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April 20, 2025

Sunday of Great and All-Holy Pascha

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Le Christ est Resucité! Vraiment est Resucité!
المسيح قام! ... حقاً قام! المسيح قام! ... حقاً قام!

Χριστός ανέστη αληθώς ανέστη

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AGAPE

AGAPE is the name of the Easter Vespers Service typically held in the afternoon on the day of Pascha, the Feast of Feasts. At the **AGAPE SERVICE**, excerpts from the Gospel are read in several foreign languages by various churchgoers symbolising that the Glorious Resurrection of Christ is proclaimed to all the nations of the world. Parishioners who attend this service may also hold lit Paschal candles from the Resurrection Service from the night before, which represent Christ, the Light of the World, bringing light to mankind. It is also a custom to bring small children who were not able to attend the evening service. The words *Christ is Risen, Christos Anesti, Al Massih Kam* are proudly proclaimed by all worshipers.



AGAPE (Ancient Greek ἀγάπη, agapē) is a Greco-Christian term referring to love, "the highest form of love, charity" and "the love of God for man and of man for God". Jesus, as the Son of God, has this unconditional love for his apostles and for us his disciples. At the Last Supper, Jesus took the bread and told His disciples that this was His Body; then Jesus took the cup of wine and told His disciples that this was His Blood. Jesus told His disciples to eat the bread and drink the wine in remembrance of Him. Thus, the Holy Eucharist was instituted by our Lord during the Last Supper. **AGAPE** is also the common meal of fellowship eaten in gatherings of the early Christians.

According to the Christian faith " (...) the greatest of these (gifts) is love." (1 Cor 13:13). Love is the "fulfilling of the law" of God (Rom 13:10). For God Himself is Love. "We love, because He first loved us" (1 Jn 4:7-19).

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AGAPE

AGAPE est le nom que porte le Service vespéral de Pâques, qui a généralement lieu l'après-midi de la journée même de Pâques, la Fête des Fêtes. Lors de ce Service, des extraits de l'Évangile sont lus, et ce, dans plusieurs langues, ce qui symbolise le fait que la glorieuse Résurrection du Christ est proclamée à toutes les nations du monde. Les paroissiens présents peuvent également tenir des cierges allumés du Service de la Résurrection de la veille, qui représentent le Christ, Lumière du monde, apportant la lumière à l'humanité. C'est aussi une coutume d'amener les jeunes enfants qui n'ont pas pu assister au service du soir. Tous les fidèles proclament fièrement: *Christ est ressuscité, Christos Anesti, Al Massih Kam.*

AGAPE (grec ancien ἀγάπη, *agapē*) est un terme gréco-chrétien désignant l'amour, «*la forme la plus haute de l'amour, la charité*» et «*l'amour de Dieu pour l'homme et de l'homme pour Dieu*». Jésus, en tant que Fils de Dieu, a cet amour inconditionnel pour ses apôtres et pour nous, ses disciples. À la dernière Cène, Jésus prend le pain en disant à ses disciples que c'est Son corps; Il prend ensuite la coupe de vin et dit à ses disciples que c'est Son sang. Jésus dit à ses disciples de manger le pain et de boire le vin en mémoire de Lui. C'est l'institution de la Sainte Eucharistie. **AGAPE** est également le repas commun de fraternité, lors des rassemblements des premiers chrétiens.

Selon notre foi chrétienne, «*(...) la plus grande de ces choses, c'est la charité.*» (1 Co. 13:13). L'amour est «*l'accomplissement de la loi*» de Dieu (Ro. 13:10). Car Dieu lui-même est amour «*et cet amour consiste, non point en ce que nous avons aimé Dieu, mais en ce qu'Il nous a aimés (...)*» (1 Jn. 4,7:19)



صلاة المحبة "أغابي"

المحبة هي الاسم الذي يُطلق على خدمة صلاة الغروب التي تُقام تقليدياً بعد ظهر يوم أحد الفصح المجيد، عيد الأعياد. يقرأ في هذه الخدمة مقطع من الإنجيل بعدة لغات من قبل أفراد الرعية وذلك للدلالة على أن قيامة المسيح المجيدة قد بُشِّرَ بها في جميع أمم العالم. وقد يحمل

بعض أفراد الرعية شموعهم المضاءة من الليلة السابقة، ليلة الفصح العظيم والتي تمثل بدورها المسيح نور العالم، الذي ينير البشرية. ومن المعتاد أيضاً أن يشارك في هذه الخدمة الأطفال الذين لم يتسنَّ لهم حضور القداس الإلهي في الليلة السابقة. ويهتف المصلون باعتزاز "المسيح قام!" بلغات عدة.

