VSt. 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

 $\label{eq:wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.} Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. \\ Only 2^{nd} Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.$

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Confession:

Available before during and 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.

October 13, 2019

4th Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Fathers of the 7thEcumenical Council

13 تشرين الأول، 2019 الاحد الرابع بعد رفع الصليب

أحد القديسين آباء المجمع المسكوني السابع

Theme of the Year 2019-2020

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4, 10)

واحد بها نال من الموهبة ، " ليخدم بعضكم بعضا ، كل كال كما بحسن بالوكلا ۽ الصالحين على نعمة الله المتنوعة " (1 بطرس 4 ، 10)

AT THE DIVINE LITURGY

Antiphon Prayer: O Lord God, teach us Your righteousness, Your commands and Your statutes. Illumine the eyes of our minds. Keep every darkness away from our hearts. Bestow upon us the Sun of Justice. Protect our lives from every evil by the seal of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may give a good defense before the Judgment Seat of Your Christ, for Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

صلاة الأنديفونة: أيها الربّ الإله علّمنا بِرّكَ ووصاياك وأحكامك، أنِر عُيون أذهاننا وأبعدُ عن قلوبنا كُلّ ظلام. أنعِمْ علينا بشمسِ البر واحفظ حياتنا بختْم روحِك القُدوس سالمةً من الأذى، فنؤذي جواباً حسناً لدى منبر مسيحك. لأن لك العزّة ولك المُلك والقدرة والمجد، أيها الآب والإبن والروح القُدُس. الآن وكل أوان وإلى دهر الداهرين آمين

Troparion of the Resurrection (1st tone): After the stone was sealed by the Jews and the while the soldiers were watching Your spotless body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, bestowing life to the world. Therefore the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your economy, O You who alone are the lover of mankind!"

نشيد القيامة (باللحن الأول): إن الحجر ختمه اليهود، وجمدكَ الطاهرَ حرسه الجنود. لكنكَ قمتَ في اليوم الثالث، أيها المخلص، وإهباً للعالم الحياة. لذلك قواتُ السماواتِ هتفت إليكَ، يا مُعطيَ الحياة: المجدُ لقيامتك أيها المسيح. المجدُ لملكِك. المجدُ لتدبيركَ، يا محبَ البشر وحدك.

Troparion of the Fathers (8^{th} *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 الإباء (باللحن الثامن): أنتَ أيها المسيح إلهنا فائقُ المجد، لأنك أقمت آباءنا كواكبَ على الأرض، وبهم هديتنا جميعاً إلى الإيمان الحقيقي. فيا جزيل التحنن المجدُ 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، ووسيطتَهم الدائمة لدى الخالق، لا تعرضي عن أصواتِ الخطأة الطالبين إليكِ. لل بما أنكِ صالحة، بادري إلى معونتنا، نحن الصارخينَ إليكِ بإيمان: لهمي إلى الشفاعة، وأسرعي إلى الابتهال، يا والدة الإله/ المحامية دائماً عن مكرميكِ.

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: مباركٌ أنتَ أيها الربُّ إلهُ آبائنا، ومسبّحٌ وممجدٌ اسمُكَ إلى الدهور لأبيان عادلٌ في كلِّ ما فعلتَ بنا، وجميعُ أعمالِك حقيقيَّة، وطرقُك مستقيمة

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

يا ولدي تيطس، صادق القول، وأُريد أن تُقرّر هذه الأمور، حتى يكونَ الذين آمنوا باللهِ ذوي اهتمامٍ في القيامِ بالأعمال الصالحة. فهذه هي الحسنة والنافعة للناس. أما المباحثات السخيفة والأنساب، والخصومات والمماحكات على الناموس فاجتنبها، فإنها غيرُ نافعةٍ وباطلة. ورجلُ البدعة، بعد الإنذارِ أولاً وثانياً، أعرض عنه، عالما أن مثلَ هذا قد زاغ، وهو في الخطيئةِ يقضي هو نفسُه على نفسِه. متى أرسلتُ إليكَ أرتماسَ أو تيخيكسَ بادر أن يأتيني إلى نيكوبولس. لأني عوّلتُ أن أشتوَ هناك. أما زيناسُ معلمُ الناموسِ وأَبُلُس، فجهّزهُما باعتناءٍ لئلا يُعوزَهما شيء. ليتعلَّم ذوونا أيضاً أن يقوموا بالأعمال الصالحةِ للحاجاتِ الضرورية، حتى لا يكونوا بدونِ ثمر. يُسلّمُ عليك جميعُ الذين معي. سَلِّم على الذين يُحبُّوننا في الإيمان. النعمةُ معكم أجمعين. آمين

هللويا: - اللهمُّ بآذاننا قد سمعنا، وآباؤنا أخبرونا بالعملِ الذي عملتَه في أيامهِم، في الأيام القديمة

- الصدّيقونَ صرخوا والربُّ استمعَ لهم، ومن جميع مضايقهم نجَّاهم.

