

St. Anne Melkite Greek Catholic Cathedral

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SUNDAY LITURGY

9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY (English)
11:30 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY (Arabic & English)

DAILY LITURGY

Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

Only 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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Confession:

Available before or after any service, or by appointment.

Baptism:

Please contact the office in advance to arrange for the required instructions.

Marriage:

A notice of at least 6 months should be given to the office, before the proposed wedding date to arrange for the required interview and instructions.

Communion of the sick:

Sick parishioners may receive the Holy Communion at home. Please advise the office whenever this sacrament is needed.

Anointing the sick:

Please contact the pastor at any time for this mystery.

AT THE DIVINE LITURGY

Antiphon Prayer: O You who have granted us to pray together in harmony, and who promised that when two or three are gathered to call upon Your name, You will give what they ask, do You now fulfill what Your servants ask, so far as it is good, granting us in this world the knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come, eternal life. For You are Good and You love mankind, and we render glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

الانديفونة: يا من انعم علينا بأن نقيم هذه الصلوات المشتركة المتفقة، ووعده بأنه متى اتفق اثنان او ثلاثة باسمه يمنحهم ما يسألون، أنت تم الآن لعبيدك سؤالهم بحسب ما يوافقهم، واهباً لنا في الدهر الحاضر معرفة حقا، ومنعماً علينا في الآتي بالحياة الابدية

لأنك إله صالح ومحب للبشر، وإليك نرفع المجد، ايها الأب والابن والروح القدس، الآن وكل اوان والى دهر الداهرين. آمين.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4): The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the resurrection, and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the apostles: Death is despoiled. Christ God is risen, bestowing to the world great mercy.”

نشيد القيامة (باللحن الرابع): إن تلميذات الرب عرفن من الملاك بشرى القيامة البهيجة. وإلغاء القضاء على الجدين، وقلن للرسول مفترحات: لقد سلب الموت، ونهض المسيح الإله، واهباً للعالم عظيم الرحمة.

Troparion of the Fathers (8th Tone): O Christ our God, you are infinitely glorified for You established our fathers as radiant stars on earth. Through them, you led us to the true faith. O Most Merciful One, glory to You!

نشيد الاباء (باللحن الثامن): أنت أيها المسيح إلهنا فائق المجد، لأنك أقمت آباءنا كواكب على الأرض، وبهم هديتنا جميعاً إلى الإيمان الحقيقي. فيا جزيل التحنن المجد لك.

Kondakion (2nd Tone): O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you. (Binder 29)

نشيد الختام (القنداق، باللحن الثاني): يا نصيرة المسيحيين التي لا تُخذل، ووسيطتهم الدائمة لدى الخالق، لا تعرضي عن أصوات الخطاة الطالبين إليك. بل بما أنك صالحة، بادري إلى معونتنا، نحن الصارخين إليك بإيمان: هلمي إلى الشفاعة، وأسرعني إلى الابتهاج، يا والدة الإله/ المحامية دائماً عن مكرميك.

Sunday, October 14, 2018

4th Sunday after the Cross

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

الأحد 14 تشرين الأول، 2018

الأحد الرابع بعد الصليب

أحد القديسين آباء المجمع المسكوني السابع

Theme of the Year 2018-2019

“Love one another as I have loved you” (John 13, 34)

Supporting brothers & sisters in Christ:

By taking care of the hurting people & deepen their relationship with Jesus,

And bringing Christ’s love to the inactive & unchurched people.

To grow together in faith by seeing God working & touching the lives of others,

And become a wormer & more loving community touched by Christ’s love.

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep” (Roman 12, 15)

Epistle (Page 409)

Prokimenon (Tone 4)

Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers; and Your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

Stichon: For You are just in all You have done to us; and all Your works are true and Your ways right.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus (3:8-15)

My son Titus, this saying is true, and in this matter I want to insist that those who believe in God be careful to excel in good works: these are good and useful to people. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and quarrels, and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and futile. Avoid a factious man after warning him once or twice, knowing that such a man is perverted and sins, since he is condemning himself. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, taking care that they lack nothing. And let our people also learn to excel in good works, in order to help cases of urgent need so that they may not be unfruitful. All my companions greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. The grace of God be with all of you. Amen.

