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After-feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos;

Martyr Amphilokios, bishop of Iconium; Gregory, bishop of Agrigentum

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LE JEÛNE

La discipline sacrée du **JEÛNE** nous parvient de l'Ancien et du Nouveau Testament. Le jeûne n'est pas une innovation monastique; il est en réalité enraciné dans la tradition biblique. Cette tradition a été adoptée et pratiquée par l'Église primitive et continue de l'être par l'ensemble de l'Église orthodoxe, de nos jours.

Jésus lui-même jeûnait et enseignait à ses disciples à jeûner (Mt 4, 1-4; Mt 17, 21; Mc 9, 29; Lc 2, 37; Act 14, 23; 27, 9; 1 Co 7, 5; 2 Co 11, 27, etc.). Ses actions et Ses enseignements sont clairs, à l'exemple des prophètes de l'Ancien Testament: JEÛNER est une pratique de piété religieuse qui se veut une expression authentique de l'amour d'une personne pour Dieu et pour les hommes.

Le but du JEÛNE n'est pas de se priver ni de faire des sacrifices, mais plutôt de s'autodiscipliner, de gagner le contrôle de ces éléments qui sont en fait sous notre contrôle, mais que nous laissons si souvent nous contrôler.

En raison de l'effet libérateur du jeûne, sur les plans matériel et spirituel, l'Église a lié le jeûne à la célébration des Grandes Fêtes. La

Nativité selon la chair de notre Seigneur, Dieu et Sauveur Jésus-Christ, est l'une des Grandes fêtes de l'Église orthodoxe. Le cycle commence par un carême de quarante jours précédant la Fête — le **CARÊME DE LA NATIVITÉ OU AVENT** (du 15 novembre au 24 décembre). Il s'agit d'une période de purification de l'âme et du corps pour participer et entrer véritablement dans la réalité spirituelle de la venue du Christ. Cette période comprend d'autres jours préparatoires spéciaux annonçant l'approche de la Nativité, notamment le Dimanche des Ancêtres du Seigneur (l'avant-dernier dimanche avant la Nativité) et le Dimanche des Pères (le dimanche avant la Nativité).



The Nativity Fast
November 15 - December 24

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FASTING

The sacred and venerable discipline of **FASTING** is linked to both the Old and New Testaments. FASTING is not a monastic innovation; it is actually rooted in biblical tradition. This tradition was adopted and practised by the early Church and continues to be practised by the Orthodox Church to the present time.

Jesus himself fasted and taught His disciples to fast (Mt 4:1-4; Mt 17:21; Mk 9:29; Lk 2:37; Acts 14:23; 27:9; 1 Cor 7:5; 2 Cor 11:27, etc.). Jesus's actions and teachings are clear, like the examples of the prophets of the Old Testament, FASTING is a practice of religious piety and is meant to be an authentic expression of a person's love for God and man.

The purpose of FASTING is not to "give up" things, nor to do something "sacrificial." The purpose of FASTING is to learn discipline, to gain control of those things that are indeed within our control but that we so often allow to control us.

Because of the liberating effect of fasting, both material and spiritual, the Church has connected fasting with the celebration of its major feasts. The Nativity according to the flesh of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ, is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church. The cycle starts with a fast of forty days. It is called the **NATIVITY FAST OR ADVENT** (November 15 - December 24). It is a time for us to purify both soul and body to enter properly into and partake of the great spiritual reality of Christ's Coming. This period includes other special preparatory days announcing the approaching Nativity, mainly the Sunday of the Forefathers (the second Sunday before the Nativity); and the Sunday of the Fathers (the Sunday before the Nativity).



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الصوم

ترتبط ممارسة الصوم المقدسة بالعهد القديم والجديد معاً. هذا ولا يُعَدُّ الصوم ابتكاراً نُسَكياً وإنما هو تقليد متجذر في العهد القديم. وقد تم تبني وممارسة الصوم من قبل الكنيسة الأولى ولا تزال هذه الممارسة قائمة حتى يومنا هذا في الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية.

