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BEGINNING OF THE INDICATION: ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR

RIGHTEOUS SIMEON THE STYLITE; SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS AT MIASINAE



The Ecclesiastical New Year, The Miracle of the Theotokos at Miasinae Monastery, Righteous Father Symeon the Stylite

On September 1 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Beginning of the Indiction—the Ecclesiastical (Church) New Year.

The First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325 decreed that the Church year should begin on September 1. The month of September was, for the Hebrews, the beginning of the civil year, the month of gathering the harvest and of the offering of thanks to God. It was on this feast that the Lord Jesus entered the synagogue in Nazareth, and opened the book to read from the Prophet Isaiah, as found in today's Liturgy Gospel reading. The month of September is also important in the history of Christianity, because Emperor Constantine the Great was victorious over Maxentius, the enemy of the Christian Faith, in September.

Following this victory, Constantine granted freedom of confession to the Christian Faith throughout the Roman Empire.

On this day we also commemorate the miracle wrought by the Most-holy Theotokos at Miasinae Monastery. The Virgin's holy icon had been cast into Lake Zaguru so that the iconoclasts would not desecrate it. It miraculously arose intact from the lake's depths after many years in 864.

On this day we also commemorate our righteous Father Simeon the Stylite. He was born in Syria of peasant parents. At the age of eighteen, Simeon left home and was tonsured a monk. He undertook the most difficult ascetic practices, including a strict fast for forty days. Simeon eventually took upon himself a form of asceticism that was previously unknown. He stood day and night on a pillar, in unceasing prayer. At first, his pillar was six cubits (7.5 feet) high; Simeon eventually raised it to forty cubits (60 feet) high. The saint worked many great miracles, healing infirmities by word and prayer, comforting those in need, instructing others, and reproaching some who held heretical beliefs. Simeon lived to be 103 years old. He reposed in the Lord on September 1, 459. His pillar and the cathedral named in his honor still stand outside of Aleppo, Syria.

THE EPISTLE

Great is our Lord, and great is His power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-7)

Timothy, my son, first of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

الرسالة.

عَظِيمٌ هُوَ رَبُّنَا وَعَظِيمَةٌ هِيَ قُوَّتُهُ.
سَبِّحُوا الرَّبَّ فَإِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ الْأُولَى إِلَى تِيموثَاوُسَ.

يا ولدي تيموثاوس، أسألُ قَبْلَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ أَنْ تُقَامَ تَضَرُّعَاتٌ، وَصَلَوَاتٌ، وَتَوَسُّلَاتٌ، وَتَشْكُرَاتٌ مِنْ أَجْلِ جَمِيعِ النَّاسِ، مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمُلُوكِ وَكُلِّ ذِي مَنْصِبٍ، لِنَقْضِي حَيَاةً مُطْمَئِنَّةً، هَادِئَةً، فِي كُلِّ نَفْسٍ وَعَفَافٍ. فَإِنَّ هَذَا حَسَنٌ وَمَقْبُولٌ لَدَى اللَّهِ مُخْلِصِنَا، الَّذِي يُرِيدُ أَنْ جَمِيعَ النَّاسِ يَخْلُصُونَ وَإِلَى مَعْرِفَةِ الْحَقِّ يَبْلُغُونَ. لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ وَاحِدٌ، وَالْوَسِيطُ بَيْنَ اللَّهِ وَالنَّاسِ وَاحِدٌ، وَهُوَ الْإِنْسَانُ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ، الَّذِي بَدَّلَ نَفْسَهُ فِدَاءً عَنِ الْجَمِيعِ، وَهُوَ شَهَادَةٌ فِي آوَانَتِهَا، نُصِبْتُ أَنَا لَهَا كَارِزاً وَرَسُولاً (الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَا أَكْذِبُ) مَعْلِماً لِلْإِيمَانِ وَالْحَقِّ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (4:16-22)

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and He went to the synagogue, as His custom was, on the Sabbath day. And He stood up to read; and there was given to Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor and to heal the broken hearted. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And Jesus closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of Him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.

الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، أَتَى يَسُوعُ إِلَى النَّاصِرَةِ حَيْثُ كَانَ قَدْ تَرَبَّى وَدَخَلَ كَعَادَتِهِ إِلَى الْمَجْمَعِ يَوْمَ السَّبْتِ وَقَامَ لِيَقْرَأَ. فَدَفَعَ إِلَيْهِ سِفْرَ أَشْعِيَاءِ النَّبِيِّ. فَلَمَّا فَتَحَ السِّفْرَ، وَجَدَ الْمَوْضِعَ الْمَكْتُوبَ فِيهِ: "إِنَّ رُوحَ الرَّبِّ عَلَيَّ، وَأَجَلِ ذَلِكَ مَسَحَنِي وَأَرْسَلَنِي لِأُبَشِّرَ الْمَسَاكِينَ وَأَشْفِي مُنْكَسِرِي الْقُلُوبِ، وَأُنَادِيَ لِلْمَآسُورِينَ بِالتَّخْلِيَةِ، وَلِلْعُمْيَانِ بِالْبَصْرِ، وَأَطْلِقَ الْمُهَمَّشِينَ إِلَى الْخَلَاصِ، وَأَكْرَزَ بِسَنَةِ الرَّبِّ الْمَقْبُولَةِ." ثُمَّ طَوَى السِّفْرَ وَدَفَعَهُ إِلَى الْخَادِمِ وَجَلَسَ. وَكَانَتْ عُيُونُ جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ فِي الْمَجْمَعِ شَاخِصَةً إِلَيْهِ. فَجَعَلَ يَقُولُ لَهُمْ: "الْيَوْمَ تَمَّتْ هَذِهِ الْكِتَابَةُ الَّتِي تُلِيَتْ عَلَيَّ مَسَامِعِكُمْ." وَكَانَ جَمِيعُهُمْ يَشْهَدُونَ لَهُ وَيَتَعَجَّبُونَ مِنْ كَلَامِ التَّعْمَةِ الْبَارِزِ مِنْ فَمِهِ.

Love Your Neighbor

August – Orthodox Christian Missions Center – OCMC

As the official missions agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States it is OCMC's mission to make disciples of all nations by bringing people to Christ and His Church.

Resurrection, Castro Valley Looking to Hire Parish Secretary

Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church in Castro Valley is currently looking for a new church secretary, after our secretary of 12 years retired this summer. The hours are currently Monday- Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM, but are flexible, and someone with specific skills as an office manager and receptionist would be preferred. Some medical benefits are included with the position. If interested, please feel free to contact Christine Psefteas at christine.psefteas@gmail.com, or Fr. Niko Bekris at fatherniko@resurrectiongoc.com.

Fellowship Hall contributions

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Fellowship Hall. Your contributions allowed us to reach to this point in our project.

However, some of us neglected our obligation and commitment to the church. We are behind on our pledges to the operation of the church by \$16,000 to date. I'm counting on your faith, love and commitment to Christ and his church to make up for the deficit. I'm confident of your generosity.

In Christ,
Fr. Nicholas Borzghol

Upcoming Events

Every Sunday at 7pm	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting.
September 28-29	Annual Middle Eastern Festival

Coffee Hours

September 1st	Daniel and Mona Thayer and family
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Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, George Messih, Daniel Romley, Henriette Hilal and Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Sam Nassab**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Souhail Kawar**. May his memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Fairouz Freij**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Naim Nazzal**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nabil Wakileh**. Many years!
- † Rocky and Nada Dudum for the good health of **Sandy Dudum Bennett**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish family for the good health of **Karen Mashi**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish family in memory of **Hanna (john) Theodosi**. May his memory be eternal!

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



***St. John Orthodox Church
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Fellowship Hall News

Building Committee Update:

We are making great progress on the project, recognizing that we must be cognizant of the fact that we are running out of money. For this reason, we are finalizing some aspects of the project and leaving others that can be more readily completed when we have the funds to do so. Of course, we are all working on ideas to help financially so that we can continue without interruption, but this will require approximately \$1.3 Million.

The pavers are in place up to the preschool building and should be completed hopefully by this weekend. They will still need sand and pounding into place, but they are functional to walk on.

The exterior siding tiles are complete on 3/4 of the building, and once the concrete and pavers are complete to the front entrance of the hall, the scaffolding will be moved to the front to complete the last wall. This was paused to ensure no concrete was splashed up onto the tiles.

Interior has been insulated, with sheetrock walls and ceiling in place - this is not the finished look of the ceiling, but it is an important step in that direction. Of course, the 4 main beams of the ceiling will be exposed for a fantastic look.

