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

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ANTIOCHIAN CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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'DISCIPLES FIRST CALLED THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS N ANTIOCH.' ACTS 11:26

TONE 7/ EOTHINON 10

ANTHONY THE NEW, ASCETIC OF BERREA IN MACEDONIA; NEW-MARTYR GEORGE OF IO-
ANNINA **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 زوّارنا الذين يصلّون معنا اليوم ونحرص على مشاركتكم في كنوزنا الروحية، وندعوكم للانضمام إلينا لتناول القهوة معنا في قاعة الكنيسة بعد القدّاس الإلهي. إذا كانت هذه أول زيارة لكم، يرجى أخذ القليل من الوقت لتوقيع سجلّ الزوّار واستكمال بطاقة معلومات الزوّار البيضاء والتي توجد في صحن الكنيسة، وإعادتها إلى أحد مرشدي الكنيسة. وكذكير وديّ، يُسمح فقط للمسيحيين الأرثوذكس الذين أعدّوا أنفسهم بشكل صحيح من خلال الصوم والصلاة واعتزاف من زمن قريب بالاقتراب من الكأس المقدسة لتناول القربان المقدس. ولكن يُسمح للجميع الاقتراب في نهاية القدّاس لاستلام الخبز المقدس المبارك. ونحن نتطلع للفائكم والترحيب بكم شخصياً في كنيسة مار إلياس. يرجى توجيه الأسئلة إلى الأب إلياس مباشرةً.

**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."

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

The Church and the Diversity of Talents

In his epistle to the Romans, St. Paul shows that we have different talents within the Church of Christ. The Temple of God rises high when all talents combined can lead the entire church into one final goal: unity in diversity.

Talents are not limited to the rank of clergy. All member assist one another so all may fulfill God's will in the midst of the congregation.

St. Paul mentions the gift of prophesy, the gift of ministry, the gift of teaching, the gift of preaching, the gift of administration, and the gift of almsgiving and charity. Members of the church see all gifts as leading to the ministry of caring which leads the faithful to be children of the one Triune God-head, worshipping together as one body, and offering prayers on behalf of the congregation.

What does 'to pray' mean? It means that when you participate in the Divine Liturgy, you do that in the church of your own congregation. You cannot justify going to another house of worship, claiming that it is nearer to your own home. For to be close of near are non-related issues. The faithful believer is the one who aims at strengthening his/her church membership by on-going and regular participation.

Do not say that all rites and rituals are the same. For the issue is not a question of a ritual. The main point is our involvement and belonging so faith may continue to be lived and nourished.

The fact that we have friendships and commitments with other people from various churches means that we can still work together for a common goal and to be one united and work together on many issues; however our membership comes from the baptism and that makes us intimately united with the fellow members of our church community, and will lead to an emphasis that Orthodoxy is not simply a shirt that we wear one day and remove it another day. Orthodoxy is a way of life that remains with you the rest of your days. This conviction is strengthened by your faith, your personal 'covenant', and by your prayer. All that combined will help you fulfill all your talents and gifts, leading you to the Kingdom of heaven.

- to the church website www.sainteliasny.com
- **Upon entering church** please remember to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer and get your temperature taken. Remember to social distance.
- **Just a reminder that the PLC this year** is still scheduled from July 1-4, 2021 and will be hosted by St. Mary Montreal...so far it has not been cancelled...the convention has been cancelled. A decision regarding the PLCs will be taken early in 2021 pending the situation with the corona.
- **Thank you to John Khammar** for his donation of incense to the church for the health and well being of his family.

SCHEDULE/DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 1/20

Parish Council Meeting @7:00 PM

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.

Why do we have our homes blessed? We have an opportunity to remind ourselves that the whole world, including our homes, ourselves, our possessions, all our belongings, must be restored and brought to full reality in the light of Christ. When the priest brings the blessed water to our homes, he helps us establish a contact, a dialogue between us and God. Blessed and holy water is a reminder that we, too, must be blessed and consecrated for God's habitation. As God's creatures, we must experience a full restoration of created nature. God's gifts and blessings are not intended to be interpreted as some 'supernatural' power added to our natural water. On the contrary, the whole mission of the Church is to bring a sense of awareness of our natural gifts, natural in the sense of pure, holy, original, as it was intended at the time of creation. When we sip from that holy water, we reminded of our glory and honor, the state of being in the presence of God, as our first parents, Adam and Eve living in paradise, experiencing the natural and harmonious relationship with their Creator.

Jesus Christ was baptized in the Jordan, 'that He may sanctify us. May He also sanctify this house with this holy water and crush all evil powers from it.' May this prayer which is recited during the short prayer for blessing homes, be a sincere and a genuine way of returning to God, and of receiving His gifts and blessings, so that we may begin 2021 with a sense of hope, trust, and confidence in God and in His Power. **'Bless our homes, O Lord!'**

Due to the Pandemic this year, our normal scheduling for blessing homes has been postponed. Anyone who wishes to have their homes blessed please contact Dona for scheduling.

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.

VENERABLE AND GOD-BEARING FATHER ANTHONY THE GREAT & TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

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

هَلُمُّوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَرْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا.

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 بِصَلِيبِكَ الْمَوْتَ، وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصِّ الْفِرْدَوْسَ، وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطِّيبِ، وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهَ، مَانِحًا الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT IN TONE FOUR

Thou didst become like the zealous Elijah in his condition, and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways, becoming a dweller in the wilderness and an establisher of the universe by thy prayer, O Father Anthony. Wherefore, intercede thou with Christ God to save our souls.

