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SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

EUMENIOS THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF GORTYNA; MARTYR ARIADNE OF PHRYGIA



The Consecration of the Church of the Holy Resurrection (Holy Sepulchre)

The church that is honoured far above all others is that of the Holy Resurrection, which Saint Constantine the Great constructed at the place of Golgotha, where our Saviour was crucified and buried. For a long time this place had been purposely buried beneath the earth by the Jews and heathen; furthermore, during the reign of Hadrian (117-138), a temple dedicated to Aphrodite was built over the site so that this sacred place might be even further desecrated and fall into utter oblivion. It was here that the Cross was hidden. However, at the command of the pious Emperor Constantine, excavations were made and the tokens of the saving Passion were found. It was here, then, that the very great and magnificent temple named in honour of Christ God's Resurrection-the Anastasis-was built under the supervision of the blessed Helen, while Dracilian was Eparch of Palestine and Macarius was Archbishop of Jerusalem. It was the latter, also, who exalted the venerable Cross and performed the consecration of this temple in the year 336.

THE EPISTLE

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord.

In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, knowing that a person is not justified by the works of the Law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law; for by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we sought to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? God forbid! For if I build up again those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me.

مَا أَعْظَمَ أَعْمَالِكَ، يَا رَبُّ. كُلُّهَا بِحِكْمَةٍ صَنَعْتَ.

باركي يا نفسي الرب.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ غَلَاطِيَةَ.

يَا إِخْوَةٌ، إِذْ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَا يُبْرَرُ بِأَعْمَالِ النَّامُوسِ، بَلْ إِنَّمَا بِالْإِيمَانِ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَيْضاً بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ لِكَيْ نُبْرَرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِالْمَسِيحِ لَا بِأَعْمَالِ النَّامُوسِ، إِذْ لَا يُبْرَرُ بِأَعْمَالِ النَّامُوسِ أَحَدٌ مِنْ دَوَى الْجَسَدِ. فَإِنْ كُنَّا وَنَحْنُ طَالِبُونَ التَّبَرِيرَ بِالْمَسِيحِ وَجِدْنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضاً خُطَاةً، أَفَيَكُونُ الْمَسِيحُ إِذَنْ خَادِماً لِلْخَطِيئَةِ؟ حَاشَى. فَإِنِّي إِنْ عُدْتُ أَبْنِي مَا قَدْ هَدَمْتُ، أَجْعَلُ نَفْسِي مُتَعَدِّياً. لِأَنِّي بِالنَّامُوسِ مُتُّ لِلنَّامُوسِ لِكَيْ أَحْيَا لِلَّهِ. مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ صُلِبْتُ، فَأَحْيَا، لَا أَنَا، بَلِ الْمَسِيحُ يَحْيَا فِيَّ. وَمَا لِي مِنَ الْحَيَاةِ فِي الْجَسَدِ، أَنَا أَحْيَا فِي إِيمَانِ ابْنِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي أَحَبَّنِي، وَبَدَّلَ نَفْسَهُ عَنِّي.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقَسِ الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّمْذِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ.

قَالَ الرَّبُّ: "مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَتَّبَعَنِي، فَلْيَكْفُرْ بِنَفْسِهِ وَيَحْمِلْ صَلِيبَهُ وَيَتَّبَعَنِي. لِأَنَّ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفْسَهُ يُهْلِكُهَا، وَمَنْ أَهْلَكَ نَفْسَهُ مِنْ أَجْلِي وَمِنْ أَجْلِ الْإِنْجِيلِ يُخَلِّصُهَا. فَإِنَّهُ مَاذَا يَنْتَفِعُ الْإِنْسَانُ لَوْ رَجَحَ الْعَالَمَ كُلَّهُ وَخَسِرَ نَفْسَهُ؟ أَمْ مَاذَا يُعْطِي الْإِنْسَانُ فِدَاءً عَنِ نَفْسِهِ؟ لِأَنَّ مَنْ يَسْتَحْيِي بِي وَبِكَلَامِي فِي هَذَا الْجِيلِ الْفَاسِقِ الْخَاطِئِ، يَسْتَحْيِي بِهِ ابْنُ الْبَشَرِ مَتَى أَتَى فِي مَجْدِ أَبِيهِ مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ." وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنْ قَوْمًا مِنَ الْقَائِمِينَ هَهُنَا لَا يَذُوقُونَ الْمَوْتَ، حَتَّى يَرَوْا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ قَدْ أَتَى بِقُوَّةٍ."

"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.

