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

**GREAT-MARTYR AND HEALER PANTELEIMON**

**& SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

*THE MARTYRED BLIND MAN HEALED BY PANTELEIMON*

**TONE 6/ EOTHINON 7**

**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.**

**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"

**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. Eli-as. 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 أوّل زيارة لكم، يرجى أخذ القليل من الوقت لتوقيع سجلّ الزوّار واستكمال بطاقة معلومات الزوّار البيضاء والتي توجد في صحن الكنيسة، وإعادتها إلى أحد مرشّدي 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 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**

- **The Holy Bread of Oblations today is being offered by the Essi Family,** for the spiritual and physical wellbeing of the members of the Essi Family. **Also being offered in loving memory of** Majdi Essi, Afif M. Essi , Michele and Ava , George and John Zaher , and Afif & Nadia Essi all deceased members of the Essi and Zaher families. **May their memories be eternal**
- **Today is the one year memorial for Majdi Essi, (brother of Maha, Munjed, and Majdolin). May his memory be eternal.**
- **Please pray for all the sick** and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our communi-ty, especially Helen Mahshie Abdo, Janet Saba, Salwa Makhoulf, 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.

mother, Saint Emilia, to leave the world, to set their slaves free, and to settle in a women’s monastery. Several of their servants followed their example. Having taken monastic vows, they lived together as one family, they prayed together, they worked together, they possessed everything in common, and in this manner of life nothing distinguished one from another.

After the death of her mother, Saint Macrina guided the sisters of the monastery. She enjoyed the deep respect of all who knew her. Strictness towards herself and temperance in everything were characteristic of the saint all her life. She slept on boards and had no possessions. Saint Macrina was granted the gift of wonderworking. There was an instance (told by the sisters of the monastery to Saint Gregory of Nyssa after the death of Saint Macrina), when she healed a girl of an eye-affliction. Through the prayers of the saint, there was no shortage of wheat at her monastery in times of famine.

Saint Macrina died in the year 380, after a final prayer of thanks to the Lord for having received His blessings over all the course of her life. She was buried in the same grave with her parents.

MARTYR PARASKEVI OF ROME

COMMEMORATED ON JULY 26

Holy Virgin Martyr Paraskevi (Paraskev ) of Rome was the only daughter of Christian parents, Agathon and Politia, and from her early years she dedicated herself to God. She spent much of her time in prayer and the study of the Holy Scriptures. After the death of her parents Saint Paraskevi distributed all of her inheritance to the poor, and consecrated her virginity to Christ. Emulating the holy Apostles, she began to preach to the pagans about Christ, converting many to Christianity.

She was arrested during the reign of Antoninus Pius (138-161) because she refused to worship the idols. She was brought to trial and fearlessly confessed herself a Christian. Neither enticements of honors and material possessions, nor threats of torture and death shook the firmness of the saint nor turned her from Christ. She was given over to beastly tortures. They put a red-hot helmet on her head and threw her in a cauldron filled with boiling oil and pitch. By the power of God the holy martyr remained unharmed. When the emperor peered into the cauldron, Saint Paraskevi threw a drop of the hot liquid in his face, and he was burned. The emperor began to ask her for help, and the holy martyr healed him. After this the emperor set her free.

Traveling from one place to another to preach the Gospel, Saint Paraskevi arrived in a city where the governor was named Asclepius. Here again they tried the saint and sentenced her to death. They took her to an immense serpent living in a cave, so that it would devour her. But Saint Paraskevi made the Sign of the Cross over the snake and it died. Asclepius and the citizens witnessed this miracle and believed in Christ. She was set free, and continued her preaching. In a city where the governor was a certain Tarasius, Saint Paraskevi endured fierce tortures and was beheaded in the year 140.

Many miracles took place at the saint’s tomb: the blind received sight, the lame walked, and barren women gave birth to children. It is not only in the past that the saint performed her miracles, but even today she helps those who call on her in faith.



THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On July 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon, and the martyred blind man whom Panteleimon healed.

Panteleimon means “all merciful” in Greek. He was born in third-century Nicomedia of a Christian mother, Eubula, and a pagan father, Eustorgius. As a young man he studied medicine. The priest, Hermolaus, invited Panteleimon to be with him and taught him the Faith of Christ and baptized him. Panteleimon miraculously cured a blind man by the power of Christ whom the other doctors treated in vain. The blind man was later martyred and we also commemorate him today. Out of envy the doctors accused Panteleimon of being a Christian and he went before the Emperor Maximian to stand trial. Before the emperor, he freely declared that he was a Christian and he also healed a long-time paralytic. This miracle drew many pagans to the Faith of Christ. Sentenced to death, Panteleimon knelt for prayer. At that moment the executioner struck him on the neck with a sword, and it broke. The executioner was unable to execute him until the saint completed his prayer and until Panteleimon told him to behead him, which he then did. His relics possessed the ability to heal. Panteleimon is invoked in prayers at the time of the “Blessing of Waters” and in the blessing of the holy oils used in the “The Sacrament of Holy Unction,” together with Hermolaus and the other unmercenary saints and wonderworkers.

By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.  
O God, hear my prayer.

Reader: The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

يُفْرَحُ الصَّيِّقُ بِالرَّبِّ. اِسْتَمِعْ يَا اللهُ لَصَوْتِي.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ الرِّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى تِيْمُوثَاوَسَ. (10-1:2)

يا وَلَدِي تِيْمُوثَاوَسَ، تَقَوِّ فِي النِّعْمَةِ الَّتِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. وَمَا سَمِعْتَهُ مِنِّي لَدَى شُهَوْدٍ كَثِيرِينَ، اسْتَوْدِعْهُ

أُنَاسًا أَمَنَاءَ أَكْفَاءَ لِأَنَّ يُعَلِّمُوا آخَرِينَ أَيْضًا. اخْتَمِلِ الْمَشَقَّاتِ كَجُنْدِيٍّ صَالِحٍ لِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. لَيْسَ أَحَدٌ يَنْجُدُّ

فَيْرْتَبِكُ بِهُمُومِ الْحَيَاةِ، وَذَلِكَ لِيُرْضِيَ الَّذِي جَنَّدَهُ. وَأَيْضًا، إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يُجَاهِدُ، فَلَا يَنَالُ الْإِكْلِيلَ مَا لَمْ

يُجَاهِدُ جِهَادًا شَرْعِيًّا. وَيَجِبُ أَنَّ الْحَارِثَ الَّذِي يَتَعَبُ أَنْ يَشْتَرِكَ فِي الْأَثْمَارِ أَوَّلًا. إِنْهُمْ مَا أَقُولُ. فَلْيُؤْتِكَ

ها الْعَلَسُ وَالسَّحَرُ، فَلِمَاذَا وَقَفْتَ يَا مَرْيَمُ عِنْدَ الرُّمُسِ؟ وَقَدْ غَشِيَ عَقْلَكَ ظَلَامٌ كَثِيرٌ، وَمِنْهُ تَلْتَمِسِينَ أَيْنَ وَضَعَ يَسُوعُ؟ لَكِنْ انْظُرِي إِلَى التَّلَامِيذِ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَعُوا إِلَى اللَّحْدِ، كَيْفَ اسْتَدَلُّوا عَلَى قِيَامَتِهِ مِنَ الْعِمَامَةِ وَالْأَكْفَانِ، وَذَكَرُوا مَا قِيلَ عَنْهُ فِي الْكُتُبِ. لِذَلِكَ نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ آمَنَّا بِوَاسِطَتِهِمْ، نُسَبِّحُكَ مَعَهُمْ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْوَاهِبُ الْحَيَاةَ.

#### **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.

*الآن وكلّ أولانٍ وإلى دهرٍ الدهرين. آمين.*

أَنْتِ هِيَ الْفَائِزَةُ عَلَى كُلِّ الْبَرَكَاتِ، يَا وَالِدَةُ الْإِلَهِ الْعَذْرَاءُ، لِأَنَّ الْجَحِيمَ قَدْ سُبِّتَ بِوَاسِطَةِ الْمُتَجَبِّدِ مِنْكَ، وَآدَمَ دُعِيَ ثَانِيَةً، وَاللَّعْنَةُ بَادَتْ، وَحَوَاءُ انْعَثَقَتْ، وَالْمَوْتُ أُمِيتَ، وَنَحْنُ قَدْ حَيِينَا. فَلِذَلِكَ نُسَبِّحُ هَاتَيْنِ: مُبَارَكُ أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا، يَا مَنْ هَكَذَا سُرَّ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

### **VENERABLE MACRINA, SISTER OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT**

COMMEMORATED ON JULY 19

Saint Macrina was the sister of the holy hierarchs Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa, and was born in Cappadocia at the beginning of the fourth century. Her mother, Emilia, saw an angel in a dream, naming her unborn child Thekla, in honor of the holy Protomartyr Thekla. Saint Emilia (January 1) fulfilled the will of God and named her daughter Thekla. Another daughter was named Macrina, in honor of a grandmother, who suffered during the time of persecution under the emperor Maximian Galerius.

