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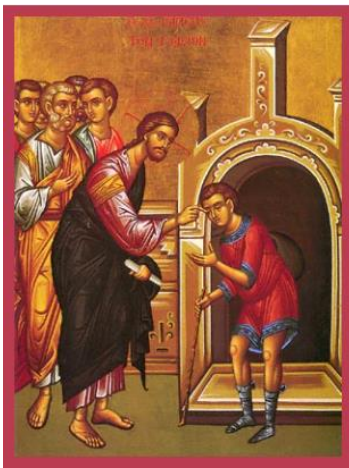
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

CYRIL, ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA; PELAGIA AND THE THREE VIRGIN-MARTYRS OF CHIOS

Christ is Risen / Χριστός Ανέστη / المسيح قام



Sunday of the Blind Man

The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born

without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

Therefore, the Saviour sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay-not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

THE EPISTLE

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (16:16-34)

IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

الرسالة.

أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ تَحْفَظُنَا وَتَسْتُرُنَا مِنْ هَذَا الْجِيلِ.

خَلِّصْنِي يَا رَبُّ، فَإِنَّ الْبَارَّ قَدْ فَنِيَ.

فصلٌ من أعمال الرُّسُلِ القديسين الأطهار. (16:16-34)

في تلك الأيام، فيما نحن الرُّسُلُ مُنْطَلِقُونَ إلى الصَّلَاةِ، اسْتَقْبَلْتَنَا جَارِيَةٌ بِهَا رُوحٌ عَرَافَةٍ. وَكَانَتْ تُكْسِبُ مَوَالِيهَا كَسْبًا جَزِيلًا بِعَرَافَتِهَا، فَطَفَقَتْ تَمْشِي فِي إِثْرِ بُولُسَ وَإِثْرِنَا، وَتَصِيحُ قَائِلَةً: هَؤُلَاءِ الرِّجَالُ هُم عِبِيدُ اللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ، وَهُمْ يَبَشِّرُونَكُمْ بِطَرِيقِ الْخَلَاصِ. وَصَنَعَتْ ذَلِكَ أَيَّامًا كَثِيرَةً، فَتَضَجَّرَ بُولُسُ، وَانْفَعَتْ إِلَى الرُّوحِ وَقَالَ: إِنِّي أَمْرُكَ بِاسْمِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ أَنْ تَخْرُجَ مِنْهَا. فَخَرَجَ فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى مَوَالِيهَا أَنَّهُ قَدْ خَرَجَ رَجَاءً مَكْسِبِهِمْ، قَبَضُوا عَلَى بُولُسَ وَسَيلاً وَجَرَّوهُمَا إِلَى السُّوقِ عِنْدَ الْحُكَّامِ، وَقَدَّمُوهُمَا إِلَى الْوَلَاةِ قَائِلِينَ: إِنَّ هَذَيْنِ الرَّجُلَيْنِ يُبْلِلَانِ مَدِينَتَنَا وَهُمَا يَهُودِيَّانِ، وَيُنَادِيَانِ بِعَادَاتٍ لَا يَجُوزُ لَنَا قَبُولُهَا، وَلَا الْعَمَلُ بِهَا إِذْ نَحْنُ رُومَانِيَّوْنَ. فَقَامَ عَلَيْهِمَا الْجَمْعُ مَعًا، وَمَرَّقَ الْوَلَاةُ ثِيَابَهُمَا، وَأَمَرُوا بِأَنْ يُضْرَبَا بِالْعَصِيِّ. وَلَمَّا أُنْخَنُوهُمَا بِالْجِرَاحِ أَلْقَوْهُمَا فِي السِّجْنِ، وَأَوْصُوا السَّجَانَ بِأَنْ يَحْرُسَهُمَا بِضَبْطٍ. وَهُوَ إِذْ أَوْصِيَ بِمِثْلِ تِلْكَ الْوَصِيَّةِ، أَلْفَاهُمَا فِي السِّجْنِ الدَّاخِلِيِّ، وَضَبَطَ أَرْجُلَهُمَا فِي الْمَقْفَرَةِ. وَعِنْدَ نِصْفِ اللَّيْلِ، كَانَ بُولُسُ وَسَيلاً يُصَلِّيَانِ وَيُسَبِّحَانِ اللَّهَ، وَالْمَحْبُوسُونَ يَسْمَعُونَهُمَا، فَحَدَّثَتْ بَعْثَةً زَلْزَلَةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ حَتَّى تَرَعَزَعَتْ أُسُسُ السِّجْنِ. فَانْفَتَحَتْ فِي الْحَالِ الْأَبْوَابُ كُلُّهَا، وَانْفَعَتْ قِيُودُ الْجَمِيعِ. فَلَمَّا اسْتَيْقَظَ السَّجَانُ، وَرَأَى أَبْوَابَ السِّجْنِ أَنَّهَا مَفْتُوحَةٌ، اسْتَلَّ السَّيْفَ وَهَمَّ أَنْ يَقْتُلَ نَفْسَهُ، لِظَنِّهِ أَنَّ الْمَحْبُوسِينَ قَدْ هَرَبُوا. فَناداهُ بُولُسُ بِصَوْتٍ عَالٍ قَائِلًا: لَا تَعْمَلْ بِنَفْسِكَ سُوءًا، فَإِنَّا جَمِيعُنَا هَهُنَا. فَطَلَبَ مِصْبَاحًا، وَوَثَبَ إِلَى دَاخِلِ، وَخَرَّ لِبُولُسَ وَسَيلاً وَهُوَ مُرْتَعِدٌ، ثُمَّ خَرَجَ بِهِمَا وَقَالَ: يَا سَيِّدِي مَاذَا يَنْبَغِي لِي أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكَ لِأَخْلَصَ؟ فَقَالَا: آمِنِ بِالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، فَتَخَلَّصَ أَنْتَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِكَ. وَكَلِمَاهُ هُوَ وَجَمِيعُ مَنْ فِي بَيْتِهِ بِكَلِمَةِ الرَّبِّ. فَأَخَذَهُمَا فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ، وَغَسَلَ جِرَاحَهُمَا، وَاعْتَمَدَ مِنْ وَقْتِهِ، هُوَ وَدَوُوهُ أَجْمَعُونَ. ثُمَّ أَصْعَدَهُمَا إِلَى بَيْتِهِ وَقَدَّمَ لَهُمَا مَائِدَةً، وَابْتَهَجَ مَعَ جَمِيعِ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ، إِذْ كَانَ قَدْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ.