Alleluia (Tone 7): O God, our ears have heard, our fathers have declared to us the deeds You did in their days, in the days of old.

Stichon: The just cried out, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their trials

الرسالة (464): المقدمة: مبارك أنت أيها الرب إله آبائنا، ومستبج وممجد اسمك إلى الدهور

لأنك عادل في كل ما فعلت بنا، وجميع أعمالك حقيقية، وطرقك مستقيمة

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل تيطس (3: 8-15)

يا ولدي تيطس، صادق القول، وأريد أن تُقرّر هذه الأمور، حتى يكون الذين آمنوا بالله ذوي اهتمام في القيام بالأعمال الصالحة. فهذه هي الحسنه والنافعة للناس. أما المباحثات السخيفة والأنساب، والخصومات والمماحكات على الناموس فاجتنبها، فإنها غير نافعة وباطلة. ورجل البدعة، بعد الإنذار أولاً وثانياً، أعرض عنه، عالماً أن مثل هذا قد زاع، وهو في الخطيئة يقضي هو نفسه على نفسه. متى أرسلت إليك أرتماس أو تيخيكس بادر أن يأتيني إلى نيكوبولس. لأنني عولت أن أشقو هناك. أما زيناس معلم الناموس وأبلس، فجهّزهما باعتراف لئلا يُعوزهما شيء. ليتعلم ذوونا أيضاً أن يقوموا بالأعمال الصالحة للحاجات الضرورية، حتى لا يكونوا بدون ثمر. يُسلم عليك جميع الذين معي. سلم على الذين يُحبوننا في الإيمان. النعمة معكم أجمعين. آمين

هللوا: - اللهم بأذاننا قد سمعنا، وأبأونا أخبرونا بالعمل الذي عملته في أيامهم، في الأيام القديمة

- الصديقون صرخوا والرب استمع لهم، ومن جميع مضايقتهم نجّاهم.



Gospel (Luke 8:5-15): **Parable of the Sower**

The Lord told this parable: “The sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air ate it up. And other seed fell upon the rock, and as soon as it had sprung up it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. And other seed fell upon good ground, and sprang up and yielded fruit a hundred-fold.” As He said these things He cried out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” But His disciples then began to ask Him what this parable meant. He said to them, “To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, that ‘Seeing, they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. And those by the wayside are they who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved. Now those upon the rock are they who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, but believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among the thorns, these are they who have heard, and as they go their way are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen. But that upon good ground, these are they who, with a right and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bear fruit in patience.” When H had said this, He cried out “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

الإنجيل (لوقا 8: 5-15): مثل الزارع

قال الرب هذا المثل: خرج الزارع ليزرع زرعهُ. وفيما هو يزرع، سقط الزرع على الطريق، فوطئ وأكلته طيور السماء. وسقط البعض على الصخر، فلما نبت يبس لأنه لم تكن له رطوبة. وسقط البعض بين الشوك، فنبت الشوك معه فخنقه. وسقط البعض في الأرض الجيدة، فلما نبت أثمر مئة ضعف. فسأله تلاميذه قائلين: ما عسى أن يكون هذا المثل؟ فقال: أنتم قد أعطيتم معرفة أسرار ملكوت الله، وأما الباقون فبأمثال، لكي لا ينظروا وهم ناظرون، ولا يفهموا وهم سامعون. وهذا هو المثل: الزرع هو كلمة الله. والذين على الطريق هم الذين يسمعون، ثم يأتي إبليس وينزع الكلمة من قلوبهم لئلا يؤمنوا فيخلصوا. والذين على الصخر هم الذين يسمعون الكلمة ويقبلونها بفرح، فهؤلاء ليس لهم أصل، فيؤمنون إلى حين، وفي وقت التجربة يرتدون. والذي سقط في الشوك، هم الذين يسمعون، ثم يذهبون فيختنقون بهموم الحياة وغناها وملذاتها، فلا يأتون بثمر، وأما الذي سقط في الأرض الجيدة، فهم الذين يسمعون الكلمة فيحفظونها في قلب جيد وصالح، ويثمرون بالصبر. ولما قال هذا صرخ: من له أذنان للسمع فليسمع.