لَقَدْ مَائِلْتُ إِبِلِيَا الْغَيُورَ فِي أَحْوَالِهِ، وَتَبِعْتَ الْمَعْمَدَانَ فِي مَنَاهِجِهِ الْقَوِيْمَةِ. فَعَدَوْتَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ سَاكِنًا، وَلِلْمَسْكُونَةِ بِصَلَوَاتِكَ مُشَدِّدًا، أَيُّهَا الْأَبُ أَنْطُونِيُوسَ. فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهَ، أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.

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 ويظهر البرص، لذلك يُفيض الأشفية بمكرميه دائماً"

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.

يَا مَنْ بِمَوْلِدِهِ قَدَّسَ الْمُسْتَوْدَعِ الْبَتُولِيَّ، وَبَارَكَ يَدَيْ سِمْعَانَ كَمَا لاقَ، وَأَدْرَكَنَا الْآنَ وَ خَلَّصَنَا؛ لِخَفِّ رَعِيَّتِكَ بِسَلَامٍ فِي الْحُرُوبِ، وَأَيِّدِ الْمُلُوكَ الَّذِينَ أَحَبَّبْتَهُمْ، بِمَا أَنَّكَ وَحْدَكَ مُدَبِّبٌ لِلْبَشَرِ.

Today's Reader : TBA

Priest: Let us attend.

**Reader: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?**

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:17-21)

(For St. Anthony the Great)

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

كَرِيمٌ بَيْنَ يَدَيِ الرَّبِّ مَوْتُ أَبْرَارِهِ.

بِمَاذَا نُكَافِي الرَّبَّ عَنْ كُلِّ مَا أَعْطَانَا.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولَسَ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ. (21-13:17)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، أَطِيعُوا مُدَبِّرِيكُمْ وَاخْضَعُوا لَهُمْ، فَإِنَّهُمْ يَسْهَرُونَ عَلَى نَفْسِكُمْ سَهَرًا مَن سَيُعْطِي حِسَابًا حَتَّى يَفْعَلُوا ذَلِكَ بِسُرُورٍ لَا آتَيْنِ. لِأَنَّ هَذَا غَيْرٌ نَافِعٌ لَكُمْ. صَلُّوا مِنَّا أَجْلِنَا، فَإِنَّا نَتَّقُ بِأَنَّ لَنَا ضَمِيرًا صَالِحًا فَتَرْغَبُ فِي أَنْ نُحْسِنَ التَّصَرُّفَ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. وَأَطْلُبُ ذَلِكَ بِأَشَدِّ الْإِحَاحِ حَتَّى أُرَدَّ إِلَيْكُمْ فِي أَسْرَعِ وَقْتٍ. وَإِلَهُ السَّلَامِ، الَّذِي أَعَادَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ رَاعِي الْخِرَافِ الْعَظِيمِ بِدَمِ الْعَهْدِ الْأَبَدِيِّ، رَبَّنَا يَسُوعُ، يُكَمِّلْكُمْ فِي كُلِّ عَمَلٍ حَتَّى تَعْمَلُوا بِمَشِيئَتِهِ، عَامِلًا فِيكُمْ مَا هُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ لَدَيْهِ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي لَهُ الْمَجْدُ إِلَى أَبَدِ الْأَبَدِينَ. آمِينَ.

Priest: Peace be to you Reader.

PLEASE STAND!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Next Sunday's Reader: TBA

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتِّلْمِذِ الطَّاهِرِ

وَفِيمَا يَسُوعُ دَاخِلٌ إِلَى قَرْيَةٍ اسْتَقْبَلَهُ عَشْرَةُ رَجَالٍ بُرَصٍ، فَوَقَفُوا مِنْ بَعِيدٍ وَرَفَعُوا صَوْتًا قَائِلِينَ: يَا يَسُوعُ، يَا مُعَلِّمُ، ارْحَمْنَا! فَتَنَظَّرَ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: اذْهَبُوا وَأَرَوْا أَنْفُسَكُمْ لِلْكَهَنَةِ. وَفِيمَا هُمْ مُنْطَلِفُونَ طَهَّرُوا. فَوَاحِدٌ مِنْهُمْ لَمَّا رَأَى أَنَّهُ شَفِيَ، رَجَعَ يُمَجِّدُ اللَّهَ بِصَوْتٍ عَظِيمٍ، وَخَرَّ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ عِنْدَ رِجْلَيْهِ شَاكِرًا لَهُ، وَكَانَ سَامَرِيًّا. فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: أَلَيْسَ الْعَشْرَةُ قَدْ طَهَّرُوا؟ فَأَيْنَ التَّسْعَةُ؟ أَلَمْ يُوجَدْ مَنْ يَرْجِعُ لِيُعْطِيَ مَجْدًا لِلَّهِ غَيْرُ هَذَا الْغَرِيبِ الْجَنَسِ؟ ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ: قُمْ وَامْضِ، إِيْمَانُكَ خَلَّصَكَ.

MEGALYNARION:

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 the Alamir Family**, for the continued good health and well being of Habib, Milia, Yara, and Naya, Faisal, Nahla, Rafik, Rwaida and family, George and Suha and family, Andre and Zeina and family, And all Alamir families, **also being offered in loving memory of** all the departed members from the Alamir family. May their memories be eternal.
- **Please pray for all the sick** and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our community, especially, Taghreed Tadrus, Violette Humsi, Salwa Makhoulouf, Evelyn Gabriel.
- **SUNDAY HOLY BREAD:** Jan. 24th Abdo and Gantos family, 40 day memorial for Nabeeha Mahshie; Jan. 31st Algattas family.
- **THE COFFEE SPONSOR CHART FOR 2021** is posted by the coat rack. If you would like to sponsor the Holy Bread during this COVID-19 period, please call the office to check for the date and sign up.
- **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. **Reminder**— you are able to make your church contributions on our website via PayPal.
- **Please remember to make a reservation** for attending church services by going