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## St. ELIAS

## **ANTIOCHIAN CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHERS ISAACIUS, DALMATUS, AND FAUSTUS; SALOME THE MYRRH-BEARER; VENERABLE ANTHONY THE ROMAN, WONDERWORKER OF NOVGOROD

#### **TONE 7/ EOTHINON 8**

#### 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 ETIQETTE**

## 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.

## 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 وبطهر البرص، لذلك يُفيض الأشفية بمكرميه دائما"

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#### 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 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 أوّل زيارة لكم، يرجى أخذ القليل من الوقت لتوقيع سجلّ الزوّار واستكمال بطاقة معلومات الزوّار البيضاء والتي توجد في صحن الكنيسة، وإعادتها إلى أحد مُرشِدي 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 المُقدس المُبارك، ونحن نتطلع للقائكم والترحيب بكم شخصياً في كنيسة مار الياس، يرجى توجيه الأسئلة إلى الأب مايكل مباشرةً.

#### 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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Please pray for all the sick and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our community, especially Janet Saba, Salwa Makhlouf, Elias Shamieh, Nada and Rima Tadros, Evelyn Gabriel.
- Please pray for all those who have suffered and lost loved ones in Palestine and the Middle East.

a monastery for him at Constantinople, and he became its first igumen. The monastery was later named for his disciple Dalmatus.

When Saint Isaac was approaching the end of his earthly life, he named Saint Dalmatus to succeed him as igumen. He lived to a ripe old age and reposed in the year 383.

**VENERABLE DALMATUS THE ASCETIC OF THE DALMATIAN** MONASTERY AT CONSTANTINOPLE

**COMMEMORATED ON AUGUST 3** 

Saint Dalmatus served in the army of the holy emperor Theodosius the Great (379-395) and attracted his notice. The saint was soon filled with the desire to dedicate himself to his Lord and Creator. Therefore, sometime between the years 381-383, he left the service of an earthly ruler in order to serve the King of Heaven. He went with his son Faustus to Saint Isaac's monastery near Constantinople in order to speak with him. Saint Isaac (May 30) tonsured both father and son into monasticism, and they both began to lead a strict ascetic life.

Saint Dalmatus excelled all the other monks in virtue. Once, during Great Lent, Saint Dalmatus did not eat any food for the forty days. Later he regained his strength and was found worthy of a divine vision.



After the Council the holy Fathers elevated Saint Dalmatus to be the archimandrite of his monastery, where he died peacefully at the age of ninety (after 446). He was succeeded by his son Faustus, who proved to be a worthy successor of his father.

VENERABLE FAUSTUS THE ASCETIC OF THE DALMATIAN MONASTERY AT CONSTANTINOPLE **COMMEMORATED ON AUGUST 3** 

Saint Faustus and his father Dalmatus received the monastic tonsure from Saint Isaac (May 30) at his monastery near Constantinople.

Saint Faustus, like his father, had attained the heights of monasticism, and excelled at fasting. Following the death of his father, he succeeded him as igumen of the monastery. The details of his ascetical life are not known.



## THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On August 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the venerable and Godbearing fathers Isaacius, Dalmatus and Faustus of the Dalmaton monastery.

At first, Dalmatus was an officer during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Great whom the emperor held in great esteem. When the spirit awakened in him, Dalmatus despised all earthly things, resigned his rank and took his only son Faustus and, with him, went to the community of Isaacius in the outskirts of Constantinople where they both were tonsured as monks. Dalmatus was completely devoted to a God-pleasing life for which the elder Isaacius rejoiced. When Isaacius approached the hour of death, he appointed Dalmatus as abbot in his place. Later, this community was named after him the so-called Dalmaton. Dalmatus devoted himself to fasting, at times for forty days. By fasting he conquered the invisible demonic power. He participated in the Third Ecumenical Council in Ephesus in 431 and fought against the Nestorian heresy. Pleasing God, he died peacefully in the fifth century. His son Faustus supported his father in everything and, after a God-pleasing life, died peacefully in the Dalmaton community.

On this day, we also commemorate Salome the myrrh-bearer; and Venerable Anthony the Roman, wonderworker of Novgorod, By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God,

have mercy upon us. Amen.

