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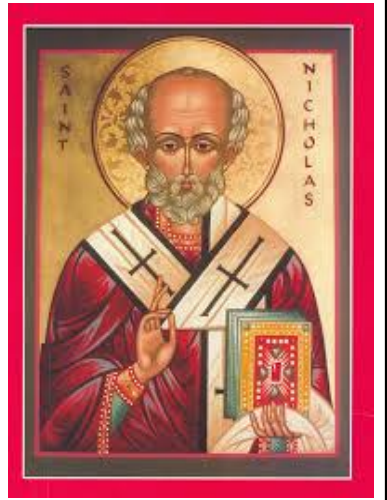
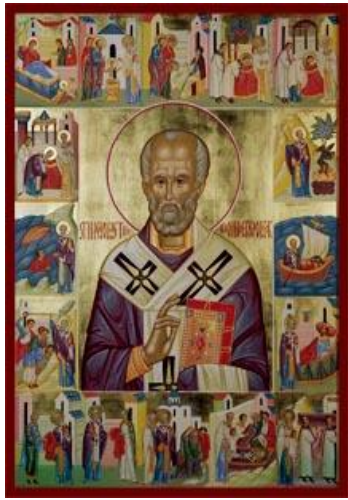
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Sunday, March 20th 2016

First Sunday of Great Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy) (أحد رفع الأيقونات) أحد الأرثوذكسية



This Sunday (40-day) Memorial Service for the servant of God

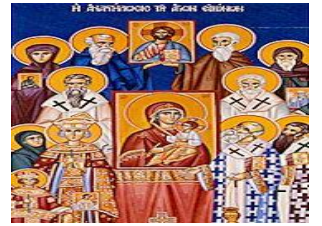
Sami Tawfiq Tannous offered by his

Wife: Georgette, Sons: Farid, Rami. Daughter: Nadia and brother: Raja Tannous and family.

May his memory be eternal!

Procession of the Holy Icons - Sunday of Orthodoxy

It is customary for the procession of the Holy Icons to take place immediately at the end of the service.



THE EPISTLE: 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.

الرسالة: عبرانيين 11:24-26 و 26:24

يا إخوة، بالإيمان موسى لما كَبُرَ أبى أن يُدعى ابنا لابنة فرعون، مختارا الشقاء مع شعب الله على التمتع الوقتي بالخطيئة، ومعتبرا عار المسيح غنى أعظم من كنوز مصر، لأنه نظر الى الثواب. وماذا أقول ايضا؟ إنه يضيق بي الوقت إن أُخبرت عن جدعون وباراق وشمشون ويفتاح وداود وصموئيل والأنبياء الذين بالإيمان قهروا الممالك، وعملوا البر، ونالوا المواعد، وسدوا أفواه الأسود، وأطفأوا حدة النار، ونجوا من حد السيف، وتقوّوا من ضعف، وصاروا أشداء في الحرب، وكسروا معسكرات الأجانب، وأخذت نساء أمواتهن بالقيامة، وعذب آخرون بتوتير الأعضاء والضرب، ولم يقبلوا بالنجاة ليحصلوا على قيامة أفضل؛ وآخرون ذاقوا الهزء والجلد والقيود أيضا والسجن، ورُجموا ونُشروا وامتحنوا وماتوا بحدّ السيف، وساحوا في جلود غنم ومعز وهم معوزون مُضايقون مجهودون (ولم يكن العالم مستحقا لهم)، وكانوا تائهين في البراري والجبال والمغاور وكهوف الأرض. فهؤلاء كلهم، مشهودا لهم بالإيمان، لم ينالوا الموعد لأن الله سبق فنظر لنا شيئا أفضل: أن لا يكملوا بدوننا.

THE GOSPEL: 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."

الإنجيل: يوحنا 1:43-51 في ذلك الزمان أراد يسوع الخروج الى الجليل، فوجد فيلبس فقال له: اتبعني. وكان فيلبس من بيت صيدا، من مدينة أندراوس وبطرس. فوجد فيلبس نثنائيل فقال له: إن الذي كُتِبَ عنه موسى في الناموس والأنبياء قد وجدناه، وهو يسوع بن يوسف الذي من الناصرة. فقال له نثنائيل: أَمَنْ الناصرة يمكن أن يكون شيء صالح؟ فقال له فيلبس: تعال وانظر. فرأى يسوع نثنائيل مقبلا اليه فقال عنه: هوذا إسرائيلي حقا لا غش فيه. فقال له نثنائيل: من أين تعرفني؟ أجاب يسوع وقال له: قَبْلَ أن يدعوك فيلبس، وأنت تحت التينة رأيْتُكَ. أجاب نثنائيل وقال له: يا مَعَم، انت ابنُ الله، انت مَلِكُ إسرائيل. أجاب يسوع وقال له: لأنني قلت لك إني رأيْتُكَ تحت التينة، أَمَنْتَ؟ إنك سَتُعَاينُ أعظم من هذا. وقال له: الحق الحق أقول لكم انكم من الآن ترون السماء مفتوحة وملائكة الله يصعدون وينزلون على ابن البشر.

