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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**

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**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 7/ EOTHINON 10

VENERABLE XENOPHON, HIS WIFE, MARY, AND THEIR TWO SONS, ARKADIOS AND JOHN, OF
CONSTANTINOPLE; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF VENERABLE THEODORE THE STUDITE

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. وكنذكير ودي، يُسمح فقط للمسيحيين الأرثوذكس الذين أعدوا أنفسهم بشكل صحيح من خلال الصوم والصلاة واعتزاف من زمن قريب بالاقتراب من كأس 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."

PREPARATION FOR LENT

The Desire

(written by Archpriest Alexander Schmemmann)

(Sunday of Zacchaeus)

Long before the actual beginning of Lent, the Church announces its approach and invites us to enter into the period of pre-Lenten preparation. It is a characteristic feature of the Orthodox liturgical tradition that every major feast or season-Easter, Christmas, Lent, etc.– is announced and "prepared" in advance. Why? Because of the deep psychological insight by the Church into human nature. Knowing our lack of concentration and the frightening "worldliness" of our life, the Church knows our inability to change rapidly, to go abruptly from one spiritual or mental state into another. Thus, long before the actual effort of Lent is to begin, the Church calls our attention to its seriousness and invites us to meditate on its significance. Before we can *practice* Lent we are given its *meaning*. This preparation includes five consecutive Sundays preceding Lent, each one of them– through its particular Gospel lesson– dedicated to some fundamental aspect of repentance.

The very first announcement of Lent is made the Sunday on which the Gospel lesson about Zacchaeus (Lk. 19:1-10) is read. It is the story of a man who was too short to see Jesus but who *desired* so much to see Him that he climbed up a tree. Jesus responded to his desire and went to his house. Thus the theme of this first announcement is *desire*. Man follows his desire. One can even say that man *is* desire, and this fundamental psychological truth about human nature is acknowledged by the Gospel: "Where your treasure is," says Christ, "there shall your heart be." a strong desire overcomes the natural limitations of man; when he passionately desires something he does things of which "normally" he is incapable. Being "short," he overcomes and transcends himself. The only question, therefore, is whether we desire the right things, whether the power of desire in us is aimed at the right goal, or whether– in the words of the existentialist atheist, Jean Paul Sartre– man is a "useless passion."

Zacchaeus desired the "right thing"; he wanted to see and approach Christ. He is the first symbol of repentance, for repentance begins as the rediscovery of the deep nature of all desire: the desire for God and His righteousness, for the true life. Zacchaeus is "short"- petty, sinful and limited– yet his desire overcomes all this. It "forces" Christ's attention; it brings Christ to his home. Such, then is the first announcement, the first invitation: ours is to *desire* that which is deepest and truest in ourselves, to acknowledge the thirst and hunger for the Absolute which is in us whether we know it or not, and which, when we deviate from it and turn our desires away, makes us indeed a "useless passion." And if we desire deeply enough, strongly enough, Christ will respond.

Great Lent- Archpriest Alexander Schmemmann

- **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.

SCHEDULE/DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 2/9 Festival Meeting following Liturgy/Coffee hour
 Sat-Sun 2/22-2/23 Archpastoral Visit- Metropolitan JOSEPH

We are grateful to Dona Savage and the committee who are arranging for the Blessing of Homes. Please cooperate with them so we can get the blessing of your homes before Lent.

BLESSINGS OF HOMES:

One of our greatest and most inspiring traditions is blessings of homes, immediately after the Great Blessing of water on the day of the Baptism of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We, orthodox Christians, are the guardians of the true faith; we hold that faith with fear and love, and we are given the opportunity to live this holy faith and reflect on it in our lives, in our homes, and in every corner of our material and physical world. The holy Church keeps the faith alive by keeping this tradition, provided that we do it with utmost faithfulness and devotion; otherwise, blessing homes with holy water becomes an empty ritual, a meaningless worldly event.

Upon Fr. Elias arrival to bless your home, please do the following:

1. Turn off TV, & Radio
2. Have a table with a family Icon, Candle, and a small bowl of water
3. If you have pets, put them in a room so as not to distract prayers
4. Have a paper with names of living and departed you would like mentioned in the prayer.
5. Please do not answer the phone during prayers.

Join the Order of St. Ignatius



When His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH visits our parish, he will be inducting new members into the order of St. Ignatius on Sunday February 23rd. We encourage you to join this order that serves as the very strong charitable arm of our Archdiocese.

Among many other causes, the order supports: Camp Ministry, Refugee relief, the IOCC, Seminarians and seminaries, Retired clergy, widowed clergy wives, missions and evangelism, youth ministry, Special Olympics, college conference.

For more information please contact Father Elias or Nabil Jabaji

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.**

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST & FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE (“ZACCHAEUS”)

During the Little Entrance:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

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

الإيصونيكون

هلم لنسجد ونركع للمسيح ملكنا والهنا، خلصنا يا ابن الله يا من قام من بين الاموات، لنرتل لك هلوليا.