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 الربّ هذا المَثل: خرَجَ الزارعُ ليَزرَعَ زَرعَهُ. وفيما هوَ يَزرَع، سقَطَ الزرعُ على الطّريق، قَوُطِئَ وأَكَلتُهُ طيورُ السّماء. وسقطَ البعضُ على الصّخر، فلمّا نبتَ يَبِسَ لأنهُ لم تكُن لهُ رُطوبة. وسقطَ البعضُ بين الشّوك، فنبتَ الشّوكُ معهُ فخنقَهُ. وسقطَ البعضُ في الأرضِ الجيّدة، فلمّا نبتَ أَثمَرَ مئة ضعف. فسألَهُ تلاميذُه قائِلين: ما عسى أَن يكونَ هذا المَثل؟ فقال: أنتُم قد أُعطِيتُم معرفةَ أَسرارِ ملكوتِ الله، وأمّا الباقون فبأَمثال، لكي لا ينظُروا وهم ناظِرون، ولا يفهموا وهم سامِعون. وهذا هو المَثل: الزّرعُ هو كلمةُ الله. والذين على الطّريق هُمُ الذينَ يسمعون، ثمّ يأتي إبليسُ ويَنزعُ الكلمةَ من قُلوبهم لئلاً يُؤمنوا فيَخلُصوا. والذينَ على الصّخرِ هُمُ الذين يسمَعون الكلمة ويقبَلونها بفرَح، فهؤلاءِ ليسَ لهم أَصل، فيؤمنون إلى حين، وفي وقتِ التّجربةِ يَرتَدُون. والذي سقطَ في الأرضِ الشّوك، هُمُ الذينَ يسمَعون، ثمُّ يَذهبونَ فيَخشونَ العيامِ وغناها وملذَّاتِها، فلا يَأْتون بثمَر، وأَمًا الذي سقطَ في الأرضِ الجيّدة، فهُمُ الذينَ يسمَعون الكلِمةَ فيحقظونها في قلبٍ جيدٍ وصالِح، ويُثمرون بالصّبر. ولمّا قالَ هذا صَرخ: مَن لهُ أَذُنانِ للسّماعِ فليسَمَع.

Ecumenic Petitions:

<u>الطلبات الملحة:</u>

1- أيها الربُ يسوع المسيح إلهُنا، إنّك أقمتَ آباءنا القدّيسين بمثابة كواكب تنير لنا الطّريق في مسيرتنا إلى الوطن السّماوي. نسألك بشفاعتهم أن تَجمعَ شَمْلَ جميع أتباعك حتى نكونَ رعيّةً واحدة، بقيادة راع واحد. إليك نطلب يا ربّ 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- أيّها الربُّ يسوع المسيح إلهُنا، إنّ مَثَلَ الزّارع ينطبق على كل واحد منّا. أعطنا نعمة روحك القدّوس ليجعل من قلوبنا أرضًا خصبة، تُلقّى فيها كلمتك، فتَنمو وتُثمرُ ثمرًا يانعًا لخلاصنا. إليك نطلب يا رب فاستجب وارحم.

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- أيها الربُّ يسوع المسيح إلهنا، لا تدَعُ همومَ هذه الدّنيا تَطغَى على قلوبنا، وتخنِقُ فيها بذورَ كلمتك الإلهيّة. بل أَمِل قلوبنا إليك لنُصغى إلى صوتك الإلهي، ونعملَ دائبين لخلاصنا وخلاص العالم. إليك نطلب يا رب استجب وارحم.

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.

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FROM ABOUNA'S DESK

Your Donations of the Week Sept. 29. 2019: General Account:

Combined Divine Liturgy: \$1,245.00.00

Mail-in \$200.00 ~ **Total:** \$1,445.00 (Loose Money included in the total \$410.00 ~ 28.4%)

Candles \$725.00 ~ Coffee Hour \$46.00 ~ Hall Donation \$3,800.00

~ **Grand Total:** \$6,016.00

Special Events: Silent Auction \$1,823.00 ~ Sold Remain items \$1,600.00 Red Bull Donation \$5,000.00 ~ ATM Donation (Mike Fasheh) \$500.00

Shawki Hilo (Return from Gained Car) \$1,000.00 ~ Sweet Booth (cash) \$1,300.00 Cash in Jars Tickets \$308.00 ~ Car Raffle Tickets \$8,800.00 ~ **Total:** \$20,331.00

