

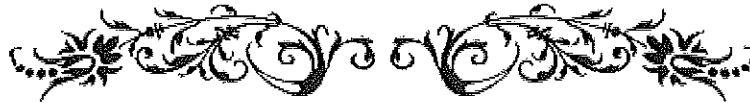


Sunday, March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy

Tone 4

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APOLYTIKION OF FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT IN TONE TWO

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

THE EPISTLE

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (11: 24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets; who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

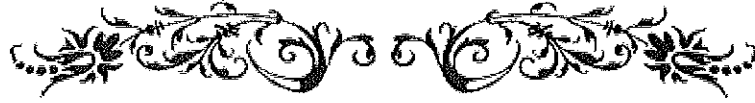


الأحد 5 آذار 2017

الأحد الأول من الصوم: أحد الأرثوذكسية

الإيوثينا الرابعة

اللحن الرابع



طروبارية الأحد الأول من الصوم باللحن الثاني

لصورتك الطاهرة نسجدُ أيها الصالح. طالبين غفران الخطايا أيها المسيح إلهنا. لأنك قبلت أن ترتفع بالجسد على الصليب طوعاً. لتُنحي الذين خلقت من عبودية العدو. لذلك نهتف إليك بشكر. لقد ملأت الكل فرحاً. يا مخلصنا إذ اتيت لتخلص العالم.

الرسالة

مبارك أنت يا رب إله آبائنا، لأنك عدلٌ في كل ما صنعت بنا.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى العبرانيين. (11: 24-26، 32-40)

يا إخوة، بالإيمان موسى لما كبر أبى أن يدعى ابناً لابنة فرعون، مختاراً الشقاء مع شعب الله على التمتع الوقتي بالخطيئة، ومعتبراً عار المسيح غنى أعظم من كنوز مصر، لأنه نظر إلى الثواب. وماذا أقول أيضاً؟ إنه يضيق بي الوقت إن أخبرت عن جدعون وباراق وشمشون ويفتاح وداود وصموئيل والأنبياء الذين بالإيمان قهروا الممالك، وعملوا البر، ونالوا المواعد، وسدّوا أفواه الأسود، وأطفأوا حدة النار، ونجّوا من حدّ السيف، وتقوّوا من ضعف، وصاروا أشداء في الحرب، وكسروا معسكرات الأجانب، وأخذت نساء أمواتهنّ بالقيامة، وعُدّب آخرون بنوتير الأعضاء والضرب، ولم يقبلوا بالنجاة ليحصلوا على قيامة فضلي؛ وآخرون ذاقوا الهُزء والجلد والقيود أيضاً والسجن، ورُجموا ونُشروا وامْتُنحوا وماتوا بحدّ السيف، وساحوا في جلود غنم ومعزٍ وهم معوزون مُضايقون مجهودون (ولم يكن العالم مستحقاً لهم)، وكانوا تائبين في البراري والجبال والمغاور وكهوف الأرض. فهؤلاء كلّهم، مشهوداً لهم بالإيمان، لم ينالوا الموعد لأنّ الله سبق فنظر لنا شيئاً أفضل: أن لا يكملوا بدوننا.

The Holy Gospel
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St.
John. (1: 43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

الإنجيل المقدس

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس يوحنا البشير والتلميذ الطاهر

(1: 43-51)

في ذلك الزمان أراد يسوع الخروج إلى الجليل، فوجد فيلبس فقال له: اتبعني. وكان فيلبس من بيت صيدا، من مدينة أندراوس وبطرس. فوجد فيلبس نثنائيل فقال له: إن الذي كتب عنه موسى في الناموس والأنبياء قد وجدناه، وهو يسوع بن يوسف الذي من الناصرة. فقال له نثنائيل: أمن الناصرة يمكن أن يكون شيء صالح؟ فقال له فيلبس: تعال وانظر. فرأى يسوع نثنائيل مقبلاً إليه فقال عنه: هوذا إسرائيلي حقا لا غش فيه. فقال له نثنائيل: من أين تعرفني؟ أجاب يسوع وقال له: قبل أن يدعوك فيلبس، وأنت تحت التينة رأيتك. أجاب نثنائيل وقال له: يا معلم، أنت ابن الله، أنت ملك إسرائيل. أجاب يسوع وقال له: لأني قلت لك إنني رأيتك تحت التينة، آمنت؟ إنك ستعابن أعظم من هذا. وقال له: الحق الحق أقول لكم إنكم من الآن ترون السماء مفتوحة وملائكة الله يصعدون وينزلون على ابن البشر.

