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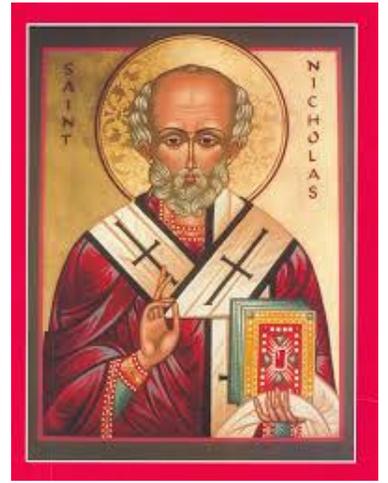
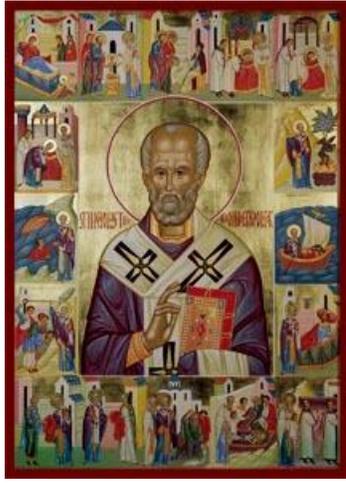
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Sunday, July 07, 2019

Memorial Service:

- ❖ Forty-Day Memorial Service for the Handmaiden of God **Lateefie Melick**, who passed in Australia, given by her **brother Ibrahim Malik and sister Claudette Shaheen** and their families. Memory Eternal!
- ❖ Forty-Day Memorial Service for the Handmaiden of God **Widad Hamati** offered by her children **Roland, John, Nicolas, Guilda, and Gilbert**. May her memory be eternal!

THE EPISTLE: St. Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-4:5)

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

الرسالة: غلاطية 3: 23

يا إخوة، قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ الْإِيمَانُ كُنَّا مَحْفُوظِينَ تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ، مُعَلَّقًا عَلَيْنَا إِلَى الْإِيمَانِ الَّذِي كَانَ مُزْمَعًا إِعْلَانُهُ. فَالنَّامُوسُ إِذْ كَانَ مُؤَدِّبًا لَنَا يُرْسِدُنَا إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ، لِكَيْ نَتَّبِرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ. وَلَكِنْ بَعْدَ مَا جَاءَ الْإِيمَانُ، لَسْنَا بَعْدَ تَحْتَ مُؤَدِّبٍ. لِأَنَّكُمْ جَمِيعًا أَبْنَاءُ اللَّهِ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. لِأَنَّكُمْ أَنْتُمْ كُلُّكُمْ الَّذِينَ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ بِالْمَسِيحِ، قَدْ لَبَسْتُمْ الْمَسِيحَ. لَيْسَ يَهُودِيٌّ وَلَا يُونَانِيٌّ، لَيْسَ عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، لَيْسَ ذَكَرٌ وَلَا أُنْثَى، لِأَنَّكُمْ جَمِيعُكُمْ وَاحِدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَإِذَا كُنْتُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، فَانْتُمْ إِذَا نَسَلْتُمْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَوَرَثْتُمْ بِحَسَبِ الْمَوْعِدِ وَأَقُولُ: إِنَّ الْوَارِثَ مَا دَامَ طِفْلًا، فَلَا فَرْقَ بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ الْعَبْدِ، مَعَ كَوْنِهِ مَالِكُ الْجَمِيعِ. بَلْ هُوَ تَحْتَ أَوْصِيَاءَ وَوُكَلَاءَ إِلَى الْوَقْتِ الْمَوْجَلِ مِنْ أَبِيهِ. هَكَذَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا: لَمَّا كُنَّا أَطْفَالًا، كُنَّا مُسْتَعْبِدِينَ تَحْتَ أَرْكَانِ الْعَالَمِ. وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا حَانَ مِلءُ الزَّمَانِ، أَرْسَلَ اللَّهُ ابْنَهُ مَوْلُودًا مِنْ امْرَأَةٍ، مَوْلُودًا تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ، لِيَقْتَدِيَ الَّذِينَ تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ، لِنَنَالَ التَّبَتُّيَّ.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew. (6:22-33)

The Lord said, “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”

الإنجيل: متى 33-22:6

قال الرب: سراج الجسد العين. فإن كانت عينك بسيطة فجسدك كله يكون نيراً. وإن كانت عينك شريرة فجسدك كله يكون مظلماً. وإذا كان النور الذي فيك ظلاماً فالظلام كم يكون؟ لا يستطيع أحد أن يعبد ربين لأنه، إما أن يُبغض الواحد ويحب الآخر، أو يُلزم الواحد ويرذل الآخر. لا تقدر أن تعبدوا الله والمال. فلماذا أقول لكم لا تهتموا لأنفسكم بما تأكلون وبما تشربون ولا لأجسادكم بما تلبسون. أليست النفس أفضل من الطعام والجسد أفضل من اللباس؟ انظروا إلى طيور السماء فإنها لا تزرع ولا تحصد ولا تخزن في الأهراء، وأبوك السماوي يقوتها. أفلمستم أنتم أفضل منها؟ ومن منكم إذا اهتمَّ يقدر أن يزيد على قامته ذراعاً واحدة؟ ولماذا تهتمون باللباس؟ اعتبروا زنابق الحقل كيف تنمو. إنها لا تتعب ولا تغزل. وأنا أقول لكم إن سليمان نفسه في كل مجده لم يلبس كواحدة منها. فإذا كان عشب الحقل الذي يوجد اليوم وفي غد يُطرح في التثور يلبسه الله هكذا، أفلا يلبسكم بالأحرى أنتم يا قليلي الإيمان؟ فلا تهتموا قائلين: ماذا نأكل أو ماذا نشرب أو ماذا نلبس؟ فإن هذا كله تطلبه الأمم، لأن أباكم السماوي يعلم أنكم تحتاجون إلى هذا كله. فاطلبوا أولاً ملكوت الله وبره، وهذا كله يُزاد لكم