Charity: \$50.00

Your Donations of Last Week of Oct. 6, 2019: General Account:

Combined Divine Liturgy: \$1,474.00 Mail-in \$1,600.00 ~ **Total:** \$3,074.00

Candles \$323.00 ~ Stole & Stipends \$400.00 ~ Parking Lot Donation \$6,500.00

Unit#1 Donation \$1,161.84 ~ **Grand Total:** \$11,458.84

Special Events (Festival): Silent Auction Booth/Extra Income \$1,115.00

Parish News:

Weddings: Congratulations and best wishes to the following who were joined together in the Holy Mystery of Crowning, May they be granted many years of joy, love, and growth:

Yazan & Andrea (Rahal) Hawatmeh

St. Anne's Divine Liturgy: We started on September 29, 2019 having on every Sunday a one combined Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. as an experiment to see if it will work out. Please let us celebrate together as one family.

إبتدأنا من يوم 29 أيلول/سبتمبر 2019، باقامة قداسًا واحدًا لكل الرعية في الساعة 10:30 صباحًا على سبيل التجربة. فلنتعاون معًا لنحتفل سوية كعائلة واحدة.



St Anne Social Club: The Social Club next meeting is Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Please visit us at: https://www.facebook.com/stannesocialclub/.

The Club is organizing the 9th Annual Masquerade Dinner Dance on CA 91203. Come and have fun with Maurice Raad Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the Phoenicia Ballroom, 343 N Central Ave., Glendale, Band and International DJ, Mezza, Dinner, Fruits, Soft & Alcoholic drinks, Best Costume, Door and Raffle Prizes. Tickets Price \$85 per person; tickets will be on sale starting next week,

reserve your seat now. For reservation, please call:

Fred Ashkar 818-681-4975 / Gabe Sayegh 626-255-0431 / George Karout 818-472-2600.

<u>Healing Prayers for the Victims and Survivors of Clergy Abuse:</u> Please, pick up from the entrance of the church, a **prayer card or more, for yourself, your family and friends.**

Important Note to all Parishioners: Frequently there is breaking news or last-minute reminders for events here at St. Anne's. We sometimes send out mass emails but parishioners should also check out our Facebook page to keep current: St. Anne Melkite Greek Catholic Cathedral in Los Angeles. Also, we've added a copy of the monthly calendar to our Facebook page and our website. Please stay connected and "like" us on Facebook!

<u>Strategic Planning Update:</u> TIME IS RUNNING OUT! The link to our Parish Survey has been emailed. It is also here and on St. Anne's Facebook page: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9SP37L5 Please cut and paste into your browser of visit St. Anne's Facebook page and click on the link. This link and the QR code for the survey is listed on Facebook, as well. The survey is anonymous. Please answer all the questions that pertain to you and click the "DONE" button at the end when you're finished.

It should take about 10-12 minutes. If you have any questions please call Fr Shaun (818-761-3024). We have had an issue with some people experiencing timeouts on the survey. That happens if many people try to access the survey at the same time or if the user lingers too long on any one question. Many thanks and blessings for your support!

"Come and See": Discover God's Game Plan at "Come and See". On Friday, November 1st, 2019 to Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 men 18-35 are invited to a weekend retreat at Seminary.



To be a priest... don't you have to give up everything - your family, your friends, the things you enjoy? Don't you have to be super holy, super smart, or somehow "different?" "Come and see" if this is the case!

Every young man eventually has to make some hard decisions - college, career, marriage, family, religious life. How do I know what's right? Does God care what I decide? If you've ever thought about the priesthood,

it's worth taking a weekend to learn how to listen for God's plans for your future.

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius is hosting a "Come and See" weekend for men ages 18 to 35 who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. The event runs from 5:00 pm on Friday evening, November 1st through 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoon, November 3rd, 2019 at the Seminary (3605 Perrysville Avenue) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The weekend retreat is free of charge and will include sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the Seminarians, talks, and a panel discussion.

The retreat is conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal.

Any man seeking further information or wishing to register for this "Come and See" retreat of discovery is encouraged to contact his vocation director and use the online registration at www.bcs.edu. Deadline for registrations is October 9, 2019.





Sunday School is for children ages 4 to 12.

Start date is scheduled for **Sunday October 6, 2019.** Thanks to those generous individuals who have stepped forward to teach. We can always use more help, if you are so inclined.

