

أهلاً بكم!

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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 Habib and Milia Alamir** Please pray for the spiritual and physical well-being of Habib, Milia, Yara, Naya Alamir, Faisal and Nahla Alamir, Rafik and Rwaïda Sankari, Andre Alamir and Family, Jeurje Alamir and Family, Ibrahim Sankari and Family, Shady Sankari and Family. **Also being offered in loving memory of** Lana Alamir, and all deceased from Alamir, Sankari, Rahal and Hazeem families. **May their memory be eternal.**
- **Please pray for all the sick** and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our community, especially Janet Saba, Salwa Makhlof, 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.

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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FIRST SUNDAY OF MATTHEW THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

TONE 8 / EOTHINON 1

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 الأسماء ويطهر البرص، لذلك يُفيض الأشفية بمكرميته دائماً

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On June 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Theodotos, bishop of Ancyra; and Venerable Sebastiana the wonderworker.

On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from the beginning of time, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.

with love.

Cyril repented that he had maintained anger against the great saint of God. Having convened all the Egyptian bishops, he celebrated a solemn feast in honor of John Chrysostom.

Cyril died in the year 444, leaving behind many works. In particular, the following ought to be mentioned: commentaries On the Gospel of Luke, On the Gospel of John, On the Epistles of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians and to the Hebrews; also an Apologia in Defense of Christianity against the Emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363). Of vast significance are his Five Books against Nestorius; a work on the Most Holy Trinity under the title Thesaurus, written against Arius and Eunomios. Also two dogmatic compositions on the Most Holy Trinity, distinguished by a precise exposition of the Orthodox teaching on the Procession of the Holy Spirit. Cyril wrote Against Anthropomorphism for several Egyptians, who through ignorance depicted God in human form. Among Cyril's works are also the Discussions, among which is the moving and edifying Discourse on the Exodus of the Soul, inserted in the Slavonic "Following Psalter".

Saint Nikephoros the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople

Commemorated on June 2

Saint Nikephoros (Nikēphóros) was a dignitary at the court of the Empress Irene (797-802). After embracing monasticism, he became widely known for his piety. He assumed the Patriarchal Throne of Constantinople in 806 and became a zealous defender of the holy Icons. In 815, the Iconoclast Emperor Leo the Armenian (813-820) exiled him to Prokonnis, where he fell asleep in the Lord in 828.



Saint Nikephoros left behind three writings against Iconoclasm.

In 846, the relics of Patriarch Nikephoros were returned to Constantinople and placed in the Great Church of Hagia Sophia for one day before being transferred to and enshrined in the Church of the Holy Apostles.

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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.

Most Holy Virgin Mary the Theotokos.

Nestorius hated Cyril and brought out against him every kind of slander and fabrication, calling him a heretic. The saint continued to defend Orthodoxy with all his powers. The situation became so aggravated, that it became necessary to call an Ecumenical Council, which convened in the city of Ephesus in the year 431. At the Council 200 bishops arrived from all the Christian Churches. Nestorius, awaiting the arrival of Bishop John of Antioch and other Syrian bishops, did not agree to the opening of the Council. But the Fathers of the Council began the sessions with Cyril presiding. Having examined the teaching of Nestorius, the Council condemned him as a heretic. Nestorius did not submit to the Council, and Bishop John opened a "robber council", which decreed Cyril a heretic. The unrest increased. By order of the emperor, Patriarch Cyril of Alexandria and Archbishop Memnon of Ephesus were locked in prison, and Nestorius was deposed.

Soon Saints Cyril and Memnon were freed, and the sessions of the Council continued. Nestorius, not submitting himself to the determinations of the Council, was deprived of priestly rank. By order of the emperor he was sent to the faraway place Sasim in the Libyan wilderness, where he died in grievous torments. His tongue, having blasphemed the Mother of God, was overtaken by punishment -- in it there developed worms. Even Bishop John of Antioch and the remaining Syrian bishops signed the decrees of the Council of Ephesus.

Cyril guided the Alexandrian Church for 32 years, and towards the end of his life the flock was cleansed of heretics. Gently and cautiously Cyril approached anyone, who by their own simpleness and lack of knowledge, fell into false wisdom. There was a certain Elder, an ascetic of profound life, who incorrectly considered the Old Testament Priest Melchizedek to be the Son of God. Cyril prayed for the Lord to reveal to the Elder the correct way to view the righteous one. After three days the Elder came to Cyril and said that the Lord had revealed to him that Melchizedek was a mere man.

Cyril learned to overcome his prejudice against the memory of the great John Chrysostom (November 13). Theophilus, the Patriarch of Alexandria, and uncle of Cyril, was an antagonist of John, and presided in a council in judgment of him. Cyril thus found himself in a circle antagonistic to John Chrysostom, and involuntarily acquired a prejudice against him. Isidore of Pelusium (February 4) repeatedly wrote to Cyril and urged him to include the name of the great Father of the Church into the diptychs of the saints, but Cyril would not agree.