THE GOSPEL (For Sunday of the Blind Man)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam," which means "Sent." So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he;" others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him.

الإنجيل (لأحد الأعمى)

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا الْإِنْجِيلِي الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (9:1-38) فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ مُجْتَازٌ، رَأَى إِنْسَانًا أَعْمَى مُنْذُ مَوْلَدِهِ. فَسَأَلَهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبُّ، مَنْ أَخْطَأَ أَهَذَا أَمْ أَبَوَاهُ حَتَّى وُلِدَ أَعْمَى؟ أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ: لَا هَذَا أَخْطَأَ وَلَا أَبَوَاهُ، لَكِنْ لِنَتَّظَرِ أَعْمَالَ اللَّهِ فِيهِ. يَنْبَغِي لِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ أَعْمَالَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي مَا دَامَ نَهَارٌ. يَأْتِي لَيْلٌ حَيْثُ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَعْمَلَ. مَا دُمْتُ فِي الْعَالَمِ، فَأَنَا نُورٌ الْعَالَمِ. قَالَ هَذَا، وَتَقَلَّ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ، وَصَنَعَ مِنْ تَفْلَتِهِ طِينًا، وَطَلَى بِالطِينِ عَيْنَيَّ الْأَعْمَى، وَقَالَ لَهُ: اذْهَبْ وَاغْتَسِلْ فِي بَرَكَةِ سِلْوَامِ (الَّذِي تَفْسِيرُهُ الْمُرْسَلُ). فَمَضَى وَاغْتَسَلَ وَعَادَ بَصِيرًا. قَالِجِرَانُ وَالَّذِينَ كَانُوا يَرَوْنَهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ أَنَّهُ كَانَ أَعْمَى قَالُوا: أَلَيْسَ هَذَا هُوَ الَّذِي كَانَ يَجْلِسُ وَيَسْتَعْطِي؟ فَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ هَذَا هُوَ، وَآخَرُونَ قَالُوا "إِنَّهُ يُشَبِّهُهُ". وَأَمَّا هُوَ فَكَانَ يَقُولُ "إِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ". فَقَالُوا لَهُ: كَيْفَ انْفَتَحَتْ عَيْنَاكَ؟ أَجَابَ ذَلِكَ وَقَالَ: إِنْسَانٌ يُقَالُ لَهُ يَسُوعُ، صَنَعَ طِينًا وَطَلَى عَيْنَيَّ وَقَالَ لِي "اذْهَبْ إِلَى بَرَكَةِ سِلْوَامِ وَاغْتَسِلْ". فَمَضَيْتُ وَاغْتَسَلْتُ، فَأَبْصَرْتُ. فَقَالُوا لَهُ: أَيْنَ ذَلِكَ؟ فَقَالَ: لَا أَعْلَمُ. فَأَتَوْنَا بِهِ، أَيُّ بِالَّذِي كَانَ قَبْلًا أَعْمَى إِلَى الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ. وَكَانَ حِينَ صَنَعَ يَسُوعُ الطِّينَ وَفَتَحَ عَيْنَيْهِ يَوْمَ سَبْتٍ. فَسَأَلَهُ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ أَيْضًا، كَيْفَ أَبْصَرَ؟ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: جَعَلَ عَلَى عَيْنَيَّ طِينًا ثُمَّ اغْتَسَلْتُ، فَأَنَا الْآنَ أَبْصِرُ. فَقَالَ قَوْمٌ مِنَ الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ: هَذَا الْإِنْسَانُ لَيْسَ مِنَ اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا يَحْفَظُ السَّبْتَ.