هذا وقد صام السيّد المسيح بنفسه وعلم تلاميذه الصوم (متى 4: 1-4، متى 17: 21، مرقس 9: 29، لوقا 2: 37، أعمال 14: 23 و 27: 9، 1 كورنثوس 7: 5، 2 كورنثوس 11: 27 إلخ...) وقد جاءت أعمال وتعاليم السيّد المسيح واضحة. كما هو مثال أنبياء العهد القديم. يُعَدُّ الصوم بالنسبة لنا تدريباً على التقوى بالإيمان وتعبيراً صادقاً عن محبة الإنسان لله وللآخر. ليس الهدف من الصوم "التخلّي عن الأشياء" أو "التّضحية" إنّما غرضه هو تعلّم الانضباط والسيطرة على الأشياء التي هي بطبيعتها تحت سيطرتنا ولكننا كثيراً ما نسمح لها بالسيطرة علينا. هذا وقد ربطت الكنيسة أعيادها الرئيسية بالصوم لما له من تأثيرات مُحرّرة على الصّاعدين المادّي والروحي.

إن ميلاد ربّنا وإلهنا ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح بالجسد هو من الأعياد الرئيسية في الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية حيث تبدأ دورتها بصوم مدّته أربعون يوماً يدعى **صوم الميلاد** (من 15 تشرين الثاني إلى 24 كانون الأول). تُعتَبَر هذه الفترة فرصة لنا لتنقية الرّوح والجسد للدخول بالشكل الحسن والمشاركة في الحقيقة الروحية العظيمة المتمثلة بمجيء المسيح. تتضمن هذه الفترة الأربعينية أيام تحضيرية خاصة أخرى لإعلان اقتراب ميلاد المسيح، وهي بالدرجة الأولى يوم أحد الأجداد (أحدان قبل الميلاد)، يليه أحد الآباء (وهو الأحد الذي قبل الميلاد).

On Self Criticism

By Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

Father Arseny (1893-1973) was a man of prayer and a high-caliber spiritual father. He spent eighteen years in a hard labor camp in Siberia during communist rule (1940-1958). Once, during a heated argument between two ideologically opposed groups of political prisoners, one of the leaders forcefully brought Father Arseny into the argument. The leader asked Father in front of everyone about his and the Church's position on the atheist government that arrests and kills priests, demolishes churches and monasteries, and relentlessly fights the faith. This leader thought he would have fun embarrassing a "stupid" priest.

Father Arseny hesitated to answer. He did not want to engage in the debate, especially since he had not engaged in such debates before. But, under pressure, he made the sign of the cross and began a detailed explanation, the conclusion of which was that the roots of atheism and hostility toward the Church were planted by the Russians' own hands because of "the bad examples demonstrated by the intellectuals, the nobility, merchants and government employees. Yet we, the clergy, were the worst of all." He concluded by saying: "I cannot point the finger at our authorities because the seeds of disbelief have fallen into the soil that we ourselves have prepared. We ourselves are guilty, too. We are only reaping what we sow."

In prison, Father Arseny suffered a great deal of persecution and paid a high price for his disposition. He presented an honest example of non-violence in the face of the terrible suffering he and his people were experiencing. Moreover, he offered a deep analysis of the reasons that led to their suffering.

Our Orthodox spiritual teaching speaks of "self-blame," which is based on discovering one's personal role in transgressions or mistakes, rather than blaming others. We can also call this "self-criticism," which we rarely find in our circles. We tend to blame and criticize others while considering ourselves "innocent of the blood of this just man."

A person does not mature at any level, nor do institutions advance and develop, unless they continuously follow the principle of frequent self-criticism or self-evaluation.

On a personal level, if we're not convinced that we have our share of flaws, and if we don't examine and monitor them closely, then how can we get rid of them? Why do we have the right to see other peoples' faults and slam them when we are full of the same faults? How applicable is the following gospel verse to our reality: "Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye and do not care about the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, take the plank out of your own eye first, so that you can see clearly and remove the speck from your brother's eye" (Matthew 7:3, 5).

The true believer criticizes himself first, then denounces the wrong actions of other people rather than criticizing the people. In fact, we have too much experience criticizing rather than critiquing.

The difference between the two aspects is huge. Criticism can be based on emotions, anger and complaints. It can be stained with subjectivity and irrationality, so the dialogue becomes insulting and destructive to the other. It can also be based on a superficial knowledge of the matter. Criticism can lack any effort to recognize the reasons that might lead to consequences. Thus, the discussion leads to termination of the dialogue, causing participants to depart carrying nothing but feelings of anger, hatred and dissatisfaction. Criticism can be a negative act because situations remain unchanged. It can be mainly “venting” that is followed by more intense and turbulent emotional surges.

