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THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES THE "BROTHER OF GOD" & SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

IGNATIUS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; JAMES OF BOROVICHI, WONDERWORKER OF NOVGOROD



The Holy Hieromartyr and Apostle James, Brother of God

On October 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Hieromartyr and Apostle James, the Brother of God and First Bishop of Jerusalem.

James is called God's brother because he was the son of the righteous Joseph, the betrothed of the Most-holy Theotokos; he greatly loved Jesus. According to tradition, James traveled to Egypt with the Most-holy Virgin and Joseph, when Herod sought to slay the newborn King. The Lord numbered James among His Seventy Apostles and he compiled the first Liturgy. James was Bishop of Jerusalem for thirty years and converted many Jews and Greeks to the Christian Faith.

When Ananias became High Priest, he and other Jewish elders determined to kill James during the feast of Passover. They forced James to climb onto the roof of the Temple and tried to make him speak against Christ. Instead, he spoke of Christ as the Son of God and the true Messiah, and of His Resurrection. The infuriated priests and elders pushed him off the roof, but he survived. Then, one man ran up and struck James on the head with a fuller's club and, thus, this most glorious apostle died a martyr's death.

THE EPISTLE

His voice has gone out into all the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا.

إِلَى كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ خَرَجَ صَوْتُهُ.

السَّمَاوَاتُ تُذِيعُ مَجْدَ اللَّهِ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ غَلَاطِيَّةِ.

يَا إِخْوَهُ، أُعْلِمُكُمْ أَنَّ الْإِنْجِيلَ الَّذِي بَشَّرْتُ بِهِ، لَيْسَ بِحَسَبِ الْإِنْسَانِ. لِأَنِّي لَمْ أَتَسَلَّمْهُ أَوْ أَتَعَلَّمْهُ مِنْ إِنْسَانٍ، بَلْ بِإِعْلَانِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. فَإِنَّكُمْ قَدْ سَمِعْتُمْ بِسِيرَتِي قَدِيمًا فِي مِلَّةِ الْيَهُودِ أَنِّي كُنْتُ أَضْطَهْدُ كَنِيسَةَ اللَّهِ بِإِفْرَاطٍ وَأَدْمَرُهَا. وَأَزِيدُ تَقَدُّمًا فِي مِلَّةِ الْيَهُودِ عَلَى كَثِيرِينَ مِنْ أَتْرَابِي فِي جِنْسِي، بِكَوْنِي أَوْفَرَ مِنْهُمْ غَيْرَةً عَلَى تَقْلِيدَاتِ آبَائِي. فَلَمَّا ارْتَضَى اللَّهُ، الَّذِي أَفْرَزَنِي مِنْ جَوْفِ أُمِّي وَدَعَانِي بِنِعْمَتِهِ. أَنْ يُعْلِنَ ابْنَهُ فِيَّ لِأُبَشِّرَ بِهِ بَيْنَ الْأُمَمِ، لِسَاعَتِي لَمْ أَصْغِ إِلَى لَحْمٍ وَدَمٍ. وَلَا صَعِدْتُ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ إِلَى الرُّسُلِ الَّذِينَ قَبْلِي، بَلْ انْطَلَقْتُ إِلَى دِيَارِ الْعَرَبِ، وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ رَجَعْتُ إِلَى دِمَشْقَ. ثُمَّ إِنِّي بَعْدَ ثَلَاثِ سِنِينَ، صَعِدْتُ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ لِأَزُورَ بَطْرُسَ، فَأَقَمْتُ عِنْدَهُ خَمْسَةَ عَشَرَ يَوْمًا. وَلَمْ أَرِ غَيْرَهُ مِنَ الرُّسُلِ سِوَى يَعْقُوبَ أَخِي الرَّبِّ.

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.

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفًا مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.


فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، أَتَى يَسُوعُ إِلَى كُورَةِ الْجَرْجِسِيِّينَ، 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 يَسُوعَ ابْنَ اللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ؟ أَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكَ أَلَّا تُعَذِّبَنِي." فَإِنَّهُ أَمَرَ الرُّوحَ النَّجِسَ أَنْ يَخْرُجَ مِنَ الْإِنْسَانِ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَدْ اخْتَطَفَهُ مُنْذُ زَمَانٍ طَوِيلٍ، وَكَانَ يُرَبِّطُ بِسَلْسَلٍ، وَيُحْبَسُ بِقَيْودٍ، فَيَقْطَعُ الرُّبُطَ وَيُسَاقُ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ إِلَى الْبَرَارِيِّ. فَسَأَلَهُ يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: "مَا اسْمُكَ؟" فَقَالَ لَهُ: "الْجِيُونُ"، لِأَنَّ شَيَاطِينًا كَثِيرِينَ كَانُوا قَدْ دَخَلُوا فِيهِ. وَطَلَبُوا إِلَيْهِ أَنْ لَا يَأْمُرَهُمْ بِالذَّهَابِ إِلَى الْهَآوِيَةِ. وَكَانَ هُنَاكَ قَطِيعُ خَنَازِيرٍ 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 الْبُحِيرَةِ 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 لَا يَسُوعَ صَحِيحَ الْعَقْلِ، فَخَافُوا. وَأَخْبَرَهُمُ النَّاضِرُونَ أَيْضًا كَيْفَ أُبْرِئَ الْمَجْنُونُ. فَسَأَلَهُ جَمِيعُ جُمْهُورِ كُورَةِ الْجَرْجِسِيِّينَ 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.

