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المسيح قام! حقا" قام! Christ Is Risen! Truly, He Is Risen!

► Sunday School Graduation

Sunday, May 20th ◀

ST. NICHOLAS HONORS
2012 Sunday School
Graduation!



Followed by a luncheon for the
graduates...

PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE
GRADUATES!

الى أهالي المتخرجين والمتخرجات!!!



We would like to recognize our graduates by
placing their photos and biographies in a
special edition of our Weekly Bulletin.

PARENTS, we need you to send us their
photos and a summary of their biographies.

Mark your calendar, ST. NICHOLAS

18th Annual

Middle Eastern Food Festival

August 25th-26th

Thursday, May 24th

قُدَّاس خَمِيسِن الصُّعُود

Divine Liturgy @ 11:00 AM
Commemorating the Holy Ascension
of our LORD



Followed by Seniors' Meeting &
Luncheon

Come to Santa Clara in 2012!

أهلنا الأحباء: أخبروا أولادكم

Parents: please make your reservation now

2012 Parish Life Conference
Diocese of Los Angeles & The West

July 5 – 8, 2012

Hosted by:
The Orthodox Church of the Redeemer
in Los Altos Hills, CA
Website: plc2012.org/registration

Sunday Divine Liturgy, May 20, 2012

Sunday of the Blind Man

Epistle: Acts 16: 16-34 (Blind Man) / Gospel: John 9:1-38 (Blind Man)

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This Sunday the Holy Bread of Oblation will be offered by:

- ❖ Simon & Aida Salfiti in blessed 40-day remembrance of beloved son-in-law, **Joe Lahlouh**. May his memory be eternal!
- ❖ Muna Dudum & family in blessed yearly remembrance of beloved husband, father, and grandfather **Shukri Dudum**. Memory eternal!
- ❖ St. Nicholas Parish Family for the good health of **Najla Jarjura, Janette Tannous, Fifi Batshon, Lily Eid, Sally Habeeb, Georgette Baba, Nabil Dabai, Georgette Wahbeh, Najla Fadayel, Chris Atwan**. Many years!
- ❖ **Joseph & Nuha Stephan** in Thanksgiving to God for Baking the Bread every Sunday for the good health of **their family**. Many years!
- ❖ Saida Jaghab & her children for the good health of beloved daughter & sister, **Randa Jaghab Hanani**. Many years!
- ❖ Hayat Shiheiber in blessed memory of **Ibrahim Shiheiber & Amanda Shiheiber**. May their memories be eternal!

Ushers for This Sunday, May 20th:

Ghassan Rantisi, Elias Batshon & Issam Dabit

Altar Boys for THIS Sunday, May 20th Team II

Captain: Yazan Dabit
Isaac Qaqish Matthew Nervis
Anthony Hanhan Andrew Rantisi

Altar Boys for NEXT Sunday, May 27th Team III

Captain: Omar Herrera
Eyad Rantisi Michael Rantisi
Basem Hanhan

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Thursday, May 17th @ 7:00 PM



@ the house of Leila Paolino
941 South San Anselmo Ave # 1
San Bruno, CA (650) 588-8892
Everybody is welcomed!



Coffee Hour for this Sunday, May 20th, offered by:

Offered by: St. Nicholas Parish family in loving memory of **Margo Hanhan, Marshal Naify, Riad Kattuah, Victor Zachariah, Jim Baba, Joey & Betty Ayoob, Louie & Julia Habib, Fred & Edna Salih, Howard & Joanie Naify**. May their memories be eternal!

Sponsor(s) for May 27th is/are needed. Please make checks payable to St. Nicholas Teen SOYO in the amount of \$25.00 or more. FWI, if you are the sponsor(s), it does not mean you are going to make & serve the coffee to people. We have someone to take care of that every Sunday.



Altar Candles for this Sunday, May 20th, offered by:

قناديل الهيكل



Nabil & Rania Hanhan for the good health of their kids **Nick & Alex Hanhan**. Many years!

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Calendar of Events:

Men's Fellowship	Tue, May 22 nd	7:30 PM
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Pledge!!!

- ** Are you a member of St Nicholas Church? If yes, then:
- ** Are you attending church on Sunday and participating in the Divine Liturgy?
- ** Are you giving of your time & talents such as chanting, working, fixing, volunteering, cooking, cleaning, etc...?
- ** Are you giving of your financial resources for the operation of the church which is a guideline of minimum \$600 per year per household to cover the expenses of the bulletin, the office staff, utilities, property insurance, janitorial & cleaning, and to send money to the Archdiocese on your behalf?
- ** If you are not doing so, please start now in gesture of thanksgiving to God for His many blessings.

St. Nicholas Basketball Teams Schedule 2012 High School & Adult

Our St. Nicholas Basketball teams are part of the Orthodox Youth Athletic Association.