Ecumenic Petitions:

الطلبات الملحة:

1- أيها الرب يسوع المسيح إلهنا، إنك أقمت آباءنا القديسين بمثابة كواكب تثير لنا الطريق في مسيرتنا إلى الوطن السماوي. نسألك بشفاعتهم أن تجمع شمل جميع أتباعك حتى نكون رعية واحدة، بقيادة راج واحد. إليك نطلب يا رب فاستجب وارحم.

1- Lord Jesus Christ our God, You have given us the Holy Fathers as shining stars illuminating our journey to the heavenly Kingdom. We ask You through their intercession to bring back all your followers together, so that we may be one Flock with one Shepherd. We pray to You Lord, hear us and have mercy.

2- أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا، إِنَّ مَثَلَ الزَّارِعِ يَنْطَبِقُ عَلَى كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا. أَعْطَانَا نِعْمَةَ رُوحِكَ الْقُدُّوسِ لِيَجْعَلَ مِنْ قُلُوبِنَا أَرْضًا خَصْبَةً، تُثَلِّقَ فِيهَا كَلِمَتَكَ، فَتَنْمُو وَتُثَمِّرُ ثَمَرًا يَانِعًا لَخَلَاصِنَا. إِلَيْكَ نَطْلُبُ يَا رَبُّ فَاسْتَجِبْ وَارْحَمِ.

2. Lord Jesus Christ our God, the Parable of the Sower applies to each one of us. Grant us by the grace of the Holy Spirit to be like the good soil in which your word will grow and mature into abundant fruit of salvation. We pray to You Lord, hear us and have mercy.

3- أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا، لَا تَدْعُ هُمُومَ هَذِهِ الدُّنْيَا تَطْغَى عَلَى قُلُوبِنَا، وَتَخْنِيقُ فِيهَا بَذُورَ كَلِمَتِكَ الْإِلَهِيَّةِ. بَلِّ أَمَلِ قُلُوبِنَا إِلَيْكَ لِنُصْغِيَ إِلَى صَوْتِكَ الْإِلَهِيِّ، وَنَعْمَلْ دَائِبِينَ لَخَلَاصِنَا وَخَلَاصِ الْعَالَمِ. إِلَيْكَ نَطْلُبُ يَا رَبُّ فَاسْتَجِبْ وَارْحَمِ.

3. Lord Jesus Christ our God, don't let the worries of this world stifle our hearts and prevent your divine word from growing in our souls. Touch our hearts that we may listen to your divine voice and fervently work for our salvation and the salvation of the world. We pray to You Lord, hear us and have mercy.

FROM ABOUNA'S DESK

Your Donations of Last Week: General Account:

1st Liturgy 46 persons gave \$451.00 ~ 2nd Liturgy 125 persons gave \$3,860.00

Mail in \$785.00 ~ **Total:** \$5,096.00

Candles \$321.00 ~ Coffee Hour \$69.00 ~ Stole & Stipends \$275.00

Unit #2 Donation \$1,128.00

~ **Grand Total:** \$6,889.00

Special Events: \$325.00.00 ~ **Syrian Relief:** \$100.00

Please Note: Today, Sunday, October 14, 2018 we are having a fundraiser for the needy. Please be generous and help us to help needy people.

The Bishop's Appeal: The annual Bishop's Appeal is an important way to assist and promote the growth of our Church throughout the US. Your generous gift will support the education of our children in the faith; the creation of new outreaches and missions; the training of our seminarians; the publishing of *SOPHIA* magazine. Sayidna is counting on your support. If you have not already sent in your gift, please do so this week. We need 100% support from our parish! God bless you for your generosity.

Make checks payable to: **Bishop's Appeal,**

Write in the Memo: **St. Anne, N. Hollywood, CA.**

Send to: **Diocese of Newton, 802 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, NJ 07424**

Melkite Ladies League Annual Christmas Luncheon: Join us for our **Annual Christmas Party** on **Saturday, December 1, 2018** at the **Holiday Inn in Burbank.**

The League meeting is today, **Sunday, October 14, 2018.**

St Anne Social Club 8th Annual Masquerade Dinner Dance:

The 8th Annual Masquerade Dinner Dance will be at **The Gate Restaurant** on **Friday, October 26, 2018.** Put on your costume and join us for an evening of fun & fantasy. Mezza, Dinner, soft drinks, music and dance. **Tickets \$50 per person. For tickets, call:**

Fred Ashkar (818) 681-49750, **Andree Antoun** (818) 515-0281, or **Gabe Sayegh** (626) 255-0431.