المجد لك يا رب المجد لك!

Announcements

St. Elias Cathedral's Lenten Food Collection

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)

During this Lenten season, our Cathedral will be collecting 'non-perishable' food items from parishioners for those who are in need. Items can be dropped off in the Church Hall (basement). Should you have any further questions please contact the Cathedral Office at (613) 738-2222 or by email at info@steliascathedral.com, God bless your contributions!

Akathist Lenten Dinners

Every Friday throughout Great Lent, an organization will offer the parishioners a Lenten Dinner served in the Cathedral's Hall at 6.00 pm right before the Akathist (7.00 pm). Donations are welcome. Proceeds go to the Food for Hungry People Project. First Dinner, March 10th, is offered by The Antiochian Women, God bless them and send them in return His mercy & blessing.

Camp St. Elias II

We are excited to announce that Camp St. Elias II will take place this year from Monday July 10 to Friday July 14th. Parishioners between 6 and 17 years old are all invited to participate. The Camp will be Co-directed by Fr. Nektarios & Tatiana Habib. Registration will be announced later.

If you wish to help as a counsellor or volunteer, please contact Fr. Nektarios.

Fellowship of St. John the Divine

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 7th at 7.30 pm. Topic: Galatians 4.

Antiochian Women

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, March 21st, at 7:30pm in the Board Room upstairs.

Topic of Discussing: Our Sister, the Myrrh Bearing Women.

Health & Welfare Discussion: Boosting our Immune System and Recovering from the Flu/Viruses.

Antiochian Women Month

March is the Antiochian Women Month. They will be assisting in reading the Epistles and collecting the Trays. May God Bless them and grant them holiness.

Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est

المدارس الكاثوليكية باللغة الفرنسية: نعلمكم أنه بدأ التسجيل في مدارسنا للعام الدراسي القادم اختاروا لأولادكم أفضل مستوى تعليمي في أونتاريو وسجلوهم الآن للحصول على المعلومات أو إذا عندكم سؤال فلا تترددوا بالاتصال معنا

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Upcoming Services

Service	Date	Time
Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers	Sunday March 5 th	6.00 pm
Great Compline	Monday March 6 th	7.00 pm
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	Wednesday March 8 th	6.00 pm
Lenten Dinner	Friday March 10 th	6.00 pm
2 nd Akathist		7.00 pm
Second Sunday of Great Lent: St. Gregory Palamas		
Great Vespers	Saturday, March 11 th	6.00 pm
Great Matins	Sunday, March 12 th	8.45 am
Divine Liturgy		10.00 am
Pan-Orthodox Vespers (Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church)	Sunday, March 12 th	6.00 pm

Pan-Orthodox Vespers Schedule

Date	Time	Hosting Church	Preacher	Address
Sunday March 5 th	6.00 pm	St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral	Bishop IOAN CASIAN	700 Ridgewood Ave.
Sunday March 12 th	6.00 pm	Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church	Fr. Nektarios Najjar	721 Somerset St. W
Sunday March 19 th	6.00 pm	Sts. George & Anthony Coptic Orthodox Church	Fr. Ghattas Hajal	1081 Cadboro Rd.
Sunday March 26 th	6.00 pm	Assumption of Theotokos Ukrainian Orthodox	Fr. Ihor Kutash	1000 Byron Ave

Memorials Next Sunday, March 12th, 2017

† 40 day memorial service for Joe (Jawdat) Shacker offered by his children Jordan and Jonathan, and his siblings Marie (Benny), Eddie (Laura), George (Georgette) and their families.

† 40 day memorial service for Eveline Andeel offered by her children Shaker, Ghassan, Issam and Zeina, and her siblings Samira, Marie, Elham, Nawal, George, Elie and Walid.

† 40 day memorial Service for Tawfik Albaba who fell asleep in the Lord in Damascus offered by his daughter Rima (George Houry), his grandchildren Matthew, Stephanie, Julie, Maya of Ottawa, his wife Salma Daoud and children George, Nawal, Joseph, Aboud, Mouris, Maher, Abeer, Nariman of Damascus

May Their Memory be Eternal!



