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

**THE PLACING OF THE THEOTOKOS' ROBE IN
BLACHERNAE
& FOURTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

JUVENALY, ARCHBISHOP OF JERUSALEM; THE NEW-
MARTYRS OF SAMOTHRACE;

ARCHBISHOP JOHN MAXIMOVITCH OF SHANGHAI AND SAN
FRANCISCO

TONE 3/ EOTHINON 4

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.

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.

cese of Shanghai. Twelve years later he was named Archbishop of China. Upon his arrival in Shanghai, Bishop John began working to restore unity among the various Orthodox nationalities. In time, he worked to build a large cathedral church that was dedicated to Surety of Sinners Icon to the Mother of God, with a bell tower and large parish house. Additionally, he inspired many activities: building of churches, hospitals, and orphanages among the Orthodox and Russians of Shanghai. He was intensely active, constantly praying and serving the daily cycle of services, while also visiting the sick with the Holy Gifts. He often would walk barefooted even in the coldest days. Yet to avoid the appearance of secular glory, he would pretend to act the fool.

With the end of World War II and the coming to power of the communists in China, Bishop John led the exodus of his community from Shanghai in 1949. Initially, he helped some 5,000 refugees to a camp on the island of Tubabao in the Philippines, while he travelled successfully to Washington, D.C., to lobby to amend the law to allow these refugees to enter the United States. It was while on this trip that Bishop John took time to establish a parish in Washington dedicated to Saint John the Forerunner.

In 1951, Archbishop John was assigned to the Archdiocese of Western Europe with his cathedra in Paris. During his time there, he also served as archpastor of the Orthodox Church of France, whose restored Gallican liturgy he studied and then celebrated. He was the principal consecrator of the Orthodox Church of France's first modern bishop, Jean-Nectaire (Kovalevsky) of Saint-Denis, and ordained to the priesthood the man who would become its second bishop, Germain (Bertrand-Hardy) of Saint-Denis.

In 1962, Archbishop John was assigned to the Diocese of San Francisco, succeeding his long time friend Archbishop Tikhon. Archbishop John's days in San Francisco were to prove sorrowful as he attempted to heal the great disunity in his community. He was able to bring peace such that the new cathedral, dedicated to the Joy of all Who Sorrow Icon of the Mother of God, was completed.

Deeply revering Saint John of Kronstadt, Archbishop John played an active role in preparation of his canonization.

He reposed during a visit to Seattle on July 2, 1966, while accompanying a tour of the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God. He was laid to rest in a crypt chapel under the main altar of the new cathedral.

Saint John [Maximovitch], Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco

Our Father among the Saints John (Maximovitch), Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco (1896-1966), was a diocesan bishop of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia (ROCOR) who served widely from China to France to the United States.

Saint John departed this life on June 19 (O.S.) / July 2 (N.S.), 1966, and was officially glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad on July 2, 1994. His glorification was later recognized for universal veneration by the Patriarchate of Moscow on July 2, 2008.



Life

The future Saint John was born on June 4, 1896, in the village of Adamovka in Kharkiv province to pious aristocrats, Boris and Glafira Maximovitch. He was given the baptismal name of Michael, after the Holy Archangel Michael. In his youth, Michael was sickly and had a poor appetite, but he displayed an intense religious interest. He was educated at the Poltava Military School (1907-14); Kharkiv Imperial University, from which he received a law degree (in 1918); and the University of Belgrade (where he completed his theological education in 1925).

He and his family fled their country as the Bolshevik revolutionaries descended on the country, emigrating to Yugoslavia. There, he enrolled in the Department of Theology of the University of Belgrade. He was tonsured a monk in 1926 by Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitsky) of Kharkov (later the first primate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia). Metropolitan Anthony later in 1926 ordained him hierodeacon. Bishop Gabriel of Chelyabinsk ordained him hieromonk on November 21, 1926. Subsequent to his ordination he began an active life of teaching in a Serbian high school and serving, at the request of local Greeks and Macedonians, in the Greek language. With the growth of his popularity, the bishops of the Russian Church Abroad resolved to elevate him to the episcopate.

Hieromonk John was consecrated bishop on May 28, 1934, with Metropolitan Anthony serving as principal consecrator, after which he was assigned to the Dio-

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On July 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Deposition of the Precious Raiment (Robe) of the Most Holy Theotokos in her holy shrine at Blachernae in Constantinople, during the reign of Leo the Great and Berina his wife.