Next meeting is **Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**

Like us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/stannesocialclub/>



Trip to the Holy Land: St Anne Cathedral is organizing another trip to the Holy Land, departure **Tuesday, July 2, 2019** and return **Friday, July 12, 2019.** Flight (Turkish Airlines) \$1,394 ~ Land Tour \$1,400 ~ **Total \$2794**

If you are interested to join this spiritual journey, please contact Fr. Fouad or Dr. Nabil & Raghida Khoury for more information and applications.

YOUTH CORNER

Sunday School: Sunday School started on **Sunday, September 30, 2018.**

When: Sunday School is from **10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** at the Rectory.

Grades: Sunday School is for children from **Kindergarten to 7th Grade.**

Curriculum: We will start an improved curriculum, which will include teaching your children about the **faith, doing charity work, play practice, and learning the songs from the Divine Liturgy** so they can participate. We will also be preparing the students for the **First Reconciliation**, emphasizing the importance of **Confession** as a Sacrament to be practiced often, and living out the meaning of **Holy Communion.**



Forms: Sunday School registration forms, curriculum, and calendar of events are available on the church website (see the Sunday School section) and at the back of the church.
Contact: Sandra Chahayed, Director of Sunday School at 818-470-8043 or at stannesundayschool@gmail.com.

SAMYA Group (Youth Association):

Who: SAMYA is for people ages 13 to 18, from 8th grade to senior year of High School.

About SAMYA: The purpose of SAMYA is for the youth of the church to bond with each other, grow spiritually, have fun, and find support through the very tricky teenage years. We are refreshing the program this year so that it is more driven by what the teenagers want to learn, want to experience and what we know they need to live godly and fulfilled lives. If you have a teenager, please have them come meet us. so that it is.



We meet on the first and third Sunday of the month. Our meeting is today, **Sunday, October 21, 2018.** We invite all teens to join us and find out more about the group and to come together.
Contact: If you have any question please contact Shadi Jubrail at nvytrading@sbcglobal.net / (818) 694-3587 or Nurha Chahayed (818) 522-8411.

SAYA Group (Young Adults):

Who: SAYA is the young adult group at St. Anne's for people from 18 to 30.

About SAYA: College and work are tough environments where one can practice their faith. Meeting a variety of people, engaging in the politics of the real-world, and being pressured on who they are and what they want to do in life are just some of the trials they go through. They are surrounded by the world who tells them that their faith is not important. **However, in SAYA, they can bond with like-minded people: those who love their faith, their church, and have opportunities to discuss modern topics that pertain to their faith and their role in society as they become young professionals.**



SAYA meets on the second Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in Fr. Musil's office. Our next meeting is: today, **Sunday, October 14, 2018.** Every meeting will have a small Bible study followed by discussing future events.

Contact: If you have any questions please contact Michael Khoury, President, at 818-321-4248.

Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

On the Sunday following October 10, there is a celebrated a commemoration of the 350 Fathers who attended the Seventh Ecumenical Council at Nicea in the year 787, in which the question of Iconoclasm was settled. Emperor Leo the Isaurian had originated the campaign against religious images in 726: he had ordered all representations of Christ and his saints to be torn from the walls of churches and burned, and all bronze, silver, and gold statues to be melted and converted into coins that would bear his effigy. A monk named Stephen presented one of these coins to the Emperor and asked him: "Sire, whose image is this?" "It is mine," answered the Emperor. Whereupon the monk threw the coin on the ground and trampled it. He was seized by the imperial attendants and condemned to a cruel death. "Alas," cried the holy religious, "if I am punished so severely for dishonoring the image of a mortal monarch, what punishment do they deserve who burn the image of Jesus Christ!"

