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**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024**

**TONE 8 / EOTHINON 6; SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**& SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**GREAT-MARTYR ARTEMIUS AT ANTIOCH**

VENERABLE GERASIMOS THE NEW ASCETIC OF KEPHALLENIA; VENERABLE MATRONA OF CHIOS



## **Holy Great-Martyr Artemius at Antioch**

On October 20 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Great-Martyr Artemius at Antioch. This glorious saint was Egyptian by birth and the chief commander under Emperor Constantine the Great. Artemius was present with the emperor when the victorious Cross appeared to him. At that moment, Artemius believed in the Lord Christ and was baptized. He was appointed as imperial prefect in Egypt and remained in this position under Emperor Julian the Apostate. He summoned Artemius to Antioch where the apostate emperor subjected two Christian priests, Eugenius and Macarius, to torture.

Seeing this, Artemius became greatly enraged and told Julian, "Your death is near." Julian then stripped Artemius of his military rank and ordered him to be flogged and torn asunder. Artemius was thrown into prison, where the Lord Jesus Christ appeared and healed him. Artemius was beheaded in the year 362. Emperor Julian went out against the Persians and perished dishonorably, as Artemius had foretold.

## **THE EPISTLE**

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.*

*God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)**

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

## الرسالة

صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا.

اللهُ معروفٌ في أرضِ يهوذا. اسْمُهُ عَظِيمٌ في إِسْرَائِيل.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى أَهْلِ كورنثوس.

يا إِخْوَةُ، أَنْتُمْ هَيْكَلُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، كَمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ، "إِنِّي سَأَسْكُنُ فِيهِمْ، وَأَسِيرُ فِيهِمْ بَيْنَهُمْ، وَأَكُونُ لَهُمْ إِلَهًا وَهُمْ يَكُونُونَ لِي شَعْبًا. فَلِذَلِكَ أَخْرَجُوا مِنْ بَيْنِهِمْ وَعَتَرَلُوا"، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ "وَلَا تَمَسُّوا نَجَسًا. فَأَقْبَلْكُمْ وَأَكُونْ لَكُمْ أَبًا وَتَكُونُوا أَنْتُمْ لِي بَنِينَ وَبَنَاتٍ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ الْقَدِيرُ." وَإِذْ لَنَا هَذِهِ الْمَوَاعِدُ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحِبَّاءُ، فَلْنُظْهِرْ أَنْفُسَنَا مِنْ كُلِّ أَدْنَسِ الْجَسَدِ وَالرُّوحِ، وَنُكْمَلِ الْقَدَاسَةَ بِمَخَافَةِ اللَّهِ.

## THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So, He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

## الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، أَتَى يَسُوعُ إِلَى كُورَةِ الْجَرْجَسِيِّينَ، فَاسْتَقْبَلَهُ رَجُلٌ مِنَ الْمَدِينَةِ بِهِ شَيَاطِينُ مُنْذُ زَمَانٍ طَوِيلٍ، وَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَلْبَسُ ثَوْبًا وَلَا يَأْوِي إِلَى بَيْتٍ، بَلْ إِلَى الْقُبُورِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى يَسُوعَ، صَاحَ وَخَرَّ لَهُ، وَقَالَ بِصَوْتٍ عَظِيمٍ: "مَا لِي وَلَكَ يَا يَسُوعُ ابْنَ اللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ؟ أَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكَ أَلَا تُعَذِّبَنِي." فَإِنَّهُ أَمَرَ الرُّوحَ النَّجِسَ أَنْ يَخْرُجَ مِنَ الْإِنْسَانِ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَدْ اخْتَطَفَهُ مُنْذُ زَمَانٍ طَوِيلٍ، وَكَانَ يُرْبِطُ بِسَلْسِلٍ، وَيُحْبَسُ بِقُيُودٍ، فَيَقْطَعُ الرُّبُطَ وَيُسَاقُ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ إِلَى الْبَرَارِيِّ. فَسَأَلَهُ يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: "مَا اسْمُكَ؟" فَقَالَ لَهُ: "لَجِيُونَ"، لِأَنَّ شَيَاطِينَ كَثِيرِينَ كَانُوا قَدْ دَخَلُوا فِيهِ. وَطَلَبُوا إِلَيْهِ أَنْ لَا يَأْمُرَهُمْ بِالذَّهَابِ إِلَى الْهَاطِيَةِ. وَكَانَ هُنَاكَ قَطِيعُ خَنَازِيرَ كَثِيرَةٍ تَرَعَى فِي الْجَبَلِ. فَطَلَبُوا إِلَيْهِ أَنْ يَأْذَنَ لَهُمْ بِالذَّخُولِ فِيهَا، فَأَذِنَ لَهُمْ. فَخَرَجَ الشَّيَاطِينُ مِنَ الْإِنْسَانِ، وَدَخَلُوا فِي الْخَنَازِيرِ. فَوَثَبَ الْقَطِيعُ عَنِ الْجُرْفِ إِلَى الْبُحَيْرَةِ فَاخْتَنَقَ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى الرُّعَاةَ مَا حَدَثَ، هَرَبُوا وَأَخْبَرُوا فِي الْمَدِينَةِ وَفِي الْحُقُولِ. فَخَرَجُوا لِيَرَوْا مَا حَدَثَ وَأَتُوا إِلَى يَسُوعَ، فَوَجَدُوا الْإِنْسَانَ الَّذِي خَرَجَتْ مِنْهُ الشَّيَاطِينُ جَالِسًا عِنْدَ قَدَمَيْ يَسُوعَ لَابْسًا صَحِيحَ الْعَقْلِ، فَخَافُوا. وَأَخْبَرَهُمُ النَّاطِرُونَ أَيْضًا كَيْفَ أَبْرَأَ الْمَجْنُونُ. فَسَأَلَهُ جَمِيعُ جُمْهُورِ كُورَةِ الْجَرْجَسِيِّينَ أَنْ يَنْصَرِفَ عَنْهُمْ لِأَنَّهُ اعْتَرَاهُمْ خَوْفٌ عَظِيمٌ. فَدَخَلَ السَّفِينَةَ وَرَجَعَ. فَسَأَلَهُ الرَّجُلُ الَّذِي خَرَجَتْ مِنْهُ الشَّيَاطِينُ أَنْ يَكُونَ مَعَهُ. فَصَرَفَهُ يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: "إِرْجِعْ إِلَى بَيْتِكَ وَحَدِّثْ بِمَا صَنَعَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ." فَذَهَبَ وَهُوَ يُنَادِي فِي الْمَدِينَةِ كُلِّهَا بِمَا صَنَعَ إِلَيْهِ يَسُوعَ.

