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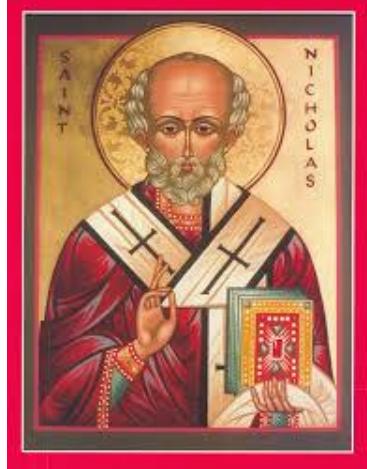
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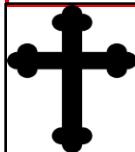
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Sunday, February 24, 2019

First and Second Discoveries of the Forerunner's Honorable Head & Sunday of the Prodigal Son



Memorial Service:

- ❖ Three and Nine Day Memorial Service for the Handmaiden of God Gina El Sineitti offered by her family. May her memory be eternal!



House Blessings are underway: If you have not received a phone call from the church office yet, please reach out and contact us to set up a time for a home blessing from Father George. You can also reach him at 586 214 4428

THE EPISTLE: St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

Brethren, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

الرسالة: ٤ كورنثوس : ٦ - ٥

يا إخوة إن الله الذي أمر بأن يُشرق نور من ظلمة هو الذي أشراق في قلوبنا لإنارة معرفة مجد الله في وجه يسوع المسيح. ولنا هنا الكنز في آنية خزفية ليكون فضل القوّة لا منا، متضائقين في كل شيء ولكن غير منحصرين، ومتحيرين ولكن غير يائسين، ومضطهدين ولكن غير مخذولين، ومطروحين ولكن غير هالكين، حاملين في الجسد كل حين إماتة الرب يسوع لظهور حياة يسوع أيضاً في أجسادنا، لأننا نحن الأحياء نسلّم دائمًا إلى الموت من أجل يسوع لظهور حياة المسيح أيضًا في أجسادنا المائنة. فالموت إذاً يُجرى فينا والحياة فيكم. فإذاً فينا روح الإيمان بعينه على حسب ما كتب إني آمنت ولذلك تكلمت، فنحن أيضًا نؤمن ولذلك نتكلّم عالمين أنَّ الذي أقام الرب يسوع، سيقمنا نحن أيضًا بيسوع فنتصب معكم لأنَّ كل شيء هو من أجلكم، لكي تتکاثر النعمة بشكر الأكثرين فتزداد ل Mage الله.

THE GOSPEL: St. Luke. (15:11-32) The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

