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TONE 8 / EOTHINON 6; SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE

THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, SON OF ALPHEUS

VENERABLE ANDRONIKOS AND ATHANASIA OF EGYPT; VENERABLE POPLIA THE CONFESSOR OF ANTIOCH;

RIGHTEOUS FOREFATHER ABRAHAM AND HIS NEPHEW THE RIGHTEOUS LOT

The Holy Apostle James



On October 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Apostle James, son of Alphaeus.

James is the brother of the Apostle and Evangelist Matthew and one of the Twelve Great Apostles. After the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, James led evangelization efforts in Eleutheropolis and Egypt. With great power in both word and act, James spread abroad the saving news of the incarnate Word of God, rooting out idol worship, driving demons out of men, healing all manner of sickness and disease in the Name of Christ. Though crucified by pagans, James entered into the eternal kingdom to

reign forever with the King of glory.

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.

صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا.

اللهُ معروفٌ في أرضِ يهوذا. إسمُهُ عَظِيمٌ في إِسْرَائِيلَ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى أَهْلِ كورِنْثُوسِ.

يا إِخْوَةَ، أَنْتُمْ هَيْكَلُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، كما قالَ اللهُ، "إِنِّي سَأَسْكُنُ فِيهِمْ، وَأَسِيرُ فِيهِمْ، وَأَكُونُ لَهُمْ إِلَهًا وَهُمْ يَكُونُونَ لِي شَعْبًا. فَلِذَلِكَ أَخْرُجُوا مِنْ بَيْنِهِمْ وَاعْتَرِلُوا" يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ "وَلَا تَمَسُّوا نَجِسًا. فَأَقْبَلَكُمْ وَأَكُونُ لَكُمْ أَبًا وَتَكُونُوا أَنْتُمْ لِي بَنِينَ وَبَنَاتٍ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ الْقَدِيرُ. "وَإِذْ لَنَا هَذِهِ الْمَوَاعِدُ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحِبَّاءُ، فَلْنُطَهِّرْ أَنْفُسَنَا مِنْ كُلِّ أَدْنَسِ الْجَسَدِ وَالرُّوحِ، وَنُكَمِّلِ الْقَدَاسَةَ بِمَخَافَةِ اللَّهِ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفًا فَصَلِّ شَرِيفًا مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، كَانَ يَسُوعُ مُنْطَلِقًا إِلَى مَدِينَةِ اسْمُهَا نَايْنُ، وَكَانَ كَثِيرُونَ مِنْ تَلَامِيذِهِ وَجَمْعٌ غَيْرٌ مُنْطَلِقِينَ مَعَهُ. فَلَمَّا قَرَّبَ مِنْ بَابِ الْمَدِينَةِ، إِذَا مَيْتٌ مَحْمُولٌ، وَهُوَ ابْنٌ وَحِيدٌ لِأُمِّهِ، وَكَانَتْ أَرْمَلَةً، وَكَانَ مَعَهَا جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْمَدِينَةِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَاهَا الرَّبُّ، تَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهَا وَقَالَ لَهَا: "لَا تَبْكِي." وَدَنَا، وَلَمَسَ النَّعْشَ (فَوَقَفَ الْحَامِلُونَ). فَقَالَ: "أَيُّهَا الشَّابُّ، لَكَ أَقْوَلُ قُمْ." فَاسْتَوَى الْمَيْتُ، وَبَدَأَ يَتَكَلَّمُ، فَسَلَّمَهُ إِلَى أُمِّهِ. فَأَخَذَ الْجَمِيعَ خَوْفًا، وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ: "لَقَدْ قَامَ فِيْنَا نَبِيٌّ عَظِيمٌ، وَافْتَقَدَ اللَّهُ شَعْبَهُ."

"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.

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 28th 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.

Sun. October 9th:

Epistle Reader: Ian McLellan

Sun. October 16th:

Epistle reader: TBD

Sun. October 23rd:

Epistle Reader: Lia Simon

Sun. October 30th:

Epistle Reader: TBD

Ushers/ Tray Passers:



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

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

October 9th	The Farradj and Silva families
October 16th	Samar Adranly for the 40 day memorial of Farida Harb
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!
- † George and Samar Adranly and family in memory of **Farida Harb**. May her memory be eternal!
- † 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 **Abla Howell**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Souhila Swies**. Many years!
- † Speero Tannous for the good health of **Tommy**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **the newly born granddaughter of Salim and Samia AbuDaoud**. Many years!
- † Also, for the good health of their family!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of the newly wed **Samir Jr.** and **Danielle Jeha**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Issa and Laila Mashy**. 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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2022 Fall Gathering

October 7-9

St. Simeon Orthodox
Mission Church
Santa Clarita, CA

Friday, October 7

3-6 pm	Arrival & registration
6:30 pm	Vespers
7:30 pm	Evening Social (Pasta and Salad Dinner)

Saturday, October 8

8:00 am	Registration Continental Breakfast
9:00 am	Morning Prayers and Opening Address
9:30 am-1:00 pm	Meetings Diocesan Organizations (Light refreshments available in each meeting room)
1:00 pm	Lunch provided by St. Simeon (Salad and Sandwiches)
2-5 pm	Free time /Optional Activities- Magic Mountain, Iron Horse Trail Walk/Hike, Shopping Valencia Town Center
5:30 pm	Great Vespers at St. Simeon
6:30 pm	Fiesta Dinner at St. Simeon (ticketed event- \$15.00)

Sunday, October 9

8:30 am	Orthros
9:30 am	Divine Liturgy
11:30 am	BBQ Luncheon at St. Simeon

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH

The Right Reverend
Bishop JOHN



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OF NORTH AMERICA**

October 2022

To be read from the pulpit and printed in the bulletin.

Beloved Hierarchs, reverend Clergy, and Christ-loving Faithful of our Archdiocese,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

October is Youth Month in our archdiocese, a time to focus on the place of young people in the Church. Throughout this month, we ask them to read the epistle and pass the collection tray, but this is not the extent of their service to God. These visible roles are just a symbol of the fact that we consider them, even at this young age, to be true partners within the Body of Christ. We recognize that each of them is called to contribute his or her work to our common life and ministry. We need them to serve in many ways now and to prepare for even greater service in the future.

To our youth I say this: Boldly and courageously follow Christ. As St. Paul says, "Let no one despise your young age, but be an example for the believers in word, in behavior, in love, in faith, and in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). Out of love for Christ, turn away from the empty distractions of worldly life and follow the hard path of virtue. Dedicate your lives to God as a sacrifice, a holy gift of love that pleases Him. Serve God, the Church, and humanity with all the energy and idealism of your age. Your growth in virtue, in service, and in devotion to Christ will bring us the greatest joy.

October is also Seminary Month, a reminder of our seminaries' and theological institutions' critical role in preparing the next generation of priests, deacons, youth workers, chanters, iconographers, chaplains, and teachers. Since this year has been dedicated to the theme of vocations, I ask our young people to prayerfully discern whether they are being called to one of these particular ministries. We especially need faithful young men, full of love and zeal, to consider a calling to the priesthood. I encourage our youth to talk to their bishops, priests, youth workers, and parents to seek help in discovering and following their vocations in the Church. And I ask our adults to do everything they can to support them in following these callings from God.

Finally, in light of Seminary Month, we ask all our parishes to take a special collection in support of our seminaries and theological institutions. Please give generously to support these schools in their essential mission. May the Lord bless all our efforts to train future clergy and church workers.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Br. John".

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

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

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