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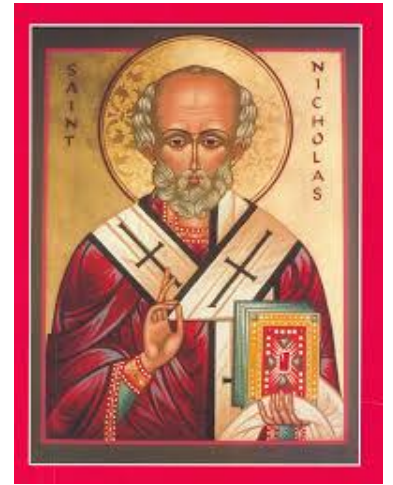
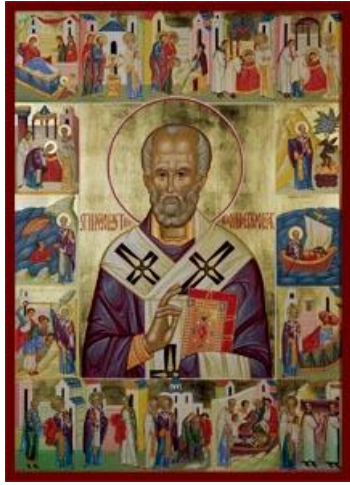
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Sunday, May 16, 2021

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women,

Pious Joseph of Arimathaea & Righteous Nicodemus

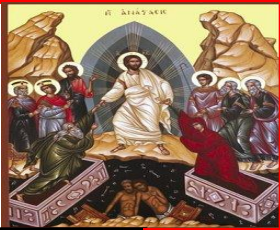
أحد حاملات الطيب ويوسف الرامي ونيقوديموس

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Al Maseeh Qam! Haqan Qam!

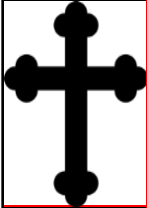
Kristos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

المسيح قام! حقا قام كل عام وأنتم بخير



One Year MEMORIAL SERVICE:

One Year Memorial Service for the Servant of God, **Salim Yousef Rantisi**, offered by Mona Rantisi and her children, Cynthia, Steve and Krystle, Hanna and Claudia, and their families. + May His Memory Be Eternal +



IMPORTANT NOTICE: CHURCH IS OPEN!

If you plan to attend, please make sure you wear a mask and use hand sanitizer when you walk inside. Please don't attend if you're feeling sick.

Livestreaming our services will be coming to an end in the near future to encourage more parishioners to attend church.

You can still watch the livestream of the services on our social media until May 30th.

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrDWWPWreLZpVhzVGZkjDIA>

We pray for the good health, well-being, and safety of everyone. God bless!

أعمال الرُّسُل (7-1:6)

في تلك الأيام، لَمَّا تَكَثَّرَ التَّلَامِيذُ، حَدَّثَ تَدْمُرُ مِنَ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ عَلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ أَنَّ أَرَامِلَهُمْ كُنَّ يُهْمَلْنَ فِي الْخِدْمَةِ الْيَوْمِيَّةِ. فَدَعَا الْإِثْنَا عَشَرَ جُمُهورَ التَّلَامِيذِ وَقَالُوا: "لَا يَحْسُنُ أَنْ نَتْرَكَ نَحْنُ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ وَنَخْدُمَ الْمَوَاتِدَ. فَانْتَوَخُوا أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ مِنْكُمْ سَبْعَةَ رِجَالٍ، مَشْهُودٌ لَهُمْ بِالْفَضْلِ، مُمْتَلَيْنَ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَالْحِكْمَةِ، فنَقِيْمُهُمْ عَلَى هَذِهِ الْحَاجَةِ. وَنُواظِبُ نَحْنُ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ وَخِدْمَةِ الْكَلِمَةِ." فَحَسَنَ الْكَلَامَ لَدَى جَمِيعِ الْجُمُهورِ. فَاخْتَارُوا إِسْتَفَانُوسَ، رَجُلًا مُمْتَلِنًا مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، وَفِلِيبُسَ وَبَرُوخُورُسَ وَنِيكَانُورَ وَتِيمُونَ وَبَرْمِنَاسَ وَنِيقُولَاوُسَ دَخِيلاً أَنْطَاكِيًّا. وَأَقَامُوهُمْ أَمَامَ الرُّسُلِ. فَصَلُّوا وَوَضَعُوا عَلَيْهِمُ الْيَدَيْنِ. وَكَانَتْ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ تَنْمُو، وَعَدَدُ التَّلَامِيذِ يَتَكَثَّرُ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ جِدًّا. وَكَانَ جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْكَهَنَةِ يُطِيعُونَ الْإِيمَانَ.