Critique, however, is based on calmness and a deep analysis which investigates the inner core of matters to understand their flaws and the reasons behind them. Critique focuses not on the person but reaching an understanding of the mistakes he committed in order to correct them. Critique has its own components and standards that require strict adherence. It must be constructive and positive to lay out the foundations for evaluation and reform.

Criticism deceives people into thinking that, by directing their anger at mistakes and blaming others for them, they absolve themselves of responsibility. Whereas in critique, the critic can help to improve the state of decline, regression, or corruption.

If our homes were filled with piety and the fear of God, and built on Gospel values and virtues, would they produce opportunists, self-seekers, and the weak? If we raised our children on truth, objectivity, and the meaning of true life, would there be any place for triviality, superficiality, and selfishness? “Do they pick grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?” (Matthew 7:16).

We frequently encounter criticism of a variety of issues and people, many of which might be true. Yet the important task is inquiring and searching for causes that lead to these issues and reaching solutions to reduce errors and rectify their consequences. Most important of all is claiming personal responsibility for deficiencies and seeking ways to correct them. If we place blame on others, we will remain hostage to what we despise and complain about.

Above all, ask questions and demand answers from yourself. Do not underestimate your role, no matter how minor and insignificant you might believe it is. You do have a part in spreading the culture of constructiveness but start without focusing too much on cultivating results. What matters is that you do your best.

A simple and virtuous mother is incomparably better than an educated mother who lacks virtue. Dedicated schoolteachers who love their students produce a generation of positive students of integrity; a devout priest who is an apostle to others and changes their lives; a polite and ethical worker who contributes to building trust among members of society; a humble and patient intellectual who opens closed minds.

God has given you one or more talents to advance and increase rather than wasting your time gossiping about others while remaining empty and trivial.

Divine Liturgy Variables for Sunday, November 23, 2025

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

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

God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. (**Refrain**)

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

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

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

This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter in thereat. (**Refrain**)

Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness. (**Refrain**)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

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APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor; healer of the infirm, champion of kings; victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God; for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

الانتيفونا الأولى

عَظِيمٌ هُوَ الرَّبُّ وَمُسَبَّحٌ جِدًّا فِي مَدِينَةِ إِلَهِنَا عَلَى جَبَلٍ قُدْسِهِ. فِيكَ قِيلَتْ الْمَفَاخِرُ يَا مَدِينَةَ اللَّهِ.
اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.
اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي قُصُورِهَا بِأَنَّهُ نَصِيرُهَا. مِثْلَمَا سَمِعْنَا كَذَلِكَ رَأَيْنَا فِي مَدِينَةِ رَبِّ الْقَوَاتِ فِي مَدِينَةِ
إِلَهِنَا. (اللازمة)
أَلْمَجْد ... الْآنَ ... (اللازمة)

الانتيفونا الثانية

الْعَلِيِّ قَدَسَ مَسْكَنُهُ، الْحَمْدُ وَالْبَهَاءُ قُدَّامَهُ، الْقَدَاسَةُ وَالْجَلَالُ فِي مَقْدِسِهِ.
اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتَلَّ لَكَ: هَلْلُويَا.
هَذَا هُوَ بَابُ الرَّبِّ، وَمِنْهُ يَدْخُلُ الصِّدِّيقُونَ. (اللازمة)
مِنْ قَدَاسَةِ هَيْكَلِكَ، أَنْتَ عَجِيبٌ فِي عَذَائِكَ. (اللازمة)
الْمَجْدُ... الْآنَ ... يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدِ ...

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الانتيفونا الثالثة

لَوْجُهِكَ يَتَضَرَّعُ أَغْنِيَاءُ الشَّعْبِ. ابْنَةُ الْمَلِكِ فِي الدَّخْلِ، مُتَرَدِّيةٌ وَمُزَيَّنةٌ بِأَشْرِطَةٍ ذَهَبِيَّةٍ. تَأْتِي فِي إِثْرِهَا عَذَارَى إِلَى الْمَلِكِ، عَذَارَى مُقَرَّبَاتٍ مِنْهَا يُؤْتَى بِهِنَّ إِلَيْكَ.