Bible Time

John 1: 43-51 † March 5, 2017

Encounter with The Messiah On this first Sunday of Lent we read from the Gospel of John, where we follow the Lord's first disciples as they begin their journey with Jesus. It is fitting on this first Sunday of Lent, that we recall these first disciples, and the beginning of their journey with the Lord of Jesus. What is of life-changing importance on this particular Sunday is the testimony of these first disciples concerning Who Jesus Is! After encountering Jesus, the first disciples, and more specifically, Nathanael, declare that Jesus is "the Son of God!", the long-awaited Messiah! This is Who Jesus is – He is God Incarnate, the Word made flesh. This is Who the disciples followed, and Who we continue to follow today.

Sharing Jesus What moved me most when reading these passages was the excitement and anticipation the disciples had in meeting the Lord, and then their eagerness to share the news of the Messiah's arrival with their family and friends. In the passages leading up to today's Gospel, we are told that Andrew and another disciple (presumably John, the author of this Gospel) learn from John the Baptist that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah, the Lamb of God. Andrew immediately goes first to tell his brother Peter (Simon Peter) of this incredible news. Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, and Jesus not only changed Peter's name to Cephas, Jesus transformed Peter's life, and Peter would become great among the apostles. Let these verses remind you of the importance of sharing Jesus with your family and friends. When we recognize through faith that Jesus is the Son of God, we are called to share Him with all those we love, and all those the Lord puts in our path.

We also read of the calling of Philip by Jesus. This was the first time the Lord Jesus directly calls an apostle, and Philip immediately follows the Lord. With the same eagerness of Andrew, Philip then goes to find his good friend Nathanael to tell Him that they (Andre, Peter and Philip) have found The Christ. These men were all from Bethsaida, they all knew each other very well, and they each had a heart that was seeking and eagerly-awaiting the coming of the Lord. The eagerness with which they share the news of Jesus with each other testifies to the greatness of this news, and to their love for each other.

Recognizing Jesus As Philip and Nathanael approach Jesus, Jesus tells Nathanael that He knows him and He saw him under the fig tree. Nathanael is overcome by Jesus' intimate knowledge of himself, and is stirred to confess that Jesus must be the Son of God. Nathanael's eyes were opened, and he recognized

Christ, and testifies that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration by Nathanael is the heart of today's Gospel – **Jesus is the Son of God!** On this first Sunday of Lent, we too can boldly declare, along with Nathanael "Lord, You are the Son of God!"

Dear Jesus, Thank you Lord Jesus because You have called each one of us to follow You. You know us personally and completely, and you love us abundantly and unconditionally. As we continue our Lenten walk with You Lord, may we eagerly and joyously proclaim that You are the Son of God, the Lamb of God, and Our Saviour.

Amen.

Your Friends in Jesus,

Roula & Alyssa Thomas

Try This *As we start the second week of the fast, let us not focus on the 'food promises' we made, let us focus on the Lord of the fast. This season is a dedicated time for us to walk more closely and dependently with the Lord. God knows us so well, but during this holy season, He wants us to know HIM better. He wants us to know that He is our strength, He is our peace, He is our sustainer, He is our Saviour, He is our God.*

Don't just plan out your meals during this season, plan out your times of sitting and spending time with Christ!

فنّ الملكوت المطران جورج خضر

اليوم، في كلّ الكنائس الأرثوذكسيّة، تطوف بالإيقونات المقدّسة ونكترهما. حصل هذا للمرّة الأولى في الأحد الأوّل من الصوم، السنة ٨٤٣، عندما قامت الملكة البيزنطيّة ثيودورا تكترم الإيقونات في الكنيسة، وكان هذا نهاية لحرب الإيقونات. اضطهد بعض ملوك بيزنطية الإيقونات أكثر من مئة سنة لأنهم وقعوا تحت تأثير ديانة غريبة وحطّموا الإيقونات واضطهدوا الكنيسة والرهبان بنوع خاصّ شرّ اضطهاد وقع ضحيّته آلاف الشهداء. مسيحيّون كانوا يضطهدون مسيحيّين حتّى جاء المجمع السابع المسكونيّ وأعطى التعليم الصحيح عن الإيقونة قال: إنّ علاقتنا بالإيقونة علاقة إكرام وليست علاقة عبادة. ننحني أمامها ونسجد لها لا سجدًا عباديًا بل سجدًا إكراميًا.