إن معنى كلمة "أغابي" هو "المحبة" أرفع شكل من الحب والصدقة ومحبة الله للبشر ومحبة البشر لله. فالمسيح كونه ابن الله حَمَلَ هذه المحبة غير المشروطة لرسله وتلاميذه. ففي العشاء الأخير تناول السيد المسيح الخبز وأخبر تلاميذه أنه هوذا جسده وأخذ كأس النبيذ وقال أنه هوذا دمه وطلب من تلاميذه تناول الخبز وشرب النبيذ لذكركه. وبذلك قد أسس السيد المسيح سِرَّ المناولة في العشاء الأخير.

هذا وتُستخدم كلمة "أغابي" للدلالة على مائدة المحبة التي كان يقيمها المسيحيون الأوائل في اجتماعاتهم.

بحسب الإيمان المسيحي " (...) المحبة أعظم (العطايا) [أما الآن فيثبت الإيمان والرجاء والمحبة، هذه الثلاثة ولكن أعظمهنَّ المحبة (1كورنثوس 13: 13)]. المحبة هي كمال ناموس الله [رو 13: 10]. فالله محبة "نحن نحب الله لأنه هو أحبنا أولاً" (1يوحنا 4: 19)

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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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Beloved in Christ:
The Most Reverend Hierarchs,
The Reverend Priests and Deacons,
And the devout People of God in this blessed Archdiocese,

Christ is risen! I greet you with the most beautiful proclamation on this radiant and divine Pascha. I offer my heartfelt prayers for each of you daily, asking for God's abundant mercy and the joy of victory over death—every kind of death—for all of you.

I will not address the glorious event of the Resurrection from a doctrinal perspective today, but instead, I wish to offer a brief reflection.

In our Church, each feast is a moment where we relive the event itself. At Pascha, as you know, we walk with our Lord Jesus through every step of His salvific journey, culminating in His resurrection from the dead. The Cross precedes the Resurrection; death precedes life. This is why we begin our Paschal celebration on Great and Holy Friday evening. In the middle of the service, immediately after the chanting of the lamentations for the death of the Lord, we begin chanting the Resurrectional verses: "Blessed art thou, O Lord, teach me thy statutes."

There is a beautiful tradition in some churches where this funeral service begins with clergy wearing dark purple vestments, the color of the Lenten season. Then, following the lamentations, they change into white vestments. It is worth noting that white, the color of the Resurrection, becomes predominant in the church coverings and clergy vestments following the service.

All of this is an outward expression affirming that the Cross (death) and the Resurrection are one inseparable event. If we walk with Christ in His Passion, it is to prepare for the joy of His Resurrection.

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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Thus, it is only the repentant—those who recognize their sins and feel the need to be freed from them—who know how to crucify their sins with Christ, bury them in His tomb, and rise with Him in His Resurrection, striving toward the face of the Risen Lord. Then their eyes become fixed on Christ the Risen One, and through His Resurrection and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, they come to understand that they are called to live not on earth, but in heaven—and thus realize that their Christian calling is to make earth itself a piece of heaven.

After our Christ defeated death, we now understand—by the grace of the Risen Lord—that we are responsible for transforming the world and restoring it to the Kingdom of God, beginning by purifying it from sin. But we have also begun to understand that this great work does not begin with others – it begins with us and within us.

What remains is for us to live a new life: a life free of sin, a life the world does not know, for it is according to God’s will, not our own. I invite you to reflect with me on words written by Metropolitan Georges Khodr on Pascha 2014, when he had reached the age of ninety-one:

“I am a crossing, O Lord, until I meet You. Do not allow me to distract myself: ‘Shine Your face upon Your servant,’ that I may become of Your light. Take me to You, that I may know You. Do not leave me in the wilderness of this world. Do not leave me prey to the beasts. Come, for in Your coming I am formed. If You come to me, I will complete my journey toward Your face, O Lord. If I see You, Your face becomes my world. Nothing benefits me but Your face. That is Pascha. Let no other face distract me from You. Fix my eyes upon it. Each day, I desire Your face, O Master. Let it suffice for me as my life. Train me to see You as my all in this age and the one to come, so that I may understand You are existence itself. Discipline me to forsake all things to see You. If I attain You, You will take care of me. I will become Paschal in You. And if I reach You, my journey ends.” (From **"Who Am I at Pascha," Pascha 2014**)

May the joy of our Risen Lord flood your hearts at all times.

