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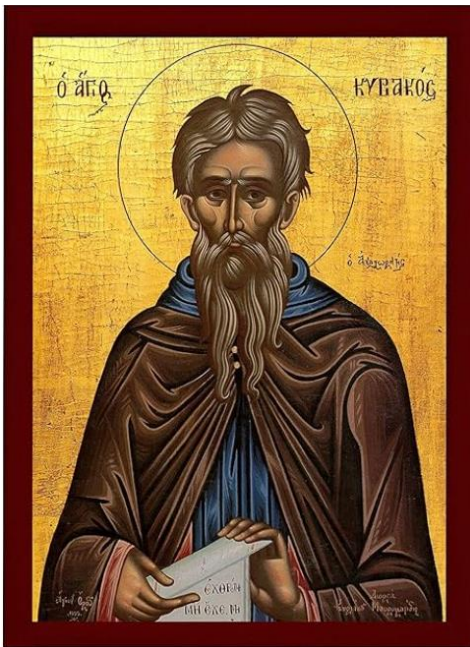
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

**TONE 5 / EOTHINON 3; FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE**

VENERABLE KYRIAKOS THE HERMIT OF PALESTINE

MARTYR PETRONIA AND THOSE WITH HER IN PALESTINE; MOTHER MARY THE HERMIT OF PALESTINE

Righteous Father Kyriakos the Hermit of Palestine



On September 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous father Kyriakos the Hermit of Palestine.

Kyriakos was born in Corinth to John and Eudoxia. His father John was a presbyter and Peter, Bishop of Corinth, was his relative. In his early youth, the bishop tonsured Kyriakos as a reader in the cathedral church. Reading the Holy Scripture, Kyriakos marveled at God's providence: how God glorified all His true servants and how He arranged the salvation of the human race. At age eighteen, Kyriakos began a life of asceticism that eventually took him to the community supervised by St. Chariton at Souka. Kyriakos became a celebrated canonarch, defender of Orthodoxy, ascetic, priest, miracle-worker and comforter. Kyriakos was large and strong in body, even in deep old age, despite strict fasts and vigils. In the wilderness, for years he ate only raw greens called squills. Kyriakos entered the eternal joy of his Lord in 557 at age 109.

THE EPISTLE

Thou, O Lord, wilt keep and preserve us.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:21-2:4)

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

الرسالة

أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ تَحْفَظُنَا وَتَسْتُرُنَا مِنْ هَذَا الْجِيلِ.
خَلِّصْنِي يَا رَبُّ، فَإِنَّ الْبَارَّ قَدْ فَنِيَ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى أَهْلِ كورنثوس. (2:4-1:21)

يا إخوة، إن الذي يُتَبَتُّنَا مَعَكُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، وَقَدْ مَسَحَنَا، هُوَ اللَّهُ، الَّذِي خَتَمَنَا أَيْضاً وَأَعْطَى عُرْبُونَ الرُّوحِ فِي قُلُوبِنَا. وَإِنِّي أَسْتَشْهَدُ اللَّهَ عَلَى نَفْسِي، أَنِّي لِإِشْفَاقِي عَلَيْكُمْ، لَمْ آتِ أَيْضاً إِلَى كورنثوس. لَا لِأَنَّا نَسُودُ عَلَى إِيْمَانِكُمْ، بَلْ نَحْنُ أَعْوَانُ سُرُورِكُمْ، لِأَنَّكُمْ تَابِتُونَ عَلَى الْإِيْمَانِ، وَقَدْ جَزَمْتُ بِهَذَا فِي نَفْسِي أَنْ لَا آتِيَكُمْ أَيْضاً فِي غَمِّ. لِأَنِّي إِنْ كُنْتُ أُغْمُّكُمْ، فَمَنْ الَّذِي يَسْرُنِي غَيْرُ مَنْ أَسَبَّبُ لَهُ الْغَمَّ؟ وَإِنَّمَا كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ هَذَا بَعِيْنِهِ لِئَلَّا يِنَالَنِي عِنْدَ قُدُومِي غَمٌّ مِمَّنْ كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ أَفْرَحَ بِهِمْ، وَإِنِّي لَوَاتِقٌ بِجَمِيعِكُمْ أَنْ فَرَحِي هُوَ فَرَحُ جَمِيعِكُمْ. فَإِنِّي مِنْ شِدَّةِ كَابَةِ وَكْرَبِ قَلْبِي، كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِدُمُوعٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، لَا لِتَعْتَمُوا، بَلْ لِتَعْرِفُوا مَا عِنْدِي مِنَ الْمَحَبَّةِ بِالْأَكْثَرِ لَكُمْ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِي الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ.

