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Saturday: Vespers at 4:30 PM followed by confession

Sunday: Orthros at 9:30 AM & Divine Liturgy at 10:30 AM

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**ST. ELIAS
ANTIOCHIAN CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

AUGUST 4, 2019

**HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND
METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA**

**HIS GRACE BISHOP ALEXANDER, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF
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'DISCIPLES FIRST CALLED THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS N ANTIOCH.' ACTS 11:26

TONE 6/ EOTHINON 7

THE HOLY SEVEN SLEEPING YOUTHS OF EPHEBUS;
RECOVERY OF THE RELICS OF MARTYR EUDOKIA OF PERSIA

WELCOME!

We welcome all of our visitors who are praying with us today. We are eager to share with you our spiritual treasures, and invite you to join us for coffee-hour in the Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy. If you are a first-time visitor, please take a few minutes to sign our Guest Registry book and complete the white VISITORS INFORMATION CARD which may be found in the Narthex, and return it to an usher. As a friendly reminder, **only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer and recent Confession may approach the Holy Chalice to receive Holy Communion. However all may come forward at end of Liturgy and receive blessed Holy Bread.** We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to St. Elias. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Elias.

أهلاً بكم!

نرحب بجميع زوارنا الذين يصلون معنا اليوم ونحرص على مشاركتكم في كنوزنا الروحية، وندعوكم للانضمام إلينا لتناول القهوة معنا في قاعة الكنيسة بعد القداس الإلهي. إذا كانت هذه أول زيارة لكم، يرجى أخذ القليل من الوقت لتوقيع سجل الزوار واستكمال بطاقة معلومات الزوار البيضاء والتي توجد في صحن الكنيسة، وإعادتها إلى أحد مرشدي الكنيسة. وكتذكير ودي، يُسمح فقط للمسيحيين الأرثوذكس الذين أعدوا أنفسهم بشكل صحيح من خلال الصوم والصلاة واعتراف من زمن قريب بالاقتراب من الكأس المقدسة لتناول القربان المقدس. ولكن يُسمح للجميع الاقتراب في نهاية القداس لاستلام الخبز المقدس المبارك. ونحن نتطلع للقائكم والترحيب بكم شخصياً في كنيسة مار الياس. يرجى توجيه الأسئلة إلى الأب الياس مباشرة.

WORSHIPPING THE ALL-HOLY GOD

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

**A Modified Reflection on a Grand Convention:
Pastoral Reflections on Grand Rapids 2019**

From the 21st to the 28th of July, 2019, clergy and faithful of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese from all over North America convened in Grand Rapids, Michigan for the 54th Biennial Archdiocesan Convention which was graciously organized and hosted by St. Nicholas Church, Grand Rapids, MI. Fr. Michael Nasser, host pastor and his team put together a thoughtful schedule and a creative program that helped our Archdiocese not only conduct its business but also worship, learn, share and have fun.

Right off the bat, our brothers and sisters in Grand Rapids showed their hospitality by hosting a complimentary dinner on Monday evening in their beautiful parish hall in which they offered delicious Middle Eastern food served by the parishioners.

On Tuesday July 23rd, following the orthros service, all the clergy of the Archdiocese met with His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH and the Bishops of the Archdiocese. His Eminence gave his fatherly instructions to the clergy. It is noteworthy that the focal point and concern of these hundreds of clergy was the urgency of being proactive in ministering to the youth and young adults. Department and organizational meetings took part in the afternoon.

Wednesday, July 24th, a Marquee event of that day was a 5 hour workshop which all the clergy attended organized by *Faithtree Resources* (<https://faithtree.org/>), a ministry of our Archdiocese whose goal is to equip clergy and lay leaders of our Churches to better minister by offering training and material for parishes to build ministry teams. Remember: It takes more than one!

Following Vespers, Guest Speaker Paul Karos started his series of 3 talks which brought tears to our eyes and strength to our hearts. Being legally blind from his childhood – and 99% blind now – Paul overcame tribulation and became the No. 1 Airline analyst in the world and built a glamorous career and reputation in Wall Street. Despite having all the pleasures of the world, Paul realized at one point that real joy comes from within, through Jesus Christ. We were blessed that Paul shared this and much more.

The highlight of the convention, at least from our biased viewpoint, was the Bible Bowl Competition. Our Diocesan Bible Bowl team, hailing from St. Elias of Ottawa won first place and received a gift of \$3000.

On Thursday and Friday, the General Assembly, in which business of the Archdiocese is conducted, took place. We thank the Lord for the hard work of many people that help administer our Archdiocese and its financial affairs; we also thank the Lord for His blessings that our Archdiocese is doing well from that perspective.

On Friday at the General Assembly, His Eminence addressed all the faithful of the Archdiocese with a beautiful speech that you can find on YouTube. Among the things he said, His Eminence reminded us that: "Our Lord did not tell us to 'take up our easy chair' and follow Him. He told us to take up our Cross and follow Him." Sayidna also revealed his plans for the Antiochian Village which include a cathedral, a monastery and a retirement home for hierarchs.