Yours in the Risen Christ,



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PASCHA 2025

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese of Ottawa, Eastern Canada and Upstate New York:

Greetings and blessings on this Feast of Feasts and Season of Seasons! I share with you an excerpt from the writings of *St. Gregory of Nazianzus* on the Resurrection:

Many indeed are the wondrous happenings of that time: God hanging from a Cross, the sun made dark, and again flaming out; for it was fitting that creation should mourn with its Creator. The temple veil rent, blood and water flowing from his side: the one as from a man, the other as from what was above man; the earth was shaken, the rocks shattered because of the Rock; the dead risen to bear witness of the final and universal resurrection of the dead. The happenings at the sepulcher, and after the sepulcher, who can fittingly recount them? Yet not one of them can be compared to the miracle of my salvation. A few drops of blood renew the whole world and do for all men what the rennet does for milk: joining us and binding us together.

As usual, I embrace you on this glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ and cry out with you:

Christ is Risen! ! المسيح قام Le Christ est Ressuscité! Christos Anesti! Hristos a Inviat!

With the continuous turmoil in the world comes the feast of the Resurrection of Christ bringing life and light to a shattered humanity. Let us then pray for all our brothers and sisters, especially those who suffer because of violence, war, disease, or natural disasters that the Risen Lord may relieve them of their difficulties and instill hope in their hearts.

Have a Blessed Pascha!

In the risen Christ,

Bishop ALEXANDER

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THE SYNAXARION

On the Holy and Great Sunday of the Passover (Pascha) we celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ; for Christ alone did descend with condescension to fight Hades; and he ascended, bringing the abundant spoils of victory which He had snatched.

Mary Magdalene and the rest of the women who were present at the Savior's burial on Friday evening returned that very day from Golgotha to the city to prepare ointment and spices, that they might come later and anoint the body of Jesus. They rested the next day, Saturday, in fulfillment of the commandment. And on the following day, which was Sunday and which the Evangelists call the first day of the week, which fell on the twenty-fifth of March, or thirty-six hours after the death of Life-giving Jesus, the women came to the sepulcher with their prepared ointments. And as they were pondering the difficulty of rolling the stone from the gate of the sepulcher, a great earthquake took place, an angel of the Lord came down, whose appearance was like lightning and his clothes like snow, and rolled away the stone and sat thereon. The guards trembled with fear, became like dead, and fled. But the women entered the sepulcher and found not Jesus. But they found two other angels in the form of men dressed in white raiment who proclaimed to them the Resurrection of the Savior, commanding them to hasten and give the good news to the disciples. In the meantime, Peter and John, who had received the report from Mary Magdalene, hastened and entered the tomb and found there only the linen clothes. They returned with great joy to the city, and began to preach the supernatural Resurrection of Christ, having seen Him alive in truth five times that very day.

For this joyous Resurrection, we therefore celebrate today, kissing one another in Christ with the brotherly kiss, illustrating thereby the dissolution of the enmity that was between us and God, and our reconciliation through Christ. This Feast was called Pascha from the Jewish name; for Christ by His Passion and Resurrection translated us from the curse of Adam and the bondage of Satan to the ancient liberty and bliss. As for the day of the week, which is called in Hebrew "the first day," being dedicated to our Lord for His glorification and magnification it is called in Greek, "Kyriake," or the Lord's Day. The disciples transferred it to the dignity of the Sabbath after the law of the Old Testament, and prescribed that it be a holiday and a day of rest.

To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

Divine Liturgy Variables for Sunday April 20, 2025

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... (**Refrain**)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee.

(**Refrain**)

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire.

(**Refrain**)

So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.

(**Refrain**)

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

(**Refrain**)

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE FEAST

In the gathering places, bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. O Son of God, Who didst rise from the dead, save us, who sing unto thee. Alleluia.

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (*once*)

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HYPACHOE OF PASCHA IN TONE FOUR

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel: Why seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saveth the race of man.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (*thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dynamis!

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

MEGALYNARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE ONE

The Angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice; for thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM IN TONE EIGHT (after THE PASCHAL SERMON OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM)

Grace shining forth from thy mouth like a beacon hath illumined the universe and disclosed to the world treasures of uncovetousness and shown us the heights of humility; but whilst instructing us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls.