آخرون قالوا: كيف يقدر إنسان خاطئ أن يعمل مثل هذه الآيات؟ فوقع بينهم شقاق. فقالوا أيضا للأعمى: ماذا تقول أنت عنه من حيث إنه فتح عينيك؟ فقال: إنه نبي. ولم يصدق اليهود عنه أنه كان أعمى فأبصر حتى دعوا أبوي الذي أبصر وسألوهما قائلين: أهذا هو ابنكما الذي تقولان إنه ولد أعمى؟ فكيف أبصر الآن؟ أجابهم أبواه وقالوا: نحن نعلم أن هذا ولدنا، وأنه ولد أعمى، وأما كيف أبصر الآن فلا نعلم، أو من فتح عينيه، فنحن لا نعلم، هو كامل السن فاسألوه، فهو يتكلم عن نفسه. قال أبواه هذا، لأنهما كانا يخافان من اليهود، لأن اليهود كانوا قد تعاهدوا أنه إن اعترف أحد بأنه المسيح، يخرج من المجمع. فلذلك قال أبواه، "هو كامل السن، فاسألوه." فدعوا ثانية الإنسان الذي كان أعمى وقالوا له: أعط مجدا لله، فإنا نعلم أن هذا الإنسان خاطئ. فأجاب ذلك وقال: أخاطئ هو لا أعلم، إنما أعلم شيئا واحدا، أنني كنت أعمى، والآن أنا أبصر. فقالوا له أيضا: ماذا صنع بك؟ كيف فتح عينيك؟ أجابهم: قد أخبرتكم فلم تسمعوا، فماذا تريدون أن تسمعوا أيضا؟ ألكم أنتم أيضا تريدون أن تصيروا له تلاميذ؟ فستموه وقالوا له: أنت تلميذ ذلك، وأما نحن فإنا تلاميذ موسى، ونحن نعلم أن الله قد كلم موسى، فأما هذا، فلا نعلم من أين هو. أجاب الرجل وقال لهم: إن في هذا عجبا أنكم ما تعلمون من أين هو وقد فتح عيني، ونحن نعلم أن الله لا يسمع للحطاة، ولكن إذا أحد اتقى الله وعمل مشيئته، فله يستجيب. منذ الدهر لم يسمع أن أحدا فتح عيني مولود أعمى. فلو لم يكن هذا من الله، لم يقدر أن يفعل شيئا. أجابوه وقالوا له: إنك في الخطايا قد ولدت بجملة، أفأنت تعلمنا؟ فأخرجوه خارجا. وسمع يسوع أنهم أخرجوه خارجا، فوجدته وقال له: أتؤمن أنت بآب الله. فأجاب ذلك، وقال: فمن هو يا سيد لأؤمن به؟ فقال له يسوع: قد رأيته والذي يتكلم معك هو هو. فقال له: قد آمننت يا رب، وسجد له.

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 are challenging us to raise \$100,000 for our Fellowship Hall. If we raise that money, they will match it.

Let's do it and try to finish our project.

We have collected \$97,000 from all sources. We need your help to reach \$100,000.

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 9th: 10-year memorial service for the servant of God Fakhry Farhan Kawar, offered by Ramsey and Kian Kawar and family. May his memory be eternal!

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 12 th	Evening Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Ascension عيد الصعود
June 23 rd	Festival committee meeting after Coffee Hour.
September 28-29	Annual Middle Eastern Festival

Coffee Hours

June 9 th	Ramsey and Kian Kawar in memory of Ramsey's father Fakhry Farhan Kawar.
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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!
- † Fr. Nicholas and Katarena Borzghol for the good health of son and brother **Edmon** on his birthday. 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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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 Presbytera 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 style with a large, stylized initial "T".

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

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YOUNG ADULT EVENTS



DAY: HYGIENE KITS W/ TEEN SOYO

**THURSDAY
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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**

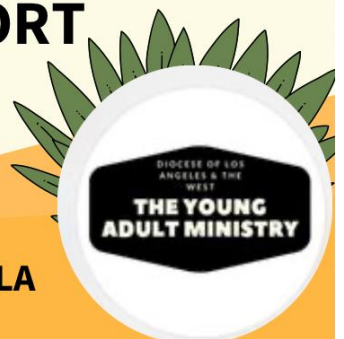
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Congratulations Class of 2023!

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.

