

Sunday, October 7th, 2018

Third Sunday of Luke/ Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus of Syria

Tone 2

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APOLYTIKION OF SS. SERGIUS AND BACCHUS IN TONE FOUR

Thy martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For, since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11: 31-12: 9)

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

The Holy Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (7: 11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!



الاحد 7 تشرين الأول ، 2018

الأحد الثالث من لوقا - تذكّار الشهيدين سرجيوس وباخوس

الايوينا الثامنة

اللحن الثاني

طروبارية القديسين سرجيوس وباخوس باللحن الرابع

شهيدك، يا رب، بجهادهما، نالا منك الأكاليل غير البالية يا إلهنا. لأنهما أحرزا قوتك، فحطما المغتصبين وسحقا بأس الشياطين التي لا قوة لها. فبتوسلاتهما، أيها المسيح الإله، خلص نفوسنا.

الرسالة

قوتي وتشيختي الرب، أدبا أدنبي الرب

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الثانية الى اهل كورنثوس (11: 31 - 12: 9)

يا إخوة، قد علم الله أبو ربنا يسوع المسيح، المبارك إلى الأبد أني لا أكذب* كان بدمشق الحاكم تحت إمرة الملك الحارث، يجزس مدينة الدمشقيين ليقبض علي* فدليت من كوة في زنبيل من السور، ونجوت من يديه* إنه لا يوافقني أن أفتخر فاتي إلى روى الرب وإعلانيته* إني أعرف إنسانا في المسيح منذ أربع عشرة سنة (أي الجسد، لست أعلم، أم خارج الجسد لست أعلم، الله يعلم) اختطف إلى السماء الثالثة* وأعرف أن هذا الإنسان (أي الجسد أم خارج الجسد لست أعلم، الله يعلم)* اختطف إلى الفردوس، وسمع كلمات سرية لا يجلي لإنسان أن ينطق بها* فمن جهة هذا أفتخر، وأما من جهة نفسي فلا أفتخر إلا بأوهاني* فإني لو أزدت الإفتخار، لم أكن جاهلا لأنني أقول الحق، لكني أتحاشي لئلا يظن بي أحد فوق ما يراني عليه أو يسمعه مني* ولئلا أستكبر بفرط الإعلانات، أعطيت شوكة في الجسد، ملاك الشيطان ليأطمني لئلا أستكبر* ولهذا طلبت إلى الرب ثلاث مرات أن تفرقي* فقال لي "تكفيك نعمتي، لأن قوتي في الضعف تكمل"* فبكل سرور أفتخر بالحري بأوهاني، لتستقر في قوة المسيح.

الإنجيل المقدس

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا البشير والتلميذ الطاهر (7: 11 - 16)

في ذلك الزمان، كان يسوع منطلقا إلى مدينة اسمها ناي، وكان كثيرون من تلاميذه وجمع غفير منطلقين معه* فلما قرب من باب المدينة، إذا ميت محمول، وهو ابن وحيده لأمه، وكانت أرملة، وكان معها جمع كثير من المدينة* فلما رآها الرب تحن عليها وقال لها: لا تبكي* ودنا ولمس النعش (فوق الحاملون). فقال: أيها الشاب، لك أقول قم* فاستوى الميت وبدأ يتكلم، فسلمته إلى أمه* فأخذ الجميع خوفا، ومجدوا الله قائلين "لقد قام فينا نبي عظيم، وافتح الله شعبه".

المجد لك يا رب المجد لك!

Announcements

Weekly Schedule

Day	Time	Event
Tuesday Oct. 9 th	7:00 pm	English Bible Study
Thursday Oct. 11 th	7:00 pm	St. Raphael of Brooklyn New Comer Ministry
Friday Oct. 12 th	6:00 pm	Teen Soyo
Sat. Oct. 13 th	5:00 pm	Great Vespers – صلاة الغروب
Sat. Oct. 13 th	6:00 pm	Young Adult Ministry
Sunday Oct. 14 th	8.45 am 10.00 am	Great Matins – صلاة السحر Divine Liturgy القداس الإلهي

Memorial This Sunday, October 7th, 2018

† 3 Day memorial service for Rose El-Gharib who fell asleep in the Lord in Lebanon offered by her brother Massad Gharib (Haifa) & her daughter Nahida El-Gharib, her sister-in-law Nadia (late Georges) El-Gharib & their families.