In the fifth century, two noblemen from Constantinople named Galibus and Candidus traveled throughout the Holy Land to venerate and to worship before the holy shrines. In Nazareth, they stopped for a while at the home of a Jewish maiden who kept the girdle of the All-Holy Mother of God in a secret room. Many who were ill and in need received healing from their sufferings through prayer and by touching the vesture. Galibus and Candidus received this sacred article and brought it to Constantinople and reported it to Emperor Leo and Patriarch Gennadius. This brought about great joy in the imperial city. The vesture was solemnly translated and placed in the Church of Blachernae.

On this day, we also commemorate our father among the saints Juvenaly, archbishop of Jerusalem; the New-martyrs of Samothrace; and Archbishop John Maximovitch the wonderworker of Shanghai and San Francisco. Through the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Today's Reader: Nabil Jabaji (English) Khader Fashho (Arabic)

Priest: Let us attend.

**Reader: My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Savior.
For He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.**

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)
(For the Theotokos' Robe)

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

الرسالة (بوضع ثوب وِدة الإله)

تَعْظِمُ نَفْسِي الرَّبِّ، وَتَبْتَهِجُ رُوحِي بِاللَّهِ مُخْلِصِي،
لَأَنَّهُ نَظَرَ إِلَيَّ تَوَاضَعُ أُمَّتِهِ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ.

القارئ: يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ الْعَهْدَ الْأَوَّلَ كَانَتْ لَهُ أَيْضاً فَرَائِضُ الْعِبَادَةِ وَالْقُدُسِ الْعَالَمِيِّ. لِأَنَّهُ نُصِبَ الْمَسْكَنُ الْأَوَّلَ الَّذِي يُقَالُ لَهُ الْقُدُسُ، وَكَانَتْ فِيهِ الْمَنَارَةُ وَالْمَائِدَةُ وَخُبْزُ التَّقْدِيمَةِ. وَكَانَ وَرَاءَ الْحِجَابِ الثَّانِي، الْمَسْكَنُ الَّذِي

glad tidings were received with ridicule; for they were still without understanding. But Peter hastened to behold, and glorified Thy wonders in himself.

المجد للآب والإبن والروح القدس

إِنَّ النِّسْوَةَ وَأَفِينَّ إِلَى قَبْرِكَ سَحْرًا عَمِيقًا أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ. إِلَّا أَنَّهُنَّ لَمْ يَجِدْنَ الْجَسَدَ الْمَأْتُورَ عِنْدَهُنَّ. فَبَيْنَمَا هُنَّ مُتَحَيِّرَاتٌ، وَقَفَتْ بِهِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا بِلِبَاسِ مُشْرَقٍ، وَقَالُوا لَهُنَّ: لِمَ تَطْلُبْنَ الْحَيَّ مَعَ الْمَوْتَى؟ قَدْ قَامَ كَمَا سَبَقَ فَقَالَ. لِمَاذَا نَسِيْتُنَّ كَلَامَهُ؟ فَلَمَّا تَحَقَّقْنَ قَوْلَهُمْ، كَرَزْنَ لِلتَّلَامِيذِ بِالْمَنْظُورَاتِ. إِلَّا أَنَّ بِشَارَتَهُنَّ حُسِبَتْ عِنْدَهُمْ هُزْأً. لِأَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا بَعْدَ غَيْرِ فَاهِمِينَ. إِلَّا أَنَّ بَطْرُسَ أَسْرَعَ، فَشَاهَدَ، وَمَجَّدَ فِي نَفْسِهِ عَجَائِبَكَ.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Most blessed art thou, O Virgin Theotokos, for through Him that was incarnate of thee is Hades despoiled, Adam is recalled from the dead, the curse is made void, Eve is set free, death is slain, and we are endowed with life. Wherefore, in hymns of praise, we cry aloud: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who is thus well pleased, glory to Thee.

الآن وكلّ أوانٍ وإلى دهر الداهرين. آمين

أَنْتِ هِيَ الْفَائِزَةُ عَلَى كُلِّ الْبَرَكَاتِ، يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الْعِذْرَاءِ، لِأَنَّ الْجَحِيمَ قَدْ سُيِّبَتْ بِوَسِطَةِ الْمُتَجَسِّدِ مِنْكَ، وَآدَمَ دُعِيَ ثَانِيَةً، وَاللَّعْنَةُ بَادَتْ، وَحَوَاءٌ انْعَقَتَتْ، وَالْمَوْتُ أُمِيتَ، وَنَحْنُ قَدْ حَيِينَا. فَلِذَلِكَ نُسَبِّحُ هَاتِهِينَ: مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْهِنَا، يَا مَنْ هَكَذَا سُرَّ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

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.

