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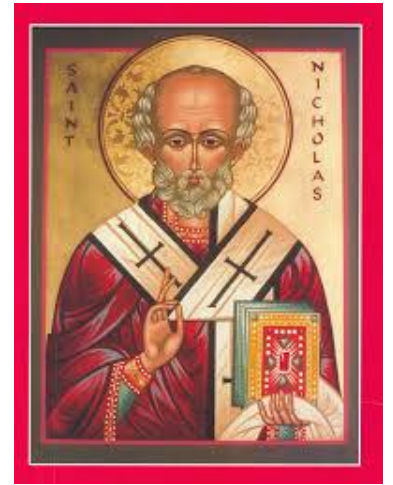
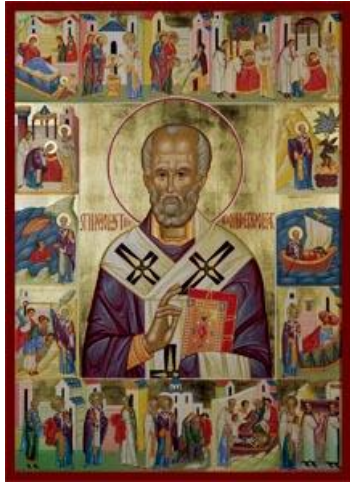
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Sunday, June 27, 2021

All Saints Sunday

أحد جميع القديسين

GAZA RELIEF:

Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with the people of GAZA. The people of GAZA need our help! We will be hosting a Humanitarian & Disaster Relief Fundraiser for GAZA. Please help us help those who are in need. All proceeds will be donated to Churches in GAZA and other Humanitarian organizations. To make donations, please mail a check here to St. Nicholas earmarked "For Gaza". You may also donate on our website by choosing "GAZA RELIEF" under "Funds" on our giving website: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stn5200254>

IMPORTANT NOTICE: CHURCH IS OPEN! If you plan to attend, please make sure you use hand sanitizer when you walk inside. Please don't attend if you're feeling sick. We pray for the good health, well-being, and safety of everyone. God bless!

THE EPISTLE: 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.

العبرانيين.

يا إخوة، إِنَّ الْقَدِيسِينَ، بِالْإِيمَانِ قَهَرُوا الْمَمَالِكَ، وَعَمِلُوا الْبِرَّ، وَنَالُوا الْمَوَاعِدَ، وَسَدَّوْا أَفْوَاهَ الْأَسُودِ. وَأَطْفَأُوا حِدَّةَ النَّارِ وَنَجَّوْا مِنْ حَذِّ السَّيْفِ، وَتَقَوَّوْا مِنْ ضَعْفٍ، وَصَارُوا أَشِدَّاءَ فِي الْحَرْبِ، وَكَسَرُوا مُعْسَكَرَاتِ الْأَجَانِبِ. وَأَخَذَتْ نِسَاءٌ أَمْوَاتَهُنَّ بِالْقِيَامَةِ، وَغَذَّبَ آخَرُونَ بِتَوْتِيرِ الْأَعْضَاءِ وَالضَّرْبِ، وَلَمْ يَقْبَلُوا بِالنَّجَاةِ لِيَحْصُلُوا عَلَى قِيَامَةٍ أَفْضَلَ. وَآخَرُونَ ذَاقُوا الْهُزْءَ وَالْجَلْدَ وَالْقَيْوَدَ أَيْضًا وَالسَّجْنَ. وَرُجِمُوا وَنُشِرُوا وَامْتَحِنُوا وَمَاتُوا بِحَذِّ السَّيْفِ، وَسَاحَوْا فِي جُلُودٍ غَنَمٍ وَمَعَزٍ وَهُمْ مُعَوِّزُونَ مُضَائِقُونَ مَجْهُودُونَ وَلَمْ يَكُنِ الْعَالَمُ مُسْتَحَقًّا لَهُمْ، فَكَانُوا تَائِبِينَ فِي الْبَرَارِيِّ وَالْجِبَالِ وَالْمَغَاوِرِ وَكُهُوفِ الْأَرْضِ. فَهَؤُلَاءِ كُلُّهُمْ مَشْهُودًا لَهُمْ بِالْإِيمَانِ لَمْ يَنَالُوا الْمَوْعِدَ. لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَبَقَ فَتَنَّا لَنَا شَيْئًا أَفْضَلَ، أَنْ لَا يَكْمُلُوا بِدُونِنَا. فَتَحْنُ أَيْضًا إِذْ يُحْدِقُ بِنَا مِثْلَ هَذِهِ السَّحَابَةِ مِنَ الشُّهُودِ فَلَنُلْقِ عَنْ كُلِّ ثَقَلٍ وَكُلِّ خَطِيئَةٍ مُحِيطَةٍ بِنَا، وَلَنَسَابِقَ بِالصَّبْرِ فِي الْجِهَادِ الَّذِي أَمَامَنَا، نَظِيرِينَ إِلَى رَئِيسِ الْإِيمَانِ وَمُكْمَلِهِ يَسُوعَ.

