grape leaves	July 11 th	Spinach & Cheese Pies
August 15 th	Sfeiha & Zatar Pies	September 12 th	Knafeh & Date Mamoul



Please sign up for any and all workshops with Rula Adranly 510-508-0929

Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.



Congratulations Class of 2026

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.



Ella Potts, daughter of Jim and Nadine Potts and granddaughter of Very Reverend Father Emile and Khouryi Claudette Hanna is graduating from the University of California Los Angeles with a Political Science degree and a minor in philosophy. Ella is currently working as a legal assistant at an LA law firm and plans to apply to law school in the fall of 2027. We couldn't be more proud!

Lilly Potts, daughter of Jim and Nadine Potts and granddaughter of Very Reverend Father Emile and Khouryi Claudette Hanna, is graduating from Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek. She is excited to be pursuing her undergraduate degree at the University of Washington in Seattle. We couldn't be more proud!



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Dr. Conner Ganjavi, grandson of Sue Gedeon and son of Sandra Gedeon, graduated on May 16, 2026 from the Keck School of Medicine - University of Southern California. He earned a Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Master of Public Health. Dr. Ganjavi will be a Urology Resident at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Jason Samuel Burt, son of Lillian (Mitry) Burt and grandson of Siham Mitry, graduated from Ponderosa High School in Cameron Park, CA. He plans to attend culinary school to become a chef.



Ramzi Hanna is the grandson of Helene Gbantous. He graduated from De La Salle High school. He is heading to Gonzaga University to study accounting.



FAMILY FIELD TRIP

OAKLAND ZOO

Sunday June 14th
Right after liturgy
*No Sunday school

Pack a lunch

Everyone is Welcome

Admission

Everyone purchases
their own tickets

