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## **THE EPISTLE**

(For the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

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

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)**

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

## **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Matthew)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)**

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

## **THE SYNAXARION**

On August 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos; and we commemorate the holy Great Martyr Andrew the General, and the 2,593 perfected in martyrdom together with him.

Andrew was a Syrian by birth and served in the Roman army in Syria. Andrew led the

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defense of the region against the menacing Persians. He told his soldiers before the battle that if they would call upon Christ the Lord, their enemies will scatter as dust. They did so enthusiastically, and the Persian army was utterly destroyed. When the victorious Andrew returned to Antioch some, who were envious, accused Andrew of being a Christian, which he openly confessed. After bitter tortures, the imperial deputy threw Andrew into prison and wrote to the emperor in Rome. Knowing Andrew's respect among the people and in the army, Maximian ordered the deputy to free Andrew and to seek another opportunity and reason (not his faith) to kill him. Through God's revelation, Andrew learned of the emperor's command and, taking with him his faithful soldiers, 2,593 in number, departed with them to Cilicia and there, all were baptized by Bishop Peter. Andrew with his detachment then withdrew further into the Armenian mountain Tavros. Here, in a ravine while they were at prayer, the Roman army caught up with them and all to the last one were beheaded. On this spot, where a stream of the martyr's blood flowed, a spring of healing water erupted which cured many from every disease.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Theophanes of Docheiariou monastery on Athos. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

### *Thought of the Day*

If you desire to grow in your relationship with God, fall on your knees in repentance, then stand up and get to work. We have much to do. – His Eminence, Metropolitan Joseph



### **Holy Bread is offered by:**

**Tiffany and Chris Joudi** in memory of Sam Isaac.

**Oula and Hanna Sara** for the 9<sup>th</sup> day memorial of †Sadek Adeeb Khouzam.

**Deadline for *Holy Bread Offering and any Bulletin Announcement* is due Monday.**

### **DONATIONS**

**PJ and Jackie Ferris** for the health of the Aziz, Khouzam, and Sara families.

**Bryan and Annette Haddad** for the health of of Tony and Leo Dayoub and families.

**Joseph Isaac** - A blessed school year for all the children.

**Marian Mahfood and Mark Jensen** in memory of my beloved mother Nabihah Mahfood, who passed on August 30, 2000. We miss you mom.

**Mr & Mrs Harvey Plaut and Jacob Plaut** in memory of my friend Tommy Aziz. Our most heartfelt condolences to his family.

**Raed & Sylvana Aldouri** for the health of Nada Aziz and family, Oula & Hanna Sara and family

**Sada Vaughn** for the health of Nada Aziz, Hana and Billy and family.

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## **IN MEMORY of Eddie Aziz**

Virginia Aziz Bryan & Annette Haddad Raed & Sylvana Aldouri PJ & Jackie Ferris  
Yousef & Hend Odeh

## **IN MEMORY of Tommy Aziz**

Allen & Patricia Borschow PJ & Jackie Ferris Rachel Gabriel Patrick Gorman  
Raed & Sylvana Aldouri Yousef & Hend Odeh Nabil & Doris Shaheen  
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## **IN MEMORY of Sadek Adeeb Khouzam**

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Joudi Yousef & Hend Odeh Skee Rizk Ibrahim & Layla Salloum Sada Vaughn

## **IN MEMORY of Wilda Abraham Daughter**

Ibrahim & Layla Salloum Raed & Sylvana Aldouri

## **DOME LIGHTING**

**Anonymous on August 22<sup>nd</sup>** in memory of Tommy Aziz and for the health of my families

## **Fr. Joseph Graduation Luncheon**

The Parish Council and Ladies Society are offering a luncheon to celebrate Fr. Joseph's Master degree graduation in Theology Sunday 8/26/2018 after Divine Liturgy. Please contact Sylvana Aldouri for a list of items to donate for the luncheon.

### **FESTIVAL PRE SALE TICKETS**

There are 368 pre-sale tickets, \$7360, that are outstanding. If you have not paid for tickets you received, **PLEASE** do so by this coming Sunday.

**Jamie Isaac – Treasurer**

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# St. George Teen Soyo Car Wash

- August 25<sup>th</sup> 9 am-12 pm
- Price: \$8 per car
- Location: St. George
- To raise funds for OK basketball tournament in October!



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### **“A Taste of Orthodoxy” Study Group**

**There will be no classes or Great Vespers this coming Saturday due to a wedding. Classes will resume on Saturday 25, 2018, as normal (4:00 p.m.).**

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Deacon Michael Sifuentes at:

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Hospital & Pastoral Visits** (During the morning or evenings – Please contact Fr. Joseph to schedule the visits or in case of any emergency at any time).

**Confessions:** Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (or during the week by appointment).

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