طروبارية القيامة باللحن السابع

حَطَمْتَ بِصَلِيبِكَ الْمَوْتَ، وَفَتَحْتَ لِلِّصِّ الْفِرْدَوْسَ، وَحَوَّلْتَ نُوحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ، وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهَ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

طروبارية عيد دخول السيِّدة باللحن الرابع

اليَوْمَ الْبَتَوُلُ الْتِي هِي مُقَدِّمَةُ مَسَرَّةِ اللَّهِ، وَابْتِدَاءُ الْكِرَازَةِ بِخَلَاصِ الْبَشَرِ، قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ فِي هَيْكَلِ اللَّهِ عِلَانِيَةً، وَسَبَقَتْ مُبَشِّرَةً لِجَمِيعِ الْمَسِيحِ. فَلْنَهْتَفْ نَحُوهَا بِصَوْتِ عَظِيمِ قَائِلِينَ: إِفْرَحِي يَا كَمَالُ تَدْبِيرِ الْخَالِقِ.

طروبارية القديس جاورجيوس باللحن الرابع

بِمَا أَنَّكَ لِلْمَاسُورِينَ مُحَرِّرٌ وَمُعْتِقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ، وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ، وَعَنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشَّهَدَاءِ جَاورْجِيُوسَ الْبَلَّاسِ الظَّفَرِ، تَشْفَعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهَ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

قِندَاقُ عِيدِ دُخُولِ السَيِّدَةِ بِاللْحَنِ الرَّابِعِ

الْيَوْمَ الْهَيْكَلُ الَّذِي لِلْمُخَلَّصِ، الْكَلْبِيُّ النَّقَاءِ، الْعَذْرَاءُ الْخِدْرُ ذُو الثَّمَنِ الْجَزِيلِ، وَهِيَ الْكَثْرُ الطَّاهِرُ لِمَجْدِ الْإِلَهِ، إِذْ تَدْخُلُ بَيْتَ الرَّبِّ، تَدْخُلُ نِعْمَةً الرُّوحِ الْإِلَهِيِّ مَعَهَا. فَلْتُسَبِّحْهَا مَلَائِكَةُ اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّهَا الْمِظْلَةُ السَّمَاوِيَّةُ.



THE EPISTLE

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians.(2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

الرسالة

الرَّبُّ يُعْطِي قُوَّةً لِّشَعْبِهِ. قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ.

فصلٌ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ أِفْسُسَ .

يَا إِخْوَةُ، إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ هُوَ سَلَامُنَا، هُوَ جَعَلَ الْإِثْنَيْنِ وَاحِدًا، وَنَقَضَ فِي جَسَدِهِ حَائِطَ السِّيَاحِ الْحَاجِزَ، أَيِ الْعَدَاوَةِ. وَأَبْطَلَ نَامُوسَ الْوَصَايَا فِي فَرَائِضِهِ، لِيَخْلُقَ الْإِثْنَيْنِ فِي نَفْسِهِ إِنْسَانًا وَاحِدًا جَدِيدًا بِإِجْرَائِهِ السَّلَامِ. وَيُصَالِحُ كُلِّيهِمَا فِي جَسَدٍ وَاحِدٍ مَعَ اللَّهِ فِي الصَّلِيبِ، بِقَتْلِهِ الْعَدَاوَةِ فِي نَفْسِهِ. فَجَاءَ وَبَشَّرَكُمْ بِالسَّلَامِ، الْبَعِيدِينَ مِنْكُمْ وَالْقَرِيبِينَ. لِأَنَّ بِهِ لَنَا كُلَيْنَا التَّوَصُّلَ إِلَى الْآبِ فِي رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ. فَلَسْتُمْ غُرَبَاءَ بَعْدَ وَزُلَاءَ، بَلْ مُوَاطِنُو الْقَدِّيسِينَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِ اللَّهِ. وَقَدْ بُنِيتُمْ عَلَى أَسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَحَجَرِ الزَّائِيَةِ هُوَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ نَفْسُهُ الَّذِي بِهِ يُسَقُّ الْبُنْيَانُ كُلُّهُ، فَيَنْمُو هَيْكَلًا مُقَدَّسًا فِي الرَّبِّ، وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تُبْنَوْنَ مَعَ مَسْكَنًا لِلَّهِ فِي الرُّوحِ.