Besides Macrina, there were nine other children. Saint Emilia herself guided the upbringing and education of her daughter Macrina. She taught her reading and writing in the Scriptural books and Psalms of David, selecting examples from the sacred books which spoke of a pious and God-pleasing life. Saint Emilia taught her daughter to pray and to attend church services. Macrina was also taught the proper knowledge of domestic governance and various handicrafts. She was never left idle and did not participate in childish games or amusements.

When Macrina grew up, her parents betrothed her to a certain pious youth, but the bridegroom soon died. Many young men sought marriage with her, but Macrina refused them all, having chosen the life of a virgin and not wanting to be unfaithful to the memory of her dead fiancé. Saint Macrina lived in the home of her parents, helping them fulfill the household tasks as an overseer together with the servants, and she helped with the upbringing of her younger brothers and sisters. After the death of her father she became the chief support for the family.

When all the children grew up and left the parental home, Saint Macrina convinced her



الرَّبُّ فَهُمَا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. أَذْكَرُ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ، الَّذِي مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوَدَ، قَدْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ عَلَى حَسَبِ إِنْجِيلِي. الَّذِي أَحْتَمِلُ فِيهِ الْمَشَقَّاتِ حَتَّى الْقِيُودِ كَمُجْرِمٍ، إِلَّا أَنَّ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُقَيَّدُ. فَلِذَلِكَ أَنَا أَصْبِرُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمُخْتَارِينَ، لِكَيْ يَحْصُلُوا هُمْ أَيْضاً عَلَى الْخَلَاصِ الَّذِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، مَعَ الْمَجْدِ الْأَبَدِيِّ.

#### **GOSPEL**

***Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)***

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

**فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ. (9:27-35)**

فَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْبَيْتَ، فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ مُجْتَازًا، تَبِعَهُ أَعْمَيَانِ يَصِيحَانِ وَيَقُولَانِ: ارْحَمْنَا يَا ابْنَ دَاوَدَ دَنَا إِلَيْهِ الْأَعْمَيَانِ، فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: هَلْ تُؤْمِنَانِ أَنِّي أَفْعَلُ ذَلِكَ؟ فَقَالَا لَهُ: نَعَمْ، يَا رَبِّ. حِينَئِذٍ لَمَسَ فَلَمَّا. أَعْيَهُمَا قَائِلًا: كَأَيِّمَانِكُمَا فَلْيَكُنْ لَكُمَا. فَانْتَقَحَتْ أَعْيُهُمَا. فَانْتَهَرَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: انْظُرَا، لَا يَعْلَمُ أَحَدٌ فَلَمَّا أُخْرِجَ الشَّيْطَانُ، . وَبَعْدَ خُرُوجِهِمَا، قَدَّمُوا إِلَيْهِ أَخْرَسَ بِهِ شَيْطَانٌ. خَرَجَا، شَهْرَاهُ فِي تِلْكَ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا أَمَّا الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ فَقَالُوا: إِنَّهُ بِرئيسٍ. تَكَلَّمَ الْأَخْرَسُ. فَتَعَجَّبَتِ الْجُمُوعُ قَائِلِينَ: لَمْ يَظْهَرْ قَطُّ مِثْلُ هَذَا فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَطُوفُ الْمُدُنَ كُلَّهَا وَالْقُرَى، يُعَلِّمُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ، وَيَكْرِزُ بِبَشَارَةِ الشَّيَاطِينِ يُخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينِ الْمَلَكُوتِ، وَيَشْفِي كُلَّ مَرَضٍ وَكُلَّ ضَعْفٍ فِي الشَّعْبِ.

#### **THE SEVENTH EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE SEVEN**

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

Behold, the darkness and the dawn; and why hast thou stood without at the sepulcher, O Mary, having great darkness in thy mind? Because of this, thou didst ask: Where hath Jesus been laid? But see both the disciples running together, how they surmised His Resurrection from the linen clothes and the napkin; and they remembered the Scripture concerning Him. Together with them, we who also have believed through them, praise Thee, O Christ, the Giver of life.

*الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ.*