### **Memory Eternal**

Laila Qubain, Evleen's sister passed peacefully in Amman, Jordan. She is survived by 9 brothers and sisters, 3 wonderful children and 8 beautiful grandchildren. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother and a kind person who never complained. "Whatever God wants, I'm here to serve." May her memory be eternal! She will be missed with her sense of humor and love for all.

### **Palestine Day - Saturday, October 19th, 2024, Redwood City**

Palestine American Coalition will be hosting Palestine Day on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 12-8pm at the Old Courthouse, Downtown Redwood City. Please attend or volunteer! The sign up link to volunteer is below:

[Palestine Day Volunteers October 19th 2024: Palestine Day Volunteers October 19th 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com/Palestine-Day-Volunteers-October-19th-2024)



### **Love Your Neighbor**

**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.

#### **Sun. October 20<sup>th</sup>:**

English Epistle reader: Yasmeen Rafidee

Arabic Epistle reader: Malak Khalileh

Sermonette: Malak Khalileh

#### **Sun. October 27<sup>th</sup>:**

Epistle Reader: Katie Najjar

Sermonette: Katie Najjar

Ushers/ Tray Passers: All the teens



### **Youth Month in our Archdiocese!!**

October is here and we are about to start *Youth Month* across our Antiochian Archdiocese. During the month of October we give our teens more opportunities to serve in Church, including: Epistle reading, taking the collections, serving as ushers, and other additional activities in serving the parish community.

October is also a time for us, clergy and parishioners, to share our love and concern for the youth of our parish. Let us take a moment to thank a teenager for being present in Church. Thank them for their good works. Let them know that they are welcome and wanted in our parish!

### **A Big Thank You To All Who Made This Year's Festival A Success!**

Our sincere thanks to all those who *labored, donated, and supported* the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Middle Eastern Festival. It was a real community in action under the Almighty God. May the Lord pour His blessing upon all of you.

### **Silent Auction for Gala**

We just finished a very successful festival and we are hitting the ground running with our fundraising Gala in a few weeks. To have two big fundraisers back-to-back is a lot of work but very rewarding. We are collecting Silent auction items. We are confident with everyone's effort we are going to collect items for our silent auction. **NO ITEM IS TOO SMALL.**

Examples of items:

- Memorabilia
- Artwork
- Gift baskets (theme ones, arabic, kids, wine, beauty etc.)
- Spa
- Photography session
- Cooking classes
- Gift cards
- Museum tickets
- Golf lessons

Please text or call Rania Kashou as she is collecting items: 415-722-0774

### **General Parish Meeting**

Dear parishioners,

We would like to call for a special general parish meeting on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> after the Divine liturgy. The purpose of the meeting is to entertain the idea of getting a second loan to finish our Fellowship Hall. In Christ,

Fr. Nicholas Borzghol

### Ladie's Meeting after Cofffee Hour

Hello dear ladies: let's all meet on October 20 for a brief meeting after enjoying your coffee. We need to discuss how to be more active next year and bring more income towards our church hall. We will also discuss our budget. Thank you. In Christ, Fadwa Samara

### Parish Council Members

The names below are current members of the St. John Parish Council. Each of these fellow parishioners attend council meetings every month, lead or serve on various parish committees, and support our parish in many other ways. We thank them for giving generously of their time, talents, and treasure for the wellbeing of our parish.