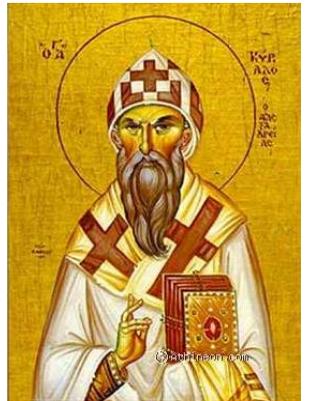


The destruction of religious images continued, however, during a period of one hundred and twenty years. In 787, the Second Council of Nicea established the doctrine of the Church, confirmed eight hundred years later by the Council of Trent: "Images of Christ, of his Virgin Mother and of other saints should be made and preserved. Due honor and veneration should be given to them, not that any power or virtue is believed to be in them, on account of which they would need to be honored, or that any prayer should be addressed to them as had been done formerly by heathens who placed their hope in idols: but because the honor they receive refers to the subjects they represent, so that by kissing images, uncovering our heads or kneeling before them, we adore Christ and venerate his saints whose likeness they represent.

Commentary on the Gospel by Cyril of Alexandria

He is truly the Sower of all that is good, and we are his farm. The whole harvest of spiritual fruits is by him and from him. He taught us this when he said, "Without me you can do nothing."

The word of the Savior, so to speak, is constantly hidden. The blessed psalmist has also brought him before us saying, "I will open my mouth in parables." See what he spoke in olden times happened. "A large multitude was assembled round him of people from all Judea, and he spoke to them in parables." Since they were not worthy to learn the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, he wrapped the word for them in darkness....



It was not granted to them to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but rather to us, who are more ready to embrace the faith. He has given us, since he is perfect wisdom, the ability to understand parables and the dark saying, the words of the wise and their riddles.

Parables, we may say, are the images not of visible objects but rather spiritual and understandable by the intellect. The parable points out to the eyes of the mind what is impossible to see with the eyes of the body. It beautifully shapes out the subtlety of intellectual things by means of the things of sense and palpable to the touch.

The seed is the Word of God. Those on the way are they who have heard. Afterwards, the devil comes and takes away the Word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved. We see in a moment that the hardness of the ground causes the seed on the pathways to be snatched away. A pathway always is hard and untilled, because it is exposed to every one's feet. It does not admit any seed into it, but it lies rather upon the surface, ready for any birds that will to snatch it away. All whose minds are hard and unyielding, and so to speak, pressed together, do not receive the divine seed. The divine and sacred admonition does not find an entrance into them. They do not accept the words that would produce in them the fear of God and by means of which they could bring forth as fruits the glories of virtue. They have made themselves a beaten and trampled pathway for unclean demons, yes, for Satan himself, such as never can bear holy fruit. Let those who are awake, whose heart is sterile and unfruitful, open your mind, receive the sacred seed, be like productive and well-tilled soil, bring forth to God the fruits that will raise you to an incorruptible life.

Let us consider those others of whom Christ said, "And those upon the rock are they who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, and they have no root. These believe for a while and in time of temptation depart away." There are men whose faith has not been proved. They depend simply on words and do not apply their minds to examining the mystery. Their piety is sapless and without root. When they enter the churches, they feel pleasure often in seeing so many assembled. They joyfully receive instruction in the mysteries from him whose business it is to teach and laud him with praises. They do this without discretion or judgment, but with unpurified wills. When they go out of the churches, at once they forget the sacred doctrines and go about in their customary course, not having stored up within themselves any thing for their future benefit. If the affairs of Christians go on peacefully and no trial disturbs them, even then they scarcely maintain the faith, and that, so to speak, in a confused and tottering state. When persecution troubles them and the enemies of the truth attack the churches of the Savior, their heart does not love the battle, and their mind throws away the shield and flees.

Those that fell among the thorns are they who have heard, and go, and are choked by cares and wealth and pleasures of the world, and yield no fruit." The Savior scatters the seed that acquired a firm hold in the souls that received it. It already shot up and just began to be visible when worldly cares choke it and it dries up, being overgrown by empty occupations.