Holy Bread of oblation offered by:

- ❖ St. Nicholas church for the good health of those who have celebrated their birthdays this week: Tarek Halteh, Nihaya Hanna, Adla Tannous, Mazen Hanhan, Hanna Elhaj, Sereena Kari, Marya Husary, Faris Totah, Therese Totah. Happy Birthdays. Many Years!
- ❖ St. Nicholas parish for the repose of His Eminence **Metropolitan Philip** of thrice-blessed memory

Alter Candles offered by:

Mrs. Marilyn Habeeb for the continued good health of Christina Marilyn Habeeb and Jessica Lynn LeFevre on their presentation at the Sweetheart Ball and to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Habeeb and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn LeFevre. Many Years!

Announcements:

MARCH IS LADIES' MONTH

In keeping with the tradition in our Archdiocese, ladies will show their involvement in the life of the church in the most visible way during the month of March.

They will usher, collect trays, read the Epistle and deliver sermonette...

Our ladies Auxiliary usually prepare a Lenten Luncheon on Sundays. This year they are asking of your help by Donating or preparing food for that purpose.

Sunday, March 20th : Sermonette: Marilyn Habeeb, Epistle Readers Arabic: Rozana Maayeh

Sunday Lenten Luncheon

Join us downstairs for Luncheon offered by:

**Khourieh Eman Baalbaki, Elaine Faddoul, Loudi Hana, Odette Najjar (um Hannah)
Diana Batshon, and Jihan Saade** Many Thanks. God Bless you and your family



The Feast of the Annunciation: Friday March 25th we will have a Fish dinner after the Akathist Service.

2016 Great Lent Period	
(March 14th – May 1st , Strict Fast - NO Dairy, Meat, Cheese, Eggs, and Fish)	
Sunday March 20 th	Sunday of Orthodoxy
Friday March 25 th	Annunciation of the Theotokos (Only Fish Allowed)
Sunday April 3 rd	Sunday of the Holy Cross
Sunday April 24 th	Palm Sunday (Only Fish Allowed)
Friday April 29 th	Great and Holy Friday
Sunday May 1 st	Great and Holy Pascha

The Services program during the period of Great Lent 2016			برنامج الصلوات خلال فترة الصوم الأربعيني المقدس لعام 2016		
Wednesdays	Great Compline Service	7:00 PM	٧ مساءً	صلاة النوم الكبرى	الأربعاء
Fridays	Akathist Service	7:00 PM	٧ مساءً	خدمة مديح والدة الإله	الجمعة
Sundays	Matins	10:00 AM	١٠ صباحاً	صلاة السحرية	الأحد
	The Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great	10:55 AM	١٠:٥٥ صباحاً	القداس الإلهي	

Procession of the Holy Icons - Sunday of Orthodoxy March 20th.

It is customary for the procession of the Holy Icons to take place immediately after the Prayer behind the Ambon in the following order:

- The Priest assigns laymen to carry the icons of Christ, the Theotokos and the Saints, preceded by the Altar boys who carry candles and the Cross, proceed from the Altar area as in the Great Entrance while the Choir sings "Holy God..." repeatedly.
- When the Priest reaches the Solea, the Choir sings the **Troparion of the First Sunday of Lent**: "Thy pure image we venerate..."
- Then the Priest leads the faithful in reciting in a loud voice the excerpt from the **Synodikon** (Confession of Faith) of the Day of Orthodoxy as follows:
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 Awarded,...thus we declare,...thus we assert,...thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor as Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all and accordingly offering them veneration.

Special Collection:

There will be a special collection this Sunday, March 20th, for our Seminarians. Please contribute to this special drive.

Bouquets To Icon Event:

You are cordially invited to join us for an afternoon where floral designers will present an array of arrangements inspired by beautiful icons.

In creating these arrangements, the designers pay tribute and draw their inspiration from the selected icons.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016, 11:00 AM.

Donation \$55.00 per person

All proceeds benefit the Patriarch Athenagoras Institute. Complete details are on the attached flyer or contact Marilyn Habeeb, mhabeeb692@gmail.com, or [650-692-1966](tel:650-692-1966).

To all ladies: Save the date: April 16th ladies Auxiliary workshop event at St. Nicholas Hall @ 11:00 am. Everyone is invited. More info to follow....

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## ***Sunday school Announcements:***

### **1. 2016 Creative Arts Festival**

2016 Creative Arts Festival Theme: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Main Website: <http://www.antiochian.org/festivals/cf>

Due Date for Submission: Sunday, April 10th to the Sunday School teachers.

### **✚Attention Sunday School Students and Parents,**

We've started preparing arts submissions for the Creative Arts Festival for the 2016 Parish Life Conference. It is important that ALL students be present in Sunday School every Sunday during the months of March and April to participate and complete their projects. Students may take their projects and work on them on their own time as well.

### **2. Sunday School students and staff participation in the Processions during Lent Season**

Sunday school students and staff are asked to stay in church after communion to participate in the following processions. Classes would resume as normal after the procession.

Sunday, March 20th - Holy Icons Procession.

Sunday, April 3rd - Holy Cross Procession

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

**2016 St. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP.** From Monday, June 20th till Friday, June 24th at St. Sava Camp in Jackson, CA. More details to come in the following weeks!

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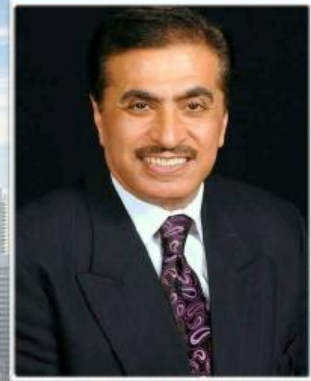
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