Once in a dream he saw a wondrous temple, in which the Mother of God was surrounded by a host of angels and saints, in whose number was John Chrysostom. When Cyril wanted to approach the All-Holy Lady and venerate her, John Chrysostom would not let him. The Theotokos asked John to forgive Cyril for having sinned against him through ignorance. Seeing that John hesitated, the Mother of God said, "Forgive him for my sake, since he has labored much for my honor, and has glorified me among the people calling me Theotokos." John answered, "By your intercession, Lady, I do forgive him," and then he embraced Cyril

## THE EPISTLE

**Priest: Let us attend.**

**Reader: *God is wondrous in His saints.  
In the churches, bless ye God.***

**Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)**

Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

عَجِيبٌ هُوَ اللَّهُ فِي قَدِيسِيهِ.

فِي الْمَجَامِعِ بَارِكُوا اللَّهَ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ. (2:12- 33:11)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّ الْقَدِيسِينَ، بِالْإِيمَانِ قَهَرُوا الْمَمَالِكَ، وَعَمَلُوا الْبِرَّ، وَنَالُوا الْمَوَاعِدَ، وَسَدَّوْا أَفْوَاهَ الْأَشُودِ.

وَأَطْفَأُوا جِدَّةَ النَّارِ وَنَجَّوْا مِنْ حَدِّ السَّيْفِ، وَتَقَوُّوْا مِنْ ضَعْفٍ، وَصَارُوا أَشِدَّاءَ فِي الْحَرْبِ، وَكَسَرُوا

مُعَسَكَرَاتِ الْأَجَانِبِ. وَأَخَذَتْ نِسَاءُ أَمْوَاتَهُنَّ بِالْقِيَامَةِ، وَعَدَّبَ آخَرُونَ بِتَوْتِيرِ الْأَعْضَاءِ وَالضَّرْبِ، وَلَمْ يَقْبَلُوا

بِالنَّجَاةِ لِيَحْضَلُوا عَلَى قِيَامَةِ أَفْضَلِ. وَآخَرُونَ ذَاقُوا الْهُزْءَ وَالْجَلْدَ وَالْقُبُودَ أَيْضًا وَالسَّجْنَ. وَرُجِمُوا وَنُشِرُوا

وَأَمْنَحِنُوا وَمَاتُوا بِحَدِّ السَّيْفِ، وَسَاحَوْا فِي جُلُودِ غَنَمٍ وَمَعَزٍ وَهُمْ مُعْوزُونَ مُضَائِقُونَ مَجْهُودُونَ. وَلَمْ يَكُنْ

الْعَالَمُ مُسْتَحَقًّا لَهُمْ، فَكَانُوا تَائِهِيْنَ فِي الْبَرَارِيِّ وَالْجِبَالِ وَالْمَغَاوِرِ وَكُهُوفِ الْأَرْضِ. فَهَوْلَاءِ كُلُّهُمْ مَشْهُودًا لَهُمْ

بِالْإِيمَانِ لَمْ يَنَالُوا الْمَوَاعِدَ. لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَبَقَ فَتَنَزَّرَ لَنَا شَيْئًا أَفْضَلَ، أَنْ لَا يَكْمَلُوا بِدُونِنَا. فَتَنَحْنُ أَيْضًا إِذْ يُحَدِّقُ

بِنَا مِثْلُ هَذِهِ السَّحَابَةِ مِنَ الشُّهُودِ فَلَنُلْقِ عَنَّا كُلَّ ثِقَلٍ وَكُلَّ خَطِيئَةٍ مُحِيطَةٍ بِنَا، وَلِنُسَابِقَ بِالصَّبْرِ فِي الْجِهَادِ

الَّذِي أَمَانْنَا، نَاطِرِينَ إِلَى رَئِيسِ الْإِيمَانِ وَمُكَمِّلِهِ يَسُوعَ.

## GOSPEL

**Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.**

**(10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)**

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

الإِنْجِيلِ (لِلأَوَّلِ بَعْدَ الْعَنْصَرَةِ)

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفًا مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ .

(10: 32-33، 37-38؛ 19: 27-30)

