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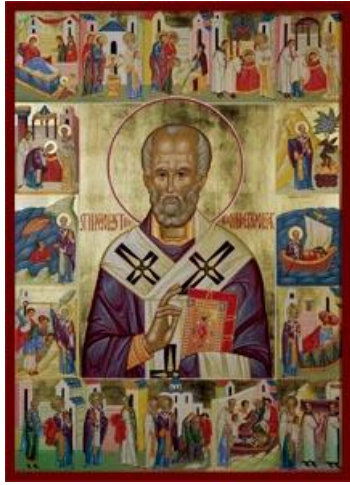
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Sunday, October 24, 2021

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

CHURCH IS OPEN! If you plan to attend, please make sure to wear a mask 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!

SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES:

We would like to offer our Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to
Faten and Jamal Elgelda and to their Family on the passing of Faten's Father,
Salim Fashho.

+ May His Memory Be Eternal +

THE EPISTLE :2 Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let each one do according to what he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you; that you, having always all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever"; now He, who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in all things for every generosity, which works through us thanksgiving to God.

2 كورنثوس.

يا إخوة، إِنَّ مَنْ يَزْرَعُ شَحِيحاً، فَشَحِيحاً أَيْضاً يَحْصُدُ؛ وَمَنْ يَزْرَعُ بِالْبَرَكَاتِ، فَبِالْبَرَكَاتِ أَيْضاً يَحْصُدُ. كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ كَمَا نَوَى فِي قَلْبِهِ، لَا عَنِ ابْتِنَاسٍ أَوْ اضْطِرَّارٍ. فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُعْطِيَ الْمُتَهَلِّلَ. وَاللَّهُ قَادِرٌ أَنْ يَزِيدَكُمْ كُلَّ نِعْمَةٍ، حَتَّى تَكُونُوا لَكُمْ كُلُّ كِفَايَةٍ، كُلَّ حِينٍ، فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، فَتَزِدُوا فِي كُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ. كَمَا كُتِبَ "إِنَّهُ يَدَدُ، أَعْطَى الْمَسَاكِينَ، فَبِرَّهْ يَدُومُ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ." وَالَّذِي يَرْزُقُ الزَّارِعَ زَرْعاً وَخُبْراً لِلْقَوْتِ، يَرْزُقُكُمْ زَرْعَكُمْ وَيُكثِّرُهُ وَيَزِيدُ غِلَالَ بَرِّكُمْ. فَتَسْتَغْنُونَ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، لِكُلِّ سَخَاءٍ خَالِصٍ يُنْشِئُ شُكْرًا لِلَّهِ.

THE GOSPEL: Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean

spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So, He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So, He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

لوقا

في ذلك الزمان، أتى يسوع إلى كورة الجرجسيين، فاستقبله رجل من المدينة به شياطين منذ زمان طويل، ولم يكن يلبس ثوباً ولا يأوي إلى بيت، بل إلى القبور. فلما رأى يسوع، صاح وخر له، وقال بصوت عظيم: "ما لي ولك يا يسوع ابن الله العلي؟ أطلب إليك ألا تعدني". فإنه أمر الروح النجس أن يخرج من الإنسان، لأنه كان قد اختطفه منذ زمان طويل، وكان يربط بسلاسل، ويحبس بقيود، فيقطع الربط ويساق من الشيطان إلى البراري. فسأله يسوع قائلاً: "ما اسمك؟" فقال له: "أجيون"، لأن شياطين كثيرين كانوا قد دخلوا فيه. وطلبوا إليه أن لا يأمرهم بالذهاب إلى الهاوية. وكان هناك قطع خنازير كثيرة ترعى في الجبل. فطلبوا إليه أن يأذن لهم بالدخول فيها، فأذن لهم. فخرج الشياطين من الإنسان، ودخلوا في الخنازير. فوثب القطيع عن الجرف إلى البحيرة فأختنق. فلما رأى الرعاة ما حدث، هربوا وأخبروا في المدينة وفي الحقول. فخرجوا ليروا ما حدث وأتوا إلى يسوع، فوجدوا الإنسان الذي خرجت منه الشياطين جالسا عند قدمي يسوع لابساً صحيان العقل، فخافوا. وأخبرهم الناظرين أيضاً كيف أبرئ المجنون. فسأله جميع جمهور كورة الجرجسيين أن ينصرف عنهم لأنه اعتراهم خوف عظيم. فدخل السفينة ورجع. فسأله الرجل الذي خرجت منه الشياطين أن يكون معه. فصرفه يسوع قائلاً: "ارجع إلى بيتك وحدث بما صنع الله إليك". فذهب وهو ينادي في المدينة كلها بما صنع إليه يسوع.

قناديل الهيكل ALTAR CANDLES



Offered by **Nadim, Basma, Janan, Jim, Ivette, Howell and Jane & Oscar Moran** for the continued good health of **Jennifer, Brandon, and Matthew Howell** on the special occasion of their birthdays. *God bless and many years!*



Offered by **Faten and Jamal Elgelda and their Family**, in loving memory of Faten's Father, **Salim Fashho**. *May His Memory Be Eternal!*

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered by:

✠ **David Hanhan and his family**, in loving memory of His Son, **Joseph David Hanhan**.

May His Memory Be Eternal!

CONGRATULATIONS:

To the newlyweds, **Enzo Gamarra and Sandy (Hanhan) Gamarra** and their families.
God Bless and Many Years!

October is Youth Month!

October is Youth Month in our Archdiocese. During this month, we encourage our youth to Read the Epistles in Church, Take the Collections, Usher in Church, Chant and Sing in Church and Take Part in Church Activities. Please encourage and help our youth participate in the life of the Church during October and throughout the year.



UPCOMING ADULTS SOCIAL



Sunday, November 7th from 2 PM – 4 PM, come join us at Spark Social in Mission Bay for social gathering with great food and even better company! We have the double decker bus reserved just for us. Please contact Shadi Azar for more info. Hope to see you there!

LADIES MEETING

Calling all you ladies!

We hope you are all doing good, there will be a ladies meeting next **Saturday, October 30th, 2 PM** at the Church hall. Hope to see you all!



SAVE THE DATE:

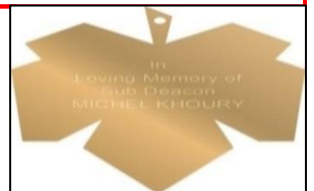
TEEN SOYO 2021-2022 ELECTIONS: November 14th If any teens are interested in running for positions, please contact Claudine Batarse or Ilyan Baalbaki.

CAMP THY REUNION: November 14th from 1 PM – 3 PM. Join us for the St. Nicholas' Autumn Harvest Lunch: music and activities will be provided. Feel free to come dressed in fall themed clothing (i.e. fall colors & patterns, flannel, costumes). All 2021 campers and their families are welcome! If you would like to volunteer for the event or have any questions, please contact Ilyan Baalbaki. Looking forward to a great reunion!

ST. NICHOLAS THANKSGIVING FAMILY NIGHT: Friday November 20th 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.*



Metropolitan Anthony
The Prayers of the Liturgy

What awesome words do we hear both in the Gospel and in the prayers of the Church. And what dread a responsibility do we take when we hear them, approve of them, accept them, and yet, do not live up to them.

If you listen to the Holy Liturgy, the beginning is easy for us to carry. It speaks to us of our need and of God's response; it is the cry of the earth Godward. But a moment comes when we stand before God as the Church of God; and the Church of God is, in the words of one of our orthodox theologians, the Church of God is the continued incarnate presence of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth, His presence unto the salvation of the world.

The first moment which strikes me as being so frightening and so glorious, is the moment when, in one of the early litanies we ask the Lord to bless those Gifts which we have brought to Him, and to bless us also. Because at that moment begins a double consecration; we return to God what is His: the bread, the wine - they are no longer prisoners of a fallen world, they are given back to Him, liberated, freed, pure in themselves, and capable of receiving the fullness of the Divine presence within themselves.

But at the same time we pray for us to be consecrated to God. Re-consecrated indeed, because in the baptism, in the first act of faith we have declared that we offer ourselves to God, soul and body, to become His, but through sin we fall away, we give the lie to our promise. And here again we say, Renew in us our consecrated status!