### THE EPISTLE

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 the Corinthians. (1:10-

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

> الرَّبُّ يُعْطَى قُوَّةً لِشَعْبِهِ. قَدِّمُوا للربِّ يا أَبْناءَ الله.

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رِسِالةِ القِديسِ بولُسَ الرَسولِ الأولى إلى أَهْلِ كورِنْتُوس. (10:1-17)

يا إِخْوَةُ، أَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّنا يَسوعَ المسيحِ أَنْ تَقولوا جَميعُكُمْ قَوْلاً واحِداً، وأَنْ لا يكونَ بَيْنَكُمُ شِقاقاتٌ، بَلْ تَكونوا مُكْتِمِلينَ بِفِكْرٍ ورَأْيِ واحِدٍ. فَقَدْ أَخْبَرَني عَنْكُمُ، يا إِخْوَتي، أَهْلُ خُلُوي، أَنَّ بَيْنَكُمْ خُصوماتٍ. أَعْني أَنَّ كُلَّ واحِدٍ مِنْكُمْ يَقولُ "أَنا لِبولُسَ أَوْ أَنا لِأَبلُوسَ، أَوْ أَنا لِصَفَا أَوْ أَنا لِلْمَسيح." أَلْعَلَّ المسيحَ قَدْ تَجَزَّأَ؟ أَلَعَلَّ بولُسَ صُلِبَ لِأَجْلِكُمْ؟ أَوْ باسْمِ بِولُسَ اعْتَمَدْتُم؟ أَشْكُرُ اللهَ أَنِّي لَمْ أُعَمِّدْ مِنْكُمْ أَحَداً

سِوى كْرِسْبُسَ وغايوسَ. لِئَلَّا يَقُولَ أَحَدٌ إِنِّي عَمَّدْتُ بِاسْمي. وعَمَّدْتُ أَيْضاً أَهْلَ بَيْتِ اسْتِفاناس. وما عَدا ذلِكَ، فَلا أَعْلَمُ، هَلْ عَمَّدْتُ أَحَداً غَيْرَهُمْ. لأنَّ المَسيحَ لَمْ يُرْسِلْني لِأُعَمِّدَ، بَلْ لأَبْشِرَ لا بِحِكْمَةِ كَلامٍ لِئَلَّا يُبْطَلَ صَليبُ المَسيح.

GOSPEL

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

فَصْلُ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بِشَارَةِ القدّيسِ مَتَّى الإِنْجِيلِيِّ البَشيرِ والتلْميذِ الطاهر. (4:14-22) في ذلك الزمانِ، أَبْصَرَ يَسوعُ جَمْعاً كَثيراً، فَتَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهِمْ وأَبْراً مَرْضاهُمْ. ولَمَّا كانَ المَساءُ، دَنا إلَيْهِ قَيْر الْمَاسِدُهُ وقالوا: "إِنَّ المَكانَ قَفْرٌ، والساعَةُ قَدْ فاتَتْ. فَاصْرِفِ الجُموعَ لِيَذْهَبوا إلى القُرى ويَبْتاعوا لَهُمْ طَعاماً." فَقالَ لَهُمْ يَسوعُ: "لا حاجَةَ لَهُمْ إلى الذَهابِ. أَعْطوهُمْ أَنْتُمْ لِيَأْكُلوا." فَقالوا لَهُ: "ما عِنْدَنا هَهُنا إلَّا خَمْسَةُ أَرْغِفَةٍ وَسَمَكتانِ." فَقالَ لَهُمْ: "هَلُمَّ بِها إليَّ إلى هَهُنا." وَأَمَرَ بِجُلوسِ الجُموعِ على العُشْبِ. ثُمَّ أَخَذَ الخَمْسَةَ الأَرْغِفَةِ والسَمَكتَيْنِ، ونَظَرَ إلى السَماءِ، وبارَكَ، وكَسَرَ، وأَعْطى الأَرْغِفَةَ لِتَلاميذِهِ، والتَلاميذُ لِلْجُموعِ. فَأَكُلُوا جَميعُهُمْ وشَبِعُوا، ورَفَعوا ما فَضُلَ مِنَ الكِسَرِ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ قُفَّةً مَمْلوءَةً. وكانَ الآكِلونَ خَمْسَةَ آلافِ رَجُلٍ، سِوى النِساءِ والصِبْيان. وللْوَقْتِ اضْطَرَّ يَسوعُ تَلاميذَهُ أَنْ يَدْخُلُوا السَفينَةَ ويَسْبِقُوهُ إلى العَبْر، حَتَّى يَصْرِفَ الجُموع.