كذلك علّم آباء المجمع أنّ الإكرام لا يعود إلى الخشبة التي الإيقونة مرسومة عليها ولا يعود إلى الألوان، لكنّ الإكرام يعود إلى الأصل، أي إلى المسيح المرسوم عليها بالدرجة الأولى ووالدة الإله والقديسين. من الواضح إذًا أنّنا لسنا عبادًا لصور ولكننا مكرّمون للإله المتّجسد ولأمّه ولأصحابه الأبرار. وهذا ما فهمه الكثيرون اليوم ولم يبق من مناقشة حول هذا الموضوع.

يُساعدنا على ذلك أنّنا نستعمل صورًا مسطّحة، غير نافرة، غير مشوّشة للذوق، يتقبّلها القلب والفهم. الوجوه هادئة كأنّها آتية من السماء. لأنّ السيّد وأصدقاء القديسين هم في حضرة الله ويطلّون علينا بهذا الوضع الصافي الذي هم عليه في الملكوت. فنّ الإيقونات ليس كباقي الفنون، إنّّه متعلّق بالملكوت، فنّ الملكوت يظهر إلينا في الكنيسة.

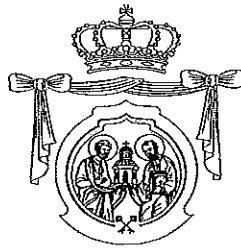
انطلاقًا من هنا سُمّي هذا الأحد الأوّل من الصوم، أحد الأرثوذكسيّة، أحد استقامة الرأي لأنّ الرأي المستقيم يفرض أن نكترم الإيقونة. وقد أوضح الآباء هذا ولا سيّما القديس يوحنا الدمشقي: إنّ التحريم الذي لحق بالتأثيل والصور في العهد القديم، في الوصيّة الثانية «لا تصنع لك تمثالاً منحوتًا ولا صورة ممّا في السماء أو على الأرض.. ولا تسجد لها ولا تعبدها» (خروج ٢٠: ٤)، ورد هذا التحريم لأنّ الله غير منظور. فإذا صنعت صورة لله تكون هذه الصورة صنمًا لأنّ الله لم يره أحد قطّ. بعد أن جاء المخلّص، صار الإله منظورًا ولموسى وهو يسوع المسيح في الجسد. وصار ممكّنًا أن نرسمه.

من بعد هذا يُسَمّى هذا الأحد أحد الأرثوذكسيّة، والأرثوذكسيّة ليست صفة لطائفة معيّنة. الأرثوذكسيّة هي الكنيسة الجامعة المقدّسة الرسوليّة. ليس صحيحًا أن تُسمّى طائفة، أي مجموعة من البشر، نحن كنيسة أرثوذكسيّة ولسنا مجموعة ناس. ولذلك لا يُقال طائفة أرثوذكسيّة ولكن يُقال كنيسة أرثوذكسيّة.

من أجل هذا نعتزّ بالإيمان الأرثوذكسيّ أي المستقيم، المحافظ على ما جاء إلينا من فم السيّد ومن أقوال تلاميذه. نعتزّ ليس فقط بالإيقونات ولكن بكلّ هذا الإيمان الذي ورثناه وحافظنا عليه جيلاً بعد جيل.

في الأحد الأوّل من الصوم نكترم الإيقونات تجديداً للذكرى ومحافظلة على الإيمان. نُعلن اليوم إيماننا المستقيم وتمسّك به. لا يبقى الإيمان بجهل أبناء الله. نحن نصرّ على إيمان قويم، ونصرّ أيضًا على فهم هذا الإيمان. تسلّمنا وديعة الإنجيل، نحافظ عليها بالفهم أولاً ثمّ بالتعليم والبشارة.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

March 5, 2017

"Let us begin the season of fasting with rejoicing, giving ourselves to spiritual strife, purifying soul and body, fasting from passions, as we fast from foods, faring on the virtues of the Spirit, which if we continue to long for, we shall all be worthy to behold the most solemn Passion of Christ, and the holy Pascha, rejoicing with spiritual joy."