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Liturgy Intentions

9:00 a.m.:

Health and Speedy Recovery:

Bishop John Elya, Patrick Chawki, Najib Khoury, Sergia Laigo, Marci Gratson, Amal Shelby, Ruth LoCurto, Jim Park, Valerie Florman, Paul Liles, Katie O'Malley, Jean Haddad, Alan Nassaney, Therese Haddad, Elizabeth Hovsepian, Anna & Natalia Khoury, Jeanette Zayat, Joy Scully, Leonard & Sandie Stevens, Martin Rincon, Issac Pesina, William Sayegh, Harrison Evans, Nancy Nasrallah, Saad Abboud, Michael Donovan, Jorge Enriquez, Gilbert Sayegh, Rosa Maria Santos

Repose in the Heavenly Kingdom:

Yvonne Gerro By Melisse Bouziane
Fr. Charles Aboody, Fr. Boctor Bishara, Michel & Joul Sayegh,
Yvette Frann, Pat Dixon, Tony Dahdouh, James Fadell By our Church

11:30 a.m.:

Health and Speedy Recovery:

Bishop John Elya, Sr. Naheda Alsawa, Patrick Chawki, Najib Khoury, Rita Haddad, Marie Khalil, Kareem Setto, Laila Kassis, Khalil Shaker Helo, Micheline Mubarak, Butros Rizk, Anna & Natalia Khoury, Loris Elias Khoury, Viviane Karout, Nahil Abasi, Awatef Abujoudeh, Rasmieh Ziyadat, Jacqueline Hajjar, Therese Makhoul, Yvonne Copti, Loris Hawatmeh, Kirk Taylor, Claire Mansour, Gilbert Sayegh, Matthew Dugom, Youssef Amireh, Said Asfahan, Chantal Boutros, Najeeb Sumrain, Eliza Bahi

Repose in the Heavenly Kingdom:

Fadwa Hawatmeh By Mr & Mrs Adel Hawatmeh
George Saad and Said, Antoun & Khalid Hillo By Mariam Saad
Jamileh Hawatmeh (37 year memorial) By Dr. Aida Hawatmeh and Ashraf
Dr. Sami El Toukhy (2 year memorial) By Dr. Aida Hawatmeh and Ashraf
Nicola Hawatmeh By Dr. Aida Hawatmeh and Ashraf
Sayeda Haddad By Deacon George & Marie Karout
Bulos Helo By his wife Nawal Helo
Mary Lahham By Granddaughters Dena, Briana & Nour Hillo
Abla & Feras Helo By Bishara Helo
Turki & Shiekha Dukum By Adel Hawatmeh
Salim & Fadwa Hawatmeh By their children
Habes Haddadin By his family
Wael Fahel By his family
Salem & Tamam, Natasha, Ayed & Julia, Kamal &
Issa Hawatmeh By Jeries & Sahar Hawatmeh
Edward & Basmeh Hayek and Antoinette Hayek Matar By Mr & Mrs Edmond Hayek
Emil Cobey and Laurice Nasr By Vivian Cobey
Fr. Charles Aboody, Fr. Boctor Bishara, Yvette Frann,
Pat Dixon, Tony Dahdouh By our Church

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Commentary on the Gospel by St. Cyril of Alexandria

The prophet Jeremiah said, “It becomes a handful that can produce no meal.” In these things, we must be like skillful farmers who patiently cleared away the thorns and uprooted whatever is hurtful, and then we scatter the seed in clean furrows. One can say with confidence that doubtless “they will come with joy, bearing their sheaves.”²⁵ If a person scatters seed in ground that is fertile in thorns, fruitful in briars and densely covered with useless stubble, he sustains a double loss. First, he loses his seed, and second, his work. In order that the divine seed may blossom well in us, let us first cast out of the mind worldly cares and the unprofitable anxiety which makes us seek to be rich

This good seed is worthy of admiration. Rich and well-productive land brings forth fruit a hundredfold. They say that the best soils sometimes under cultivation produce a hundredfold, so this is a mark of every fertile and productive spot. One of the holy prophets said from the mouth of God, “And all nations shall congratulate you, because you are a desirable land.” When the divine word falls upon a pure mind skillful in cleansing itself from things hurtful, it fixes its root deeply and shoots up like an ear of corn. It brings its fruit to perfection being strong in blade and beautifully flowered.