And a moment later a proclamation is made, a warning: 'The doors! The doors! a moment when in the Ancient Church only those who were allowed to receive communion could stay in the church, all those who could pronounce the Creed, say the Lord's Prayer, and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, could stay. We now all stay; but these doors - are they only the doors of a temple? Are they not the doors of a heart, the doors of a life, of a mind, of our will, of our determination? It's a warning: open these doors, which you can open to God, and only then can you enter into the sacred realm of the Liturgy as members of the Church, not as outsiders.

And after that, again, another cry: Let us love one another so that with one mind we may acknowledge the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit! We cannot pronounce the Creed outside of a relationship, of mutual love. The Creed speaks to us only of a God of love, a God Who has loved us and the whole creation into existence, a God Who has given His life to redeem it, a God, the Spirit Who comes upon us in our frailty, in our weakness, in our impurity to burn evil, and to make us into the Burning Bush.

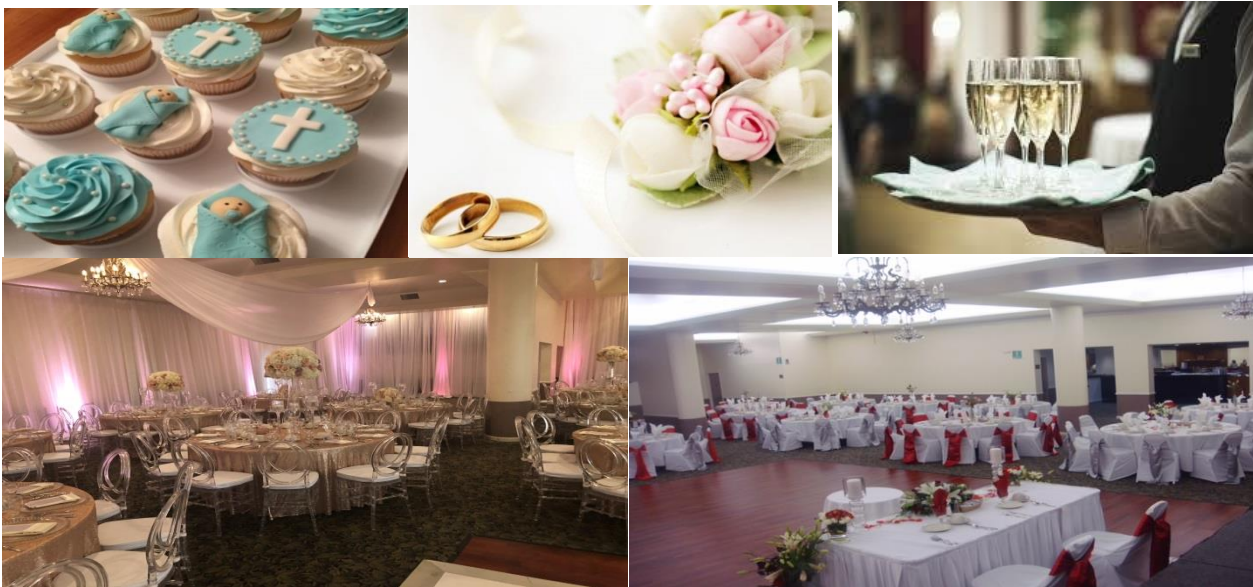
And then, can we say these words, speak of the God of love if we have no love for one another? Saint John, in one of his Epistles says: if we say that we love God and don't love our neighbor we are liars, there is no truth in us. We must reflect on that, because we are not proclaiming a theological statement, we are not speaking of general truth, of a world-outlook, but we are speaking of a God Who says to us, 'I have given you an example for you to follow.

But can we summon love within our hearts, when they are cold, when they are dead, when they are full of trouble? No, we cannot summon love as a feeling, as a glorious joy that embraces all creation and every one of our neighbors. But love does not begin as a feeling, love begins as an act. "Those who love Me, says the Lord, will fulfill My commandments."

And the commandments - we have heard today in the words of Saint Paul, in addition to all that the Gospel proclaims to us: Love your enemies, pray for them, bless them, do not curse anyone! Christ, at the moment of the Crucifixion said, "Father, forgive them, they don't know what they

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