

**Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

**First and Second Discoveries of the Forerunner's Honorable Head**

**Tone 6**

**Eothinon 6**

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**THE EPISTLE**

*The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my voice.*

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Corinthians. (4: 6-16)**

Brethren, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

**The Holy Gospel**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (15: 11-32)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

**Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!**



الاحد 24 شباط ، 2019

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### الرسالة

يفرح الصديق بالترب، استمع يا الله لصوتي

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الثانية الى أهل كورنثوس (4: 6 - 15)

يا إخوة، إن الله الذي أمر أن يُشرق من ظلمة نور، هو الذي أشرق في قلوبنا لإنارة معرفة مجد الله في وجه يسوع المسيح \* ولنا هذا الكنز في آنية خزفية ليكون فضل القوة لله لا مِنَّا \* متضايقين في كل شيء ولكن غير منحصرين، ومُتخبرين ولكن غير يائسين \* ومُضطهدين ولكن غير مخذولين. ومطروحين ولكن غير هالكين \* حاملين في الجسد كل حين إمامة الرب يسوع ليظهر حياة يسوع أيضاً في أجسادنا \* لأننا نحن الأحياء نُسلم دائماً إلى الموت من أجل يسوع، ليظهر حياة المسيح أيضاً في أجسادنا المائتة \* فالموت إذن يُجرى فينا والحياة فيكم \* فإذ فينا روح الإيمان بقينه، على حسب ما كتب "إني آمنت ولذلك تكلمت"، فتحن أيضاً نؤمن ولذلك نتكلم \* عالمين أن الذي أقام الرب يسوع سيقيمنا نحن أيضاً بيسوع، فننتصب معكم \* لأن كل شيء هو من أجلكم، لكي تتكاثرت النعمة بشكر الأكرمين، فتزداد لمجد الله.

### الإنجيل المقدس

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا البشير والتلميذ الطاهر (15: 11-32)

قال الرب هذا المثل: "إنسان كان له ابنان، \* فقال أصغرهما لأبيه: يا أبت، أعطني النصيب الذي يحضني من المال. فقسّم بينهما معيشته \* وبعد أيام غير كثيرة، جمع الابن الأصغر كل شيء له، وسافر إلى بلد بعيد، وبذر ماله هناك عائشاً في الخلاعة \* فلما انقضى كل شيء له، حدثت في ذلك البلد مجاعة شديدة، فأخذ في العوز \* فذهب وانصوى إلى واحد من أهل ذلك البلد، فأرسله إلى حقوله يزرع خنازير \* وكان يشتهي أن يتلأ بطنه من الخنزير الذي كانت الخنازير تأكله، فلم يعطه أحد \* فرجع إلى نفسه وقال "كم لأبي من أجزاء يفضل عنهم الخنزير، وأنا أهلك جوعاً \* أقوم وأمضي إلى أبي وأقول له "يا أبت، قد أخطأت إلى السماء وأمامك، ولست مستحقاً بعد أن أذع لك ابناً، فأجعلني كأحد أجرائك \*" فقام وجاء إلى أبيه. وفيما هو بعد غير بعيد، رآه أبوه، فتنحن عليه وأسرع وألقى بنفسه على عنقه وقبله \* فقال له الابن: "يا أبت، قد أخطأت إلى السماء وأمامك ولست مستحقاً بعد أن أذع لك ابناً \* فقال الأب لعبيده: "هاتوا الحلة الأولى والبسوه، واجعلوا خاتماً في يده، وخذاء في رجليه \* وأتوا بالعجل المسمن واذبحوه، فتأكل وتفرح \* لأن ابني هذا كان مميئاً فعاش، وكان ضالاً فوجد. فطفقوا يفرحون \* وكان ابنته الأكبر في الحقل. فلما أتى وقرب من البيت، سمع أصوات الغناء والرقص \* فدعا أحد الغلمان وسأله ما هذا \* فقال له: "قد قديم أخوك، فذبح أبوك العجل المسمن لأنه لقيته سالماً \* فغضب ولم يرد أن يدخل. فخرج أبوه وطفق يتوسل إليه \* فأجاب وقال لأبيه: "كم لي من السنين أخدمك ولم أتعد لك وصية قط، وأنت لم تُعطني قطُ جدياً لأفرح مع أصدقائي \* ولما جاء ابنتك هذا الذي أكل معيشتك مع الزواني، ذبحت له العجل المسمن \* فقال له: "يا ابني، أنت معي في كل حين، وكل ما هو لي فهو لك \* ولكن كان ينبغي أن تفرح وتسر، لأن أخاك هذا كان مميئاً فعاش، وكان ضالاً فوجد."

المجد لك يا رب المجد لك!

**Weekly Schedule - برنامج الرعاية الأسبوعي**

Day	Time	Event
Tuesday Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	English Bible Study
Thursday Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Arabic Bible Study
Friday March 1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm	Teen SOYO
<b>Souls Saturday – سبت الراقدين</b>		
Saturday March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.45 am	Great Matins – صلاة السحر
	10.00 am	Divine Liturgy – القداس الإلهي
Saturday March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.00 pm	Great Vespers – صلاة الغروب
<b>Sunday of the Last Judgement (Meat-fare) – أحد الدينونة (مرفع اللحم)</b>		
Sunday March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.45 am	Great Matins – صلاة السحر
	10.00 am	Divine Liturgy – القداس الإلهي

**Memorial This Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

† 40 day memorial service for Mary Beauchamp offered by her children George, Paul, Peter and Mark (Ann); her grandchildren Robyn, Linden, Samantha, Stephanie, Samuel, Megan, Andrew, Breanne and Bryson; her great grandchildren Lila, Paisley, Bower and Charlotte; and her sister Janet Khouri.