May Her Memory be Eternal!

Harvest Lunch

The Antiochian Women will be holding a “Harvest Lunch” on Sunday, October 21st at the Banquet Centre. Tickets will be sold downstairs after the Divine Liturgy (\$25 Adults, \$12 Kids)

Raising Saints

Whether you are raising your kids now, have finished raising your kids, are planning to have a family in the future or would just like to attend for knowledge: You are invited to “Raising Saints”, an activity part of our weekly English Bible Study, in which we discuss Faith in the family and how saints can be raised in our Orthodox Christian households.

Next session: This Tuesday, October 9th @ 7:00 pm.

Youth Month

October is Youth month. Members from our Teen SOYO will be reading the epistles and collecting trays during October.

Youth Ministry is one of the most important and delicate ministries in the Church. When our youth are founded on a healthy, strong, deep, informed and practiced relationship with their faith, they will be well equipped to witness to Christ in the world and to be faithful leaders and stewards in their Church and lead each other and others to salvation.

Our Teen SOYO group meets every Friday at 6pm. We have around 50 Teens involved in this ministry. Please pray for our youth, support them and invite teens you know to take part in this beautiful ministry.

General Assembly

As we prepare for the Parish General Assembly this fall, we kindly ask those who have not completed their 2017 Annual Contributions to do so to be able to receive an invitation to the assembly. Please contact the Church office for that.

As you know a family annual contribution is CAD 500.

Please remember that your annual contributions are not dues you pay to have a membership in a club, but a contribution of love done in honesty that expresses commitment and contributes to help your family –Church – the body of Christ – to continue functioning in a healthy way to bring the word of God and His love to everyone in various ministries and means.

Free Fitness class every Tuesday 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Do you want to restore your health and get fit, if yes, then please come and join us. The first 15 minutes we discuss tips about good health, and for 45 minutes will be exercising. Will show options for all levels and participants needs. Come and try our enthusiastic and fun class. Questions: Jaouhara Mikhael (613) 715-3305.

Stem Cell Donation interactive Session

"As you know, many people in our community suffer from blood cancers and other conditions that require them to have a stem cell transplant. Unfortunately, in many cases, it is difficult to find a match for those from ethnic minorities. Our Christian faith values life and our community can do more to make sure our brothers and sisters have a suitable donor when they need one. We are holding an interactive session on Saturday October 20th at 6.30 pm in the church basement to spread awareness about this issue and answer any questions you may have about stem cell donation. We hope you will all join us"

Job Opportunity

The family of an elderly lady is looking for a lady to be a caregiver and live with her. The family reached out to the Church trying to find a parishioner that might be interested. If you are interested, or know someone that might be, please contact Fr. Nektarios.

Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus

October 7

The Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria were appointed to high positions in the army by the emperor Maximian (284-305), who did not know that they were Christians. Envious people informed Maximian that his two trusted counsellors did not honor the pagan gods. This was considered to be a crime against the state.

The emperor, wanting to convince himself of the truth of the accusation, ordered Sergius and Bacchus to offer sacrifice to the idols, but they replied that they honored the One God and worshiped only Him.

Maximian commanded that the martyrs be stripped of the insignia of military rank (their belts, gold pendants, and rings), and then dressed them in feminine clothing. They were led through the city with an iron chains around their necks, and the people mocked them. Then he summoned Sergius and Bacchus to him again and in a friendly manner advised them not to be swayed by Christian fables, but to return to the Roman gods. The saints refuted the emperor's words, and demonstrated the folly of worshiping the pagan gods.