قَالَ الرَّبُّ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ، كُلُّ مَنْ يَعْتَرِفُ بِي قُدَّامَ النَّاسِ، أَعْتَرِفُ أَنَا بِهِ قُدَّامَ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَمَنْ يُنْكِرُنِي قُدَّامَ النَّاسِ، أُنْكِرُهُ أَنَا قُدَّامَ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. مَنْ أَحَبَّ أَبًا أَوْ أُمًَّ أَكْثَرَ مِنِّي فَلَا يَسْتَحِقُّنِي، وَمَنْ أَحَبَّ ابْنًا أَوْ بِنْتًا أَكْثَرَ مِنِّي فَلَا يَسْتَحِقُّنِي. وَمَنْ لَا يَأْخُذُ صَلِيبَهُ وَيَتَّبِعُنِي فَلَا يَسْتَحِقُّنِي. فَأَجَابَ بُطْرُسُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: هُوَذَا نَحْنُ قَدْ تَرَكْنَا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَتَبِعْنَاكَ، فَمَاذَا يَكُونُ لَنَا؟ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّكُمْ أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تَبِعْتُمُونِي فِي جِيلِ التَّجْدِيدِ، مَتَى جَلَسَ ابْنُ الْبَشَرِ عَلَى كُرْسِيِّ مَجْدِهِ، تَجْلِسُونَ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا عَلَى اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ كُرْسِيًّا تَدِينُونَ أَسْبَاطَ إِسْرَائِيلِ الْإِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ. وَكُلُّ مَنْ تَرَكَ بِيوتًا أَوْ إِخْوَةً أَوْ أَخَوَاتٍ أَوْ أَبًا أَوْ أُمًَّ أَوْ امْرَأَةً أَوْ أَوْلَادًا أَوْ حُقُولًا مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِي، يَأْخُذُ مِئَةَ ضِعْفٍ، وَيَرِثُ الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ. وَكَثِيرُونَ أَوْلُونَ يَكُونُونَ آخِرِينَ، وَآخِرُونَ يَكُونُونَ أَوْلِينَ.

### **KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT** ***(The original melody)***

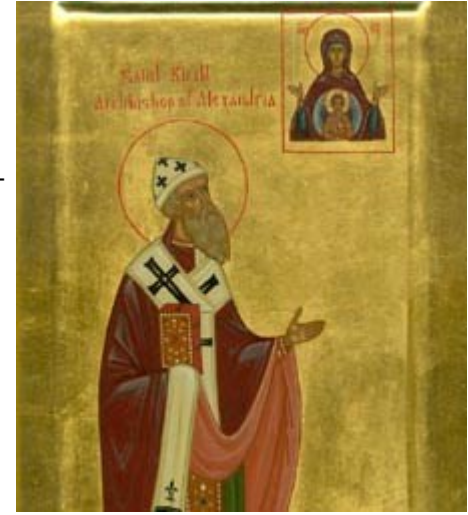
As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْبَارِيُ الْخَالِيقَةُ، إِنَّ الْمَسْكُونَةَ تُقَدِّمُ لَكَ كَبَوَاكِرِ الطَّبِيعَةِ الشُّهَدَاءَ اللَّابِسِي اللَّهَ. فَبِنَصْرُعَاتِهِمْ احْفَظْ كَنِيستَكَ فِي سَلَامٍ دَائِمٍ، مِنْ أَجْلِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِي يَا جَزِيلَ الرَّحْمَةِ.

## **Saint Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria**

Commemorated on June 9

Saint Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria, a distinguished champion of Orthodoxy and a great teacher of the Church, came from an illustrious and pious Christian family. He studied the secular sciences, including philosophy, but most of all he strove to acquire knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and the truths of the Christian Faith. In his youth Cyril entered the monastery of Macarius in the Nitreia hills, where he stayed for six years. Theophilus (385-412), the Patriarch of Alexandria, ordained him as a deacon, numbered him among the clergy and entrusted him to preach.



Upon the death of Patriarch Theophilus, Cyril was unanimously chosen to the patriarchal throne of the Alexandrian Church. He led the struggle against the spread of the Novatian heresy in Alexandria, which taught that any Christian who had fallen away from the Church during a time of persecution, could not be received back into it.

Cyril, seeing the futility of admonishing the heretics, sought their expulsion from Alexandria. The Jews appeared a greater danger for the Church, repeatedly causing riots, accompanied by the brutal killing of Christians. The saint long contended with them. In order to wipe out the remnants of paganism, the saint cast out devils from an ancient pagan temple and built a church on the spot, and the relics of the Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus and John were transferred into it. A more difficult struggle awaited the saint with the emergence of the Nestorian heresy.

Nestorius, a presbyter of the Antiochian Church, was chosen in 428 to the see of Constantinople and there he was able to spread his heretical teaching against the dogma about the uncommingled union of two natures in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nestorius called the Mother of God not the Theotokos, but rather Christotokos or "Birth-giver of Christ," implying that she gave birth not to God, but only to the man Christ. The holy Patriarch Cyril repeatedly wrote to Nestorius and pointed out his error, but Nestorius continued to persevere in it. Then the saint sent out epistles against Nestorianism to the clergy of Constantinople and to the holy emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), denouncing the heresy. Cyril wrote also to other Churches, to Pope Celestine and to the other Patriarchs, and even to monks of several monasteries, warning of the emergence of a dangerous heresy.

Nestorius started an open persecution against the Orthodox. In his presence one of his partisans, Bishop Dorotheus, pronounced an anathema against anyone who would call the