قَالَ الرَّبُّ: كَمَا تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَفْعَلَ النَّاسُ بِكُمْ، كَذَلِكَ افْعَلُوا أَنْتُمْ بِهِمْ. فَإِنَّكُمْ إِنْ أَحْبَبْتُمْ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَكُمْ، فَأَيَّةُ مِنَّةٍ لَكُمْ؟ فَإِنَّ الْخَطَاةَ أَيْضاً يُحِبُّونَ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَهُمْ. وَإِذَا أَحْسَنْتُمْ إِلَى الَّذِينَ يُحْسِنُونَ إِلَيْكُمْ، فَأَيَّةُ مِنَّةٍ لَكُمْ؟ فَإِنَّ الْخَطَاةَ أَيْضاً هَكَذَا يَصْنَعُونَ. وَإِنْ أَقْرَضْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تَرْجُونَ أَنْ تَسْتَوْفُوا مِنْهُمْ، فَأَيَّةُ مِنَّةٍ لَكُمْ؟ فَإِنَّ الْخَطَاةَ أَيْضاً يَقْرِضُونَ الْخَطَاةَ لِكَيْ يَسْتَوْفُوا مِنْهُمْ الْمِثْلَ. وَلَكِنْ، أَحِبُّوا أَعْدَاءَكُمْ، وَأَحْسِنُوا وَأَقْرِضُوا غَيْرَ مُؤَمِّلِينَ شَيْئاً، فَيَكُونَ أَجْرُكُمْ كَثِيراً، وَتَكُونُوا بَنِي الْعَلِيِّ. فَإِنَّهُ مُنْعَمٌ عَلَى غَيْرِ الشَّاكِرِينَ وَالْأَشْرَارِ. فَكُونُوا رُحَمَاءَ كَمَا أَنَّ أَبَاكُمْ هُوَ رَحِيمٌ.

Love Your Neighbor

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.

Raffle Tickets

Dear parishioners: we have mailed you 4 raffle tickets for the festival. Please, consider supporting your church festival by mailing (or bring them to church) with your payment of \$100.

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 \$19,000 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.
Wednesday, September 25th	Great Vespers and Artoklasia (blessings of the five loaves) at 6:00 pm in celebration of St. John the Evangelist, our patron Saint! عيد القديس يوحنا الانجيلي شفيع كنيستنا!
September 28-29	Annual Middle Eastern Festival

Coffee Hours

September 29th	Festival
October 6th	Raif and Sonia Rihani in memory of Sonia's brother Yousef.

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!
- † St. John Parish family in memory of **Karen Mash**. May her memory be eternal!
- † The **Atallah, Khalil, Issa, Shahin and Awwad families** for their good health. Many years!
- † Also, in memory of **John Atallah, Saliba, Hilwa Atallah, Jamileh, Musaada, Mark Ibrahim, karim, Suheila**. May their memories 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!



- † 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 Financial Snapshot

Year to Date Actual Finances as of 08/31/2024

INCOME	2024 Year To Date	% of Total Income	2023 Year to Date	
Membership Pledges	\$ 100,593	31%	\$ 127,703	
Tray Collections	\$ 9,268	3%	\$ 7,556	
Preschool Contribution*	\$ 173,541	54%	\$ 200,614	Includes transfer of preschool net income in October 2022 to date, to support hall loan payments
Crab Feed and Festival	\$ 22,149	7%	\$ 17,166	
Ladies Contribution	\$ -	0%	\$ -	
Other**	\$ 15,233	5%	\$ 16,124	
Total Income	\$ 320,784	100%	\$ 369,164	
Total Expenses	\$ 320,929		\$ 169,921	
YTD Net Income	\$ (145)	0%	\$ 199,242	