ترانيم القديس الإلهي ليوم الأحد ٢٠ نيسان ٢٠٢٥

الانتيفونا الأولى

هَلِّوْا لِلَّهِ يَا جَمِيعَ الْأَرْضِ، رَتِّلُوا لِاسْمِهِ أَعْطُوا مَجْدًا لِتَسْبِيحَتِهِ.
اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِيِّ، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.
قولوا لله ما أَرْهَبَ أَعْمَالُكَ، كُلُّ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ يَسْجُدُونَ لَكَ وَيُرْتَلُونَ لِاسْمِكَ أَيُّهَا الْعَلِيِّ. (اللازمة)
المَجْدُ ... الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ ... (اللازمة)

الانتيفونا الثانية

لِيَتَرَفِّعَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْنَا وَيُبَارِكُنَا، وَلِيُضِيءَ بِوَجْهِهِ عَلَيْنَا وَيَرْحَمَنَا.
اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّوِيَا.
لِنُعْرِفَ فِي الْأَرْضِ طَرِيقَكَ وَفِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ خَلَاصَكَ. تَعْرِفُكَ يَا اللَّهُ يَا اللَّهُ تَعْرِفُ لَكَ. (اللازمة)
لِيُبَارِكُنَا اللَّهُ الْهُنَا، وَلِنُرْهِبُهُ جَمِيعَ أَقْصَى الْأَرْضِ. (اللازمة)
المَجْدُ ... الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ ... يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ، الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدِ ...

الانتيفونا الثالثة

لِيُقِمَ اللَّهُ وَيَتَبَدَّدَ جَمِيعَ أَعْدَائِهِ، وَيَهْرُبُ مُبْغِضُوهُ مِنْ أَمَامِ وَجْهِهِ.
اللازمة: الْمَسِيحُ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَوَطِئَ الْمَوْتَ بِالْمَوْتِ، وَوَهَبَ الْحَيَاةَ لِلَّذِينَ فِي الْقُبُورِ.
كَمَا يُبَادُ الدُّخَانُ يُبَادُونَ، وَكَمَا يَذُوبُ الشَّمْعُ مِنْ أَمَامِ وَجْهِ النَّارِ. (اللازمة)
كَذَلِكَ تَهْلِكُ الْخَطَاةُ مِنْ أَمَامِ وَجْهِ اللَّهِ، وَالصَّادِقُونَ يَفْرَحُونَ وَيَتَهَلَّلُونَ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ، وَيَتَنَعَّمُونَ بِالسُّرُورِ. (اللازمة)
هَذَا هُوَ الْيَوْمُ الَّذِي صَنَعَهُ الرَّبُّ، لِنَفْرَحَ وَنَتَهَلَّلَ بِهِ. (اللازمة)

إيصوذيكون (ترنيمه الدخول) لخدمة الفصح

فِي الْمَجَامِعِ بَارِكُوا اللَّهَ، الرَّبَّ مِنْ يَنَابِيعِ إِسْرَائِيلَ. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ.
هَلِّوِيَا.

طروبارية الفصح باللحن الخامس

الْمَسِيحُ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَوَطِئَ الْمَوْتَ بِالْمَوْتِ، وَوَهَبَ الْحَيَاةَ لِلَّذِينَ فِي الْقُبُورِ. (مرة)

ترانيم القداس الإلهي ليوم الأحد ٢٠ نيسان ٢٠٢٥

الإيباكوي باللحن الرابع

سَبَقَتْ الصُّبْحَ اللواتي كُنَّ مع مريم، فَوَجَدْنَ الحَجَرَ مَدْحَرَجاً عَنِ القَبْرِ. وَسَمِعْنَ المَلَكَ قائلاً لهُنَّ: لَمْ تَطْلُبْنَ مَعَ المَوْتى كِنسانٍ مَنْ هُوَ في النورِ الأزلِيِّ؟ أَنْظُرْنَ لفائفَ الأَكْفانِ، وأسْرِعْنَ واكْرِرْنَ في العالمِ بأنَّ الربَّ قد قامَ وأماتَ المَوْت، بما أنَّه ابنُ اللهِ المُخْلِصِ جنسَ البشرِ.

القنطاق لخدمة الفصح باللحن الثامن

وَلَيْتُ كُنْتُ نَزَلْتُ إلى قَبْرِ يا مَنْ لا يَمُوتُ، إلا أَنْكَ دَرَسْتَ قُوَّةَ الجحيمِ، وقُمتَ غالباً أيها المسيحُ الإلهُ، وللنسوةِ حاملاتِ الطيبِ قُلْتُ "أفرحُ!"، ولِرُسُلكِ وَهَبْتَ السلامِ، يا مانحِ الواقِعِينَ القيامِ.