The emperor commanded that they be sent to the governor of the eastern part of Syria, Antiochus, a fierce hater of Christians. Antiochus had received his position with the help of Sergius and Bacchus. "My fathers and benefactors!" he said. "Have pity on yourselves, and also on me. I do not want to condemn my benefactors to cruel tortures." The holy martyrs replied, "For us life is Christ, and to die is gain." The enraged Antiochus ordered Bacchus to be mercilessly beaten, and the holy martyr surrendered his soul to the Lord. They shod Sergius with iron sandals with nails in their soles and sent him to another city, where he was beheaded with the sword.

IN THY PRESENCE

LEV GILLET

PART 1 – Limitless Love

THE SOURCE

Love has received a personal name. He has taken a human face. He has trodden our roads. He has become one of us, without ceasing to be divinely Himself. 'Jesus-Love'....

But the exploration we are engaged in goes 'beyond' one divine Person, or the divine Persons, towards what is in them, their inner identity, and does not seek for the special attributes of each. Now it is a question of contemplating the 'divine essence', of catching a glimpse of what is in God, of what was the first generating emotion. This, we have called Love, and further more Limitless Love.

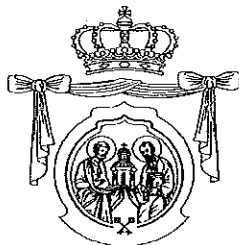
It is to the Source itself that we wish to make our way. No doubt it would be inspiring to discern and to follow oriented and distinct outpourings of this Source; to tarry near the three symbolic figures, equally young and equally beautiful, seated at Abraham's table under the tree at Mamre; to listen to the cantata of three voices wherein each voice, with its own modulations, sings the same Love. But of such things, of the personal relations within the divine essence, there will be no mention here. It would go beyond our present purpose, beyond what is feasible. We shall therefore speak of our Lord Love without differentiating.

We will speak of Love in the simplest way. We will speak of those of His aspects which are the simplest. In this first, direct approach, which is free (though not separate) from what is perceptible by the senses and from modes of manifestation, we shall find ourselves on the same ground as so many souls, themselves very simple too, who, ignoring theories, know only how to love, and who sigh for the meeting of the loved one with the Lover, of the soul with Love.

Is it true, my child, that thou desirest nothing other than Love? – It is true, Lord. – Is it true that thou desirest only to love and be loved? – It is true, Lord. - Then, my child, because thou hast this thirst, come thou to the waters. Come to the primal water. Come and drink at the Source.

To be continued...

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

October 4, 2018

Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of Our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we enter the new ecclesiastical year in September, we experience all of the busyness surrounding the beginning of a new school year. Over the past few weeks, a new generation of Orthodox Christian college students began a new chapter in their young lives and matriculated on campuses throughout our land.

Recent studies show that about seventy percent of religiously affiliated teens disengage from their faith during that initial year in college. Our own young people are not immune from these national trends. When our college students leave home for the first time, they are challenged by a multiplicity of worldviews, and they are given the freedom to choose for themselves whether or not to make the Faith their own and to participate in the life of the Church of their own volition. I give thanks to the many clergy and faithful who work so hard to offer them the ministry of Orthodox Christian Fellowship, which is a vital part of keeping our college students connected to the Church and offering them a place to question and grow in their Orthodox Faith.

The Assembly of Bishops has designated the first weekend of October as "College Student Sunday" and asks all of the faithful of our land to support this Pan-Orthodox ministry and to support our college students as they navigate their lives on campuses that are becoming ever more hostile to traditional Christianity. I wholeheartedly support this effort, and I ask our parishes to generously offer gifts to OCF that will bear good and holy fruit in the lives of our young people.

Asking all of God's blessings on our college students and those who minister to them through OCF, 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.

