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***Martyrs Akepsimas, Joseph & Aeithalas of Persia;
Dedication of St. George Church in Lydda of Palestine***

الشهداء أكيبسيما ورفيقاه، ونقل رفات الشهيد جوارجيوس.

Weekly Service Schedule:

Saturday: 6:00 PM Vesper service
Sunday: 9:45 AM Matins' Service
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy

(Troparion of the resurrection -Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

(Troparion of the Martyrs -Tone 4):

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.

(Troparion of St. George -Tone 4):

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among Martyrs, the victory-clad George; intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

(Troparion of S. Raphael of Brooklyn -Tone 3):

Rejoice, O Father Raphael, adornment of the holy Church! Thou art champion of the True Faith, seeker of the lost, consolation of the oppressed, father to orphans and friend of the poor, peacemaker and good shepherd, joy of all the Orthodox, son of Antioch, boast of America. Intercede with Christ God for us and for all who honor thee.

(Troparion of St-Philip -Tone 3):

O Holy Apostle Philip intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls, forgiveness of sins.

Kontakion:

O Protectress of Christians that cannot be put to shame, and their constant intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners who are imploring thee; in thy goodness come to our help, who in faith cry to thee: hasten, O Theotokos, to intercede for us, and hurry to pray for us, for thou hast always protected those who honor thee.

الطروباريات:

(للقيامة – باللحن الثاني):

عندما انحدرت الى الموت، أيها الحياة الذي لا يموت، حينئذٍ أمتَّ الجحيم ببرق لاهوتك، وعندما أقيمت الأموات من تحت الترى، هتف نحوك جميع القوات السماويين، أيها المسيح الإله معطي الحياة المجد لك.

(طروبارية الشهداء – باللحن الرابع)

شهادؤك يا رب بجهادهم، نالوا منك الأكاليل غير البالية يا إلهنا، لأنهم أحرزوا قوتك فحطموا المغتصبين، وقهروا بأس الشياطين التي لا قوة لها، فبتوسلاتهم أيها المسيح الإله، خلص نفوسنا.

(طروبارية القديس جوارجيوس – باللحن الرابع)

بما أنك للمأسورين محرر ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضد وناصر، وللمرضى طبيب وشفاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جوارجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

(للقديس فيليبس الرسول – بالحن الثالث):
ايها الرسول القديس فيليبس، تشفع الى الإله الرحيم، ان ينعم بصفحة الزلات لنفوسنا.

القنءاق:

يا شفيعا المسيحيين غير الخازية، الوسيطة لءى الخالق غير المردوءة، لا تعرضي عن أصوات طلباتنا نحن الخطاء، بل تءاركينا بالمعونة بما أنك صالحة، نحن الصارخين إليك بايمان، باءري الى الشفاعة، وأسرعني في الطلبة، يا والءة الإله المتشفعة ءائماً بمكرميك.

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 14 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.

الرسالة

الرب قوّتي وتسبّحتي.
أءبأ أءبني الرب.

فصل من رسالة القءيس بولس الرسول الءانية الى أهل كورنثوس ١١: ٣١-١٢: ٩

يا إخوة قء علم الله ابو ربنا يسوع المسيح المبارك الى الأءء أنني لا أكءب. كان بءمشق الءاكم تحت إمرة الملك الءارء يءرس مءينة الءمشقيين ليقبض علي. فءلئتُ من كوءة في زنبيل من السور ونجوتُ من يءيه. انه لا يوافقني أن أفتخر قأتي الى رؤى الرب وإءلناته. اني أعرف انسانا في المسيح منذ اربع عشرة سنة (أفي الجسد لست أعلم، ام خارج الجسد لست أعلم، الله يعلم) اختطف الى السماء الءالءة. واعرف أن هذا الانسان (أفي الجسد ام خارج الجسد لست أعلم الله يعلم). اختطف الى الفردوس وسمع كلمات سرية لا يحلّ لإنسان ان ينطق بها. فمن جهة هذا أفتخر، واما من جهة نفسي فلا أفتخر الا بأوهاني. فإني لو أردتُ الاءتخار لم أكن جاهلا لأنني أقول الءق، لكنني أتءاشي لئلا يظن بي اءء فوق ما يراني عليه او يسمعه مني. ولئلا أستكبر بفرط الإءلنات أعطيتُ شوكة في الجسد، ملاك الشيطان ليلطمني لئلا أستكبر. ولهذا طلبتُ الى الرب ثلاث مرات ان تفارقني. فقال لي: تكفيك نعمتي، لأن قوّتي في الضعف تكمل. فبكل سرور أفتخر بالءري بأوهاني لتستقرّ في قوة المسيح.

The Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

الإنجيل

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير 31-19:16

قال الرب: كان إنسان يلبس الأرجوان والبرّ ويتنعم كل يوم تنعمًا فاخرًا. وكان مسكينًا اسمه لعازر مطروحًا عند بابه مصابًا بالقروح. وكان يشتهي أن يشبع من الفتات الذي يسقط من مائدة الغني، بل كانت الكلاب تأتي وتلحس قروحه. ثم مات المسكين فنقلته الملائكة إلى حضن إبراهيم، ومات الغني أيضًا فدفن. فرفع عينيه في الجحيم وهو في العذاب فرأى إبراهيم من بعيد ولعازر في حضنه. فنادى قائلاً: يا أبت إبراهيم ارحمني وأرسل لعازر ليغمس طرف إصبعه في الماء ويبرد لساني لأني معدّب في هذا اللهب. فقال: إبراهيم: تذكر يا ابني أنك نلت خيرتك في حياتك ولعازر كذلك بلاياه، والآن فهو يتعزى وانت تتعذب. وعلاوة على هذا كله فبيننا وبينكم هوة عظيمة قد أثبتت حتى إن الذين يريدون أن يجتازوا من هنا إليكم لا يستطيعون ولا الذين هناك أن يعبروا إلينا. فقال: أسألك إذن يا أبت أن ترسله إلى بيت أبي، فإن لي خمسة إخوة حتى يشهد لهم لكي لا يأتوا هم أيضًا إلى موضع العذاب هذا. فقال له إبراهيم: إن عندهم موسى والأنبياء فليسمعوا منهم. قال: لا يا أبت إبراهيم، بل إذا مضى إليهم واحد من الأموات يتوبون. فقال له: إن لم يسمعوا من موسى والأنبياء، فإنهم ولا إن قام واحد من الأموات يصدّقونه.

St. Raphael of Brooklyn

(First Saturday in November – Nov. 2)

"No matter how much I have labored and no matter how much grief I have endured, I consider myself only to have done what was my duty as a Priest. Is it not to the well-being and salvation of our neighbors that we servants of God and spiritual shepherds have dedicated our entire lives?"

St. Raphael

Science Studies the Jesus Prayer:

(From the website of St. Nicholas church – Montreal)

Can seven words change lives?

It may seem a lot of effort over just seven words: Finding 110 Orthodox Christians, giving them a battery of tests ranging from psychology to theology to behavioral medicine, and then repeating the tests 30 days later. But the seven words "*Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me*" are among the most enduring in history. What Boston University psychologist George Stavros, Ph.D., wanted to find out was whether repeating the Jesus Prayer for ten minutes each day over the 30 days would affect these people's relationship with God, their relationships with others,

their faith maturity, and their "self-cohesion" (levels of depression, anxiety, hostility, and interpersonal sensitivity). In short, Stavros was asking whether the Jesus Prayer can play a special role in a person's "journey to the heart."

* **The Answer:** At least on all the scales that showed any significant effect compared to the control group—turned out to be a resounding yes! Repeating the contemplative prayer deepened the commitment of these Christians to a relationship with a transcendent reality. Not only that, *it reduced depression, anxiety, hostility, and feelings of inferiority to others.* So powerful were the psychological effects of the prayer that Stavros urges his colleagues to keep it in mind as a healing intervention for clients. He recommends that the prayer be used along with communal practices so that one's relationship with God and others is "subtly and continuously tutored." In other words, going inside to find God does not mean going it alone.

Announcements

Today's Memorial service:

The Trisagion prayer is offered today for the rest of the soul of the late *Laila Mattar* mother of Mr. Salim Mattar, as for the forty days memorial of her falling asleep in the Lord. The Mattar family is offering today a mercy meal in her memory. May the Lord rest her soul in peace.

Wednesday November 6: Bible Study

- 6:00 pm: Paraklisis Service
- 7:00 pm: Bible Study – The Gospel of St. Luke.

Antiochian Women:

After the Summer break, we welcome back the Antiochian Women. The coffee and fellowship time after Sunday's Liturgy begins today. Please mark on your agenda these events:

- Sunday November 10: St. Philip day pot Luck.
- Saturday November 23: Ladies Fellowship evening and Antiochian Women General meeting and Election.

November special services

Daily Matins, Tuesday to Friday, at 10:00 am, from November 15 until December 23.

Thursday November 7, at 7:00 PM: Vespers Divine Liturgy for the feast of Sts Michael and Gabriel.

Wednesday Nov. 20, at 7:00 pm: Vespers for the feast of the Entrance of the Holy Theotokos to the temple.

Wednesday November 21, at 10:00 AM: Orthos Service for the feast of the Entrance of the Holy Theotokos to the temple.

St. Philip feast:

Sunday November 10: Potluck following Divine Liturgy.

Wednesday November 13: Vespers service at 6:00pm. To be served by Junior Choir, followed by snacks and fellowship.

Thursday Nov. 14: Orthos at 10:00 am.