L'ÉPÎTRE

**Le Seigneur donnera la force à son peuple,
Apportez au Seigneur, fils de Dieu, apportez au Seigneur gloire et honneur.**

Lecture de la première épître du saint apôtre Paul aux Ephésiens.

Frères, le Christ est notre paix, lui qui en un seul peuple a réuni les Juifs et les païens, et qui a renversé le mur de haine qui les séparait. Ayant anéanti par sa chair la loi des ordonnances dans ses prescriptions, afin de créer en lui-même avec les deux un seul homme nouveau, en établissant la paix, et de les réconcilier, l'un et l'autre en un seul corps, avec Dieu par la croix, en détruisant par elle l'inimitié. Il est venu annoncer la paix à vous qui étiez loin, et la paix à ceux qui étaient près ; car par lui nous avons les uns et les autres accèss auprès du Père, dans un même Esprit. Ainsi donc, vous n'êtes plus des étrangers, ni des gens du dehors ; mais vous êtes concitoyens des saints, gens de la maison de Dieu. Vous avez été édifiés sur le fondement des apôtres et des prophètes, Jésus Christ lui-même étant la pierre angulaire. En lui tout l'édifice, bien coordonné, s'élève pour être un temple saint dans le Seigneur. En lui vous êtes aussi édifiés pour être une habitation de Dieu en Esprit.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.(12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ: إِنْسَانٌ غَنِيٌّ أَخَصَبَتْ أَرْضُهُ. فَفَكَّرَ فِي نَفْسِهِ قَائِلًا "مَاذَا أَصْنَعُ؟ فَإِنَّهُ لَيْسَ لِي مَوْضِعٌ أَخْزُنُ فِيهِ أَثْمَارِي." ثُمَّ قَالَ، "أَصْنَعُ هَذَا: أَهْدِمُ أَهْرَائِي وَأَبْنِي أَكْبَرَ مِنْهَا، وَأَجْمَعُ هُنَاكَ كُلَّ غَلَّاتِي وَخَيْرَاتِي. وَأَقُولُ لِنَفْسِي، يَا نَفْسُ إِنَّ لَكَ خَيْرَاتٍ كَثِيرَةً فَاسْتَرِيحِي وَكُلِّي وَاشْرَبِي وَافْرَحِي." فَقَالَ لَهُ اللَّهُ: "يَا جَاهِلُ! فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ تُطَلَّبُ نَفْسُكَ مِنْكَ. فَهَذِهِ الَّتِي أَعْدَدْتَهَا لِمَنْ تَكُونُ؟" فَهَكَذَا مَنْ يَدَّخِرُ لِنَفْسِهِ وَلَا يَسْتَعْنِي بِاللَّهِ. وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا نَادَى: مَنْ لَهُ أُذُنَانِ لِلسَّمْعِ، فَلْيَسْمَعْ.

L'ÉVANGILE

Lecture de l'Évangile selon saint Luc.

Jésus dit cette parabole:« Les terres d'un homme riche avaient beaucoup rapporté. Et il raisonnait en lui-même, disant : "Que ferai-je ? car je n'ai pas de place pour serrer ma récolte. Voici, dit-il, ce que je ferai : j'abattrai mes greniers, j'en bâtirai de plus grands, j'y amasserai toute ma récolte et tous mes biens ; et je dirai à mon âme : Mon âme, tu as beaucoup de biens en réserve pour plusieurs années ; repose-toi, mange, bois, et réjouis-toi." Mais Dieu lui dit : "Insensé ! cette nuit même ton âme te sera redemandée ; et ce que tu as préparé, pour qui cela sera-t-il ?" Il en est ainsi de celui qui amasse des trésors pour lui-même, et qui n'est pas riche pour Dieu. »



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THE SYNAXARION

On November 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Holy of Holies, and we commemorate our father among the saints Amphilokios, bishop of Iconium.

Verses

Sent forth in dead man's dress, O Amphilokios,
Though dead, thou dost scatter spiritual ambushes.
On the twenty-third, death took Amphilokios.

