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Apostles Stachios, Apellos, Amplias, Urban, Aristoboulos and Narcissos of the Seventy; Martyr Epimachos of Alexandria; New-martyr Nicholas of Chios

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion for the Resurrection, in the Second Tone: 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.

All: Troparion to St. Mark in the Fourth Tone: From thy childhood the light of truth enlightened thee, O Mark, and thou didst love the labor of Christ the Savior. Wherefore thou didst follow Peter with zeal and didst serve Paul as a fellow laborer and didst enlighten the world with thy holy Gospel.

Kontakion for the Theotokos in the Second Tone: 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.

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Prokeimenon (Psalm 117:14,18) The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (11:31 - 12:1-9)

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 fourteen 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.

Alleluia Verses (Psalm 19:1,9): May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble. O Lord, save the king, and hear us when we call upon you.

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.'"

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Holy Oblations are offered by June Anter, Paula and Tony Rodriguez and family for their nephew and cousin Robert “Bobby” Stepanian, departed this life 3 years and also for the newly departed Joseph Turkmany, best friend, best man and uncle; by Georgette Popa and family for the soul of her newly-departed son Raresh and by Emad and Muna Rizkallah for Emad’s newly-departed uncle Faisal Jahshan. May their memories be eternal!

Coffee Hour is offered by the Coffee Hour committee.

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Please remember in your prayers: Yuri Sidorenko, Therese Joubran, May Dabbah, Jamal El-Sayegh, Tarek Fakhouri, Adib and Nabila Zabaneh, and the suffering people of Haiti, India, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted by violence and disease, especially those affected by the Coronavirus.

Note: According to the recent CDC guidelines, if you are fully vaccinated, you need not wear a mask in church or in the hall. If you are not, you should wear a mask. A social distancing area has been set aside in the church on the left side (as one faces the altar).

Today

Antiochian Women’s Meeting

October is Youth Month!

October each year in the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America is celebrated as Youth Month. During this month teens help in the Church by singing in the choir, chanting, reading the epistles, taking the collections, hosting the coffee hours, etc.

To learn more about Antiochian Teen SOYO please visit

www.teensoyo.org.

This Week

Tuesday November 2, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Viewing and Trisagion Prayers for Raresh Popa at St Mark Church. (Adult Education cancelled).

Wednesday November 3, 11:00 a.m. Funeral Service for Raresh Popa. Interment follows at Pacific View Memorial Park (Corona Del Mar) and a Meal of Mercy at St. Mark Church.

Wednesday November 3, 6:00 p.m. Vespers

Friday November 5, 6:30 p.m. Evening with St. Raphael and Youth talk with Fr. Michael. We will begin the evening with Vespers for St. Raphael.

Next week

Tuesday November 9, No Adult Education (Fr Michael will be away)

Wednesday November 10, No Vespers

Upcoming Services & Events

Saturday November 27, The 57th Sweetheart Ball hosted by the St. Nicholas Cathedral Ladies Society: Universal City Hotel, Universal City. For details see the enclosed flyer.

Sunday November 14, Pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon, sponsored by our Antiochian Women. See flyer for more details.

Quote from the Saints

Love Christ and put nothing before His Love. He is joy, He is life, He is light. Christ is Everything. He is the ultimate desire, He is everything. Everything beautiful is in Christ. *St. Porphyrios of Kafsokalivia*

Apostles Stachios, Apellos, Amplias, Urban, Aristoboulos and Narcissos of the Seventy (October 31)

Of these holy Apostles, Stachys became the first Bishop of Byzantium, consecrated by the Apostle Andrew. Having shepherded his people for sixteen years, he reposed in the Lord. As for the others, each one shone forth in the episcopal see appointed to him: Apelles, Bishop of Heraclea; Amplias, Bishop of Odyssopolis; Urban, Bishop of Macedonia; Narcissus, Bishop of Athens; and Aristobulus, Bishop of Britain.

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