بدلاً من قدوس الله

أَنْتُمْ الذينَ بالمسيحِ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ، المسيحَ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ، هَلِولِيا. (ثلاثاً)
المجْدُ لآبِ والإبِنِ والروحِ القُدسِ، الآنَ وكُلِّ أوانٍ وإلى دَهْرِ الداهِرِينَ، آمينِ.
المسيحَ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ، هَلِولِيا.

قوة!

أَنْتُمْ الذينَ بالمسيحِ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ، المسيحَ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ، هَلِولِيا.

تعظيمية الفصح باللحن الأول

إِنَّ المَلَكَ تَقَوَّهَ نَحْوَ المُنْعَمِ عَلَيْها، أَيْتُها العَذراءُ النَّقِيَّةُ أفرحي، وأيضاً أقولُ أفرحي، لأنَّ ابْنَكَ قَدْ قامَ مِنَ القَبْرِ في اليومِ الثالثِ.

إسْتَنْتِري، اسْتَنْتِري يا أورشلِيمَ الجَدِيدَةَ، لأنَّ مَجْدَ الرَّبِّ قَدْ أشرَقَ عَلَيْكَ. إفرحي الآنَ وتَهَلَّلي يا صِهْيونِ، وأنتِ يا والدةِ الإلهِ النَّقِيَّةِ، إطِربي بِقيامَةِ وِلَدِكَ.

كينونيكون (ترنيمة المناولة) للفصح باللحن الثامن

جَسَدَ المسيحِ خُذوا. والينبوعَ الذي لا ينضبُ ذوقوا.

تعظيمية أحد الشعانين باللحن الرابع

لَقَدْ بَرَعَتِ البِغْمَةُ مِنْ فَمِكَ مِثْلَ النارِ، فَأَنارتِ المَسكونَةَ، وَوَضَعْتَ لِالعالمِ كُنُوزَ عَدَمِ حُبِّ الفِضَّةِ، وَأَوَضَحْتَ لَنَا سُمُومَ الإِتِّضاعِ، يا أَيُّها الأبُّ المُوَدَّبُ بأقوالِهِ يوحناَ الذَّهَبِيُّ الفَمِ، فَتَشَفَّعْ إلى الكَلِمَةِ المَسِيحِ الإلهِ، في خَلاصِ نفوسِنا.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Join us and come to the Church to attend church services in person.
For the Live feed, please join us on Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgemtl/live_videos

April 2025

Sunday 20 - Great and Holy Pascha

- * 12:00 pm Agape Vespers followed by Egg hunt in the Fellowship Hall

Monday 21 - Bright Monday

- * **10:00 am Bright Monday - Paschal Orthros at St. Mary's Orthodox Church followed by Divine Liturgy presided by His Grace Bishop Alexander.**
- * The office is closed for Pascha

Tuesday 22

- * 06:30 pm Feast of St. George - Vespereal Liturgy presided by His Grace Bishop Alexander followed by a supper hosted by the Antiochian Women and Le Cercle St-Georges in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday 23

- * 06:30 pm Parish Council Meeting in the Souaid Boardroom

Saturday 26

- * 03:30 pm Arabic classes
- * 04:00 pm St. George Children & Teen Choir
- * 06:00 pm Young Adults Meeting
- * 06:30 pm English Vespers
- * 07:30 pm The Order of St. Ignatius– Town Hall Meeting



Sunday 27 - Thomas Sunday

- * 09:15 am Sunday Orthros
- * 10:30 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 30

- * 07:30 pm Men's Brotherhood Meeting in the Youth Center

May 2025

Saturday 3

- * 10:00 am 2nd Wedding Seminar in the Youth Center
- * 04:00 pm Children Choir Rehearsal
- * 06:30 pm Vespers

Sunday 4 - Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

- * 09:15 am Sunday Orthros
- * 10:30 am Divine Liturgy



Prayers Offered For the Living

For the Orthodox Servants of God:

Julie Grillakis; Amin, Marianne, Pierre, Tracey & Christine Cassis;
Julie; Teresa; Sophia Jabbour; Paul Ladouceur;
Robert, Jessica & Anthony Shadeed; Solange & Charles Taraboulsi; Elie Doro;
Mary Aboud; Josée Bernaquez; Gaby, Nada & Nicolas Mouacdié;
Josephine Soury; Aline Helan; Fouad; Mikal.