* In addition to the above, preschool payments to the church include \$400 per month to offset expenses paid by the church and \$4,883.33 per month towards the building fund (deposited directly into building fund)

**Other includes bookstore, candles, flowers, palms, coffee hour, memorials, Amazon Smile program, weddings, prior year pledges

Building Fund Balance \$ **329,887.01**

Those who wish to see the full financial statement should contact Parish Council
Treasurer Matthew Simon

St. John Orthodox Church
501 Moraga Way
Orinda, CA 94563

You could use this QR code for your donation



Fellowship Hall News

Fundraising Committee Update:

So close - yet so far, but how far are we from hall completion?

When we started the construction of the project, we did so knowing that we had about \$2 Million in the building fund, and had secured a \$2.5 Million equity loan from the bank. We undertook a very ambitious plan to raise another \$2.5 Million that would bring us to the approximately \$7 million hall project. (Contract was \$6.8 M - not including kitchen equipment and amenities) We knew that if we did not raise the needed funds, we would need to slow or halt construction. To date, we have raised about one-third of our goal (a bit over \$800,000), and have also added some additional funds from the overall church budget. We have paid the contractor (Petra Construction) about \$5.3M, and are stopping all invoices until more funding can be obtained.

However - that does not mean we are stopping all work! Construction work will continue on the following parts of the project: Completion of the tile siding of the hall, completion of the pavers on the plaza, completion of the concrete stairs from the parking lot to the plaza and the plaza to the lower plaza, completion of the new exit stairwell from the church, grading of the preschool playground, and the fencing around that playground. It is anticipated that this work will be completed before the festival.

The Parish Council, building committee and fundraising committee, along with other interested members of the community are working together to determine next steps forward for closing the funding gap and completing the project. There are several ideas being explored, such as loans from parishioners, a loan from a bank, and a fundraising gala. More information will be forthcoming as soon as it is available, and of course, any loan taken with a bank will be brought to the entire parish for approval.

As always if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please see Steve Kreta - Building Committee Chair, Raif Rihani - Parish Council Chair, David Hanna - Fundraising Committee Chair, or Father Nicholas.

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St John Orthodox Church Storefront



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Reach Our Goal!



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- Any gift?
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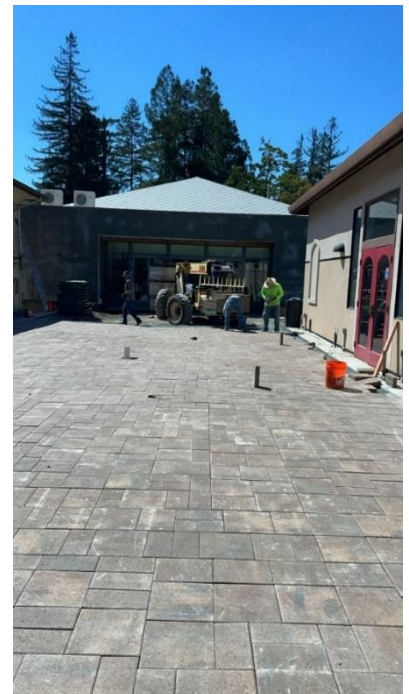
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ST. JOHN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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GALA**

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MORAGA , CA 94556

FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR
FELLOWSHIP HALL

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

Dates: Saturday, September 28th & Sunday, September 29th

Advertiser: _____

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\$400 Plus	\$250	\$125	\$75

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The 2024 Middle Eastern Festival will feature the finest Middle Eastern entertainment, delicious food, exotic desserts, live music, folk dancing, bazaar, Middle Eastern heritage exhibits, children's games & activities, and more.

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:

St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church Office, 501 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA Email: st.john.evangelist.orinda@gmail.com web: www.st.johnorinda.org

St. John Antiochian Orthodox Church

501 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563

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



Live Entertainment
Featuring
California Superstar

Nader Zaki



Music by
Maestro Radwan