THE EPISTLE: The Acts of the Holy Apostles. (6:1-7)

In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily ministry. And the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said: "It is not right that we should forsake the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. And we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Próchoros, and Nikánor, and Tímon, and Parmenás, and Nikólaos a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly, and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

THE GOSPEL: Mark. (15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathaea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb at the rising of the sun. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back – it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a long white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is risen; He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out quickly and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

مَرْقَسَ (8:16-43:15) فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، جَاءَ يُوسُفُ الَّذِي مِنَ الرَّامَةِ، مُشِيرٌ تَقِيًّا، وَكَانَ هُوَ أَيْضًا مُنْتَظِرًا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ. فَاجْتَرَأَ وَدَخَلَ عَلَى بِيلاطُسَ وَطَلَبَ جَسَدَ يَسُوعَ. فَاسْتَعْرَبَ بِيلاطُسُ أَنَّهُ قَدْ مَاتَ هَكَذَا سَرِيعًا. وَاسْتَدْعَى قَائِدَ الْمِئَةِ وَسَأَلَهُ هَلْ لَهُ زَمَانٌ قَدْ مَاتَ. وَلَمَّا عَرَفَ مِنَ الْقَائِدِ، وَهَبَ الْجَسَدَ لِيُوسُفَ. فَاشْتَرَى كَتَانًا، وَأَنْزَلَهُ، وَلَفَّهُ فِي الْكَتَانِ، وَوَضَعَهُ فِي قَبْرِ كَانَ مَنُحُوتًا فِي صَخْرَةٍ، وَدَخَرَ حَجَرًا عَلَى بَابِ الْقَبْرِ. وَكَانَتْ مَرْيَمُ الْمَجْدَلِيَّةُ وَمَرْيَمُ أُمُّ يُوَسَّى تَنْتَظِرَانِ أَيْبَى وَضِعَ. وَلَمَّا انْقَضَى السَّبْتُ، اشْتَرَتْ مَرْيَمُ الْمَجْدَلِيَّةُ وَمَرْيَمُ أُمُّ يَعْقُوبَ وَسَالُومَةَ حَنُوطًا لِيَاثَيْنِ وَيَذْهَبْنَ. وَبَكَرْنَ جِدًّا فِي أَوَّلِ الْأُسْبُوعِ وَأَتَيْنِ الْقَبْرَ وَقَدْ طَلَعَتِ الشَّمْسُ. وَكُنَّ يَقُلْنَ فِيمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ "مَنْ يُدَحْرِجُ لَنَا الْحَجَرَ عَنْ بَابِ الْقَبْرِ؟" فَتَطَلَّعْنَ، فَرَأَيْنِ الْحَجَرَ قَدْ دُحِرَجَ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ عَظِيمًا جِدًّا. فَلَمَّا دَخَلْنَ الْقَبْرَ، رَأَيْنِ شَابًا جَالِسًا عَنِ الْيَمِينِ، لَا بِسَاءَ حُلَّةً بَيَضَاءَ، فَأَنْذَهَلْنَ. فَقَالَ لَهُنَّ: "لَا تَنْذَهَلْنَ. أَنْتُنَّ تَطْلُبْنَ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيَّ الْمَصْلُوبَ. قَدْ قَامَ، لَيْسَ هُوَ هَهُنَا. هُوَذَا الْمَوْضِعُ الَّذِي وَضَعُوهُ فِيهِ. فَأَذْهَبْنَ وَقُلْنَ لِتِلَامِيذِهِ وَلِلطَّرْسِ إِنَّهُ يَسْبِقُكُمْ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ، هُنَاكَ تَرَوْنَهُ كَمَا قَالَ لَكُمْ." فَخَرَجْنَ سَرِيعًا وَفَرَرْنَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَقَدْ أَخَذَتْهُنَّ الرُّعْدَةُ وَالذَّهْشُ. وَلَمْ يَقُلْنَ لِأَحَدٍ شَيْئًا لِأَنَّهُنَّ كُنَّ خَائِفَاتٍ.