الإنجيل: لوقا ١٥ : ١١ - ٣٢

قالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ: إِنْسَانٌ كَانَ لَهُ ابْنَانٌ. قَالَ أَصْغَرُهُمَا لِأَبِيهِ: يَا أَبَتِ أَعْطِنِي النَّصِيبَ الَّذِي يُخْصِّنِي مِنَ الْمَالِ. فَقُسِّمَ بَيْنَهُمَا مَعِيشَتُهُ. وَبَعْدَ أَيَّامٍ غَيْرِ كَثِيرَةٍ جَمَعَ الابْنُ الْأَصْغَرُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لَهُ وَسَافَرَ إِلَى بَلْدٍ بَعِيدٍ وَبَدْرٍ مَالِهِ هُنَاكَ عَائِشًا فِي الْخَلَاعَةِ. فَلَمَّا أَنْفَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَدَثَتِ فِي ذَلِكَ الْبَلْدِ مَجَاعَةً شَدِيدَةً، فَأَخْذَ فِي الْعُوزِ. فَذَهَبَ وَانْضَوَ إِلَى وَاحِدٍ مِنْ أَهْلِ ذَلِكَ الْبَلْدِ، فَأَرْسَلَهُ إِلَى حَوْلَهِ يَرْعَى خَنَازِيرَ. وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَمْلأَ بَطْنَهُ مِنَ الْخَرْنُوبِ الَّذِي كَانَتِ الْخَنَازِيرُ تَأْكِلُهُ فَلَمْ يُعْطِهِ أَحَدٌ. فَرَجَعَ إِلَى نَفْسِهِ وَقَالَ: كَمْ لِأَبِي مِنْ أَجْرٍ إِبْلِيْسُ بِفَضْلِ عَنْهُمُ الْخَبْزِ وَأَنَا أَهْلُكُ جَوْعًا. أَقْوَمُ وَأَمْضِي إِلَى أَبِي وَأَقُولُ لَهُ: يَا أَبَتِ قَدْ أَخْطَأْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَأَمَامَكَ، وَلَسْتُ مُسْتَحْقًا بَعْدَ أَنْ أُدْعَى لَكَ ابْنَاهُ فَاجْعَلْنِي كَاحِدًا أَجْرَانِكَ. فَقَامَ وَجَاءَ إِلَيْ أَبِيهِ، وَفِيمَا هُوَ بَعْدِ غَيْرٍ بَعِيدٍ رَأَيْهُ فَتَحَنَّ عَلَيْهِ وَأَسْرَعَ وَأَلْقَى بِنَفْسِهِ عَلَى عَنْقِهِ وَقَبَّلَهُ. قَالَ لَهُ الابْنُ: يَا أَبَتِ قَدْ أَخْطَأْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَأَمَامَكَ وَلَسْتُ مُسْتَحْقًا بَعْدَ أَنْ أُدْعَى لَكَ ابْنَاهُ فَقَالَ الْأَبُ لِعَبْدِهِ: هَاتُوا الْحُلْلَةَ الْأُولَى وَالْأَلْيُوسِهِ، وَاجْعَلُوهَا خَاتِمًا فِي يَدِهِ وَحْذَاءَ فِي رِجْلِهِ، وَأَتُوا بِالْعِجْلِ الْمُسْمَنِ وَادْبُحُوهُ فَنَأْكِلُ وَنَفْرَحُ، لَأَنَّ ابْنِي هَذَا كَانَ مِنْنَا فَعَاشَ وَكَانَ ضَالًاً فَوْجَدَهُ. فَطَفَقُوا يَفْرَحُونَ. وَكَانَ ابْنُهُ الْأَكْبَرُ فِي الْحَقْلِ. فَلَمَّا أَتَى وَقَرُبَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ سَمِعَ أَصْوَاتَ الْغَنَاءِ وَالرَّقْصِ. فَدَعَا أَحَدُ الْغَلْمَانِ وَسَأَلَهُ: مَا هَذَا؟ قَالَ لَهُ: قَدْ قَدِمَ أَخْوَكَ فَذَبَحَ أَبُوكَ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسْمَنَ لِأَنَّهُ لَقِيَهُ سَالِمًا. فَغَضِبَ وَلَمْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ. فَخَرَجَ أَبُوهُ وَطَفَقَ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ. فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ لِأَبِيهِ: كَمْ لِي مِنَ السَّنَينِ أَخْدَمْكَ وَلَمْ أَتَعُدَ لَكَ وَصِيَّةً قَطَّ، وَأَنْتَ لَمْ تُعْطِنِي قَطَ جَدِيدًا لَأَفْرَحَ مَعَ أَصْدِقَائِي. وَلَمَّا جَاءَ ابْنُكَ هَذَا الَّذِي أَكَلَ مَعِيشَتَكَ مَعَ الزَّوْانِي ذَبَحَتَ لَهُ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسْمَنَ! قَالَ لَهُ: يَا ابْنِي أَنْتَ مَعِي فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ وَكُلِّ مَا هُوَ لِي فَهُوَ لَكَ. وَلَكِنَّ كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ نَفْرَحَ وَنُسَرَّ لِأَنَّ أَخَاهُ هَذَا كَانَ مِنْنَا فَعَاشَ وَكَانَ ضَالًاً فَوْجَدَ.