We pray for the continued good health of our Clergy

His Grace the Rt. Rev. Bishop ALEXANDER Mufarrij
V. Rev. Dr. Joseph F. Purpura, Kh. Kathleen & family
Rev. Fr. Gabriel Abdel Nour, Kh. Michelle & family
Kh. Souhaila El-Murr & family
Deacon Nicolas Kassab & family
Subdeacon Philip Genest & family
Subdeacon Robert Bayouk & family
Subdeacon Christian Kishfy & family

We pray for St. George's organizations

The Parish Council; The Office Staff; Antiochian Women;
Teen SOYO; Order of St. Ignatius; Youth Ministry; Legacy & Trinity Fund;
Le Cercle/The Circle; Altar Servers; The Chanters; St. George Choir;
Byzantine Youth Choir; St. George Children's Choir; West Island Bible Study; Mentoring
Program; Community Care & Comfort; Raffle Committee; Oyster Party Committee;
Volunteers; Church School Students, Teachers, Staff, and Parents;
Sponsorship Program ; St. George Arabic Spiritual Group; St. George Social Club;
Ushers; Young Adult Fellowship; Mother's Group; Men's Brotherhood Group;
Mental Health Staff; All the Members and Benefactors of this Parish

We pray for all our volunteers who work so diligently
for St. George's well-being

Congratulations to

Rachelle Therese El Chebli, daughter of Yasser El Chebli & May El Hakim
Jessica Sophia Chaar, daughter of Tony Chaar & Samar Al-Achkar
Xavier Raphael Lapointe, son of Nadine Lapointe
Ramzy Al-Fanek, son of Akthem Al Fanek & Nancy Haddad
who were chrismated this morning

Baptism today

Annabelle Marie Belisle-Lapointe, daughter of Alfredo Marchi & Chantal Lapointe



THE EPISTLE

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

The Reading from the the Acts of the Apostles. (1: 1-8)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

الرسالة

هَذَا هُوَ الْيَوْمُ الَّذِي صَنَعَهُ الرَّبُّ، فَلْنَفْرَحْ وَنَتَهَلَّلْ بِهِ.
إِعْتَرِفُوا لِلرَّبِّ، فَإِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ وَإِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ أَعْمَالِ الرُّسُلِ الْقَدِيسِينَ الْأَطْهَارِ.

إِنِّي قَدْ أَنْشَأْتُ الْكَلَامَ الْأَوَّلَ يَا ثاوفيلسُ فِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمُورِ الَّتِي ابْتَدَأَ يَسُوعُ يَعْمَلُهَا وَيُعَلِّمُ بِهَا. إِلَى الْيَوْمِ الَّذِي صَعِدَ فِيهِ، مِنْ بَعْدِ أَنْ أَوْصَى بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ الرُّسُلَ الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَاهُمْ. الَّذِينَ أَرَاهُمْ أَيْضاً نَفْسَهُ حَيًّا بَعْدَ تَأْلَمِهِ بِبِرَاهِينٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَهُوَ يَتَرَاءَى لَهُمْ مُدَّةَ أَرْبَعِينَ يَوْمًا، وَيُكَلِّمُهُمْ بِمَا يَخْتَصُّ بِمَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ. وَفِيمَا هُوَ مُجْتَمِعٌ مَعَهُمْ، أَوْصَاهُمْ أَنْ "لَا تَبْرَحُوا مِنْ أورشَلِيمَ، بَلِ انْتَظِرُوا مَوْعِدَ الْآبِ الَّذِي سَمِعْتُمُوهُ مِنِّي. فَإِنَّ يوحَنَّا عَمَدَ بِالْمَاءِ، وَأَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَسَتَعَمِّدُونَ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، لَا بَعْدَ هَذِهِ الْأَيَّامِ بكَثِيرٍ." فَسَأَلَهُ الْمُجْتَمِعُونَ قَائِلِينَ: "يَا رَبُّ، أَفِي هَذَا الزَّمَانِ تَرُدُّ الْمُلْكَ إِلَى إِسْرَائِيلِ؟" فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "لَيْسَ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا الْأَزْمِنَةَ أَوْ الْأَوْقَاتِ الَّتِي جَعَلَهَا الْآبُ فِي سُلْطَانِهِ. لَكِنِّكُمْ سَتَنَالُونَ قُوَّةَ بِحُلُولِ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ عَلَيْكُمْ، وَتَكُونُونَ لِي شُهَدَاءَ فِي أورشَلِيمَ، وَفِي جَمِيعِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ وَالسَّامِرَةِ، وَإِلَى أَقْصَى الْأَرْضِ."



L'ÉPÎTRE

*Ce jour, le Seigneur l'a fait, soyons dans la joie et l'allégresse.
Confessez le Seigneur, car Il est bon, car sa miséricorde est éternelle.*

Lecture des actes des Apôtres.