At the end of the Assembly Father returned home.

Jesus Christ is one. His body is one. And thus, we too are, and shall remain, one.

Fr. Nektarios Najjar, Assistant Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Holy Bread of Oblations today is being offered by** the Khabbaz Family for the spiritual and physical well being of Violette Khabbaz, Waleed, Rawan and Laith Khabbaz, Manar, Frank, Audrianna and Andrew Dalleo, Fady, Jacqueline and Lucas Khabbaz. **Also being offered in loving memory of** Philip Khabbaz, Fouad Khabbaz, Nasri Khabbaz, Bader Khabbaz, Joseph Khabbaz, Jamil Nammoura. May their memory be eternal.
- **Today is the 6 month memorial for Philip Khabbaz.** May his memory be eternal.
- **Please pray for all the sick** and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our community, especially, James Khammar, Janet Awad, Violette Humsi, Nick Tadros, Salwa Makhoulf, Joseph Jacobs, Evelyn Gabriel, Nabeeha Mahshie, James Mahshie.
- **Congratulations to the newlyweds** Khader Fashho and Samira Khoury, on their nuptials last Sunday and also to the proud parents and family. May God grant them many years of abundant happiness.
- **Our deepest sympathies are extended to Clair Abdo** on the falling asleep in the Lord beloved brother Kameel Hawa in Haifa last week. May his memory be eternal.
- **SUNDAY HOLY BREAD SPONSORS:** Aug. 11th Shamieh family, 40 day memorial for George Shamieh.
- **THE COFFEE SPONSOR CHART FOR 2019** is posted in the Narthex. Please take the time to check the dates and sign up for a Sunday.
- **For Announcements, Oblations and Trisagions for the Bulletin,** the deadline is Tuesday evening. Please send your emails to church: steliasny@aol.com and to Sheila: sahmaz@twcny.rr.com
- **Please keep your church pledges up-to-date.** We thank all those who have increased their offering. May God reward you with abundance.
- **LADIES MEETING**– Election of Officers on August 11th. Following Divine Liturgy.
- **REMINDER**– Elections for the officers for Teen SOYO of St. Elias will be coming up.
- **Anyone interested in free onions,** they are located in the church hall.
- **Anyone interested in purchasing Lebanese wine** for \$11 per bottle, please see Dona.
- **Looking for a Teen SOYO advisor.** Anyone interested, please see Father.
- **The Word Magazine is updating their mailing information.** Please fill out the form located on an email that was sent to you and return via email to the registrars office. registrar@antiochian.org

SCHEDULE/DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday	8/5	Feast of Transfiguration Divine Liturgy @ 6:00PM
Wednesday	8/14	Feast of Dormition Divine Liturgy @ 6:00 PM
Wednesday	8/21	Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Sunday	9/8	First Day of Sunday School

PRAYER ON ENTERING THE CHURCH

I WILL COME INTO THY HOUSE IN THE MULTITUDE OF THY MERCY: AND IN THY FEAR I WILL WORSHIP TOWARD THY HOLY TEMPLE. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify thee forever, One Divine Power worshipped in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER ON LEAVING THE CHURCH

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

O Lord, sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.

When you enter the church, please remember that the church is a place of worship. Please do not disturb others as they worship God. **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES.**

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

During the Little Entrance:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Entrance Hymn:

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia

الايصوديكون

هَلُمْ لِنَسْجِدْ وَنُرْكَعْ لِلْمَسِيحِ مَلَكُنَا وَالْهِنَا، خَلَصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتَلِّ لَكَ هَلُوبَا.

After the Little Entrance:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

إِنَّ الْفُؤَاتِ الْمَلَائِكِيَّةَ ظَهَرُوا عَلَى قَبْرِكَ الْمُؤَقَّرِ، وَالْحُرَّاسَ صَارُوا كَالْأَمْوَاتِ، وَمَرِيَمَ وَقَفَتْ عِنْدَ الْقَبْرِ طَالِبَةً

جَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ، فَسَبَّيْتَ الْجَحِيمَ وَلَمْ تُجَرَّبْ مِنْهَا، وَصَادَقْتَ الْبَتُولَ مَانِحًا الْحَيَاةَ. فَيَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ

الْأَمْوَاتِ، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

TROPARION OF THE PATRON SAINT OF THE CHURCH TONE 4:

O Angelic of body the founder and corner stone of the prophets, the second forerunner of the advent of Christ, O Elias, venerable and glorious, thou didst send grace from heaven

to thy disciple Elisha to dispel diseases and to purify lepers wherefore he abounds with healing to all those who honor him.

