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

TONE 4/EOTHINON 4

VENERABLE TIMOTHY OF SYMBOLA; EUSTATHIOS, ARCHBISHOP OF ANTIOCH;
ZACHARIAH, PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM; GEORGE, BISHOP OF AMASTRIS

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. وكنذكير ودي، يُسمح فقط للمسيحيين الأرثوذكس الذين أعدّوا أنفسهم بشكل صحيح من خلال الصوم والصلاة واعتراف من زمن قريب بالاقتراب من الكأس المقدّسة لتناول القربان المقدّس. ولكن يُسمح للجميع الاقتراب في نهاية القدّاس لاستلام الخبز المقدّس المبارك. ونحن نتطلع للقائكم والترحيب بكم شخصياً في كنيسة مار الياس. يرجى توجيه الأسئلة إلى الأب الياس 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

**Spiritual Life and Growth in Christ during the
Pre-Lenten Season**

The Pre-Lenten season is an important period in our spiritual growth. Spirituality in general invites us to meet the Lord and live under His grace and blessings, not only in the church and in the inner life of church worship but in every stage of our secular obligations. Spiritual life unfolded God's work in the world: to grow in Christ, to act and react to His words that fill us with meaning, and to the extent that we can finally say that it is not me who lives but Christ who is in me.

In this regard, St. John Chrysostom, in his commentary on the gospel of St. Luke, says that those who seek righteousness are like those who are thirsty for water; for in as much as they are unable to quench their thirst, their desire of water increases. This is the same with those who seek Christ through almsgiving and regular prayer. You remember the story of Zachaeus, the tax collector. His desire to see Christ led him to climb a tree so he may be able to see Christ passing by. Upon satisfying his desire he was already a renewed human being.

The Pre-Lenten season helps us transcend all earthly care, so we may 'receive the King of glory'. The human person transcends every human and earthly love, so he/she may focus on the heavenly gifts, and this can lead us from a given situation to a commitment.

Great Lent is an opportunity for us to gain renewal. Christ becomes our goal and our only love. We empty ourselves so we may gain the vision of Jesus that leads us to the love of God. That is the reason why all means of spirituality go along together: Fasting, Almsgiving, and Prayer.

As we focus on these necessary means, we understand that we have to take care of our worldly obligations, based on our professions and involvements in life. Despite all such limitations, we continue to ask the Lord to fill our lives with His presence, and respond to His initiatives so we may be 'formed' as God-like. May this coming Lenten season lead us into Christ so He may continue to work in us, and guide us in His love. For Christianity invites us to make the right choices. Blessed are those who make the right choices that lead ultimately to Christ who is the Way, Truth, and Life.

*Dynamics of Faith in the Local Parish
Reflections
Joseph E. Antypas*

HEART TO HEART AND HAND IN HAND FUNDRAISER

(From the ladies video)

Thanks to you, we were able to donate food, clothes and other necessities to four local charities so far! **Rise Above Poverty, The Samaritan Center, The Rescue Mission, and Rise Above the Streets.**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you parishioners for your enormous generosity and warm heart. Thanks to you, our Heart to Heart and Hand in Hand drive continues, because we believe that good things are possible when you follow your heart. Let us all be a rainbow in someone else's cloud, show a little kindness and help make a difference.

The next two charities on our list are **Ronald McDonald House and Golisano Children's Hospital.** You can help by donating a Basket. We're going to raffle your baskets and the proceeds will go to these two amazing charities. Deadline to donate is March 1st.

For more information or ideas, feel free to contact Rima Nasr (315) 944-7241 or Samantha Dayeh(315)657-2225

Everything we do , we do it for the glory of God
God bless
Rima



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.

SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN

During the Little Entrance:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world 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
هَلِّمُوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَرْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلُّوِيَا.

After the Little Entrance:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

إِنَّ تَلْمِيذَاتِ الرَّبِّ تَعَلَّمْنَ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْكَرَزَةِ بِالْقِيَامَةِ الْبَهِيحِ، وَطَرَّحْنَ الْقَضَاءَ الْجَدِّيَّ، وَخَاطَبْنَ الرَّسُلَ مُفْتَخِرَاتٍ وَقَائِلَاتٍ: سُبِّحِي الْمَوْتُ وَقَامَ الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، وَمَنَحَ الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

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.