Mon premier livre, Théophile, je l'ai consacré à tout ce que Jésus s'est mis à faire et à enseigner jusqu'au jour où, après avoir donné ses ordres aux apôtres qu'il avait choisis, il fut enlevé au ciel par le Saint Esprit. Après sa passion, il leur apparut vivant, et leur en donna plusieurs preuves, se montrant à eux pendant quarante jours, et parlant des choses qui concernent le royaume de Dieu. Au cours d'un repas qu'il prenait avec eux, il leur recommanda de ne pas s'éloigner de Jérusalem, mais d'attendre ce que le Père avait promis, « ce que je vous ai annoncé, leur dit-il ; car Jean a baptisé d'eau, mais vous, dans peu de jours, vous serez baptisés du Saint Esprit. » Alors les apôtres réunis lui demandèrent : « Seigneur, est-ce en ce temps que tu rétabliras le royaume d'Israël ? » Il leur répondit : « Ce n'est pas à vous de connaître les temps ou les moments que le Père a fixés de sa propre autorité. Mais vous recevrez une puissance, le Saint Esprit descendant sur vous, et vous serez mes témoins à Jérusalem, dans toute la Judée, dans la Samarie, et jusqu'aux extrémités de la terre. »

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1: 1-17)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but was to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own, and his own received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. John bore witness to him, and cried, "This is he of whom I said, 'he who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'" And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.



Lecture de l'Évangile selon saint Jean

Au commencement était le Verbe, et le Verbe était tourné vers Dieu, et le Verbe était Dieu. Il était au commencement tourné vers Dieu. Toutes choses ont été faites par lui, et rien de ce qui a été fait n'a été fait sans lui. En lui était la vie, et la vie était la lumière des hommes, la lumière luit dans les ténèbres, et les ténèbres ne l'ont pas reçue. Il y eut un homme envoyé de Dieu : son nom était Jean. Il vint pour servir de témoin, pour rendre témoignage à la lumière, afin que tous croient par lui. Il n'était pas la lumière, mais il parut pour rendre témoignage à la lumière. Le Verbe était la vraie lumière, qui, en venant dans le monde, éclaire tout homme. Il était dans le monde, et le monde a été fait par lui, et le monde ne l'a point reconnu. Il est venu chez les siens, et les siens ne l'ont point reçu. Mais à tous ceux qui l'ont reçu, à ceux qui croient en son nom, il a donné le pouvoir de devenir enfants de Dieu, lesquels sont nés, non du sang, ni de la volonté de la chair, ni de la volonté de l'homme, mais de Dieu. Et le Verbe s'est fait chair, et il a habité parmi nous, et nous avons contemplé sa gloire, cette gloire que, Fils unique plein de grâce et de vérité, il tient du Père. Jean lui a rendu témoignage, et s'est écrié : « Voici celui dont j'ai dit : après moi vient un homme qui m'a précédé, parce que avant moi il était. »

Et nous avons tous reçu de sa plénitude, et grâce sur grâce ; si la loi a été donnée par Moïse, la grâce et la vérité sont venues par Jésus Christ.

الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا الْإِنْجِيلِي الْبَشِيرِ .