أيها الملاك بالجسم قاعدة الأنبياء وركنهم، السابق الثاني لحضور المسيح، إلياس المجيد الموقر، لقد أرسلت

النعمة من العلى لأليشع ليطرد الأَسقام ويطهر البرص، لذلك يُفيض الأشفية بمكرميه دائماً"

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

تَجَلَّيْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ عَلَى الْجَبَلِ، وَحَسَبَمَا وَسِعَ تَلَامِيذُكَ شَاهَدُوا مَجْدَكَ. حَتَّى عِنْدَمَا يُعَايِنُونَكَ مَصْلُوبًا، يَفْطَنُوا أَنَّ أَلَمَكَ طَوْعًا بِاخْتِيَارِكَ، وَيَكْرِرُونَ لِلْعَالَمِ، أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ بِالْحَقِيقَةِ شِعَاعُ الْآبِ.

Today's Reader : Ronda Akl

Priest: Let us attend.

**Reader: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.
Until Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.**

Priest: Wisdom

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (15:1-7)

(For the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures, we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

خَلَّصَ يَا رَبِّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاثَكَ

إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبِّ أَصْرُخُ إِلَهِي

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ رومية. (15:1-7)

يا إخوة، يَجِبُ عَلَيْنَا نَحْنُ الْأَقْوِيَاءُ أَنْ نَحْتَمِلَ وَهَنَ الضُّعْفَاءِ، وَلَا نُرْضِي أَنْفُسَنَا فَلْيُرْضِ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا قَرِيبَهُ لِلْخَيْرِ، لِأَجْلِ الْبُنْيَانِ فَإِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ لَمْ يُرْضِ نَفْسَهُ، وَلَكِنْ كَمَا كُتِبَ "تَعْيِيرَاتُ مُعَيَّرِكَ وَقَعَتْ عَلَيَّ" لِأَنَّ كُلَّ مَا كُتِبَ مِنْ قَبْلُ، إِنَّمَا كُتِبَ لِتَعْلِيمِنَا، لِيَكُونَ لَنَا الرَّجَاءُ بِالصَّبْرِ وَبِتَعَزِيَةِ الْكُتُبِ وَلِيُعْطِيَكُمْ إِلَهُ الصَّبْرِ وَالتَّعَزِيَةِ أَنْ

تَكُونُوا مُتَّقِي الْأَرَاءِ فِيمَا بَيْنَكُمْ، بِحَسَبِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ حَتَّى إِنَّكُمْ بِنَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَقَمٍ وَاحِدٍ تُمَجِّدُونَ اللَّهَ أَبَا رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ، فَلْيَتَّخِذْ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا كَمَا اتَّخَذَكُمْ الْمَسِيحُ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ.

Priest: Peace be to you Reader.

PLEASE STAND!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Next Sunday's Reader: Mai Makhlouf

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)

(For Seventh Sunday of Matthew)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (9:27-35)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ مُجْتَازًا، تَبِعَهُ أَعْمِيَانِ يَصِيحَانِ وَيَقُولَانِ: ارْحَمْنَا يَا ابْنَ دَاوُدَ فَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْبَيْتَ، دَنَا إِلَيْهِ الْأَعْمِيَانِ، فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: هَلْ تُؤْمِنَانِ أَنِّي أَفْعَلُ ذَلِكَ؟ فَقَالَا لَهُ: نَعَمْ يَا رَبُّ. حِينَئِذٍ لَمَسَ أَعْيُنَهُمَا قَائِلًا: كَأَيْمَانِكُمَا فَلْيَكُنْ لَكُمَا. فَاثْفَتَحْتَ أَعْيُنَهُمَا. فَاثْتَهَرَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: انظُرَا، لَا يَعْزَمُ أَحَدٌ فَلَمَّا خَرَجَا، شَهَرَاهُ فِي تِلْكَ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا وَبَعَدَ خُرُوجَهُمَا، قَدَمُوا إِلَيْهِ أَخْرَسَ بِهِ شَيْطَانٌ فَلَمَّا أُخْرِجَ الشَّيْطَانُ، تَكَلَّمَ الْأَخْرَسُ. فَتَعَجَّبَتِ الْجُمُوعُ قَائِلِينَ: لَمْ يَطْهَرَ قَطُّ مِثْلُ هَذَا فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ أَمَا الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ فَقَالُوا: إِنَّهُ بِرَأْسِ الشَّيَاطِينِ يُخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينِ وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَطُوفُ الْمُدُنَ كُلِّهَا وَالْقُرَى، يُعَلِّمُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ، وَيَكْرِرُ بِبَشَارَةِ الْمَلَكُوتِ، وَيَشْفِي كُلَّ مَرَضٍ وَكُلَّ ضَعْفٍ فِي الشَّعْبِ.

Megalynarion:

It is truly meet ...

Koinonikon (Communion Hymn)

Praise ye the Lord from the Heavens; praise ye Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia