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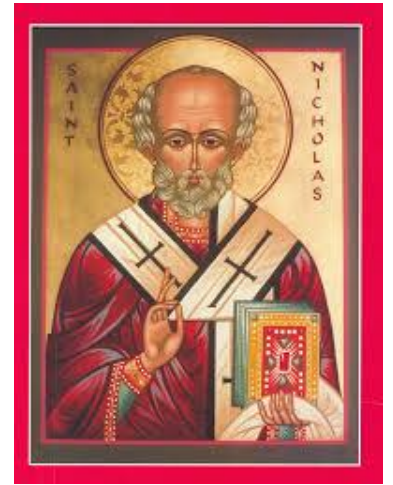
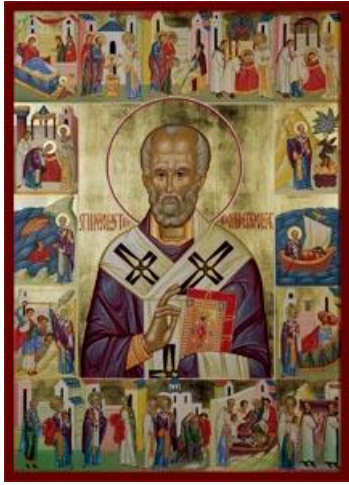
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Sunday, June 26, 2022

**Second Sunday after Pentecost
& Second Sunday of Matthew**

SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES:

We would like to offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to the
Dabai, Rantisi, Saoud and Azzar families on the falling asleep of our dear brother in Christ,
+ Issa Dabai.

May his memory be eternal!

THE EPISTLE: Romans (2:10-16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek; for there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law; and as many as have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law (for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God but the doers of the Law are justified. For when the nations who do not have the Law do by nature the things contained in the Law, these then, in spite of not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, and their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them) in the day when God judges the secrets of persons, according to my gospel, through Jesus Christ.

الرسالة: رومية

يا إخوة، المجد والكرامة والسلام لكل من يفعل الخير من اليهود أولاً ثم من اليونانيين. لأن ليس عند الله محاباة وجوه. فكل الذين أخطأوا بدون الناموس فبدون الناموس يهلكون، وكل الذين أخطأوا في الناموس فبالناموس يدانون. لأنه ليس السامعون بالناموس هم أبراراً عند الله بل العاملون بالناموس هم يبررون. فإن الأمم الذين ليس عندهم الناموس، إذا عملوا بالطبيعة بما هو في الناموس، فهؤلاء، وإن لم يكن عندهم الناموس، فهم ناموس لأنفسهم. الذين يظهرون عمل الناموس مكتوباً في قلوبهم وضميرهم شاهد وأفكارهم تشكو أو تحتج فيما بينها، يوم يدين الله سرائر الناس بحسب إنجيلي يسوع المسيح.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee,

Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

الإنجيل: متى

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمانِ، فِيمَا كانَ يَسوعُ ماشياً عَلَى شاطئِ بَحْرِ الجَلِيلِ، رَأى أَخَوَيْنِ وَهُما سَمعانُ المَدْعُو بُطْرُسَ وَأَندراؤُسَ أَخُوهُ، يُلقِيانِ شَبَكَةَ فِي البَحْرِ (لأنَّهُما كانا صَيَّادَيْنِ)، فَقَالَ لَهُما هَلُمَّ وَرَأَيْتُ فَأَجْعَلُكُمَا صَيَّادِي النَّاسِ. فَلَوَقْتَ تَرَكا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَتَبِعاهُ. وَجاءَ مِنْ هُنَاكَ، فَرَأى أَخَوَيْنِ آخَرَيْنِ وَهُما يَعْقوبُ بْنُ زَبْدَى وَيُوحنا أَخُوهُ، فِي سَفِينَةٍ مَعَ أَبِيهِمَا زَبْدَى يُصْلِحانِ شَباكَهُما فَدَعاهُما، وَلَوَقْتَ تَرَكا السَّفِينَةَ وَأَباهُما وَتَبِعاهُ. وَكانَ يَسوعُ يَطُوفُ الجَلِيلَ كُلَّهُ يُعَلِّمُ فِي مَجامِعِهِمْ وَيَكْرِزُ بِبِشارَةِ المَلَكُوتِ وَيُشْفِي كُلَّ مَرَضٍ وَكُلَّ ضَعْفٍ فِي الشَّعبِ.

ALTAR CANDLES قناديل الهيكل



Offered by **Khader & Lisa Atwan** in loving memory of **Chris (Atwan) Ghanem** on the special occasion of his birthday on June 24th. *May his memory be eternal!*



Offered by **Mona Rantisi and Children: Cynthia, Krystle, Steve, Claudia, Hanna and Grandchildren: Christian, Jasmine, Dominic, Giselle, George and Gabriel** in loving memory of **Salim Yousef Rantisi** on the occasion of his second year memorial.
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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS:

- ✧ **PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE OF LOS ANGELES AND THE WEST:** The annual PLC will take place next week from June 29th – July 3rd, 2022 in Santa Clara Marriott., hosted by Orthodox Church of the Redeemer. There will be variety of events for the whole family to take part in and enjoy. June 26th is the last day to register online. To register online, please visit: <https://www.antiochianevents.org/events/diocese-of-los-angeles-and-the-west-1/>
- ✧ **YOUNG ADULT PLC OUTING MEET AND HANG OUT with Young Adults all around our Diocese:** Thursday, June 30th, at 6 :30 PM during Parish Life Conference. Sign up NOW by visiting: <http://www.antiochianevents.org/events/diocese-of-los-angeles-and-the-west-1/> . For any questions, feel free to reach out to your DLAW President, **Esther Clemence Azar** at estherbatarse@gmail.com Looking forward to seeing you all there!
- ✧ **ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL PICNIC:** Sunday, July 24th at Meadowlands picnic site located in Baylands Park at 999 Caribbean Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94089. **Divine Liturgy Service will be held at St. Nicholas Church at 10 AM instead of 11 AM.**
- ✧ **TESLA RAFFLE TICKET:** Our annual raffle ticket with the grand prize of a brand new Tesla is back! \$50 per ticket, drawing will take place on Sunday October 2, 2022. To purchase your ticket(s), please contact Elias Batshon (650) 580-7185 or the Church office (415) 648-5200.

SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

July	24 th	St. Nicholas Annual Day Picnic
October 1 st – 2 nd		St. Nicholas Annual Festival
November	19 th	St. Nicholas Annual Thanksgiving Family Night
December	11 th	Parish Council Elections
December	17 th	St. Nicholas Christmas Party

CAMP THY 2022:

Camp is in session and from what we hear, they are having the time of their lives!
If you have instagram, please follow @officialcampthy and check out all the beautiful photos.



2022 GRADUATES:

Congratulations And Best Wishes to our 2022 graduates!

Tarik Shami	Alana Tiffani Husari	Zachery Husari
Joseph Chaghouri	George Chaghouri	Ella Parashis
Sophia Jadallah	Leen Marji	Jason Keishk
Jamilah Jazmin Msalam	Katia Salwa Shami	Tamer Yaser
Celina Saoud	Lia Shami	Olivia Khoury
Jacob Saba	Selena Wahhab	Sima Nehchiri
Nicholas Wahhab	Olivia Dabai	Catherine Tannous
Chloe Tannous		

Good Luck and God Bless you all!

Congratulations

Congratulations to all of our 2022 Graduates and Families!

Best Wishes and Good Luck in your future endeavors.

God Bless you all!

If you would like to add name/picture of a graduate, please send information to info@stnicholas-sf.com

Congratulations



Alana Tiffani Husari

SF State University

Bachelors in Political Science and a minor in Race & Resistance
Summa Cum Laude

Zachery Husari

Woodside High School

Future Engineer



Class of 2022

Congratulations

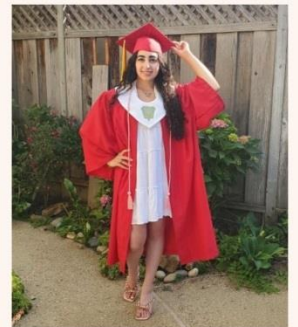


Celina Saoud

Preschool Graduate

Sima Nehchiri

Willow Glen High School



Class of 2022

Congratulations



Tamer Yaser

SF State University

Mechanical Engineering

Jamilah Jazmin Msalam

Woodside High School

Future Major in Nursing



Class of 2022

Congratulations



Leen Marji

SF State University

BA in international relations
with honors

Sophia Jadallah

Loyola Marymount
University

BS in Business cum laude



Class of 2022

Congratulations



George Chaghouri

CSU Stanislaus

BS in Business administration
with concentration in
operations management

Joseph Chaghouri

CSU Stanislaus

BS in Physics with minor in
mathematics



Class of 2022

Congratulations



Catherine Tannous

Parents: Mike & Karen
Tannous

Everest Public High School

Future Psychology major
at UC Davis

Chloe Tannous

Parents: Mike & Karen
Tannous

UC Davis

Biochemistry with minor in
Public Health



Class of 2022

Congratulations



Ella Parashis

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Preparatory

Jason Keishk

8th grade promotion



Class of 2022

Congratulations



Lia Shami

St. Matthews Catholic
School

Olivia Khoury

St. Matthews Catholic
School



Class of 2022

Congratulations



Katia Salwa Shami

University of San Diego
Doubled in Finance and
Real Estate

Selena Wahhab

High School Graduate



Class of 2022

Congratulations



Tarik Shami

San Diego State University
BA in Business management

Jacob Saba

High School Graduate



Class of 2022

Metropolitan Anthony CALLING OF THE APOSTLES

It is essential for us to realise the link there is between Christ and the apostles. If you read the Gospels you will see that the apostles and the Lord Jesus Christ were born and lived in the same area. Christ came to live in Nazareth as a child; the apostles lived all about the place of His abode. We know nothing about the early years of these men, but if we think that Cana of Galilee was less than 4 miles away from Nazareth, if we think that all the cities and all the villages in which Peter and Andrew, John and others lived were around the same place, we can imagine that they had met and seen and heard the Lord Jesus Christ as a child, as a youth.



We know nothing about the impact of His personality growing harmoniously into the fullness of His human stature, but links of personal knowledge and familiarity existed. The disciples of John the Baptist, Andrew and John, were the disciples of a cousin of the Lord. James was the brother of John, Peter was the brother of Andrew. When they first met Christ, they sought out their friends Nathanael and Phillip. Even the words of Nathanael ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ is not a mysterious saying. What would any one of us say if he was told that God Himself had become man in a village four miles away from his own village?

And then there is a whole process which we can trace in the Gospels in which one can see how, gradually, the disciples discover the Lord Jesus Christ, how He becomes gradually more and more to them. And one day their relatedness to Him is such that they could not leave Him even if they wanted to. When most of Christ’s disciples abandoned Him the Lord said to the Twelve: ‘Are you also going to go?’ And Peter answers: ‘Where should we go? Thou hast the word of eternal life’. This relatedness between the disciples and Christ that began perhaps in friendship, then in admiration grew to the relationship of disciples and Master, on the way to Caesarea Philippi becomes a recognition, proclaimed by one of them as a gift of God, of what He truly is: ‘Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God’.

It is a relationship so deep, so perfect and complete that they cannot leave Him even if terror comes upon them. When Christ tells His disciples that He is going to Bethany because Lazarus has died, His disciples say: ‘Are you going back into Judaea? Were not the Jews about to kill you?’ And one of them says, ‘Let us go with Him and die with Him’. And that one is Thomas, the one who so often is thought as a doubter. No, he is not a doubter. He is ready to live and to die with his Master, but he is not prepared credulously to receive the news of Christ’s Resurrection with all its resurrecting impact and life-giving power without being sure — because when Christ died on the cross His disciples scattered, afraid, in hiding, and yet, attached to Him with all the fibres of their heart and mind and soul, they felt that life had gone out of the world, life had gone out of their lives. That happens to us when someone who is infinitely dear dies. Then we discover that because this person has died everything which is shallow, trivial, small, too small to be as great as life and death, becomes irrelevant. We turn away from it, we become as great as our perception of life and death can make us.

That is what happened to them, but then there was no life, there was only crushing,

ألوان الشهادة ليسوع اليوم

يضعك إنجيل أحد جميع القديسين أمام محصلة حياة مع يسوع أو من دونه. لنا أن نتأمل في حياة القديسين الذين يؤلفون الكنيسة الظاهرة حتى ندرك هذا الأمر. فهؤلاء أحبوا المسيح وأعلوه فوق كل إنسان أو غرض أو ظرف. صار يسوع حياتهم، وهم بدورهم أغنوا حياة العالم بشهادتهم. كانوا في العالم من دون أن يكونوا منه، خدموا يسوع فيه ولم يخدموا الخطيئة. غلبوا الخطيئة في نفوسهم وساعدوا سواهم على أن يتغلبوا عليها في مناحي حياتهم كافة. شهد البعض ليسوع في مجال الذود عن الإيمان، فكانوا خير من حفظ حد الإيمان وعاشوه وعبروا عنه، وخير من ساس واقع الكنيسة المضطرب عندما كثرت الذناب الخاطفة، وخير من أنار نفوس المؤمنين إلى جيل الأجيال.

وشهد البعض ليسوع في زمن الاضطهادات، فكانوا خير من صبر على العذابات والظلم والافتراء والحرمان، وخير من غلب الألم على أشكاله بالانكسار على الله والصلاة والرجاء، وخير من جسد حقيقة محبة الله الباذلة للإنسان.