## THE EIGHTH EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE EIGHT

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

The fervent tears of Mary were not shed in vain; for behold, she hath been counted worthy of being instructed by Angels, and of seeing Thy countenance, O Jesus; yet as a weak woman, she still minded earthly things. Therefore, she was turned back that she might not touch Thee, O Christ. Howbeit, she was sent as a herald to Thy disciples, and telling them the good tidings, she proclaimed Thine ascent unto Thy Paternal inheritance. Together with her, account us also worthy of Thy manifestation, O Sovereign Lord.

ذوكصا الإيوثينا الثامنة باللحنِ الثامن المَجُدُ للآب والإبن والروح القدَس.

إِنَّ دُموعَ مَرْيَمَ الحارَّةَ لَمْ تَنْسَكِبْ عَبَثاً، فَها إِنَّها قَدِ اسْتَحَقَّتْ أَنْ تَتَعَلَّمَ مِنَ المَلائِكَةِ، وأَنْ تَنْظُرَ إلى وَجْهِكَ يا يَسوع. لَكِنْ بِما أَنَّها امْرَأَةٌ ضَعيفَةٌ، كانَتْ بَعْدُ مُفْتَكِرَةً بِأُمورٍ أَرْضِيَّة. لِذَلِكَ أُبْعِدَتْ عَنْ لَمْسِكَ أَيُها المَسيخ. لَكِنْ بِما أَنَّها امْرَأَةٌ لِتَلاميذِكَ، قائِلَةً لَهُمُ البُشْرى، ومُخْبِرَتَهُمْ بالصُعودِ إلى الميراثِ الأَبَوِيّ. فَمَعَها أَهِلْنا نَحْنُ أَيْها الرَّبُ السَّيِد.

## **THEOTOKION IN TONE SEVEN**

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.

والدية باللحن الثامن

الآنَ وكِلَّ أُوانِ والِي دهرِ الداهرينِ. آمينِ.

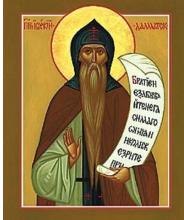
أَنتِ هِيَ الفائِقَةُ عَلَى كُلِّ البَرَكاتِ، يا والِدَةَ الإِلَهِ العَذراء، لأَنَّ الجَحيمَ قَد سُبِيَت بِواسِطَةِ المُتَجَسِّدِ مِنكِ، وَآدَمَ دُعِيَ ثانِيَةً، واللَّعنَةَ بادَت، وَحَوّاءَ انعَتَقَت، والمَوتَ أُميت، وَنَحنُ قَد حَيينا. فَلِذَلِكَ نُسَبِّحُ هاتِفين: مُبارَكٌ أَنتَ أَيْها المَسيحُ إِلَهُنا، يا مَن هَكذا سُرَّ، المَجدُ لَك.

## VENERABLE ISAAC THE ASCETIC OF THE DALMATIAN MONASTERY AT CONSTANTINOPLE

**COMMEMORATED ON AUGUST 3** 

Saint Isaac (May 30) was a soldier before he became a monk. After he was tonsured, he attained such a degree of spiritual perfection that he was accounted worthy of beholding divine visions.

When Saint Isaac heard about how the Emperor Valens had fallen into the Arian heresy and was persecuting the Orthodox Christians, he left his monastery and traveled to Constantinople to confront the emperor. At that time Valens was planning a campaign against the Goths. Saint Isaac tried to change the emperor's mind several times, but was unable to convince him. He prophesied that Valens would die in flames because of his actions. The emperor ordered that Saint Isaac be thrown into prison, and promised to deal with him when he returned from his expedition. On August 9, 378 Valens was defeated at Adrianople and died in a fire after hiding in a barn, just as the saint had predicted.



Emperor Theodosius the Great, who had a great love for the saint, released him from prison and banned Arianism. Saint Isaac attended the Second Ecumenical Council (381), where he defended the Orthodox Faith against the Arian heresy.

Saint Isaac hoped to return to his monastic life in the wilderness, but a wealthy man built