---Vespers of Cheese-fare Sunday Evening

Reverend Fathers, Esteemed Members of the Parish Council, Beloved Faithful:

Grace and peace to you and your families in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ on this first Sunday of the Great Fast. I pray that the "clean week" we just completed has oriented all of us to the spirit of this holy season so that our Lenten journey will be fruitful.

Each year on this Sunday an appeal is made for your continued support of the young men of our archdiocese who are undertaking theological studies in preparation for ordination. We must all give thanks to God for having richly blessed us with an abundance of workers in the Lord's Vineyard. These young men often give up well paying jobs and sell their homes to submit to the call of the Lord to "come and follow me." We are thankful for their sacrifice and try to help them as much as we can. With that in mind, we are constantly vigilant of the rising cost of educating these young men. As college tuition continues to rise, so does the cost of educating our future priests. The last thing we want is to send a new, young priest (most often with a wife and children) to a parish to serve his spiritual children with a large debt hanging over his head. Adjusting to a new life in a new place with new spiritual children is difficult enough without the added burden of seminary debt. Therefore, we ask you, the future "spiritual children" of these young men whom you will someday call father, to give generously as you always do for this special collection.

Praying that this holy season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving will aid us on our journey to the heavenly kingdom, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

**A Second Tray will be collected Today
Your generous donation is very much appreciated!**

The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

Dear Father:

Christ Is in our midst!

On behalf of the members of The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch and the Order Governing Council, it is our honor and privilege to continue our ongoing commitment to the children of our Antiochian parishes through camp scholarships. During the 2016 camping season, 875 children received partial or full scholarship assistance. We are thankful to be a part of this life-changing ministry for the youth of our Archdiocese and are dedicated to repeat this result in 2017 with God's help.

As a member of the Order for 10 years and North American Chairperson, I sincerely believe that our camping programs change the lives of our youth. I believe this not from what I've been told but from my own life-changing experience as a volunteer for the past 8 years. In 2016 my twin daughters enjoyed their second to last year as campers and my 9 year old daughter attended for her first time. During all of these years I've been blessed to directly experience the camping program as a volunteer. Washing dishes, mopping floors, taking out trash and setting off fireworks (with camp staff half my age) has been a wonderful part of my life. However, seeing and experiencing the impact on all of our children is what has been one of my greatest joys in life as it has for thousands of others over almost 40 years.

The experience is simple. It is real. It is miraculous in its impact on our children during their camping session, and even when they're separated from their "Orthodox summer family" for the other 50 or 51 weeks of the year. I've seen our children put down their personal cares and desires and turn their thoughts, actions, words and prayers to others they've known for years and those they've just met. The sounds of laughter and encouragement at play, the worship services filled with youthful voices, the morning Christian education discussions, the rowdy mealtimes, the tears as they say goodbye and the joy of just being with one another are God-given gifts that never tarnish or become useless. These gifts will provide a spiritual confidence and strength in Orthodoxy needed to face the challenges that will test their Christian beliefs.

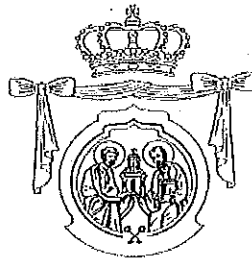
On behalf of Fr. Anthony Yazge and the Governing Council we ask that if and only if, your parish has campers that are financially unable to attend camp that you assign them the St. Ignatius Scholarship. If you do not have any need-based campers, please inform Fr. Anthony and the Department of Camping so that they may apply the scholarship initially set aside for your parish to other campers who financially are unable to attend camp without this critical assistance.

We gratefully thank those pastors and their wives who have joined The Order to help us continue its ministry in so many forms in addition to our camping program. We also ask for your help in educating parishioners about what The Order means to so many people. Your support will help us to not only expand our financial capabilities, it will help us continue to make a difference in the lives of many people we may never know. That is how God calls us to give.

In His Service, Roger J. David

North American Chairperson, The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
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All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

March, 2017

Beloved Antiochian Women:

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we begin our journey to Pascha. As Christians we are called to dedicate our entire lives to God, however, during this holy season we refocus and intensify our prayer and fasting in order to turn back to God and cleanse ourselves. I pray that every woman, man and child in this archdiocese will come closer to God through repentance and true *metonia* or change during this holy season.

