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SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

Confessions: call to schedule

Sunday, July 6, 2014

Tone 3

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Fourth Sunday of Matthew

Eothinon 4

Today we Commemorate: Righteous Father Sisoës the Great of Egypt; Apostles Archippos, Philemon and Onesimos of the Seventy; Martyrs Lucy the Virgin, Rex the Imperial Vicar in Campania and 24 others with them; Martyrs Apollonius, Epimachus & Alexander

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

TROPARION of Ss. Peter & Paul (Tone 4)

O foremost in the ranks of Apostles, and teachers of the world, Peter and Paul, intercede with the Master of all to grant safety to the world and to our souls the great mercy.

KONTAKION for ordinary Sundays (Tone 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands all ye peoples.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (6:18-23)

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For, the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:5-13)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Orthodox Christians

Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, have fasted from the night before taking communion, and seek to live in charity and love with their neighbors. Persons conscious of grave sin must first be reconciled with God and the Church through the Sacrament of Penance (Confession and Absolution). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

Non-Orthodox

We welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist those Christians who are not fully united with us. It is a consequence of the sad divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend to them a general invitation to receive Communion. Orthodox believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of the community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, and for which we must all pray.

Not Receiving Communion

Those not receiving sacramental communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another by receiving a piece of blessed bread following the dismissal prayers.

Welcome to Ss. Peter and Paul

To encourage our worship in a proper spirit of prayer and devotion, we respectfully ask you enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

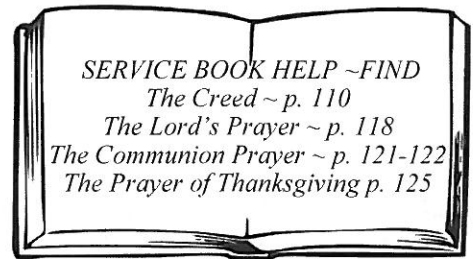
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- the clergy censes the sanctuary
 - the congregation is standing, or
 - during the Little Entrance with the Gospel
 - during the Reading of the Epistle and the Gospel
- Please enter the sanctuary upon the completion of
- the sermon
 - the Great Entrance with the Holy Gifts
 - the Prayers of Consecration p. 112-113
 - the Hymn to the Theotokos "It is Truly Meet"

Please follow the directions of the ushers during Communion and dismissal; refrain from using cell phones in the narthex; and be considerate of those praying and converse in the hall, outside or downstairs.

Visitors

If you are visiting our parish, please let us get to know you. Complete a visitor card you will find in your pew, and drop it in the ushers tray or the collection box.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION: offered by Donna Gavin in memory of David Newkirk

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: offered by Roxanne Bennett

Commemorations

For the Servants of God that they may have mercy, peace, health, salvation and visitation, pardon and remission of sin; the Lord God remember them in his Kingdom always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages

For the Servants of God departed this life: the Lord God remember them in his kingdom always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages

LIVING

Parishioners who remain
in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley

Lulu & George Brown

Issa & Suad Shammass

Edmond Neam

Richie Kogok

Victoria Curtin

Phillip Allen

Jim & Roxanne Bennett & family

Bob & Arlene Bennett

Joe & Eve Bennett

Kerri & Terri Shrum

Tammy Whiting

Harry & Janette Haller

Matthew Mannhardt

Nick & Beth Reid & family

Metropolitan Boulos

Archbishop Youhanna

Courtright family

Ann Marie Moses

Gavin family

Ann Gavin

DEPARTED

David Newkirk

Marie & Albert Moses

Billy Gavin

Helen Bottash

Joseph Charley May 22

Kathryn Haddad May 24

Yvonne Arsoff Sidawy Jun 8

Robert Peter Abdow Jun 24

Lucy Saba Jun 26

Robert J. Carroll

Rudolph Sergei Malooley

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BAZAAR REQUEST FROM BAKERY COMMITTEE

Preparations are underway for Ss Peter & Paul's annual bazaar and the bakery committee seeks donations of ingredients or money towards the purchase of the following (any portion of the amounts is appreciated!):

Filo Dough - 3 cases (24 1-lb. boxes per case)
Knafee Dough - 3 cases (12 1-lb. boxes per case)
Walnuts - 70 lbs.
Butter - 100 lbs.
Sugar (refined, white) - 150 lbs.
All Purpose Flour - 15 lbs.
Semolina, Fine - 20 lbs.
Cream of Wheat (Farina) - 5 lbs.