أهلا 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 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 مايكل مباشرةً.

يُقَالُ لَهُ قَدْسُ الْأَقْدَاسِ. وَفِيهِ مُسْتَوْفَدُ النُّخُورِ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ وَتَابُوتُ الْعَهْدِ الْمُعْشَى بِالذَّهَبِ مِنْ كُلِّ جِهَةٍ، فِيهِ قِسْطُ الْمَنْ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ، وَعَصَا هَارُونَ الَّتِي أَفْرَحَتْ وَلَوْحَا الْعَهْدِ. وَمِنْ فَوْقِهِ كَارُوبَا الْمَجْدِ الْمُظَلَّلَانِ الْغِطَاءِ. وَلَيْسَ هُنَا مَقَامُ الْكَلَامِ فِي ذَلِكَ تَفْصِيلاً. وَحَيْثُ كَانَ ذَلِكَ مُهَيِّئاً هَكَذَا، فَالْكَهَنَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ إِلَى الْمَسْكَنِ الْأَوَّلِ كُلِّ حَبِينٍ فَيَتِمُّونَ الْخِدْمَةَ. وَأَمَّا الثَّانِي، فَإِنَّمَا يَدْخُلُهُ رَئِيسُ الْكَهَنَةِ وَحْدَهُ مَرَّةً فِي السَّنَةِ، لَيْسَ بِإِلَّا دَمٍ يُقْرَبُهُ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ وَعَنْ جِهَاتِ الشَّعْبِ.

THE GOSPEL

PLEASE STAND!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:5-13)

(For the Fourth Sunday of Matthew)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

الإنجيل (لأحد الرابع من متي)

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِي الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّمْلِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ كَفَرْنَاحُومَ، فَدَنَا إِلَيْهِ قَائِدُ مِئَةٍ، وَطَلَبَ إِلَيْهِ قَائِلًا: يَا رَبُّ إِنَّ فَتَايَ مُلْقَى فِي الْبَيْتِ مُخْلَعًا يُعَذِّبُ بِعَذَابٍ شَدِيدٍ. فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: أَنَا آتِي وَأَشْفِيهِ. فَأَجَابَ قَائِدُ الْمِئَةِ قَائِلًا: يَا رَبُّ، لَسْتُ مُسْتَحَقًّا أَنْ تَدْخُلَ تَحْتَ سَقْفِي، وَلَكِنْ قُلْ كَلِمَةً لَا غَيْرَ، فَيُيْبِرَ فَتَايَ. فَأَيُّ أَنَا إِنْسَانٌ تَحْتَ سُلْطَانِ، وَلِي جُنْدٌ تَحْتَ يَدِي، أَقُولُ لِهَذَا "أَذْهَبْ"، فَيَذْهَبُ، وَلِلْآخِرِ "أَنْتَ"، فَيَأْتِي، وَلِعَبْدِي "عَمَلْ هَذَا"، فَيَعْمَلُ. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ يَسُوعُ، تَعَجَّبَ وَقَالَ لِلَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَهُ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنِّي لَمْ أَجِدْ إِيمَانًا بِمِقْدَارِ هَذَا وَلَا فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّ كَثِيرِينَ سَيَأْتُونَ مِنَ الْمَشَارِقِ وَالْمَغَارِبِ وَيَتَكُونُونَ مَعَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَاسْحَقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ فِي مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَأَمَّا بَنُو الْمَلَكُوتِ فَيُلْقُونَ فِي الظُّلْمَةِ الْبِرَّانِيَّةِ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصْرِيْفُ الْأَسْنَانِ. ثُمَّ قَالَ يَسُوعُ لِقَائِدِ الْمِئَةِ: أَذْهَبْ، وَلْيَكُنْ لَكَ كَمَا آمَنْتَ. فَشَفِيَ فَتَاهُ فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ.

THE FOURTH EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE FOUR

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Verily, the women came at early dawn to Thy tomb, O Christ, but they found not Thy body, precious to them. And as they were perplexed, behold there stood among them those who were in shining clothes who said to them: Why seek ye the living among the dead? He hath risen as He foretold. Why have ye forgotten His words? And when they were assured by their saying, they preached to the Disciples the things seen. But their