Amphilokios was a friend of St. Basil the Great and other great saints of the fourth century. He lived in a cave in asceticism for forty years. After that, he was consecrated Bishop of Iconium. He took part in the Second Ecumenical Council in 381. He zealously fought the impious Macedonius and the Arians. He personally begged Emperor Theodosius the Great to expel all the Arians from every city in the empire, but the emperor did not heed him. Days later, Amphilokios came before the emperor again, but ignored his son, Arcadius, sitting next to him. The saint said to the enraged emperor: "Do you see, O Emperor, how you do not tolerate disrespect to your son? So too, God the Father does not tolerate disrespect to His Son, and is disgusted with the corruptness of those who blaspheme Him." Amphilokios died in great old age in 395.

On this day, we also commemorate our father among the saints Gregory, bishop of Agrigentum. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

THE WEST ISLAND BIBLE STUDY OF ST. GEORGE



Hosted by: Diane Nemer & Father Gabriel Abdelnour

When: Tuesday, November 25th, 2025

Time: 07:30 PM - 09:30 PM

Where: at Diane Nemer's home, 36 Bethune, Kirkland, Quebec

For questions about the event or the study,

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What We've Achieved Together This Year:

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- ✓ Continue to minister to those in need, spiritually, financially, emotionally, and educationally.

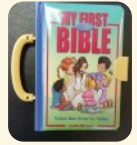
- ✓ Educate people in the Orthodox Faith, helping them know God and find joy and life in the Lord.

Every hour volunteered, every dollar donated, and every prayer offered helps build a parish where the love of God and one another shines for all who enter our Church.



*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

Matthew 19:14



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mathias Yaylagul, son of Simon Yaylagul & Amanda Del Balso
for his baptism on Sunday, November 23rd, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

The Youth Ministry of St. George Montreal is proud to welcome you to its family and wishes you innumerable discoveries with "My First Handy Bible" because it is never too early to learn the Word of God!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS DELIVERY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

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November 2025

Sunday 23— 9th Sunday of Luke

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

Monday 24

- * 6:30 pm Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Saint Catherine

Tuesday 25

- * 07:30 pm West Island Bible Study at Diane Nemer's house, 36 Bethune, Kirkland; Phone: 514-695-2171

Wednesday 26

- * 7:30 pm Men's Brotherhood Meeting in the Youth Center

Thursday 27— Saturday 29

- * 9:00 am Antiochian Women Bazaar in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday 29

- * 02:00 pm Arabic Classes
- * 04:00 pm St. George Children & Teen Choir Rehearsal
- * 06:00 pm Young Adults Meeting
- * 06:00 pm Teen SOYO Meeting & Spiritual Talk "Building a Habit of Prayer"
- * 06:30 pm Vespers
- * 07:30 pm Arabic Bible Study



Sunday 30— Andrew the First— Called Apostle

- * 09:15 am Sunday Orthros
- * 10:30 am Divine Liturgy
- * 12:00 pm Teen SOYO visit to the Elderly at the Cedars Home

December 2025

Thursday 4

- * 6:00 pm Social Club Gathering in the Fellowship Hall



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Jean-Pierre; Julie Grillakis; Sophia Jabbour; Robert, Jessica &
Anthony Shaded; Elie Doro; Mary Aboud; Jos e Bernaquez;
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Sophie Bahri
Eva Elias
Elie Khoury
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Alfred Charley
Youssef, Michel, Fouad & Sonia Chaar
Nahil Assaf Chaar

Churching

Oliver Jamil Chaar, son of Joseph Chaar & Catherine Yared

Baptism today at 1:30 pm

Mathias Yaylagul, son of Simon Yaylagul & Amanda Del Balso





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December 6th, 2025

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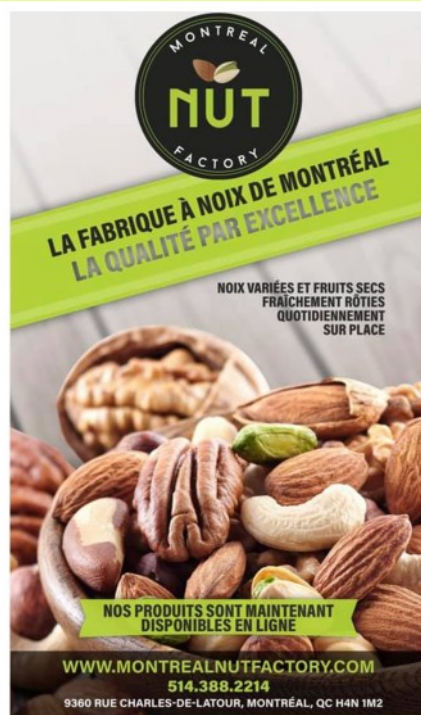
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The Antiochian Women raise funds for our church organizations, our youth, and families in need or living in crisis.