**A Second Tray will be collected this Sunday.
Thank you for your kind generosity.**

+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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St Elias Cathedral - Antiochian Women

Pre-Order Christmas Bake Sale

Pickup and Luncheon November 24, 2018 10:30am-1:30pm - St. Elias Center

ITEM		PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
GRAPE LEAVES - frozen (rice & meat filled)	pkg (40 pc)	\$20.00		
KIBBEE ARRAS **fried**	1 dz	\$18.00		
KIBBEE ARRAS ** frozen not fried**	1 dz	\$18.00		
KIBBEE bi SANIYEH **frozen**	8"x 12"tray	\$24.00		
MEAT FATAYER	1 dz	\$15.00		
SPINACH FATAYER	1 dz	\$15.00		
CHEESE BREAD	each	\$3.00		
ZAATAR BREAD	each	\$2.00		
MAAMOUL (walnut filled)	1 dz	\$15.00		
MAAMOUL (pistachio filled)	1 dz	\$15.00		
AJWEE (date filled cookies)	1 dz	\$15.00		
NAMOURRA	8"x12" tray	\$17.00		
BAKLAWA (Walnut)	26"x17" Tray	\$100.00		
BAKLAWA (Pistachio)	26"x17" Tray	\$100.00		
BAKLAWA (Walnut)	13"x17" Tray	\$50.00		
BAKLAWA (Pistachio)	13"x17" Tray	\$50.00		
The Lebanese Kitchen COOKBOOK		\$25.00		

TOTAL

Deadline for ordering is November 18 - To guarantee your order, please send in ASAP by fax or email

FAX FORM TO: 613-761-5492

EMAIL TO: steliasbakesale@gmail.com

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

Email:

On behalf of the Antiochain Women of St. Elias Cathedral, a donation will be made to their 2018-19 project: "Building a New Cathedral for our Archdiocese at the Antiochian Village"

Bake Sale Volunteers Needed!

The Bake sale is fast approaching! We are starting to prepare all the food and we need the help of the ladies. Your participation is much needed and greatly appreciated! Ladies, this is a great way to learn our traditional cuisine as well as to come together as sisters in Christ.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Kibbee:

October 9th: 10am-4pm

October 15th: 10am-4pm

October 16th: 10am-4pm

Grape leaves:

October 22nd: 4pm-on

October 23rd: 4pm-on

We thank you in advance and may God bless you and your families!

Bake Sale Committee

World Food Day 2018

Canned Food Drive, October-December



Attention Parish Priests, Parish Councils & all Parishioners

WORLD FOOD DAY, October 16th is sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organizations of the United States and was especially designed to heighten public awareness of food and hunger issues around the world.

The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America is one of the sponsoring organizations for the National Committee for World Food Day. We now join **458** voluntary organizations throughout the United States and **163** countries around the world observing **WORLD FOOD DAY!** Last year **112 of our Parishes** reported participating in this much needed program, with **59 parishes** participating all year long, and we distributed **651,262 pounds of food within our communities.**

For **35** years we have pledged our support to our local food banks, and again are asking each Parish to sponsor a **CANNED FOOD DRIVE.** Please ask your parishioners to bring canned goods to Church between **October 8th and December 30th.**

Please weigh your food. This can be done quite easily by totaling the amount of food weight listed on each can. Email me with your totals and we will publish the weight collected in "THE WORD"



Please review the attached 2018 Food For Hungry People update and the 2017 World Food Day (canned food drive totals.) Please contact me ASAP if you have any questions, additions or corrections.

Please check your totals now.
Remember this report will be forwarded to Metropolitan JOSEPH and published in "THE WORD."

There are several Parishes that have not yet reported their 2017 pounds collected or turned in their 2018 FFHP donations.

Each Parish will distribute the **Food to the Needy in their local community.** Through this activity, people everywhere will be expressing their faith and sharing their love. **Please inform us of your year-round charitable activities. We want to share them with the entire Archdiocese!**

If you DO NOT NEED Food For Hungry People BOXES for 2019 please let me know as soon as possible! Collection Cans are by request only.

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