THANK YOU:

Special thank you to all those who donated time, labor, efforts, energy, items, finances, food, and to those who took part in our church services and activities during this Holy Season. It truly was a special time and we could not have done it without each and every one of you. God bless you and your families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS:

- ❖ **VIRTUAL RETREAT WITH HIS EMINENCE:** **Saturday May 15th @ 2 PM.** Join us and receive the blessings from His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH. To RSVP, please contact St. Nicholas Teen Soyo or Young Adults.
- ❖ **CAMP THY 2021:** June 20th-25th. Divine Liturgy, Luncheon, and introductory day on June 20th @ St. Nicholas Church. Wednesday June 23rd & Friday June 25th, our Sister Churches in Sacramento & Los Altos will be hosting us for activities. Register:
<https://form.jotform.com/92868742644168>



TREE OF LIFE:

We have updated our Tree of Life in the back of our Church. If you would like to donate an engraved Leaf to place on the Tree in memory of your loved one, please contact the Church office. Thank you!

ALTAR CANDLE OFFERING:

- ❖ Offered by St. Nicholas Church for the good health of all those named Yousef, Josef, etc. on the special occasion of their names day, especially: HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, Yousef Bahou, Yousef Qura, Yousef Rantisi, Joseph El Sineitti, Joseph Hanna, Joseph Shatara, Joseph Stephens, Josephine Tannous, Joseph Tannous, Joe Ajam, Joe Ayoob, Joel Haddad, , Joe Kandalaft. God bless and many years!
- ❖ Offered by Michael, Nadia, Tariq, and Rami Rantisi for the good health of **Yousef Rantisi** on the occasion on his Name's Day. Many Years !!
- ❖ Offered by **Mona Rantisi** for the good health of her daughters; **Cynthia Rantisi, Krystle & Steve Azar** and their children; Christian, Jasmine, and Dominic Azar, and **Claudia & Hanna Azar** and their children; George and Gabriel Azar. Many years!
Also by Mona, Cynthia, Krystle, and Claudia Rantisi in loving memory of **Salim Yousef Rantisi**. Memory Eternal +
- ❖ Offered by: Michael and Reem Habeeb; Julierose Habeeb; Dolores (Habeeb) and Paul Apostle, Jr.; Praxia, Matt, and Olympia Elia; Elisa, Travis, and Penelope Salma; Nicole and Derek; Elias; Athena and Kevin; Rose Habib; Ricky Habib; Hazel, and Bon-Bon... In memory of our dearest Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Sister, and Aunt, **SALMA (SALLY) HABEEB**. May her beautiful memory be eternal. And, we thank God for blessing us with all our loving mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, daughters, and friends, here and there. We honor you today and always.

Metropolitan Anthony: FEAST OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN, ST JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA AND ST NICODEMUS

We keep today the feast of a number of the followers of Christ of whom we think seldom, because they are mentioned very little in the Scriptures. And each of them could be a lesson for us. St. Joseph of Arimathea was a rich man who listened to Christ with an open mind and did not commit himself. Neither did Nicodemus; but Nicodemus was a learned man, part of the Sanhedrin. He had been listening to Christ, he had been asking questions from Him, he wanted to understand, he wanted to be sure. But neither of them had committed themselves to follow Christ, to declare themselves as His disciples. And yet, when Christ in the eyes of everyone was defeated, when victory had come to His enemies, when He was dead, about to be buried, their faithfulness to Him who had taught them words of life came to the fore. And they joined the Mother of God to bring down the body of Christ and to bury him. Daringly they went to Pontius Pilate and asked for this