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

As we enjoy our last few weeks of the summer vacation and look forward to the beginning of a Fall school year, our parish will join other parishes in our Archdiocese in supporting youth, our seminarians, and those wishing to continue studies in Theology and Church History. Please consider gifts for the next few months supporting these three Antiochian Archdiocese Programs.

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.

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| <p>Sun. October 23rd: Epistle Reader: Lia Simon Sun. October 30th: Epistle Reader: TBD</p>  |
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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!

Jolly Christmas Car

Please mark your calendars: Our annual Jolly Christmas Car event will be held Sunday December 4th after service.

More information to follow! If you would like to participate for this event and/volunteer please let Rania Kashou know 415.722.0774 or raniamariekashou@gmail.com

Thank you so much!!!

-Rania

Upcoming Events

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| Sunday, October 23rd | 6 months memorial service for the handmaiden of God Kh. Patricia Romley and 19 years memorial service for the servant of God Fr. Paul Romley. May their memories be eternal! |
| Sunday, December 4th | The annual Jolly Christmas Car event |

Coffee Hours

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| October 23rd | Norma Khalil |
| October 30th | Paula Kassouf in memory of her father Samir Kassouf |

Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Noha Schulze, George Messih** and **Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † Also, for the good health of their family!
- † Fady and Jumana Najjar and children for the good health of their mother and grandmother **Siham Hayek**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Souhila Swies**. Many years!
- † Also, for the good health of their family!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Issa and Laila Mashy**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Ziad Nassoura** (October 9), **Nicole Nassoura** (October 16) and **Charlene Nassoura** (October 22) on their birthdays. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Metropolitan Philip** on the feast of St. Philip (oct. 11th). May his memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Ron Nicola**. 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 Swiess, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022

Patriarch John, Holy Synod Announce Retirements of Metropolitan Joseph, Bishop Basil

His Grace Bishop John, chairman of the Temporary Operating Committee for the Oversight of the Archdiocesan Office, along with the committee members, writes:

Brother Bishops, reverend Clergy, and esteemed Members of the Archdiocese Board of Trustees,

We greet you in the name of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Today, His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X of Antioch informed us that he and the Holy Synod of Antioch have accepted and ratified the retirement request of His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, who is now retired with the title "Former Metropolitan."

At the same meeting of the Holy Synod, the pending retirement request of His Grace Bishop BASIL was also approved.

Please find attached to this email three items in Arabic and English:

- the full statement of the Holy Synod of Antioch upon the conclusion of its meeting, (English) (البيان باللغة العربية)
- the statement regarding the retirement of Metropolitan JOSEPH, (English) (البيان باللغة العربية) and
- the statement regarding the retirement of Bishop BASIL. (English) (البيان باللغة العربية)

These statements will be posted on Antiochian.org and the Archdiocese's Facebook and Instagram pages shortly.

His Beatitude has not yet appointed a Patriarchal Vicar for the Archdiocese. Therefore, the Temporary Operating Committee will continue to administer the Archdiocesan Office until the Patriarchal Vicar assumes his role at the headquarters. For clergy in those dioceses with no auxiliary bishop (now including the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America), pastoral concerns should continue to be directed to His Grace Bishop JOHN through the Archdiocesan Office until the Patriarchal Vicar assumes his responsibilities.

The clergy will no longer commemorate Metropolitan JOSEPH or Bishop BASIL in the divine services. Rather, they will now commemorate Patriarch JOHN and the auxiliary bishop of their diocese (if they have one).

We thank you for your faithfulness, steadfastness, and love in this time of transition.

In Christ,

Bishop JOHN, Chairman, and the Temporary Operating Committee
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



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Jolly Christmas Cars



**DECORATE THE TRUNK OF YOUR
CAR FOR ALL TO ENJOY**

After Liturgy on 12/04/2022

Bring goodies to share with all the kids



There will be a prize for the most festive car

**If you would like participate, donate and/or need
more information please contact**



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