When you see them at church services or at parish activities, let them know you appreciate their service to our community. In addition, let them hear from you when you have a comment, question, or concern about any aspect of parish life at St. John. Parishioner input allows them to make the best possible decisions.

Moving forward, this message will appear in the Bulletin once every month as a way of reminding us of this part of our parish organizational structure.

### Parish Council Members

Fr. Nicholas Borzghol  
Dn. Nicholas Adranly  
Raif Rihani (chairman)  
Samir Youakim (vice chairman)  
Matthew Simon (treasurer)  
Charlene Nassoura (secretary)  
Jordis Fasheh  
Andrew Thayer  
Neezar Samara  
David Kashou  
Samir Syriani

### Ex-Officio Members

Paula Kassouf (Sunday school)  
Angie Kreta (Choir)  
Dn. Nicholas Adranly (men's fellowship)  
Fadwa Samara (ladies)

### Upcoming Events

<b>Every Sunday at 7pm</b>	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting.
<b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b>	General Parish Meeting

### Coffee Hours

<b>October 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Jill, Jordis and Margaret
<b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Ron and Claude Issac and family
<b>November 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	The Najjar Family in 40-day memory of Aida Najjar.
<b>November 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Sponsor Needed
<b>November 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Fadwa Samara

### Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, George Messih, Henriette Hilal and Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Sam Nassab**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Fairouz Freij**. Many years!
- † Rocky and Nada Dudum for the good health of **Sandy Dudum Bennett**. Many years!
- † Siham Mitry in memory of her sisters **Elaine, Rita and Jeanete Samara**. May their memory be eternal!
- † Noha Schultz for the safety of her family in Lebanon: the **Batruni, Abi-Habib, Abou-Naoum & Baboch families**.

### 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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## **October is a HUGE month for St. John Orthodox Church**

This month, October 2024, carries great hope and potential for our beloved parish of St. John. The generosity and commitment of St. John members and friends of St. John is appreciated, valued, and has gotten us to this point.

Our Fellowship Hall project is 85% complete. What happens this month can put us over the top, thus avoiding the need to stop construction before completion.

First, thank you to everyone who worked hard and who attended our just completed Festival. The preliminary financial report shows revenue after expenses of \$37,000. More details will be reported after all expense and revenue data is finalized.

The Gala and Dinner on Saturday, October 26 is a second critical moment that makes this month so pivotal. Funds raised from ticket sales and items auctioned will go to the Building Fund.

About 125 tickets have been sold so far to both members and friends of St. John. Each \$250 ticket includes drinks, appetizers, gourmet dinner, wine, and dessert, plus music and dancing. Amazingly, the evening will be highlighted by a live auction featuring autographed items from football great Tom Brady and Warriors star Stephen Curry. In addition, an array of silent auction items will be available throughout the evening. A brief update of the Fellowship Hall project will also be given. Tickets can be purchased until October 20, so please call David Hanna at (925) 323-1203, Rania Kashou at (415) 722-0774 or Fr. Nicholas at (415) 317-2072 to reserve your spot.

Third on the Big Three list for this month is the Parish Meeting after Liturgy on Sunday, October 27. Following an overview of the construction and the financial status of the project, plus time for questions and answers, a vote will be held to determine the best course of action going forward. With revenue from the Festival and the Gala taken into consideration, these three options will be reviewed and discussed.

- Continuing to solicit donations from parishioners, as well as from friends, of St. John.
- Contacting parishioners about making a personal loan to the parish.
- Feasibility of securing a second bank loan.

The parish roster is being reviewed to determine the quota for this Parish Meeting. This number will be made known in advance of the meeting on October 27.

We humbly ask all parishioners to appreciate how important this month is to the future of St. John. Our goal is to not only create a plan that will get us to the finish line for the Fellowship Hall Project, but to do so with everyone in the parish feeling they participated in creating that plan. Everyone's voice is valued, and everyone's prayers are needed.

Call

Steve Kreta at 707-334-1852,  
David Kashou at 925-586-2931,  
David Hanna at (925) 323-1203,  
Raif Rihani at 925-212-9246, or  
Fr. Nicholas at (415) 317-2072

with questions about any of this information.