Please support our efforts!

Join Saint George's Children and Youth Christmas Music Recital!

When: Saturday, December 20th, 2025; 2:30 pm

Where: St. George Church Hall

Children and youth (up to 17 years old) who practice an instrument will come together to each perform a piece of Christmas music, and the Children's Choir will sing! Those who play more than one instrument can register one musical selection for each instrument they play.

There is no fee to perform or attend!

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/4u89y6y7>

Fill out the above form by December 1st to register.

Questions? Email choir@saintgeorgemontreal.org



HELP US CONNECT STUDENTS WITH INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Are you a **business owner, a professional, or someone who knows or works for a company** that offers internships? Do you **work for a company** that hires interns, and are you willing to help us connect with your company to help facilitate internship opportunities?

We're looking for **partners and community members** who want to help students gain valuable, real-world experience.

Our goal is to connect **motivated college and high school students** with meaningful internship placements that foster learning, growth, and career exploration.



We're Seeking:

- Businesses or organizations willing to hire interns
- Individuals who can share information about companies offering internships



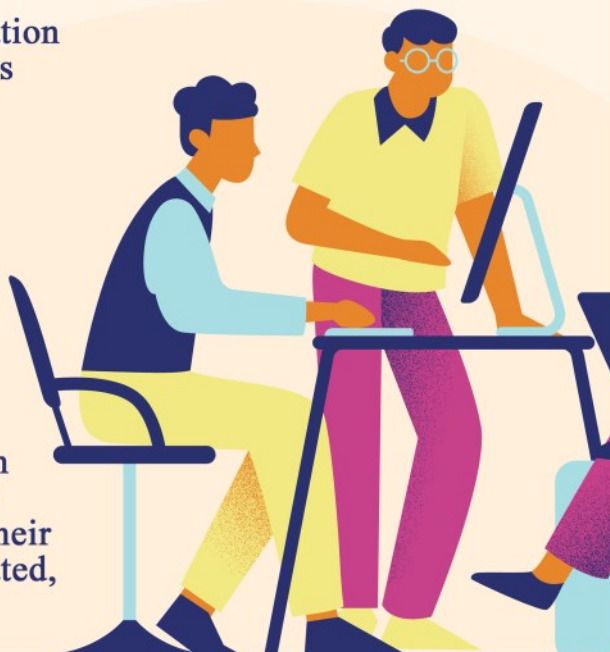
Internship Options:

- In-person, remote, or hybrid opportunities
- Flexible scheduling (semester, summer, or short-term placements)
- Paid or unpaid positions, all experiences are valuable!



Your Involvement Matters

By offering or connecting us with an internship opportunity, you'll play a vital role in preparing students for their future careers, while gaining motivated, enthusiastic interns in return.



Interested? Contact Catherine Kishfy, Mentoring Director



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Internship Program

Are you interested in gaining **practical experience through an internship**, but not sure where to start?

We're here to help you **find and prepare for internship opportunities** that align with your academic and career goals!



What You Can Expect:

- Guidance on locating and applying for suitable internships
- Support with resumes, cover letters, and interview preparation
- Connections with organizations seeking student interns

Who Can Participate:

- Primarily designed for **CEGEP and university students**
- **High school students** who are motivated to explore career pathways are also welcome!

Why Get Involved:

- Gain hands-on, real-world experience
- Build confidence and professional skills
- Explore potential career directions



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Size: 67 ¼ inches x 47 inches



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A graceful and lighthearted portrayal of a young woman on a swing, surrounded by lush greenery and soft, dappled light. Inspired by the Rococo style of 18th-century France, this painting captures the era's love of romance, elegance, and playful charm, blending delicate color, movement, and refinement in a timeless composition.

Size: 55 ¾ inches x 43 ½ inches



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