To register your children, please contact Sandra, Director of St Anne Sunday School: 818-470-8043, email: stannesundayschool@gmail.com

SAMYA (Youth Aged 13 – 18): St. Anne's Melkite Youth Association (SAMYA) is just what you need! **If you are between the ages of 13 and 18** and love the faith and heritage

passed down from generations of your families, or if you are a relative newcomer to the Melkite-Greek Catholic way of life, then you need to belong to SAMYA!

For any information please contact **Shadi Jubrail: nvytrading@sbcglobal.net** / (818) 694-3587 **or Nurha Chahayed** (818) 522-8411 or see one of our SAMYA members for more information.

Attention All Parishioners in Grades 9-12:

Mark your calendars now! The associated Melkite churches of SOCAL are planning a one-day youth retreat on Saturday, December 14, 2019 to be held at Holy Cross Melkite Church in Placentia. Plans are in the formative stages right now but we expect this day of reflection and fellowship to focus, in preparation, on the Incarnation and our understanding, as Melkites, of the human body. Don't miss out on this golden opportunity to meet the Melkites from our sister parishes who will learn and grow with us! Mark your calendars now!!! Blessings!

Sunday School First Meeting: On Sunday, October 6, 2019 we had our first day of Sunday School. The students and staff started off with a blessing; the students meet their teachers and saw their classrooms. We had a wonderful lunch to celebrate the start to an amazing year. We thank all those who made our first day possible.

We have set up a whats app group if you are not receiving our messages please send me your name and number so I can add you.





We will have a parent meeting on October 20, 2019 right after liturgy in the hall. Meeting should take no more than 15 minutes. We still need teachers if you or anyone you know would like to help please reach out to use.

As always remember it is very important to pray at home with your children. We have them for one hour once a week. We look forward to the start if a great year." *May God bless our Staff and Students!*

Liturgy Dip†vchs

10:30 a.m.:

Health and Speedy Recovery:

Sr. Naheda Alsawa, Patrick Chawki, Najib Khoury, Sergia Laigo, Marci Gratson, Amal Shelby, Ruth LoCurto, Jim Park, Valerie Florman, Paul Liles, Joy Scully, Jean Haddad, Katie O'Malley, Alan Nassaney, Issac Pesina, Therese Haddad, Martin Rincon, Haleem Zayat, Elizabeth & Barbara Hovsepian, William Sayegh, Harrison Evans, Leonard & Sandie Stevens, Nancy Nasrallah, Mary Leamy, Michael Donovan, Saad Abboud, Jorge Acevedo, Gala Enriquez, Gilbert Sayegh, Rosa Maria Santos, Faith Abboud, Brett Johnson, Cliff Weimer, Danielle Caven, George Chamaa, John Bastian, Eileen White, Libby Zarrahy, Rita Haddad, Marie Khalil, Kareem Setto, Laila Kassis, Khalil Shaker Helo, Micheline Mubarak, Butros Rizk, Anna & Natalia Khoury, Nahil Abasi, Loris Elias Khoury, Viviane Karout, Awatef Abujoudeh, Rasmieh Ziyadat, Jacqueline Hajjar, Therese Makhoul, Yvonne Copti, Loris Hawatmeh, Kirk Taylor, Claire Mansour, Gilbert Sayegh, Said Asfahan, Matthew Dugom, Chantal Boutros, Carla, Rehab Hawatmeh, Salameh Dugum, Helen Khader, George Hawatmeh, Bernadette Saddik

Repose in the Heavenly Kingdom:

Joe Zarrahy

George Saad and Said, Ibrahim & Antoun Hillo

Amin & Alice Jarrous

Joseph & Angel Kahale; Odeh Fakhoury;

Joseph & Boughous Markarian

Fadwa Hawatmeh

Bulos Helo

Abla & Feras Helo

Turki & Shiekha Dukum

Salim & Fadwa Hawatmeh

Habes Haddadin

Wael Fahel

Salem & Tamam, Natasha, Ayed & Julia,

Kamal & Issa Hawatmeh

Salim Dababneh and Mirvat Dababneh Balta

Edward & Basmeh Hayek and Antoinette Hayek Matar

Emil Cobey and Laurice Nasr

Metri Hawatmeh, Emil Zaknoun, Josef Schmutzer

Bishop John Elya, Fr. Sleiman Abu Zeid, Fr. Charles Aboody, Fr. Boctor Bishara,

Michel & Joul Sayegh, Pat Dixon, Yvette Frann, Tony Dahdouh, James Fadell,

By Mr & Mrs William Farah

By Mariam Saad

By their family

By Mr & Mrs John Kahale

By Mr & Mrs Adel Hawatmeh

By his wife Nawal Helo

By Bishara Helo

By Adel Hawatmeh

By their children

By his family

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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.

