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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

**TONE 1 / EOTHINON 7; EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

MARTYR NESTOR OF THESSALONICA; PROCLA (CLAUDIA) THE WIFE OF PONTIUS PILATE



Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica

On October 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the companion of Great-Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer: Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica.

Nestor learned the Christian Faith from St. Demetrios himself. At that time, Christ's enemy, Emperor Maximian, highly prized a Vandal fighter named Lyaeus, a man of Goliath-like size and strength. He defeated all challengers and threw them to their deaths onto a forest of spears. Christians were arrested and forced to duel with Lyaeus. Nestor's heart was torn with pain, and he decided to duel Lyaeus. But first, he went to prison to see St. Demetrios and sought a blessing from him. St. Demetrios made the sign of the Cross on his chest and forehead and prophesied to him, "You will defeat Lyaeus, but you will suffer for Christ." Thus, young Nestor of David-like size went to duel with Lyaeus. Maximian was present with a great crowd. Everyone pitied and feared for Nestor, but he crossed himself and said: "O God of Demetrios, help me!" With God's help, he defeated Lyaeus, knocked him down, and threw him to his death onto the sharp spears. Then all the people cried out: "Great is the God of Demetrios!" But the humiliated emperor commanded that Nestor be beheaded and Demetrios run through with lances. Thus, both Christian heroes took up habitation in the Kingdom of their Lord in the year 306.

THE EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let each one do according to what he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you; that you, having always all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever"; now He, who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in all things for every generosity, which works through us thanksgiving to God.

الرسالة

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَيْنَا.
ابْتَهَجُوا أَبُيَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ.

فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الثانية إلى أهل كورنثوس.

يا إخوة، إن من يزرع شحياً، فسحياً أيضاً يَحْصُدُ؛ ومن يزرع بالبركات، فبالبركات أيضاً يَحْصُدُ. كُلُّ واحدٍ كما نوى في قلبه، لا عن ابتئاس أو اضطرار. فإن الله يحبُّ المُعْطِي المُتَهَلِّل. والله قادرٌ أن يزيدكم كُلَّ نعمةٍ، حتى تكون لكم كُلُّ كفايةٍ، كُلَّ حينٍ، في كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، فتزدادوا في كُلِّ عَمَلٍ صالحٍ. كما كتبتُ "إنه بَدَّدَ، أعطى المساكين، فبره يدوم إلى الأبد." والذي يزرع الزرع زرعاً وخبزاً للقبوت، يزرعكم زرعكم ويكثره ويزيد غلال برکم. فتستغنون في كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، لِكُلِّ سخاءٍ خالصٍ يُنشئُ شكراً لله.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

الإنجيل

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر. (8:41-56)

في ذلك الزمان، دنا إلى يسوع إنسان اسمه يائرس، وهو رئيس للمجمع، وخرَّ عند قدمي يسوع، وطلب إليه أن يدخل إلى بيته، لأن له ابنةً وحيدةً لها نحو اثنتي عشرة سنة قد أشرقت على الموت. وبينما هو مُنْطَلِقٌ، كان الجموع يزحمونه. وإن امرأة بها نزف دم منذ اثنتي عشرة سنة، وكانت قد أنفقت معيشتها كلها على الأطباء ولم يستطع أحد أن يشفيها. دنت من خلفه ومسَّتْ هُذْبَ ثوبه، ولوقت نزف دمها. فقال يسوع: "من لمسني؟" وإذ أنكر جميعهم، قال بطرس والذين معه: "يا معلِّم، إن الجموع يضايقونك ويزحمونك، وتقول، من لمسني؟" فقال يسوع: "إنه قد لمسني واحد. لأني علمت أن قوة قد خرجت مني." فلما رأت المرأة أنها لم تخف، جاءت مرتعدةً وخرت له، وأخبرت أمام كل الشعب لآية علة لمسته، وكيف برئت للوقت. فقال لها: "تقي يا ابنة. إيمانك أبرأك، فاذهبي بسلام." وفيما هو يتكلم، جاء واحد من ذوي رئيس المجمع وقال له: "إن ابنتك قد ماتت، فلا تتعب المعلِّم." فسمع يسوع، فأجابهُ قائلاً: "لا تخف. آمن فقط فتبرأ هي." ولما دخل البيت، لم يدع أحداً يدخل إلا بطرس، ويعقوب، ويوحنا وأبا الصبية وأمها. وكان الجميع يبكون ويلطمون عليها. فقال لهم: "لا تبكوا. إنها لم تمت ولكنها نائمة." فصحكوا عليه لعلمهم بأنها قد ماتت. فأمسك بيدها وناذى قائلاً: "يا صبية قومي." فرجعت روحها وقامت في الحال. فأمر أن تُعطى لتأكل. فدهش أبواها، فأوصاهما أن لا يقولوا لأحد ما جرى.

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 27th:

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 30th 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.

General Parish Meeting

Dear parishioners,

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

Those who can't attend in person can join us via zoom at 11:30 am :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88139478450?pwd=xqukWbYiCW0PKh7bc4BrqCnGLPEgre.1>

In Christ,

Fr. Nicholas Borzghol

Thank you for Gala Donations

Thank you for your generous donations for our silent auction at the Gala. Your generosity is notified and shown in the community we serve.

Upcoming Events

Every Sunday at 7pm	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting.
October 27th	General Parish Meeting

Coffee Hours

October 27th	Ron and Claude Issac and family
November 3rd	The Najjar Family in 40-day memory of Aida Najjar.
November 10th	Sponsor Needed
November 17th	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**.
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **George Wahbeh**. 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 and Maron Juha

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ST. JOHN ORTHODOX CHURCH

FUNDRAISING DINNER

TICKETS AT \$250 PER PERSON

OCT. 26 | 5:30 PM

HOLY TRINITY SERBIAN CHURCH

1700 SCHOOL ST

MORAGA , CA 94556

FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR
FELLOWSHIP HALL

** DRESSY CASUAL **

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.



JOLLY CHRISTMAS CARS

DECORATE THE TRUNK OF
YOUR CAR FOR ALL TO ENJOY



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SUNDAY

DECEMBER

AFTER LITURGY

BRING A TREAT TO PASS TO
ALL THE KIDS

PRIZE FOR THE MOST
FESTIVE CAR!

TO PARTICIPATE PLEASE
CONTACT: RANIA KASHOU



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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,

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**SAVE
THE DATE**

Ukrainian refugee Danilo (not his real name) and his family found support from an IOCC cash-assistance program when they arrived in Poland.

IOCC FOOD & WINE TOUR

Hosted by the IOCC Metropolitan Committee of Northern California and Ascension Cathedral

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

VESPERS: 4:00 PM • RECEPTION: 5:00 – 8:00 PM

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Tickets and sponsorships at iocc.org/bayarea



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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,

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October 15, 2024

“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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4700 Lincoln Avenue,
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November
8th - 7PM