body so that they could bury Him with veneration. In the course of His life they had been listening to Him with a hesitant yet open mind. When death came their faithfulness sprang to the fore. And seeing the pain of the Mother of God and St. John the apostle there was no doubt left in them; they must declare themselves, because they could not accept that He should be rejected through defeat after having been their teacher, their guide and their friend. And then there is another group of people, the myrrh-bearing women, a group of women who had been following Christ and supporting Him and His disciples in their need. When Christ was crucified all the apostles fled, with the exception of St. John and with the exception of these women. It was not an intellectual conviction that held them as disciples of Christ. It was something which perhaps could be defined in the words of the pilgrims to Emmaus: 'was not our heart burning within us when He was speaking to us on the way'. All the way from Galilee to Jerusalem, from the peace of the land to the tragedy of Jerusalem, all this time they had been listening and their hearts had come to life - not with personal love but with a deep sense of life eternal. These are the words which also St. Peter had said earlier, when most people who surrounded them had left, and Christ turned to his disciples and said: are you also going to go? And Peter said: where should we go? You have the words of eternal life. And these words were not simply syllogisms, or proofs, or ways of conveying things. When he spoke it was life eternal that was awoken in them - the door into eternal life that came to life. And they knew that these words were true because there was new life in them. And so was it also for these women. So today we keep the feast of people who proved faithful, the ones who in their frailty had not fled, and the ones who in the face of defeat and tragedy had suddenly become disciples and faithful. Let us remember them, not only seeing their glory as we have done today in the service, but also asking ourselves: do we belong, to any extent, to the example given by one or another of them? Can we say that in the face of the defeat of Christ we would come out and say: I am one of His disciples, although in the time when there was no danger around I kept out, hesitant, unsure, asking myself questions, indeed asking Him questions? Is any one of us Joseph of Arimathea, is any one Nicodemus, and can we say that we are like these myrrh-bearing women, whom neither the needs nor the defeat nor the death of Christ had been able to alienate from Him?

None of us is any of it to the full; but let us learn from them and try to grow into that faithfulness which they have shown; the ones throughout the life of Christ, and the other ones in the face of His defeat.

مبادرات من خارج السياق

دخل الشياخان يوسف ونيقوديمس، من حيث لا ندري، على خط أحداث الجمعة العظيمة ليواروا جسد الرب. ولا يكتفي الإنجيل بالإشارة إلى هذه المبادرة بل يخبرنا عن أخرى، أعظم منها، قامت بها نسوة يوم القيامة لما زرنَّ القبر لتطيب جسد المخلص.

أمامنا مجموعتان ظهرتتا من خارج سياق «الشرعية الرسولية» بالمعنى الضيق، إذا جاز التعبير، أي من خارج الدور الذي هيأ الرب من أجله من اختارهم لحمل البشارة، أي رسله الذين كانوا مبعثرين وخائفين ومختبئين في ذلك الحين. لقد أتت مباردة كل من هاتين المجموعتين لتلقي ضوءاً محورياً في صميم التدبير الإلهي، بتأكيدهما على حقيقة موت الرب، من جهة، وقيامته، من جهة أخرى. وهذا فعلاً هو أساس الكرزة الرسولية وشهادة الأناجيل.

هنا نعي تماماً كم كان ما تجرأت على فعله هاتان المجموعتان، - لربما فاقدة الشرعية أو الأحقية في نظر أصحاب الشرع والمعرفة والحق والعرف -، أساسياً لخروج الجماعة الرسولية من ضموها وخوفها وتاكلها الداخلي في انهزامها أمام تلبية متطلبات دعوتها كما وعبثية هربها أو اختبائها، إلى نور مشيئة الله، إلى نور قيامتها كجماعة قبلتها المسيح المصلوب والقائم. هل تعدت هاتان المجموعتان دوراً مرسوماً لغير أعضائها؟ هل تحلى أفرادها برتبة لم تُعط لهم أصلاً؟ هل استأنثوا بكرامة هي لغيرهم؟ هل أخطأوا في أن يأخذوا مبادرة تبدو أنها من خارج السياق المعهود بالنسبة لنا أو بحسب أعرافنا، أكان من جهة الدور أو الموقع أو الوضع أو الترتيب أو المسؤولية؟

لقد أجابتنا الكنيسة على هذه الأسئلة بإحياء ذكرى أفراد هاتين المجموعتين في الأحد الثاني بعد الفصح، فخلدت ما بادروا إلى فعله حينها. ونحن بدورنا نشكر الله على ما قاموا به إذ حازوا على رتبته اليوم بدافع من إقدامهم وجراتهم ومحبتهم ونيتهم الصافية في وقت كان سيد الموقف الخوف والجمود والوهن وانفراط العقد بين من صاروا أعمدة الكنيسة ورسولها. ونشكر الله أيضاً أن أصحاب هاتين المبادرتين لم يتججحوا بما قاموا به حينها، إنما كانت الكنيسة هي من بادرت في هذا اليوم إلى التعبير عن الشكر والامتنان لهم.