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS:

- ❖ **ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL PICNIC:** Sunday July 14th at Hanna Winery at 5353 Occidental Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95401. **DIVINE LITURGY CHURCH SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT THE WINERY AT 11 AM! Donation: \$25 Adults. \$10 Children 12 & Under. Food, live music, pool, great company.** Transportation will be provided to those who are unable to drive and reserve in advance! There will be limited capacity so please call us in advance to reserve a seat.
- ❖ **ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE NATIONAL CONVENTION:** The national convention of our Archdiocese will take place on July 21st-28th in Grand Rapids, MI. For more info please visit: <https://ac2019gr.org/>
- ❖ **ST. NICHOLAS FAMILY NIGHT SPONSORED BY THE LADIES AUXILIARY:** Friday August 16th More info to come.
- ❖ **ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL:** September 28th & 29th. More info to come.

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We hear week after week the Lord saying, 'Do this in remembrance of Me', and we always apply these words, and rightly so, to the celebration of the Last Supper, to the breaking of the bread, to the sharing of the cup, to the holy meal which Christ had with His disciples.

And we are right to do so because it was the prefiguration of the Banquet of the Lamb, of the great feast of eternity, because all of us we have been created by God in order to be His companions for eternity; and a companion is one who breaks the bread with us, who is received at the host's table, who is made an equal to his host by this law of hospitality and of love.

And the Last Supper was this; Christ broke the bread and shared the cup, He made His disciples unto His companions and, as this bread and wine were Him, He united His companions to Himself in an unspeakable way to be one body and one life.

But the words which Christ told, 'Do this in remembrance of Me' do not apply only to the last Supper, to the holy and divine Liturgy which we celebrate. What He was doing in the Upper Room was also an image of what His life and death were. The breaking of the bread was the breaking of His body, the sharing of the cup was the shading of His blood, and what was signified in the last Supper was the Garden of Gethsemane with the anguish and the horror of the coming death upon Him Who was free of evil and yet chose to share with us our destiny of dereliction and mortality, and of Calvary, the actual dying for the salvation of others, — more than this: the dying of their death so that they should share and possess His life.

And if we are to take in earnest what we do here, week after week, feast after feast, celebrating the Last Supper of the Lord, breaking the bread together and sharing the cup, we must remember that this act makes us one with each other, because we become so one with Christ, but also that all that is true of the life and the sacrificial death of Christ must become true for us and in us. We must so live as Christ lived for others, we must so die as Christ died, that others may live. We must so ascend from life into this sacrificial generous life-giving death as Christ did, and this lays upon us a heavy, a stern and glorious responsibility.

Let us take it earnestly, because otherwise our celebration is empty of meaning. We cannot come day after day and ask Christ to let us become partaker of what happens in the Upper Room if we accept to be estranged, to be alien to what it stood for His life, His incarnation, His teaching, His facing the coming death, His dying our death that we may live.

Let us think about it and reconsider all our relationships with others, rethink all our attitude to those who are around us. Do we live for their sake? Is our life an offering? Are we like the Apostles of whom Paul spoke in today's Epistle, like men sent in the last times to bring a witness of love and pay the cost for it, so that life should be theirs, should belong to those who surround us whether they love or hate us, and death should be ours, the death of Christ, sacrificial, holy, an offering of love, brought not only to God, but to each person who needs it.

Alter Candle Offering:

- ❖ Offered by **Nadim, Basma, Janan, Jim, Ivette, Jennifer, Brandon, and Matthew Howell and Oscar Moran**, for the good health of **Jane Moran** on the occasion of her birthday on July 12th. God bless and many years!

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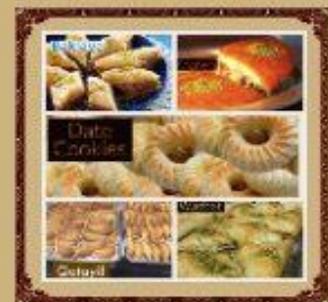
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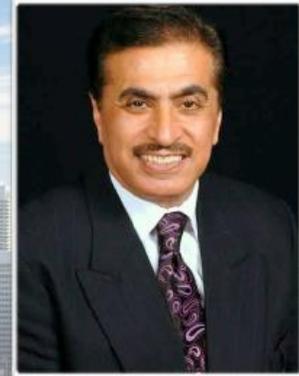
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