The month of March throughout our archdiocese is known as "Woman's Month." Much like what I described above about our need to repent and turn to God throughout the year but have the Great Fast as a time of intensity of our efforts, we honor our Antiochian Women throughout the year, but give special attention to their role in the Church during the month of March. If we step back and think for a moment of the role women have played in the life of the Church from the time of Christ until now, we could write volumes. From the Myrrh-Bearing Women to St. Thekla, From the Great-Martyr Barbara to St. Mary of Egypt and from our own mothers and Godmothers, we see in them a purity of heart and love of Christ by which the faith is transmitted from generation to generation. Throughout the years of the persecution of the Church in the Soviet Union and other Eastern Block countries, it was some faithful clergy and the women by and large who held fast and kept the faith alive and there are so many other examples in history. I remind you of such things so you and all of us give thanks to God for both the women of the archdiocese and the great role they play today in the life of the archdiocese.

May God continue to give you strength and love not only in the month of March, but each and every day of the year.

Wishing you a fruitful Fast, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

DATE: February 2017
TO: The Clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa, Eastern Canada and Upstate New York
FROM: Kh. Suzanne Murphy, *Diocesan Antiochian Women Scholarship Chair*
RE: Antiochian Women Scholarship

Christ is in our midst!

With your blessing,
Dear Reverend Fathers:

I am writing in anticipation of Antiochian Women's Month to ask for your assistance in publicizing the Antiochian Women's Scholarship for the women of our diocese.

In addition to the NAB scholarship, we also offer a scholarship in our diocese. Sometimes the women only think of applying for the national scholarship, but they should also apply for our local one. We will award a \$500.00 scholarship to a qualifying candidate.

All applications must be postmarked by June 1st in order to be considered. The scholarship recipients will be announced at our AW meeting at the Parish Life Conference.

The qualifications for the scholarship are as follows:

- The applicant must be a female over 26 years of age
- The applicant must be a member in good standing of her local Antiochian parish
- The applicant must be actively involved in the life of her parish
- The applicant must be applying for or registered in an academic or trade program of study
- The applicant must demonstrate financial need

If you will, please make copies and distribute this letter and the accompanying scholarship application as you see fit. We ask you to please encourage the eligible women in your parish to apply. Thank you, very much, for your assistance.

I am sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Kh. Suzanne Murphy
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❖ NORTH AMERICAN BOARD ❖

N.A.B. GRANT COMMITTEE



February 1, 2017

Dear Reverend Fathers,
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The Antiochian Women of North American Board are asking for your help in finding women in your parish who could benefit from the Antiochian Women's Educational Grant. Each year, the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of North America awards grants, in the amount of \$500.00 each. The grant is meant to help women with the cost of education or training, which they have undertaken to improve their circumstances or those of their families.

We will be awarding these scholarships in July at the NAB Summer Meeting. You can help by passing along the enclosed application to the women in your parish you feel are eligible and would benefit from our scholarship. Please feel free to duplicate the application form if more than one woman in your parish wishes to apply. Also, please publicize the grant in your parish newsletter or Sunday Bulletin.

The qualifications for the grant are as follows.

Applicants must:

- Be a female, 26 years of age or older
- Be a member in Good Standing of their Antiochian parish
- Be actively involved in the worship, service, and social life of her parish
- Be applying for, or registered in, an academic or trade study program
- Demonstrate financial need

The deadline for the Committee to receive the application and material is June 1, 2017.

Interested women may contact me with questions; they should send their completed application to:

CINDY NIMEY
AW NAB Grant Committee
3500 Snowden Hill Rd.
Clinton, NY 13323

home: (315) 737-5777 / mobile: (315) 796-7910 -- e-mail: cindy@nimeys.com

Thank you for helping us with this very important program. We look forward to receiving applications from the women in your parish.

Yours in Christ,

Cindy Nimey
Chair of the Grant Committee
North American Board

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As the Prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the Teachers have dogmatized, as the universe has agreed, as Grace has shown forth, as Truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dissolved, as Wisdom has presented, as Christ has awarded: thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshiping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring His saints as true servants of the same Lord of all, and accordingly offering them veneration.