After the Little Entrance:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

حَطَمْتَ بِصَلْبِكَ الْمَوْتَ، وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصَّ الْفِرْدَوْسَ، وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ، وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُ، مَانِحًا الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

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 الأسقام ويطهر البرص، لذلك يُفبض الأشفية بمكرميته دائما"

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، يَا مَنْ بِمَوْلِدِهِ قَدَّسَ الْمُسْتَوْدَعَ الْبَتُولِي، وَبَارَكَ يَدَيَّ سِمْعَانَ كَمَا لاقَ، وَأَدْرَكْنَا الْآنَ وَخَلَّصْنَا. إِحْفَظْ رَعِيَّتَكَ بِسَلَامٍ فِي الْحُرُوبِ، وَأَيِّدِ الْمُلُوكَ الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبْتَهُمْ، بِمَا أَنَّكَ وَحْدَكَ مُجِيبٌ لِلْبَشَرِ.

Today's Reader : Ronda Akl

Priest: Let us attend.

**Reader: The Lord will give strength to His people.
Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God;
ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.**

Priest: Wisdom

Reader: The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:9-15)

(For the Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost)

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

الرَّبُّ يُعْطِي قُوَّةَ لَشَعْبِهِ.

قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ، قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ مَجْدًا وَكِرَامَةً.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الأولى إلى تيموثاوس. (4:9-15)

يا ولدي تيموثاوس، صادقة هي الكلمة وجديرة بكل قبول فإننا لهذا نتعب ونعير، لأننا ألقينا رجاءنا على الله الحي الذي هو مخلص الناس أجمعين، ولا سيما المؤمنين فوص بهذا وعلم به لا يستهن أحد بفنوتك، بل كن مثالا للمؤمنين في الكلام والتصرف والمحبة والإيمان والعفاف واظب على القراءة إلى حين قدومي وعلى الوعظ والتعليم ولا تهمل الموهبة التي فيك، التي أوتيتها بنبوته، بوضع أيدي الكهنة تأمل في ذلك وكن عليه عاكفا ليكون تقدمك ظاهرا في كل شيء.

Priest: Peace be to you Reader.

PLEASE STAND!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Next Sunday's Reader: Milia Alamir

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

(For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke—"Zacchaeus")

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran

on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر (10-1:19)

في ذلك الزمان، فيما يسوع مجتازاً في أريحا، إذا برجل اسمه زكا كان رئيساً على العشارين، وكان غنياً وكان يلتمس أن يرى يسوع من هو، فلم يكن يستطيع من الجمع لأنه كان قصير القامة فتقدم مسرعاً، وصعد إلى جُمَيْرَةٍ لِيَنْظُرَهُ، لأنه كان مُزْمِعاً أَنْ يَجْتَازَ بِهَا فَلَمَّا انْتَهَى يسوع إلى الموضع، رفع طرفه فرآه، فقال له: يا زكا أسرع انزل، فاليوم ينبغي لي أن أمكث في بيتك فأسرع ونزل وقبله فرحاً فلما رأى الجميع ذلك تدمروا قائلين: إنه دخل ليحل عند رجل خاطي" فوقف زكا وقال ليسوع: هاءنذا، يا رب، أعطي المساكين نصف أموالي. وإن كنت قد غبتت أحداً في شيء، أردد أربعة أضعاف فقال له يسوع: اليوم قد حصل الخلاص لهذا البيت لأنه هو أيضاً ابن إبراهيم لأن ابن البشر إنما أتى ليطلب ويخلص ما قد هلك.

Megalyrnarion:

It is truly meet ...

Koinonikon (Communion Hymn)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Holy Bread of Oblations today is being offered by Teen SOYO** for spiritual and physical well being of the members of Teen SOYO, **also being offered in loving memory of** all the departed members of Teen SOYO. May their memories be eternal.
- **Please pray for all the sick** and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our community, especially, Deborah Midgley, Mimi Daniel, Diane Sopp-Sauro, Fahed Jiries, James Khammar, Violette Humsy, Salwa Makhoulouf, Joseph Jacobs, Evelyn Gabriel, Nabeeha Mahshie.
- **Father Elias and the Parishioners of St. Elias Church** extend their condolences to Nabila Nasser, and to the Nasser and Jiries families on the falling asleep in the Lord of Nabila's dearly beloved husband, Nadim. May his memory be eternal.
- **SUNDAY HOLY BREAD SPONSORS:** Feb. 2nd Abboud Family; Feb. 9th Festival Committee; Feb. 16th Jewel Gabriel 1 year memorial service for Charles Gabriel; Feb. 23rd Metropolitan Joseph Visit; Mar. 1st OPEN
- **THE COFFEE SPONSOR CHART FOR 2020** is posted in the Narthex. Please take the time to check the dates and sign up for a Sunday.