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ST. ELIAS
ANTIOCHIAN CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**HIS BEATITUDE PATRIARCH JOHN X, PARTRIACH OF ANTIOCH
AND ALL THE EAST**

**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 JOSEPH THE SANCTIFIED OF CRETE

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. Michael.

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. وكتذكير وديّ، يُسمح فقط للمسيحيين الأرثوذكس الذين أعدّوا أنفسهم بشكل صحيح من خلال الصوم والصلاة واعتراف من زمن قريب بالاقتراب من الكأس المقدسة لتناول القربان المقدس. 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

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 2023 with a sense of hope, trust, and confidence in God and in His Power. **'Bless our homes, O Lord!'**

Upon Fathers 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.**

Please Cooperate when you are called to schedule a House Blessing.

Welcome Father Michael Ibrahim and Kh. Roula

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Holy Bread of Oblations today is being offered by Taghreed Tadros and family** for the spiritual and physical well being of Taghreed, Samir, Abeer, Abdallah. **Also being offered in loving memory of** Hannah, Abdallah, Habib, Jamila, Fareed, Saada, Salih, Jameel, Jaleel, George, Julia, Samiah, Nick. **May their memories be eternal.**
- **Today is the 40 day memorial for Hannah Khader. May her memory be eternal.**
- **Please pray for all the sick** and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our community, especially Janet Saba, Siham Ayoub, Salwa Makhlouf, Kawthar Shomar, Elias Shamieh, Nada Tadros, Evelyn Gabriel, Eva Phillips.
- **SUNDAY HOLY BREAD:** Jan 29th OPEN; Feb. 5th Abboud Family; Feb. 12th OPEN; Feb. 19th, Sousou Family- 1 year memorial for Elia Sousou.
- **THE COFFEE SPONSOR CHART FOR 2023** is posted by the coat rack. If you would like to sponsor the Holy Bread, 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.
- **St. Elias Necrology for the month of January**– If you would like to offer the Holy Bread of Oblation in memory of your loved one, please sign up and/or call the office. The following are the departed members– Farideh Tadros 1/9/2013, Theresa Delaney Khammar 1/8/2014, Andrew George Awad 1/4/2015, Frieda Khammar 1/1/2016, Nadim Nasser 1/18/2020, Fahed Jiries 1/31/2020, Douglas Savage 1/3/2009. May their memory be eternal.

SCHEDULE/DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 1/22 Welcome Luncheon for Father Michael Ibrahim and Kh. Roula.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Please join us in welcoming Father Michael Ibrahim and Kh Roula to our Saint Elias Orthodox Church family. Let us unite together as one family and greet Father into his new home. "Therefore welcome one another as Christ Welcomed you for the glory of God." Romans 15:7. The ladies want to invite St. Elias parishioners and their families to join us for a luncheon to welcome Father Michael Ibrahim and Kh Roula today.**

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 AFTER PENTECOST & FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

HOLY APOSTLE TIMOTHY & ANASTASIOS THE PERSIAN

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

الايصوذيكون

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

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حَطَمْتَ بِصَلَابِكَ الْمَوْتَ، وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصَّ الْفِرْدَوْسَ، وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ، وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. TIMOTHY IN TONE FOUR

Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befitteth one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish the course, O Hieromartyr and Apostle Timothy. Intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

لَقَدْ تَعَلَّمْتَ الصَّلَاحَ وَكُنْتَ فِي جَمِيعِ الْأَحْوَالِ مُتَّقِظاً ذَا نِيَّةٍ صَالِحَةٍ سَالِمِ الضَّمِيرِ عَلَى مَا يَلِيْقُ بِرِجَالِ الْكَهَنُوتِ يَا تِيْمُوثَاوُسُ الشَّهِيدُ فِي الْكَهَنَةِ. فَتَلَقَّنْتَ عَنِ الْإِنَاءِ الْمُصْطَفَى الْأَسْرَارَ الَّتِي لَا يُنْطَقُ بِهَا. ثُمَّ حَفِظْتَ الْإِيمَانَ وَأَتَمَمْتَ الشَّوْطَ عَلَى اسْتِقَامَةٍ. فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهُ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANASTASIOS THE PERSIAN IN TONE FOUR

(Be quick to anticipate**)**

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

شَهِيدُكَ يَا رَبُّ بِجِهَادِهِ، نَالَ مِنْكَ الْإِكْلِيلَ غَيْرَ الْبَالِي يَا إِلَهَنَا. لِأَنَّهُ أَحْرَزَ قُوَّتَكَ فَحَطَّمَ الْمُعْتَصِبِينَ، وَسَحَقَ بَأْسَ الشَّيَاطِينِ الَّتِي لَا قُوَّةَ لَهَا. فَبِشَفَاعَاتِهِ، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، خَلِّصْ 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.

أَيُّهَا الْمَلَائِكَةُ بِالْجِسْمِ قَاعِدَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَرُكْنُهُمْ، السَّابِقُ الثَّانِي لِحُضُورِ الْمَسِيحِ، إِيْلْيَاسَ الْمَجِيدِ الْمَوْقِرِ، لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْتَ النِّعْمَةَ مِنَ الْعُلَى لِأَلِيْشَعِ لِيَطْرُدَ الْأَسْقَامَ وَيَطْهَرَ الْبِرْصَ، لِذَلِكَ يُفِيضُ الْأَشْفِيَةَ بِمَكْرَمِيهِ دَائِمًا

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.

قِنْدَاقِ دُخُولِ السَّيِّدِ إِلَى الْهَيْكَلِ بِاللَّحْنِ الْأَوَّلِ

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

Today's Reader: Nabil Jabaji (Arabic) Fadi Makhlouf (English)

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.

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

(For the Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost)

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.

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

يا ولدي تيموثاوس، صادقة هي الكلمة وجديرة بكل قبول فإننا لهذا نشعُب ونُعير، لأننا ألقينا

رجاءنا على الله الحي الذي هو مخلص الناس أجمعين، ولا سيما المؤمنين. فوص بهذا وعلم به. لا يستهن أحد بفتوتك، 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 بنوثة، بوضع أيدي الكهنة* تأمل في ذلك وكُن عليه عاكفا ليكون تقدمك ظاهرا في كل شيء.

PLEASE STAND!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Next Sunday's Reader: Ramzy Makhlouf (English) Milia Alamir (Arabic)

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

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

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."

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي التبشير والتلميذ الطاهر. (10-1:19)

في ذلك الزمان، فيما يسوع مجتازاً في أريحا، إذا برجلٍ 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 جميزة لينظره، لأنه كان مزمعاً أن يجتاز بها فلما انتهى 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، أعطني 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.

MEGALYNARION:

It is truly meet ...

Koinonikon (Communion Hymn)

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