Please email the item and portion you are able to donate (e.g. 1 case of filo, or 5 lbs of butter, or 10 lbs of walnuts, etc.) and, which Sunday you will be dropping off your item(s) at the church to Mary Misleh at marymisleh@aol.com or Denise Bolus at bolus.denise@gmail.com. *It is very important to let us know in advance what you will be donating so that we don't have too much of any one item, and to ensure we are there to receive your donation. We request all donations NO LATER THAN 26 JULY.* Thank you!

FJSD

ADULT Education Forum; *Exploring Our Faith* will not meet in July or August and will resume in September. Stay tuned for more information at the end of August when the date to be resumed will be announced.

STEWARDSHIP

No God? No peace.

Know God? Know peace.



FINAL STATEMENT OF THE ANTIOCHIAN UNITY CONFERENCE: DIMENSIONS AND EXIGENCIES

On June 25th through 28th, 2014, His Beatitude John X the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, together with the Fathers of the Holy Synod, called the faithful to the Hill of Balamand for a conference on the Antiochian unity. The Conference concentrated around the Antiochian Unity in its dimensions and exigencies. Participants in the conference included metropolitans and bishops, and Church delegations from all the dioceses of the Antiochian See in Syria, Lebanon and the whole Diaspora. Throughout the conference the kidnapped bishop Paul of Aleppo was present in our thoughts and prayers, and we asked God for his safe and quick return to his church and people.

During the opening ceremonies, we were overjoyed to welcome their Holinesses and Beatitudes the Patriarchs of the East, who addressed the conferees with words full of life, inspired from our common Antiochian heritage and the legacy of our saints. Furthermore, they stressed the importance of one witness of Christians to the Gospel in the lands of the Antiochian See, to which we all belong. The presence of their Holinesses and Beatitudes enhanced brotherly love, and assured the necessity of serving people in "All the East", where God has made them shepherds of His People. The Patriarchs' visions and words were very well received by all attendees. They comprehended the necessity of taking theological and pastoral initiatives, in the goal of demonstrating Christ's full presence in the one Antiochian family. This Antiochian togetherness in Christ would constitute the pattern of the Universal Christian Unity that we all hope for and aspire to.

His Beatitude Patriarch John X addressed the conferees with fatherly statements that included his vision and aspirations, and emphasized the fact that the faithful are the treasure of the Church, since the latter is primarily composed of humans as opposed to stones. He insisted that Antiochian unity which is the subject of the

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conference does not imply that our Christian children are scattered, but rather invites them to fortify the bonds of unity among them, bonds which began in the baptismal font and assembled them by the one Chalice. He further clarified that work in the Church is an endeavor, towards which both clergy and laymen contribute.

The conference focused on five different subjects. Those subjects included:
Activation of consultation and interaction among parishes and dioceses, as well as amelioration of the dioceses complementing one another.
Financial and Wakf Property Development
Social Work
Effective Presence in Society
Communication

Experts gave presentations on their respective subjects, and those were subsequently discussed in smaller groups. At the end of these discussions, a set of suggestions and recommendations was formulated and presented to the Holy Synod for examination as tools for future planning in the Antiochian Church.