The rough plumbing and electrical are complete in the interior, and much of the A/V system wiring has been installed. (Thank you very much Jay Cawog!)

The steps leading from the side of the church have been replaced, and storage and a water supply is being added to the new deck for altar and liturgical supplies such as the baptismal font, Holy Week items, and vestments. This will free up additional space in the Altar as well.

Next steps after all this are to concentrate on the deck on the South wall of the hall and the fencing and preschool play area.

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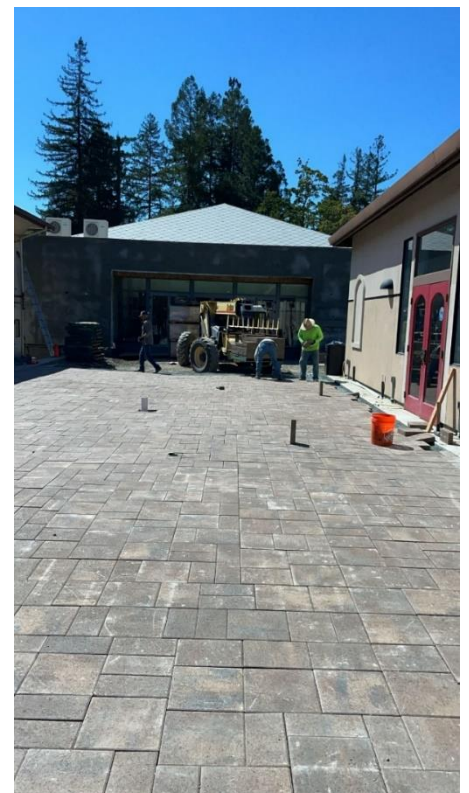
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Mediterranean Food Festival

September 7th | 1pm - 10pm

September 8th | 1pm - 8pm

*Join us for food, games, music,
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SATURDAY



SUNDAY



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BOTH DAYS



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For the latest festival updates, go to facebook.com/orthodoxredeemer



Antiochian Charities

Website: www.antiochian.org/charities

Email: childrensrelieffund@gmail.com

“Whoever receives one little child like this in my name receives me.” (Matthew 18:5)

August 5, 2024

TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PARISHIONERS

For over forty years the Children’s Relief Fund has provided financial support to help defray the cost of education for children in Lebanon and Palestine. Requests for such support have increased significantly in recent years. As a result of dire circumstances in Lebanon, many parents have become unable to pay tuition to send their children to Orthodox Christian schools. Our Orthodox schools are at risk of closing, and consequently many of our children will now have to attend a public school or to discontinue their schooling altogether.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, we are seeking your help. We have approximately forty Lebanese children from the Archdioceses of Beirut, Koura, Tripoli, Akkar, and Zahle who need assistance to continue their education at an Orthodox Christian school this coming school year. The tuition cost per student varies from \$750 to \$1200 per school year, depending on the school and the student’s grade level.

Donated funds will be wired directly to the Orthodox school in the child’s name. The child and their family will receive a notice of your support, and you will receive contact information so that you can communicate directly with the child if you wish. Children receiving a tuition scholarship will not receive any other funding from the Children’s Relief Fund. Sponsorship in any amount will be appreciated.

School begins in a few weeks, so if you can help, please contact CFR Administrator Amy Stiffler at: childrensrelieffund@gmail.com.

Children’s Relief Fund Scholarship Program

Antiochian Village
140 Church Camp Trail
Bolivar, PA 15923

God bless you for your consideration of this urgent request.

In Christ’s work,

Amy Stiffler, CRF Administrator & Executive Director
Anne Bourjaily Thomas, Charitable Outreach Chair

cc: His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

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Advertisement Form for 2024 Festival Ad Book
30th Annual Middle Eastern Festival

Sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church

Festival Location: St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church Grounds, 501 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563

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The Festival Book, given to attendees, will include advertisements from local businesses and community supporters; welcome letters; information about St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church; a program of Festival events, attractions and exhibits; food menu; and listings of event donors and contributions.

On behalf of the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church and members of the 2024 Festival Committee, we thank you for your support.

Checks payable to St. John Church Festival Mail to:

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St. John Antiochian Orthodox Church

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30th Annual Middle Eastern Food Festival

Saturday, September 28, 2024 (11 am – 8 pm)

Sunday, September 29, 2024 (12 pm – 7 pm)



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



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