فِي الْبَدْءِ كَانَ الْكَلِمَةُ، وَالْكَالِمَةُ كَانَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ، وَإِلَهًا كَانَ الْكَلِمَةُ. هَذَا كَانَ فِي الْبَدْءِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ. كُلُّ بِهِ كَانَ، وَبِغَيْرِهِ لَمْ يَكُنْ شَيْءٌ مِمَّا كَوَّنَ. بِهِ كَانَتْ الْحَيَاةُ، وَالْحَيَاةُ كَانَتْ نَوْرَ النَّاسِ. وَالنَّوْرُ فِي الظُّلْمَةِ يُضِيءُ، وَالظُّلْمَةُ لَمْ تُدْرِكْهُ. كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ مُرْسَلٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ اسْمُهُ يُوْحَنَّا. هَذَا جَاءَ لِلشَّهَادَةِ لِيَشْهَدَ لِلنَّوْرِ، لِكَيْ يَوْمِنَ الْكُلُّ بِوِاسِطَتِهِ. لَمْ يَكُنْ هُوَ النَّوْرَ بَلْ كَانَ لِيَشْهَدَ لِلنَّوْرِ. كَانَ النَّوْرُ الْحَقِيقِيُّ الَّذِي يُنِيرُ كُلَّ إِنْسَانٍ آتِيًا إِلَى الْعَالَمِ. فِي الْعَالَمِ كَانَ، وَالْعَالَمُ بِهِ كَوَّنَ، وَالْعَالَمُ لَمْ يَعْرِفْهُ. إِلَى خَاصَّتِهِ آتَى، وَخَاصَّتُهُ لَمْ تَقْبَلْهُ. أَمَّا كُلُّ الَّذِينَ قَبِلُوهُ، فَأَعْطَاهُمْ سُلْطَانًا أَنْ يَكُونُوا أَوْلَادًا لِلَّهِ، الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاسْمِهِ، الَّذِينَ لَا مِنْ دِمٍّ، وَلَا مِنْ مَشِيئَةِ لَحْمٍ، وَلَا مِنْ مَشِيئَةِ رَجُلٍ، لَكِنْ مِنَ اللَّهِ وُلِدُوا. وَالْكَالِمَةُ صَارَ جَسَدًا وَحَلَّ فِيْنَا، وَقَدْ أَبْصَرْنَا مَجْدَهُ، مَجْدٌ وَحِيدٌ مِنَ الْآبِ مَمْلُوءٌ نِعْمَةً وَحَقًّا. وَيُوْحَنَّا شَهِدَ لَهُ، وَصَرَخَ قَائِلًا: "هَذَا هُوَ الَّذِي قُلْتُ عَنْهُ إِنَّ الَّذِي يَأْتِي بَعْدِي صَارَ قَبْلِي لِأَنَّهُ مُتَقَدِّمِي." وَمِنْ مَلِيهِ نَحْنُ كُلُّنَا أَحَدُنَا، وَنِعْمَةٌ فَوْقَ نِعْمَةٍ. لِأَنَّ النَّامُوسَ بِمُوسَى أُعْطِيَ، وَأَمَّا النِّعْمَةُ وَالْحَقُّ فَبِيسُوعِ الْمَسِيحِ حَصَلَا.

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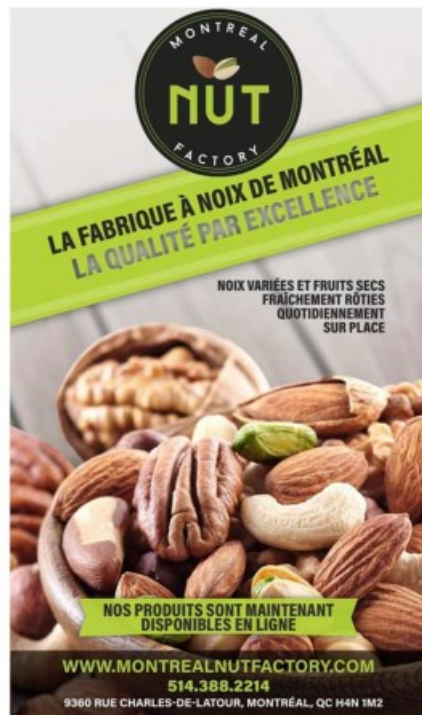
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All mothers of our Parish are invited to join
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Including:
Food-music-dance
Games and gifts

Hosted by Teen SOYO & YAM

When: May 10 at 7:30 p.m

Where: In the Parish Fellowship Hall

RSVP by May 2 through this link:

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ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN OF ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH MONTREAL IN PREPARATION FOR THE JUNE 8, 2025, ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee invites nominations for the Executive Board of the Antiochian Women of St. George Orthodox Church Montreal. Open positions:

PRESIDENT • VICE-PRESIDENT • TREASURER • RECORDING SECRETARY • CORRESPONDING SECRETARY • PUBLIC RELATIONS • RELIGIOUS CHAIR • HUMANITARIAN CHAIR • MEMBERSHIP MAINTENANCE-PHONE CHAIR

Executive positions are for two years. Deadline for nominations is May 16, 2025.

Nominees must be members of St. George Orthodox Church of Montreal and active or willing to be active in the Antiochian Women organization.

Submit nominations (self or others) with Full name, Position, Phone number, and Email to:

✉ **COLLEEN CATTINY – ZACH-CO.CATTINY@SYMPATICO.CA**

✉ **CAROLINE HABIB – CAROLINE@STREETFORCE.CA**

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We are pleased to invite you to a presentation by Mr. Roger David, North American Chair of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch. This session will provide valuable insights into the organization's mission and goals. Roger will address the key priorities for success in both the near and long term for The Order. More importantly, we invite you to engage with us, share your perspectives, and learn more about The Order. Your participation and feedback will be instrumental in shaping the future of our community. We look forward to your presence and input.

7:30 PM

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