أَيُّهَا الْمَلَائِكَةُ بِالْجِسْمِ قَاعِدَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَرُكْنُهُمْ، السَّابِقُ الثَّانِي لِحُضُورِ الْمَسِيحِ، إِيَّاسَ الْمَجِيدِ الْمَوْقِرِ، لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْتَ النِّعْمَةَ مِنَ الْعُلَى لِأَلَيْشَعَ لِيَطْرُدَ الْأَسْقَامَ وَيَطَهِّرَ الْبُرْصَ، لِذَلِكَ يُفِيضُ الْأَشْفِيَةَ بِمَكْرَمِيهِ دَائِمًا

KONTAKION FOR THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN IN TONE FOUR

(**On this day Thou hast appeared**)

Let us flee the Pharisee's conceited vaunting; let us learn the Publican's humility, and cry with groans unto the Savior: Thou Who alone art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

مِنْ شُمُوحِ الْفَرِّيْسِيِّ لِنَهْرُبَنَّ، وَمِنْ تَوَاضِعِ الْعَشَّارِ لِنَتَعَلَّمَ، هَاتِفَيْنِ بَرْفَرَاتٍ إِلَى الْمُخَلِّصِ: إِرْحَمْنَا يَا مُصَالِحاً حَسِداً وَحَدَاكُ.

Today's Reader : TBA

Priest: Let us attend.

**Reader: Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.
God is known in Judea; His Name is great in Israel.**

Reader: The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, long suffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Indeed all who would live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But people who are wicked and deceivers will proceed from worse to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and how from infancy you have known the sacred temple writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا. اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي أَرْضِ يَهُودَا.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرِّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى تِيْمُوثَاوَسِ.

يا ولدي تيموثاوس، إنَّكَ قَدْ اسْتَقْرَبْتَ تَعْلِيمِي، وَسِيرَتِي، وَقَسْدِي، وَإِيمَانِي، وَأَنَاتِي، وَمَحَبَّتِي، وَصَبْرِي. واضطهاداتي، والآمي، وما أصابني في إنطاكية وأيقونية ولسترة. وأية اضطهادات احتملت، وقد أنقذني الربُّ من جميعها. وجميع الذين يريدون أن يعيشوا بالتقوى في المسيح يسوع يُضْطَهَدُونَ. أمَّا الأشرار والمُغْوُونَ مِنَ النَّاسِ، فَيَزِدَادُونَ شَرًّا، مُضِلِّينَ وَمُضَلَّلِينَ. فَاسْتَمِرِّي أَنْتِ عَلَى مَا تَعَلَّمْتَهُ وَأَيَقَنْتِي بِهِ، عَالِمًا مِمَّنْ تَعَلَّمْتِ. وَأَنَّكَ مُنْذُ الطُّفُولِيَّةِ تَعْرِفُ الْكُنْبَ الْمُقَدَّسَةَ الْقَادِرَةَ أَنْ تُصَيِّرَكَ حَكِيمًا لِلْخَلَّاصِ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ.

PLEASE STAND!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Next Sunday's Reader: TBA

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفًا مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ، التَّمْثِيلِ الطَّاهِرِ. (14-10:18)

قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ: إِنْسَانَانِ صَعَدَا إِلَى الْهَيْكَلِ لِيُصَلِّيَا، أَحَدُهُمَا فَرِّيْسِيٌّ وَالْآخَرُ عَشَّارٌ. فَكَانَ الْفَرِّيْسِيُّ وَاقْفًا يُصَلِّي فِي نَفْسِهِ هَكَذَا، "اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَشْكُرُكَ لِأَنِّي لَسْتُ كَسَائِرِ النَّاسِ الْخَطْفَةِ، الظَّالِمِينَ،

الْفَاسِقِينَ، وَلَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الْعَشَّارِ. فَإِنِّي أَصُومُ فِي الْأَسْبُوعِ مَرَّتَيْنِ، وَأَعْتَبِرُ كُلَّ مَا هُوَ لِي. أَمَّا الْعَشَّارُ فَوَقَفَ عَنْ بُعْدٍ، وَلَمْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يَرْفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، بَلْ كَانَ يَقْرَعُ صَدْرَهُ قَائِلًا، "اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْنِي أَنَا الْخَاطِيءُ." أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّ هَذَا نَزَلَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ مُبْرَرًا دُونَ ذَلِكَ. لِأَنَّ كُلَّ مَنْ رَفَعَ نَفْسَهُ اتَّضَعَ، وَمَنْ وَضَعَ نَفْسَهُ ارْتَفَعَ.

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 Shahin family** for the spiritual and physical well being of Charles, Cecilia, Gabriel, Jeanine, Kmechi and all the members of the Shahin, Tafur and Mokeiber Families. **Also being offered in loving memory** of the newly departed Carol Mokeiger and also Roger Mokeiber, all the departed members of the Shahin, Archpriest Michael Shahin, Angel Tafur, Violette Tafur, Charles and Juliette Awad , Ester and Leo Ferris. May their memories be eternal.
- **Please pray for all the sick** and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our community, especially, Violette Humsi, Salwa Makhoulf, Evelyn Gabriel.
- **Congratulations to Habib and Yara Alamir on their first born**, Sam Samir Alamir, who was born on February 16th. May God grant them many years of abundant blessings and happiness.
- **SUNDAY HOLY BREAD:** Feb. 28th Essi 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 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.
- **The PLC this year for 2021 has been canceled.**

SCHEDULE/DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday	3/15	Lent Begins
Wednesday	3/17	Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm