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

SUNDAY OF HOLY FATHERS OF SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL & FOURTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

MARTYRS PROBOS, ANDRONIKOS AND TARACHOS AT TARSUS; MARTYR DOMNINA AT ANAZARBUS IN CILICIA; VIRGIN MARTYR ANASTASIA OF ROME

TONE 1 / 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 بمكرميهِ 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. 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 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 Akl family,** for the spiritual and physical wellbeing of of all the members of the Akl, Tadros, Majlaton, El Saddik, Stalter & Yacobucci Families. **Also being offered in loving memory of** Lina & Joseph Akl, Jalil & Afifeh Tadros, Georgette Tadros, John Tadros, Basima Tadros, Arkad & Edmund Tadros, Hanneh & Salim Majlaton. **May their memories be eternal.**
 - **Today is the 40 memorial for John Tadros** (brother of Ronda Akl). May his memory be eternal.
 - **Today is the churching of baby Jon Salim Stalter,** son of Lina and Tyler Stalter and grandson of Ronda and Walid Akl. May God grant them many years of happiness.
 - **Today is we are celebrating the removal of the crowns of TJ (Tewfik) and Gretchen Jiries who were married on September 27th. May God grant them many years.**
 - **Please pray for all the sick** and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our community, especially Danny Khammar, 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.

away from the sinner, but the bishop glanced after her. Struck by the outer beauty of Pelagia and having foreseen the spiritual greatness within her, the saint prayed in his cell for a long time to the Lord for the sinner. He told his fellow bishops that the prostitute put them all to shame. He explained that she took great care to adorn her body in order to appear beautiful in the eyes of men. “We... take no thought for the adornment of our wretched souls,” he said.

On the following day, when Saint Nonnus was teaching in the church about the dread Last Judgment and its consequences, Pelagia came. The teaching made a tremendous impression upon her. With the fear of God and weeping tears of repentance, she asked the saint for Baptism. Seeing her sincere and full repentance, Bishop Nonnus baptized her.

By night the devil appeared to Pelagia, urging her to return to her former life. The saint prayed, signed herself with the Sign of the Cross, and the devil vanished.

Three days after her baptism, Saint Pelagia gathered up her valuables and took them to Bishop Nonnus. The bishop ordered that they be distributed among the poor saying, “Let this be wisely dispersed, so that these riches gained by sin may become a wealth of righteousness.” After this Saint Pelagia journeyed to Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives. She lived there in a cell, disguised as the monk Pelagius, living in ascetic seclusion, and attaining great spiritual gifts. When she died, she was buried in her cell.



Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Antioch

Commemorated on October 8

The Holy Virgin Martyr Pelagia (Πελαγία) came from Antioch in Syria and was descended from a prominent family during the reign of Emperor Numerian (282- 284). When the ruler of Antioch discovered that Pelagia was a Christian, he sent soldiers to rape her. They had surrounded her house and were about to seize her.

When the Saint learned of this, she asked the soldiers to let her go and change her clothes. Lifting her hands and her eyes to heaven, she prayed fervently to God not to allow the soldiers to rape her, but that she might depart this life as a pure virgin. Then she opened a window and jumped out, sustaining fatal injuries. Thus, she delivered her pure soul to God, in order to preserve herself from being defiled by the boorish soldiers. She was just fifteen years old.

Saint John Chrysostom has written a famous encomium for this Saint, in which he suggests that when Saint Pelagia threw herself out of the window, she was probably hoping to escape in that way, even though she was risking her life because of the danger she was in, and not because she wanted to commit suicide.

There was a church at Antioch, and another in Constantinople, which were dedicated to Saint Pelagia.



THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On October 12 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Probos, Andronikos and Tarachos at Tarsus; Martyr Domnina at Anazarbus in Cilicia; and Virgin Martyr Anastasia of Rome.

On this day we commemorate the holy and blessed Fathers who came together for the second time in Nicaea, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Sovereigns Constantine and Irene, against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worshippeth idols, and rejected the august and holy icons.

The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; and they considered icons to be man’s dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

By the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Priest: Let us attend.

**Reader: Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.**

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا.

لَأَنَّكَ عَدْلٌ فِي كُلِّ مَا صَنَعْتَ بِنَا.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى تَيْطُسَ. (15-8:3)

يَا وَلَدِي تَيْطُسَ، صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ وَإِيَّاهَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ تُقَرَّرَ حَتَّى يَهْتَمَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ فِي الْقِيَامِ

بِالْأَعْمَالِ الْحَسَنَةِ، فَهَذِهِ هِيَ الْأَعْمَالُ الْحَسَنَةُ وَالنَّافِعَةُ. أَمَّا الْمُبَاحَثَاتُ الْهَذْيَانِيَّةُ وَالْأَنْسَابُ وَالْخُصُومَاتُ

وَالْمُحَاكَاتُ النَّامُوسِيَّةُ فَاجْتَنِّبْهَا، فَإِنَّهَا غَيْرُ نَافِعَةٍ وَبَاطِلَةٌ. وَرَجُلٌ الْبِدْعَةِ بَعْدَ الْإِنْذَارِ مَرَّةً وَأُخْرَى أَعْرِضْ

THE DOXASTICON OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT ***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.***

When the rank of the holy Fathers flocked from the ends of the inhabited world, they believed in one Substance and one Nature of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, delivering plainly to the Church the mystery of discoursing in theology. Wherefore, in that we laud them in faith, we beatify them, saying: What a divine army, ye God-inspired soldiers of the camp of the Lord, ye most brilliant luminaries in the noetic firmament, ye impregnable towers of the mystical Zion, ye scented flowers of paradise, the golden lights of the Word, the boast of Nicaea and delight of the whole universe, intercede ceaselessly for our souls.

نُكصا أحد الآباء بالحنِ الثامن

المَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ.

إِنَّ مَصَافَّ الآبَاءِ الْقِدِّيسِينَ، لَمَّا تَقَاطَرُوا مِنْ أَقَاصِي الْمَسْكُونَةِ، إِعْتَقَدُوا بِجَوْهَرٍ وَاحِدٍ وَطَبِيعَةٍ وَاحِدَةٍ لِلآبِ

وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، وَسَلَّمُوا إِلَى الْبَيْعَةِ سِرِّ التَّكَلُّمِ بِاللَّاهُوتِ تَسْلِيماً جَلِيّاً. فَإِذْ نَمَدَحُهُمْ عَنْ إِيْمَانٍ، نَغْبِطُهُمْ

قَائِلِينَ: يَا لَكُمْ مِنْ جَيْشٍ إِلَهِيٍّ، يَا جُنُودَ مُعَسْكَرِ الرَّبِّ، اللّاهِجِينَ بِاللّهِ. كَوَاكِبِ الْجَدِّ الْعَقْلِيِّ الْكَلِيَّةِ الصُّبْيَاءِ.

يَا أَبْرَاجاً مُنْبِعَةً لِصِهْيُونِ السَّرِّيَّةِ. يَا أَزْهَارَ الْفِرْدَوْسِ الْعَطِرَةِ الشَّدَى، وَالْأَفْوَاحَ الذَّهَبِيَّةَ لِلْكَلِمَةِ. يَا فَحْرَ نَبِيَّةٍ،

وَبَهْجَةَ الْمَسْكُونَةِ. تَشَفَّعُوا بِلَا انْقِطَاعٍ مِنْ أَجْلِ نَفُوسِنَا.

THEOTOKION IN TONE EIGHT

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.

وَالِدِيَّةٌ بِالْحَنِ الثَّامِنِ

الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.

أَنْتِ هِيَ الْفَائِزَةُ عَلَى كُلِّ الْبَرَكَاتِ، يَا وَالِدَةُ الْإِلَهِ الْعَذْرَاءُ، لِأَنَّ الْجَحِيمَ قَدْ سُبِّيتْ بِوَاسِطَةِ الْمُتَجَبِّدِ مِنْكَ، وَادَمَ

دُعَايَ ثَانِيَّةً، وَاللَّعْنَةُ بَادَتْ، وَحَوَاءَ انْعَتَقَتْ، وَالْمَوْتُ أُمِيتَ، وَنَحْنُ قَدْ حَيِينَا. فَلِذَلِكَ نُسَبِّحُ هَاتِفِينَ: مُبَارَكُ أَنْتَ

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا، يَا مَنْ هَكَذَا سُرَّ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

Venerable Pelagia the Penitent

Commemorated on October 8

Saint Pelagia the Penitent was converted to Christianity by Saint Nonnus, Bishop of Edessa (Saturday of Cheesefare Week). Before her acceptance of Christianity through Baptism, Pelagia was head of a dance troupe in Palestinian Antioch, living a life of frivolity and prostitution.