Coffee Hour:

❖ Offered by Jeries, Janet, Shadi and Ramzi Azar to congratulate Hanna and Claudia Azar for churching their baby boy George Hanna Azar on Sunday February 24th. God bless and many years!

Saturday of the Dead: March 2 is Saturday of the Dead. On Sunday March 3 a General memorial Service “For All Those Who Have Fallen Asleep Since The Ages” will take place. We will remember in particular all our departed ones who has fallen asleep in this year

سبت الأموات هو يوم السبت 2 اذار : سنقيم يوم الاحد 3 اذار تذكارا عاما لجميع الراقدین منذ الدهر من ابائنا واحوتنا على رجاء القيمة والحياة الابدية . نذكر بشكل خاص أحباءنا الذين سبقونا الى الحياة الأبدية جميع الذين سبق انتقالهم منذ بداية هذا العام.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS:

- ❖ **ST. NICHOLAS FAMILY NIGHT: CRAB FEED:** Saturday February 23rd, Doors open at 7 PM. All you can eat crab and pasta for non-crab eaters. Donation: \$50. Please join us for a fun night and thank you for your support. Please RSVP by calling the church office to reserve at 415 648 5200.
- ❖ **YOUNG ADULT CHURCH SERVICE & LUNCH OUTING:** Sunday, February 24th, 2019, 11AM @ St. Nicholas Church and lunch to be followed immediately after Sunday School. Location will be determined. RSVP with Shadi Azar (415) 279-2533
- ❖ **SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESSIONS DURING LENT SEASON:** Sunday School students and staff are asked to stay in church after communion to participate in the following processions, classes would resume as normal after the procession. **Sunday, March 17th - Holy Icons Procession.** **Sunday, March 31st - Holy Cross Procession**
- ❖ **2019 CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL:** 2019 Creative Arts Festival Theme: Antiochian Village (AV) Past, Present, & Future. ("I Can Do All Things Through Christ, Who Strengthens Me" Philippians 4:13.) Main Website : <http://www.antiochian.org/festivals/cf>
Due Date for Submission: Sunday, March 24th to the Sunday School teachers.
Attention Sunday School Students and Parents: We will be preparing arts submissions for the Creative Arts Festival for the 2019 Parish Life Conference (<https://antiochianevents.com/la.html>). It is important that ALL students be present in Sunday School every Sunday during the months of February and March to participate and complete their projects. Students may take their projects and work on them on their own time as well.
- ❖ **ST. NICHOLAS FASHION SHOW:** Sunday May 5th after Divine Liturgy. More info to come.
- ❖ **ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH HOLY LAND TOUR:** We are planning a trip to the Holy Land. We will tour many parts of Palestine on **May 29th through June 10th**. If you would like to join us on this trip, please contact the church office. Please reserve by February 24th.
- ❖ **CAMP THREE HOLY YOUTHS:** June 16-21st. camphy.com
- ❖ **2019 BIBLE BOWL:** 2019 Bible Bowl : St Paul's Letters to the Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. Main Website : <https://orthodoxyouth.org/bible-bowl/>
** We are seeking members to join the Bible Bowl Team Divisions; Juniors (ages: 13-15) , Seniors (ages:16-18) and Adults (ages: 18 and over). For those who would like to participate in this year's Bible Bowl and be part of the St. Nicholas Bible Bowl teams, please see Fr. George Baalbaki or Tariq Rantisi for more details.
- ❖ **ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL PICNIC:** Sunday July 14th. More info to come.
- ❖ **ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL FESTIVAL:** Saturday September 28th and Sunday September 29th.