THE GOSPEL: 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."

الإنجيل: متى

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 أُمًّا 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 تَتَّبِعُونِي فِي جِيلِ التَّجْدِيدِ، مَتَى جَلَسَ ابْنُ الْبَشَرِ عَلَى كُرْسِيِّ مَجْدِهِ، تَجْلِسُونَ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا عَلَى اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ كُرْسِيًّا تَدِينُونَ أَسْبَاطَ إِسْرَائِيلَ الْإِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ. وَكُلُّ مَنْ تَرَكَ بِيُوتًا أَوْ إِخْوَةً أَوْ أَخَوَاتٍ أَوْ أَبًا أَوْ أُمًّا أَوْ امْرَأَةً أَوْ أَوْلَادًا أَوْ حُقُولًا مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِي، يَأْخُذُ مِئَةً ضِعْفٍ، وَيَرِثُ الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ. وَكَثِيرُونَ أَوْلَوْنَ يَكُونُونَ آخِرِينَ، وَآخَرُونَ يَكُونُونَ أَوَّلِينَ.

ALTAR CANDLE OFFERING:

- ❖ For the good health of **Almaz Tannous** and her children **Mike, Hani, Gihan, Christine**, and their families. God bless and many years!
- ❖ Offered by **Paul Nassif** and the entire **Nassif family** in loving memory of **Charles Nassif** on the occasion of his birthday June 24th. May his memory be eternal!
- ❖ Offered by the **Katout family** in loving memory of **Violet Katout**. May her memory be eternal!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS:

- ❖ **PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE: July 8th-10th.** Registration: <https://www.antiochianevents.com/la>
- ❖ **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC: Sunday, August 1st. Blackberry Farms 21979 San Fernando Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014**
- ❖ **ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL: October 2nd and 3rd.** More info to come.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS:

And best wishes to the 2021 graduates:

- ❖ **Esther Clemence Batarse**
 - ❖ **David Srouji**
 - ❖ **Nadine Nervaiz**
 - ❖ **Jamie Msalam**
 - ❖ **Brianna Rantisi**
- ❖ **Alexa Christina Dabai**
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 - ❖ **Nicholas Barksdale**
 - ❖ **Jahna Mousa**
- ❖ **Nadia & Issa Keishk**

Good luck and God Bless you all!

Metropolitan Anthony
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

The Mother of God and the Saints whose memory we keep today, those who are known to us because God has revealed them, and because they have been understood and recognised, either by their contemporaries, or years, at times - centuries later, all the Saints are the response of the earth to the love of God. And this response is given by them not only in their own name but in the name of all creation and in our names also; because each of us has the privilege to be called by one name, our Christian name, the name of one of those Saints. And the Saints whose names are ours stand before God and pray that their name should not be made unworthy in the eyes of the Lord. The Saints of God embrace the whole of Creation in their love, in their intercession, in their prayer, in their real, continuous presence. How wonderful it is that we belong to this vast family of men, of women, of children who have understood what the Lord meant when He came, and lived, taught and died for us! They responded with their own heart, they understood with all their mind, and they accepted His message with all their determination, to overcome in themselves all that have been the cause of the crucifixion; because if only one person on earth had strayed, fallen away from God, Christ would have come to save at the cost of His life. This is His own testimony to a Saint of the early centuries who had been praying that the sinners should be confounded; and He appeared to him, and said, Never pray that way! If one sinner have existed, I would have died for him...