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
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**TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT**

October, 2024

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37-38)

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The month of October in our God-protected Antiochian Archdiocese is designed as “Youth Month and Seminary Month.” This is intended to bring awareness to the importance of the pastoral and theological training initiative of our Archdiocese.

This year’s records of our Archdiocese show more than 25 students enrolled in three seminaries whose training supply our churches with priesthood candidates, choir directors, youth workers and Christian education leaders.

Your generous donations today in support of our seminarians and these institutions will ensure that our parishes will continue to be supplied with exemplary priests equipped to serve the needs of our parishioners, and competent staffing that will be able to perpetuate their vigorous programs. These men are preparing for the holy labors of baptizing our infants, marrying our young people, preaching the gospel, laying to eternal rest our loved ones, granting solace to those in distress, and offering guidance to those in need of direction. In other words, we are supporting them as they prepare to support all of us in our journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are grateful for your invaluable and innumerable initiatives in providing financial and moral support over the many past decades toward this worthy cause, and for subsidizing the vital educational programs of these institutions, and the needs of our seminarians.

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

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Also, we appreciate the hand-on training and the financial support offered to our students by the following parishes this year: St. Anthony, Bergenfield; St. George, Allentown; St. George, Little Falls; St. George, Boston; St. George, Worcester; St. Ignatius, Florida; St. Mary, Brooklyn; St. Mary, Wilkes-Barre; St. Mary, Yonkers; St. Nicholas, Bridgeport; St. Nicholas, Brooklyn; St. Paul, Emmaus; St. Philip, Souderton; and St. Stephen, South Plainfield.

Recent studies have shown that we are facing a shortage of clergy in the coming years. We need your generous financial support to educate as many priestly candidates and their families as possible to work in the Vineyard of our Savior. May the Lord reward you accordingly for your emotional and financial support in his name and to his glory. Your thoughtfulness has made you worthy recipients of the spiritual dividends of the fruits produced through the labor of these schools and the priests they have trained.

Your Father 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" and a period after the first name.

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October 9, 2024

Dear Reverend Clergy and Esteemed Members of our Parish Councils,

Grace and peace to you in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Everyone across our nation has witnessed with sadness as Hurricane “Helene” cut a path of destruction across many states in our land from Florida to Tennessee and the Carolinas. Winds, rain, and flooding in many areas led to collapse of roads, destruction of properties, loss of businesses and livelihood, much suffering and loss of human lives.

As words have been received regarding the parishes that suffered damages asking for help through our hurricane funds, we continue to monitor until after the passing of the second Hurricane “Milton” to know the full damage that our parishes have sustained, their parishioners, and their surroundings.

In response to appeals from several of our clergy and their parishes that requested a directive from the Archdiocese as to where they may direct their help, I call upon all our parishes to take a special collection for those who have suffered losses from these two unprecedented storms.

Once you have had a chance to collect all donations, please forward one check from your parish to the Archdiocese (memo: “Hurricane Relief”)— no later than the end of this month. All donations will go directly to those in need.

Please demonstrate your love in a practical way by lifting prayers and supplications to our good and saving God on behalf of all that suffered distresses, pains, and losses because of the hurricanes, that they might “find hope under His wings” (Ps. 90:4).

Give any amount of love offering in the name of Jesus Christ for the sake of the victims of these two hurricanes. Offer whatever you are able. No amount is too small. May God’s blessings come upon you and reward your generosity preserving you and your families from all harms.

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Saba".

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“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

Dear Reverend Clergy, Esteemed Members of our Parish Councils, and all the faithful parishioners of our God-protected Antiochian Archdiocese,

May the divine grace and peace of Christ Jesus our Lord come upon you and our entire world!

Our main office at the archdiocese has been receiving a considerable number of inquiries from clergy, parish council members, as well as other various organizations who have the desire to help the Antiochian Archdioceses in Lebanon.

The inquiries are related to the news and Social Media posts about events taking place in several archdioceses in the Antiochian Motherland.

In response to the aforementioned inquiry, all interested donors that want to help this humanitarian need may mail their donations to the Archdiocese noting on the memo section of their checks “Relief Fund - LB”. All donations will go directly to those in need.

During these challenging times as well as all times, love is practiced and demonstrated by prayers and supplications on behalf of all that are in pain, distress and loss of comfort.

Please pray for peace in the entire world and upon all of God’s creation so that the Lord Jesus Christ may wipe every tear of all the afflicted.

Your Father in Christ,

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"Rejoice, thou adornment of high priests, protector of Aegina, and ardent helper of thy flock."

Vespers  
Litia w/ Artoklasia  
Orthros  
Liturgy

Greek Orthodox  
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Ascension  
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