One day Pelagia, elegantly dressed, was making her way past a church where Saint Nonnus was preaching a sermon. Believers turned their faces



عَنْهُ. عَالِماً أَنَّ مَنْ هُوَ كَذَلِكَ قَدْ اعْتَسَفَ، وَهُوَ فِي الْخَطِيئَةِ يَقْضِي بِنَفْسِهِ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ. وَمَتَى أُرْسِلْتُ إِلَيْكَ

أَرْتِيْمَاسَ أَوْ تِيخِيُكْسَ، فَبَادِرْ أَنْ تَأْتِيَنِي إِلَى نِيكُوبُولَسَ لِأَنِّي قَدْ عَزَمْتُ أَنْ أُشْتَبِيَ هُنَاكَ. أَمَّا زِينَاسُ مُعَلِّمُ

النَّامُوسِ وَأَبْلُوسُ، فَاجْتَهِدْ أَنْ تُشَيِّعَهُمَا مُتَأَهِّبِينَ لِئَلَّا يُعَوِّزَهُمَا شَيْءٌ. وَلِيَتَعَلَّمْ دَوُونَا أَنْ يَقُومُوا بِالْأَعْمَالِ

الصَّالِحَةِ لِلْحَاجَاتِ الصَّرُورِيَّةِ حَتَّى لَا يَكُونُوا غَيْرَ مُثْمَرِينَ. يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكَ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ مَعِيَ، سَلِّمَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ

يُحِبُّونَنَا فِي الْإِيْمَانِ، النِّعْمَةُ مَعَكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ. آمِينَ.

GOSPEL

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقِدِّيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (8:5-15)

قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ: خَرَجَ الزَّارِعُ لِيَزْرَعَ زَرْعَهُ. وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَزْرَعُ، سَقَطَ بَعْضُ عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ، فَوُطِئَ

وَأَكَلَتْهُ طُيُورُ السَّمَاءِ. وَالبَعْضُ سَقَطَ عَلَى الصَّخْرِ، فَلَمَّا نَبَتَ يَبَسَ لِأَنَّهُ لَمْ تَكُنْ لَهُ رُطُوبَةٌ. وَبَعْضُ سَقَطَ بَيْنَ

الشُّوْكِ، فَنَبَتَ الشُّوْكُ مَعَهُ فَخَنَّقَهُ. وَبَعْضُ سَقَطَ فِي الْأَرْضِ الصَّالِحَةِ، فَلَمَّا نَبَتَ أَثْمَرَ مِائَةَ ضِعْفٍ. فَسَأَلَهُ

تَلَامِيذُهُ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ. فَقَالَ: لَكُمْ قَدْ أُعْطِيَ أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا أَسْرَارَ مَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ، وَأَمَّا الْبَاقُونَ

فَبِأَمْثَالٍ، لِكَيْ لَا يَنْظُرُوا وَهُمْ نَاطِرُونَ، وَلَا يَفْهَمُوا وَهُمْ سَامِعُونَ. وَهَذَا هُوَ الْمَثَلُ: الزَّرْعُ هُوَ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ. وَالَّذِينَ

عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ، ثُمَّ يَأْتِي إبْلِيسُ وَيَنْزِعُ الْكَلِمَةَ مِنْ قُلُوبِهِمْ لِئَلَّا يُؤْمِنُوا فَيَخْلُصُوا. وَالَّذِينَ عَلَى

الصَّخْرِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الْكَلِمَةَ وَيَقْبَلُونَهَا بِفَرَحٍ، وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَ لَهُمْ أَصْلٌ، وَإِنَّمَا يُؤْمِنُونَ إِلَى حِينٍ، وَفِي وَقْتِ

النَّجْرَةِ يَرْتَدُّونَ. وَالَّذِي سَقَطَ فِي الشُّوْكِ، هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ ثُمَّ يَذْهَبُونَ فَيَخْتَنِقُونَ بِهُمُومِ هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ وَغِنَاهَا

وَمَلَذَّاتِهَا، فَلَا يَأْتُونَ بِثَمَرٍ. وَأَمَّا الَّذِي سَقَطَ فِي الْأَرْضِ الْجَيِّدَةِ، فَهُمْ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الْكَلِمَةَ فَيَحْفَظُونَهَا فِي

قَلْبٍ جَيِّدٍ صَالِحٍ، وَيُثْمِرُونَ بِالصَّبْرِ. وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا نَادَى: مَنْ لَهُ أُذُنَانِ لِلسَّمْعِ فَلْيَسْمَعْ.