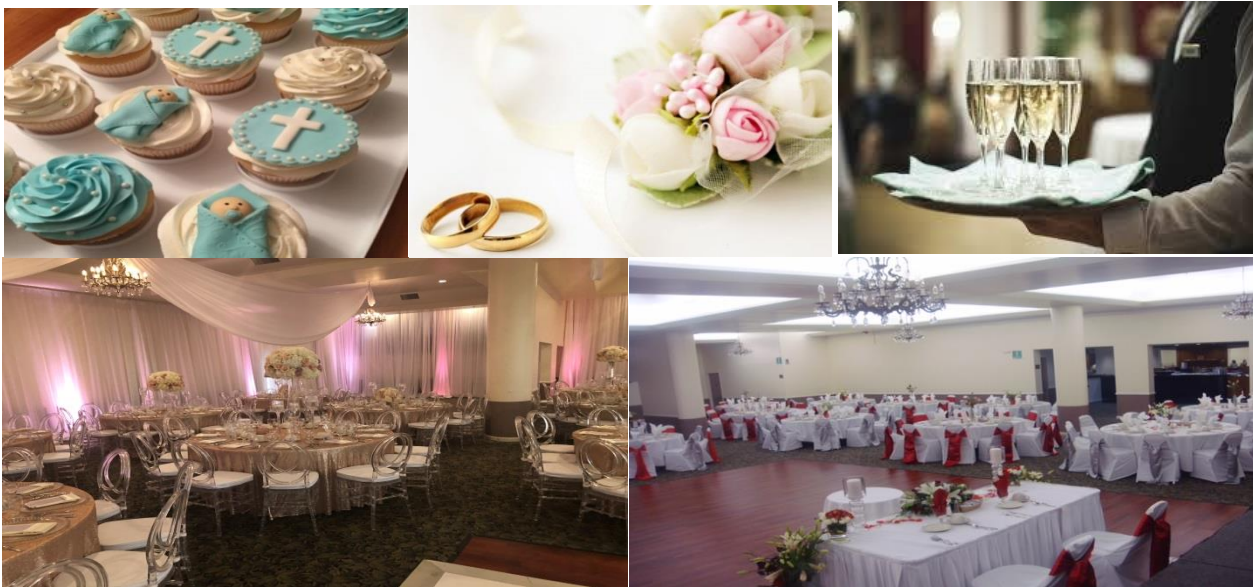
The Saints are people who responded to love by love, people who realised that if someone can die for them, their only response of gratitude is to become such that he should not have died in vain. To take up our cross means exactly this: to turn away from all those things which are Christ's death and crucifixion, from all those things which surrounded Christ with hatred and lack of understanding. We are all free to do this, more than those who lived in His time because they could be mistaken in Him in those days; but in our days, after two thousand years, when we can read the Gospels, and see emerging from the story the stature, the Person of Christ, when we have got millions of witnesses that tell us that He truly gave His life for us, and that the only response we can give is to give our lives for one another in His name - how can't we respond?

Let us therefore, on this day make a new resolve: to listen in the way in which they listened, with all their heart, all their mind, all their will, all their self to see what happened, to hear what He said, to respond by gratitude and by determination. And then, if we offer this little to God - our gratitude and our good will - the strength, the power for us also to grow into the stature which God has willed, dreamt for us, - the power will be of God; as He had said, My strength deploys itself in weakness, My grace sufficeth... And Paul, who knew that, added, in another passage, All things are possible unto us in the power of Christ Who sustains us... There is no doubt: we can, if we only will allow God to save, to carry us from earth to heaven.

Let us make a new start, so that the Saints whose names we wear should rejoice in us, so that the Mother of God Who gave Her Son unto death that we may respond, that we may understand, that we may be saved should rejoice, and that Christ should see that it is not in vain that He lived, taught, and died. Let us be His glory, a light; it may be a small light, just like a small candle, it may be a bright light as one of the great Saints - but let us be a light that lights the world and makes it less dark! Let us be joy so that others may learn to rejoice in the Lord.

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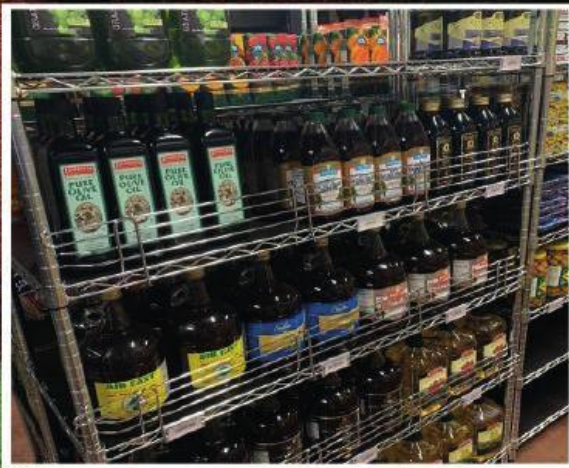
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