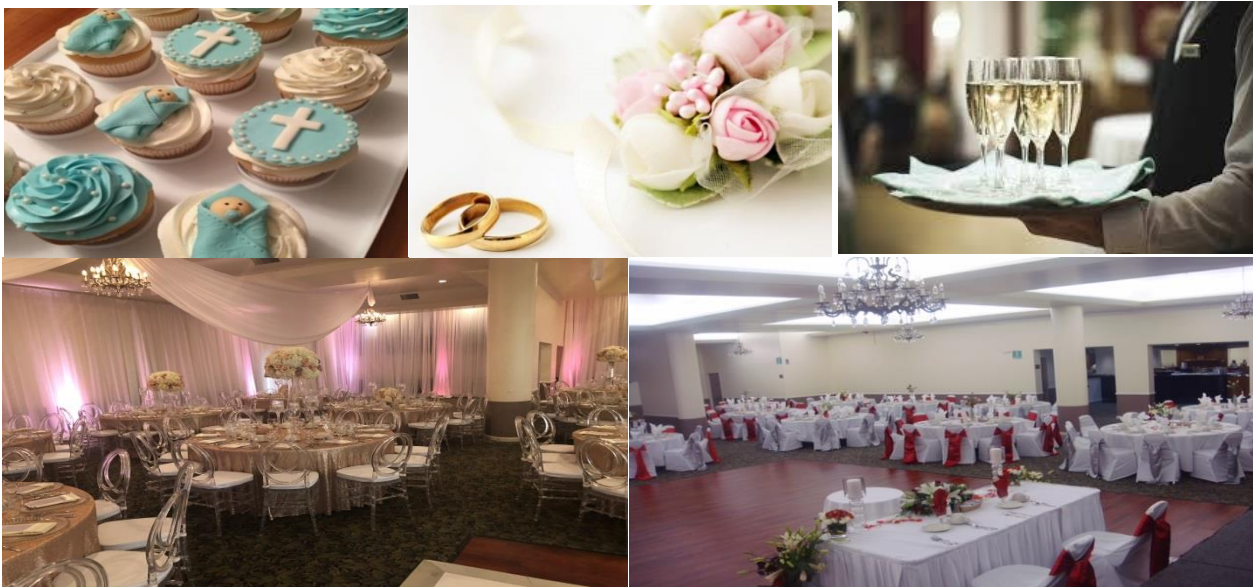
هل يصح أن نقارب تلك الذكرى على هذا المنوال؟ هل دارت أصلاً هذه الأسئلة والاعتبارات في خلد الجماعة الرسولية وأبناء الكنيسة الأولى؟ ما يهمّ ههنا هو كيف قاربت الجماعة حينها واقعها، المؤلم والصعب، ببساطة ومحبة ورفق، دون تعقيد الواقع أكثر بكثرة الحسابات والاعتبارات والتحليل وتعقيدات الأنانية. فهاتان المبادرتان من خارج السياق المعهود سمحتا لنور القيامة بأن يحيي الجماعة كلها، في وقت كانت أحوالها لا تُحسد عليها إطلاقاً، وأن يدفعها في الاتجاه الذي أوصى به الرب تلاميذه قبل آلامه.

لعل هذه المقاربة تحيي فينا هذا الرجاء الكبير، بفعل قيامة المسيح وعمل روحه غير المنقطع فينا، عندما نتطلع إلى واقعنا على مختلف مستوياته، البيئية والرعية والأبرشية كما وعلى مستوى الكنيسة الجامعة، وتعطينا الدفع اللازم والضروري لنفسح للروح المجال للعمل فينا وبيننا، فنتغلب على الحواجز التي نضعها نحن أو تقيمها الظروف أمامنا. ألا نحتاج اليوم، في التعاطي مع شؤوننا وشجوننا، إلى مبادرات من خارج السياق المعهود، علماً تساعد في تحقيق ما تجندنا من أجله بين بعضنا البعض، أي ورشة بناء معالم الملكوت في وسط هذا العالم؟

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SAINT NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH BANQUET HALL

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