والبعض شهد ليسوع في تكريس الذات لله، في الصوم والصلاة والنسك، في حياة الشركة أو التوحد الرهبانية، فكانوا خير من أظهر ثمار الروح القدس في نفوسهم وتعاليمهم، وخير من ألهم حياة المؤمنين في أزمنة المساومة على حقيقة الإنجيل والتماهي مع روح العالم، وخير من قاد النفوس من أرض العبودية للخطيئة إلى خدر الختن.

والبعض شهد ليسوع في رعاية الخراف الناطقة، في تقديس الحياة وعيش الأسرار والأبوة الروحية، وكانوا خير من يسهر على أعضاء جسد المسيح، وخير من يحتمل ضعف الضعفاء، وخير من جعلوا أنفسهم كلاً للكل حتى لا يبقى أحد خارج حظيرة المسيح. وشهد البعض ليسوع في مجال بشارة الكلمة وإيصالها إلى أترابهم، فكانوا خير من أنفذ أحاً أو شعباً من جهل أو إلحاد أو خطيئة، وخير من وضع مدمك معرفة الإنجيل وتجسيده في مجالات الحياة، وخير من أسس كنيسة أو رعية تعيش هذه الحقيقة بالتوبة والصلاة والخدمة.

وشهد البعض ليسوع في الحياة الزوجية وتربية الأولاد، فكانوا خير مثال في حفظ العقّة والأمانة، وخير من أنشأ على التقوى والبرّ والخدمة، وخير من بذل نفسه من دون حساب.

والبعض شهد ليسوع في الحياة المهنية، فكانوا خير من عملوا بمناقبية وضمير حيّ، وخير من جسّدوا إيمانهم في إعلاء خدمة القريب ونموّه، بعيداً عن روح المنافسة والمجد الباطل والتسلط ومحبة المال.

والبعض شهد ليسوع في مجال الكفاح من أجل العدل والسلام والحقّ والمصالحة والإخاء، فكانوا خير من أنار الحياة العامة بأن قدّموا ما لله وما لقيصر لقيصر، وأضأوا بالإيمان وروح الحكمة والالتزام كيفية خدمة الشأن العامّ وتعزيز الحياة المشتركة ونصرة الحقّ والعدل ورفع الظلم.

والبعض شهد ليسوع في مجالات الحياة على اختلافها، من علوم وآداب وإدارة وتربية وغيرها، فأنموا مواهبهم وخدموا بها أترابهم، وساعدوا على رقيّ الإنسان وتقدّم المجتمع وتكوين الحضارة، فأبرزوا معالم الوكيل الأمين الذي أقامه الله على خليقته. والبعض شهد ليسوع في الخفاء، فبقي غير منظور إلا من الله ومن المتواضعين أو الودعاء أو المجاهدين مثله، فكانت لهؤلاء هذه الذكرى أيضاً سبباً لتكون معهم في شركة شكر وامتنان.

بفضل هؤلاء جميعاً تظهر أمامنا ميادين عديدة نجسّد فيها، على غرارهم، اعترافنا بيسوع قدام الناس فيكلّ يسوع جهادنا بأن يعترف بنا قدام أبيه الذي في السماوات (متّى ١٠ : ٣٢). ونتلمّس، في الوقت عينه، كيف أنّ شهادتهم تدين تقاعسنا وكسلنا وجهلنا وضعف إيماننا ورياءنا (متّى ١٩ : ٢٨)، طالما أنّهم أثبتوا لأترابهم، جيلاً بعد جيل، إمكانية رسم معالم ملكوت الله في وسط العالم، بحملهم صليب الالتزام ونكران الذات ومحبتهم الصادقة للمسيح، ومن بعده، لكل إنسان وقريب (متّى ١٠ : ٣٧-٣٨). ما أحلى هذا الطريق الذي شقّه لنا من سبقنا في محبة الله والقريب وترجمها في ظروف الحياة على اختلافها! هلاًّ مضيّنا قدماً في هذه المسيرة برّجاء وامتنان؟

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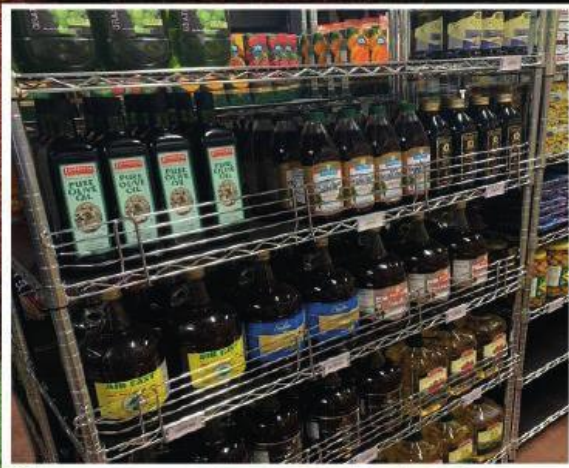


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