**The Services program during
the period of Great Lent 2019**

**برنامج الصلوات خلال فترة الصوم الأربعيني
المقدس لعام ٢٠١٩**

Wednesdays	Great Compline Service	7 pm	مساءً ٧	خدمة النوم الكبرى "يا رب القوات"	ال الأربعاء
Fridays	Akathist Service	7 pm	مساءً ٧	خدمة مدح والدة الاله	ال الجمعة
Sundays	The Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great	11 am	صباحاً ١١	القداس الإلهي للقديس باسيليوس الكبير	الأحد

2019 Great Lent

Lent Period: March 11th – April 28th

Strict Fast: NO Dairy, Meat, Cheese, Eggs, and Fish

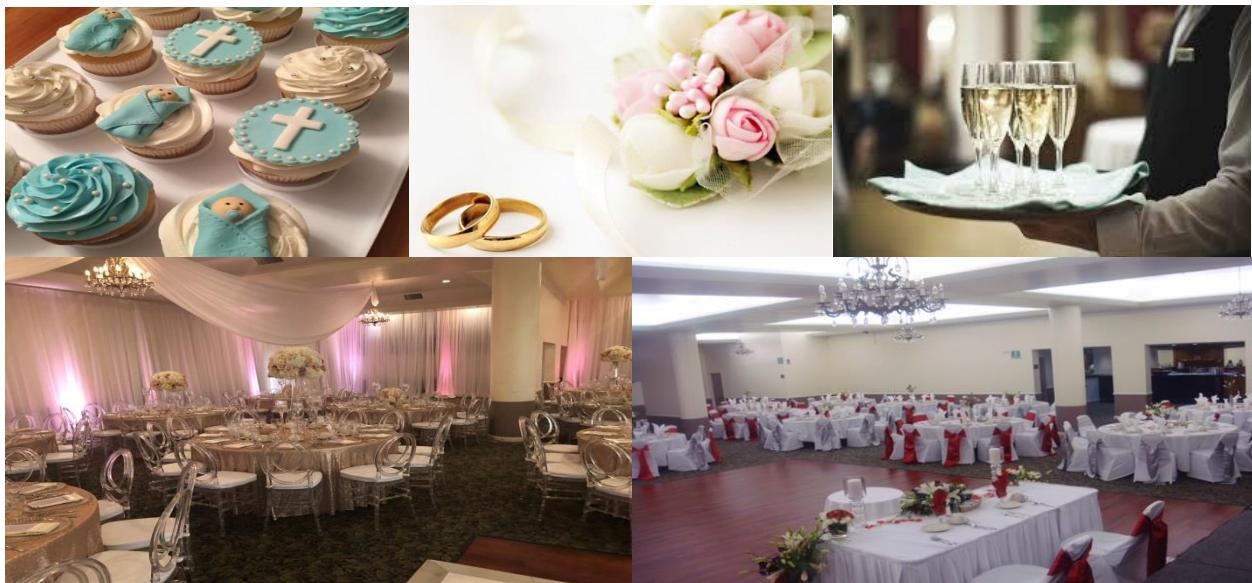
Day	Date	Celebration
Sunday	March 3rd	Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)
Sunday	March 10 th	Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare Sunday)
Monday	March 11th	FIRST MONDAY of GREAT LENT
Sunday	March 17 th	Sunday of Orthodoxy
Monday	March 25 th	Annunciation of the Theotokos (Fish Allowed)
Sunday	March 31 st	Sunday of the Holy Cross
Sunday	April 21 st	Palm Sunday (Fish Allowed)
Friday	April 26 th	Great and Holy Friday
Sunday	April 28th	GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

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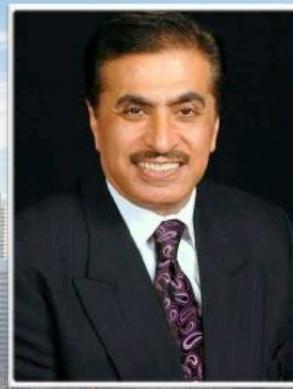


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