PLAYOFFS / CHAMPIONSHIPS

Playoffs for Adult "A" Division only will begin on either May 16th or May 17th.

All Adult "A" Teams will make the playoffs with the 1st place team having a first round bye

2nd will play 7th, 3rd will play 6th and 4th will play 5th, the winners will then play on Saturday, 5/19

Playoffs - Saturday, May 19th

Championships - Sunday, May 20th

أحد الأعمى - Sunday of the Blind Man

The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

Therefore, the Saviour sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay-not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John. (Taken from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Website)

يوحنا الإنجيلي كتب هذا الفصل الطويل عن المولود أعمى ليس فقط للحديث عن أعجوبة صنعها يسوع ولكن ليقول من خلالها انه هو الذي يعطي النور وان عدم الاعتراف بالمسيح هو العمى بعينه. منذ مطلع الإنجيل الرابع الذي منه أخذ هذا الفصل يقول الرسول: "النور يضيء في الظلمة والظلمة لم تُدركه... كان النور الحقيقي الذي يبين كل إنسان آتياً الى العالم". كل إنجيل يوحنا مليء بالحديث عن النور.

كان الاعتقاد السائد عند اليهود أن الانسان تصيبه مصيبة عقاباً له على خطيئة. يردّ السيد بقوله: "لا هذا أخطأ ولا أبواه". لا يرث الإنسان نتائج المعاصي التي ارتكبها والداه. يتجاوز السيد هذا النقاش بشفائه المولود أعمى. "عاد بصيراً". في نهاية الحديث عن الشفاء يصبح هذا الرجل بصيراً من الناحية الروحية إذ يؤمن بيسوع. الشفاء الجسدي كان طريقاً للشفاء الروحي إذ قال ليسوع: "آمنت يا رب، وسجد له".

يُدخل الإنجيلي بمناسبة هذه الأعجوبة نقاشاً لا هو تيا بين يسوع والفريسيين لأن الأعجوبة تمت يوم سبت وهم أدخلوا على ناموس موسى أن الأعجوبة عملٌ ولا يجوز العمل يوم سبت، وكانوا قد سمعوا قول المعلم: "ما كان الإنسان للسبت بل السبت للإنسان". قضية السبت كما يفسرها الفريسيون كانت من الأسباب الرئيسية لدفع الفريسيين إلى أن يحرضوا الشعب لقتل السيد. الرب يسوع كان ضحية هذا التفسير الخاطئ للسبت، ضحية النظام المستبد الذي وضعه البشر وما جاء من موسى.

هناك جزء من النقاش، هذا الذي جرى بين أهل هذا الشاب والفريسيين. هل كان أعمى أم لم يكن أعمى. رفضوا رفضاً كلياً واقعةً وهو أن الأعمى شفي أي انهم دخلوا في الظلمة مع أنهم رأوا الحقيقة ولكنهم لم يريدوا أن يعترفوا بها لأنهم لو فعلوا هذا لأقروا أن يسوع على الأقل نبي أو هو المسيح المُرتجى. كانوا رافضين أن يُقرّوا بهذا لئلا يفقدوا نفوذهم في الشعب اليهودي ويضيع مذهب الفريسيين الذي أدخلوه على العقيدة اليهودية الصافية. يجب ألا يكون هذا الغلام أعمى. يجب أن يُصروا على هذا حتى يُنقذوا أنفسهم.

أمام الحقيقة ولو بدت لنا حقيقة يمكننا أحياناً أن نهرب منها لأنها إسلام النفس الى المخلص اي توبة كاملة عن خطايانا. أنت إما تكون مع يسوع اي مع كل ما علمه ونادى به او تكون مع ظلام قلبك وظلام خطاياك.

إنجيل الأعمى هو الخيار بين أن نكون كلياً للرب أو لا نكون. إن كنا جزئياً له فهذا لا شيء. "لنكن مشيئتك". بهذا نخلص لا بمشيئتنا نحن. المسيح هو النور الكامل ولا نختار أجزاء من النور. أجزاء من النور هو العمى. جاورجيوس مطران جبيل والبترون وما يليهما (جبيل لبنان).

Mark your Calendars:

St. Nicholas Church & Church of the Redeemer Parishes

Father's Day Picnic

at Blackberry Farm in Cupertino

Sunday, June 17th



Call church offices to confirm for a headcount!

21979 San Fernando Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014

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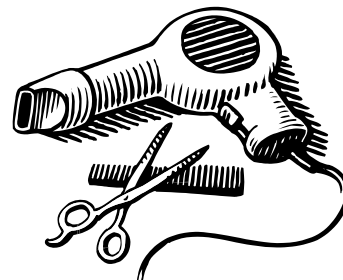


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