*Please join the Family for a coffee hour*

**Memorials Next Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

† 40 day memorial service for Sam Ayoub offered by his parents Joseph and Mary; his siblings Golda (Eli Samra), Eddie (Christina Boutros) and Christine (Steve Cardillo); and his nieces and nephews Leana, Nicholas, Elisa, Maya, Olivia, Julia and Matteo.

† 40 day memorial service for Salma Ayoub offered by her children Doreen (Fadi Khouri), Monica (Rick Aiello), Alice (Raymond Ayoub) and her grandchildren Nidal, Nadeem, Jordan, Mikaila, Daniel & Michael.

† 1 year Memorial Service for Nawal Nasrallah offered by her husband Gabi, her children Elie (Micheline), Natalie and Nancy and their families.

***May Their memory be eternal!***

### **Church School Pick-up Reminder**

This is a friendly reminder to all parents with young children to kindly pick them up from class no later than 12:15pm. If you are ok with them leaving the class alone, or with an older sibling, please let their teacher know so they don't have to wait with them past the end of class.

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### **Save the Date: Camp St. Elias IV**

We are very excited to announce the date for this summer's **CAMP ST. ELIAS** which will run **July 8-12th, 2019**. Registration will open in late May for Church School students entering Grade 2 through Grade 9 in September 2019. Given our limited capacity, registration of these students will be on a "first-come, first-served" basis. We welcome volunteers, including high-school students who would like to be Counsellors-in-Training, to apply. For further information please contact Fr. Nektarios.

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### **Save the Date: St. Elias Byzantine Music Workshop I**

We are very excited to announce that we are planning to have a summer Byzantine Music Workshop from **July 29 to August 10, 2019** in collaboration with Mr. Ramzi Saad, conductor of the "Theotokos Orthodox Choir", Lebanon. Mr. Saad will be coming from Lebanon to lead this workshop and teach music to both kids and adults.

We will have 2 categories: **(1) Kids age 10-15 and (2) Ages 16+**. Those interested in registering please contact Fr. Nektarios. The kids' category will run for a few hours during the day, while the second category will be running for a few hours later afternoon and early evening (more details to come). This workshop would introduce students to the principles of Byzantine Music and equip them with basic keys to the 8 modes of this music. We will follow up starting September with classes for those who take the workshop. To make the best out of this, please plan to have a **light schedule during the workshop as you will need to dedicate time to practice** at home every day in preparation for the upcoming session.

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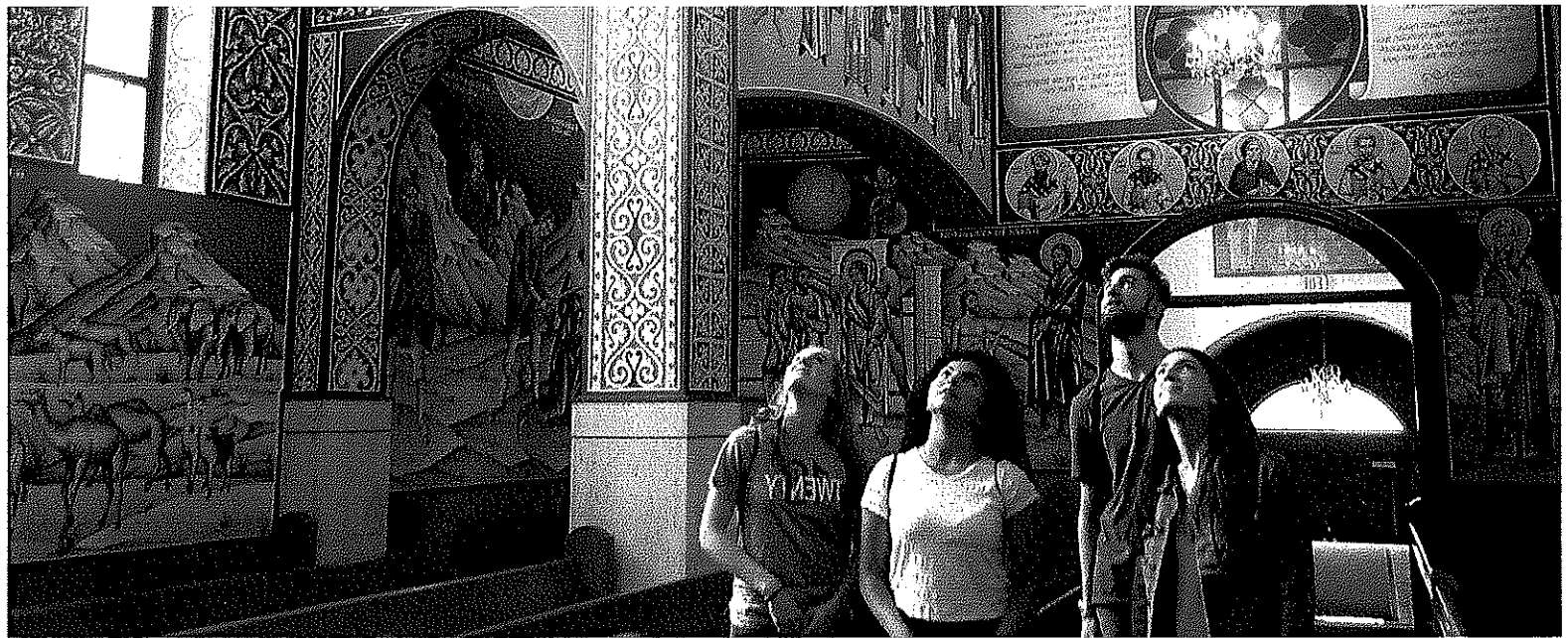
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