September – Archdiocese collection for Seminarian Fund

Each year in the Fall, the Archdiocese asks parishes to take a collection to help support the Antiochian Orthodox students studying at the seminaries in our country, including St Vladimir's, St Tikhon's and Holy Cross Seminary.

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.

Sunday School Year
'22/'23 School year:

- Sept. 11, 2022: First Day of Sunday School and The Elevation of the Venerable and Life- Giving Cross (Sept. 14) Children will sit at the front of the Church for a special homily.
- Sept. 18, 2022: First legitimate day of class! Children go to regularly assigned classrooms. See below.
- Sept. 25, 2022: Church Festival. **No Sunday School**
- Dec. 11, 2022: Christmas Play. **No Sunday School**
- Dec. 18, 2022: Christmas break. **No Sunday School**
- Dec. 25, 2022: Christmas break. **No Sunday School**
- Jan. 1, 2022: Sunday before Epiphany. Children stay at the front of the Church for the Blessing of Water. **No Sunday School**
- Jan. 29, 2023: Creative Arts Project. Children go to admin building for arts and crafts for the 2022 Creative Festival. **No Sunday School.**
- February 27, 2023: First Day of Lent
- March 5, 2023: Sunday of Orthodoxy. Commemoration of the Restoration of the Holy Icons. **No Sunday School.** Children participate in a procession around the Church
- March 19, 2023: Sunday of the Holy Cross. Children participate in a procession around the Church. **No Sunday School.**
- April 9, 2023: Palm Sunday: **No Sunday School**
- April 16, 2023: Easter Sunday: **No Sunday School**
- May 21, 2023: Last Day of Sunday School
- May 28, 2023: Sunday School Graduation. **No Sunday School**

In Christ,
 Paula

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Our festival is fast approaching, on 9/24 & 9/25. We need volunteers to help in the following areas:

BBQ - 2 people needed each day for 4 hour shifts - contact George Adranly at gadranly@sbcglobal.net

Shawerma - 1 person needed each day for 4 hour shifts - contact David Kashou at kashou23@gmail.com

Sandwich Making (outdoor grill) - 2 people needed each day for 4 hour shifts - contact Suzanne Taovil at suenabil@hotmail.com

Beverage Booth - 2 people needed for 4 hour shifts - contact Nabil Taovil at nabil.taovil@sbcglobal.net

Volunteers also needed for set-up & making kifta on Friday, 9/23, starting at noon. You can sign up with Rula at church or rulaadranly@comcast.net. A BIG thanks to all the committee heads for their hard work in planning a return to our traditional festival.

Final meeting for the festival: Sunday, September 18th after coffee hour

Booth leaders, please be present so that we can make sure that you are ready.

All Hands on Deck!!!

All Hands on Deck!!! Let's Get Rolling!!! Saturday, September 17th 9:30 am in the Church hall. Please let Rula know if you can help: rulaadranly@comcast.net or 510-508-0929.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 17th	Preparation for the festival at 9:30 am.
Sunday, September 18th	40 days memorial service for the servant of God Nabil Wahbeh. May his memory be eternal!
Sunday, September 18th	Final meeting for the festival
September 24th – 25th	Festival

Coffee Hours

September 18th	George and Afaf Wahbeh
September 25th	Church Festival
October 2nd	Siham Mity for the good health of her family
October 9th	The Farradj and Silva families

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!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Nabil Wahbeh**. May his memory be eternal!
- † Fr. Nicholas Borzghol and family in memory of his aunt **Souhila Borzghol Abdalh** and his father **Edmond Borzghol**(10 years). May their memories be eternal!
- † 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!

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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- † Flowers for the feast of the elevation of the cross offered by Nick Jr., Najat Nicola and family in loving memory of **Stephen and Pauline Belavich**.



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28th Annual Middle Eastern Food Festival



St. John Antiochian Orthodox Church
501 Moraga Way in Orinda, CA

Sat. Sep 24, 2022 11am-8pm
Sun. Sep 25, 2022 12pm-7pm

Live music ~ Grand Prize Drawing ~ Delicious Food
Authentic Sweets ~ Children's Activities ~ Cultural Center
Vendor Booths ~ Henna Garden

ST. JOHN MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL – 2022 PRE-ORDER FORM

ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Spinach Pies (1 dozen)	\$ 48.00		
Grape Leaves – 1 large tray (approx. 180 leaves)	\$200.00		
Grape Leaves – 1 small tray (approx. 90 leaves)	\$100.00		
Baklava (1 dozen)	\$ 36.00		
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