The conference underlined the notion that the participation of Antioch's children in such a general conference, despite the difficult circumstances that we go through in the East, is a clear expression of the essential role of our children in this area, and a message to all that they will remain in the East, living together with their Muslim co-citizens. It is also a message that they belong to this East in a time where belonging to the Nation is asunder, and certain winds of ideologies, such as radicalism, terrorism and similar strange phenomena, previously unknown in our East, are currently flustering our societies. The conference called the international community to look justly at what is happening in the East, in general, and in Syria in particular. They implored of all to give their best efforts, in order to establish peace in Syria, and in the whole East and the entire world. They also called for the maintenance of peace and stability in Lebanon, and for collaboration in filling the Presidential Seat. Furthermore, they strongly urged for the cessation of violence and blood shedding in Iraq, and they prayed for peace in Palestine, and welfare in Jordan, Egypt and the entire world.

The conferees invited the Arabic and international community and all the human rights organizations to intensify their efforts in freeing all hostages, especially the two bishops John (Ibrahim) and Paul (Yazigi), who have been missing for more than a year, amidst a shameful and frightening international and local silence.

The conference was an occasion to lay the foundation stone of the Balamand Medical Center, and the inauguration of the new Patriarchal center, that will help the Church of Antioch to continue serving man in this East.

The participants thanked His Beatitude Patriarch John X and the Fathers of the Holy Synod for giving them the opportunity to meet together in an environment of love and serenity, and they appreciated the role of the Balamandian family, which includes the monastery, the University, the school, and the Institute of Theology, and also thanked all those who worked and contributed to the success of this conference.

In the joyous feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the Patron Saints of the Antiochian Church, the conferees conveyed their sincere wishes to all their brothers and sisters, who are dispersed all over the world.



LOOKING AHEAD *Upcoming events...*

- July 6 - Baptism Danielle Dib @ 1pm
- July 8 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
- July 12 - Baptism of Faraj Tawil @ 12:30pm
- July 13 - 1-Yr Memorial Kh. Jacqui Rados 12pm
- July 13 - Baptism of Luke Montgomery @ 1pm
- July 14 - 18 Clergy Symposium @ the Village
- July 20 - Baptism of Baby Bergin-Sanford
- July 26 - Baptism of Eliana Goitom-Jones @ 2pm
- July 29 - Men's Club Meeting @ 7:30pm
- Aug 2 - Arabic Divine Liturgy @ 5pm

PANKRATIOS: A DISCIPLE OF THE APOSTLES

Saint Pankratos was one of the first martyrs of the early Church. We know that when our Lord walked this earth, word spread far and wide concerning His teachings and miraculous works. The parents of St. Pankratos are numbered among the many who sought out Christ and had their lives changed forever by their encounter with Him. They had travelled from Antioch to Jerusalem to see Jesus, and upon their return home, they passed on their new-found faith to their young son.

After Christ's crucifixion and Resurrection, Pankratos and his family are said to have been baptized by the Apostle Peter. Pankratos also knew St. Paul and several of the other Apostles. In fact, it was Peter and Paul who installed this zealous saint as the first bishop of Taormina in Sicily.

Sicily was a predominantly pagan area when Bishop Pankratos arrived there. In a short time, however, he was able to win the entire town for Christ! Pagan temples were replaced by churches, and scores of faithful were instructed in the faith and baptized. When the pagan general Aquillinus heard that Taormina had become a Christian city, he embarked upon a campaign to destroy the entire town. Through the prayers of the fearless hierarch and his faithful, darkness engulfed Taormina when the invaders approached. Great confusion arose, and many of the soldiers accidentally stabbed a large number of their own ranks in the process! The city was saved!

A short time later, Pankratos was to give up his life for the Lord that he loved so much. He met his untimely end by being stoned at the hands of his pagan enemies. The relics of this holy man were preserved in Rome.

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Jul 13	Family of Fr. George Rados	Family of Fr. George Rados
20	Friends of Joe Charley	Friends of Joe Charley
27	Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem	Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem
Aug 3	Qustandi & Naheda Kaibni	Qustandi & Naheda Kaibni
10		
17		
24		
31		

Baking or ordering the Holy Bread of Oblation or providing and serving the refreshments for Fellowship Hour following the Liturgy on Sundays is a great way to practice Christian fellowship among our fellow parishioners. Notice the openings to the left and consider contributing to this vital ministry. Sign-up in the vestibule.

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