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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost and the Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew

Commemorating St. Mamas and His Family
John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople

Sunday, September 2, 2018

Tone 5; Eothinon 3

Apolytikion of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Apolytikion of St. Mamas (Tone 4)

Thy martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful

Apolytikion of our Patron, Michael the Archangel (Tone 2)

O ye foremost of the heavenly hosts, we beseech thee, though we are unworthy, pray that we may be encompassed with a shadow of thine unearthly glory; preserving us who kneel and cry endlessly: Deliver us from oppression since ye are the prince of the highest powers.

Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 2)

[in anticipation of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos on September 8]

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

Daily Readings

THE EPISTLE (for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Thou, O Lord, wilt keep and preserve us.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man failed.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians
(1:21 - 2:4)

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

THE GOSPEL (for the Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading of the Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew
(22:2-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.’ But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king

said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Synaxarion

On September 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs Mamas and his parents, Martyrs Theodotos and Rufina, and Saint Ammia his foster mother.

Verses

Keen for the Faith in the Trinity is Mamas,
enduring the keen wound of a sharpened trident.

On the second the bowels of Mamas were spilled by a trident.

Mamas was born in Paphlagonia of renowned Christian parents, Theodotos and Rufina. They were cast into prison for Christ's name. His father died first in prison, and as soon as Rufina bore Mamas, she also died. However, God sent an angel to a noble widow, Ammia, in a dream; he told her to go to the prison. The local eparch granted Ammia permission to bury the dead and to take the child to her home. In school, Mamas displayed unusual intelligence, and as he had been reared in a Christian spirit, he did not hide his faith, but confessed it to the other children. Mamas was fifteen years old when he was brought before Emperor Aurelian, who persecuted Christians. The emperor told him to deny Christ. Mamas refused, and so emperor ordered him to be tortured and killed. But an angel of God saved him and took him to a high mountain near Caesarea where he lived in solitude and prayer. His persecutors found him and again subjected him to fire and wild beasts. Finally, Mamas was run through with a trident by a pagan priest and martyred, giving his holy soul to God in the year 275.

On this day, we also commemorate John the Faster, patriarch of Constantinople. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

A Note Regarding Holy Communion

Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, *only* those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and recent Confession may participate in Holy Communion. (We invite all, however, to partake of the blessed bread which is distributed at the dismissal.) Please see the Pastor for inquiries on how to become a member.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

[Note: Wednesdays and Fridays are observed
as days of fasting in the Orthodox Church.]

[Labor Day – Monday, September 3rd (U.S.A.)]

Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Theotokos - Saturday, September 8

Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Friday, September 7, 6:30 p.m.

The Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

The Commemoration of Ss. Joachim and Anna

Saturday, September 8th, Great Vespers 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 9th, Orthros, 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.

Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Thursday, September 13, 6:30 p.m.

Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross - Friday, September 14

[a day of strict fasting]

OFFERINGS

Holy Bread is being offered this morning by Mikhail & Natalie Kneizeh and family with prayers for their continued good health and that of their entire family.

Special offerings and requests for prayer are being made . . .

for the continued health of Ramez Hage.

for the speedy recovery and continued health of Emile F. Skaff.

Included in our prayers throughout the month of September are those celebrating their birthday: Aidan Blair (9/1), Tony Mansur (9/1), Shannon Sullivan (9/1), Alan Waldman (9/1), Maisun Ababseh (9/3), Toni Abughazaleh (9/3), Johny Aftimos (9/3), Chrisa Sadd (9/4), Pierre Azzam (9/5), Catherine Bishop (9/5), Gabriel Habib (9/5), John Khouri (9/5), Grace Nasser (9/4), Margaret Soffa (9/5), Bassem Azzam (9/8),

Derek Dodds (9/8), Jonah Moujaes (9/8), Sandra Sweis (9/8), Andrea Thabet Waldman (9/8), Dorian Farr (9/9), Fred Milkie Jr. (9/9), Genevieve Akoury (9/13), Julie Ajalat Ellerton (9/13), Jonathan Salim Srouf (9/13), Daniel Malouf (9/14), Tyler Tamoush (9/14), Nicholas Aparicio (9/15), Nadim Kneizeh (9/15), Mitchell Kaady (9/15), Joy Farr (9/16), Louis J. Khoury (9/17), Anita Chala (9/18), Alexander Akoury (9/19), Gregory Safady (9/19), Layla Sayegh (9/19), Travis Ruff, (9/21), Michael Ajalat (9/22), Elias Mankouche (9/22), Nicholas Murr (9/22), Andrew Keoni Baclig (9/23), Marissa Kiley Coury (9/23), Araceli Yazbek (9/23), Katie AbuGhazaleh (9/24), Jocelyn Rogers (9/24), Carole Abughazaleh (9/25), Cindy Tamoush (9/25), Abdulla Mallouk (9/25), Constantine Nasr (9/25), Christiane Abdenmour (9/26), Leila Grace Hage (9/26), Kyla Marie Terry (9/26), Brooklyn Henry (9/27), MacLean Khoury (9/27), Daniel Saidy (9/27), Adel Haddad (9/28), Adam Lamar (9/28), Emmanuel Woldemichael (9/28), Sherri Acri (9/30), Andrew Mitchell (9/30); and celebrating their wedding anniversary: Albert & Vanessa Coury (9/6), John & Katrina Tambouras (9/7), Steven & Erin Hage (9/10), Lenny & Joni Slatko (9/12), Mandy & Constantine Nasr (9/13), Samir & Amira Boutari (9/15), Emile & Christian Dahdah (9/15), Philip & Muriel Khoury (9/24), Heidi & Chad Blair (9/25), April & Teddy Hage (9/25), Marcelle & Edward Chaffin (9/26), Don & Noha Simon (9/26), George & Camilia Daftari (9/27), George & Michele Yazbek (9/27). God grant them many years!

Included in our prayers for the departed during the month of September:

Metre Chala Salid, +4 Sept. 1964	Najla Mussalem, +2 Sept. 2002
George Nicholas, +5 Sept. 1968	Nicola Massu, +9 Sept. 2002
Daas Issa, +30 Sept. 1973	Lorraine M. Mitar, +29 Sept. 2002
Louise Martin, +6 Sept. 1974	Michael Anthony Edwards, +23 Sept
Katherine Wassef, +7 Sept. 1976	Katherine Nassir, +18 Sept. 2004
Victoria Aboud Noonan, +Sept. '78	Janice Nassany, +21 Sept. 2004
Claudette Johnson, +18 Sept. 1979	Dr. Mitry Ajalat, +21 Sept. 2005
Elias Abughazaleh, +20 Sept. 1979	Doris Cates Hewlett, +22 Sept. 2005
Lilly Gentry, +14 Sept. 1984	Adele Robinett, +18 Sept. 2006
Hanna Bibby, +9 Sept. 1987	Evelyn Barghash, +22 Sept. 2006
Odeh Sweis, +3 Sept. 1987	Sharon Rowihab, +9 Sept. 2007
Toufic El-Hage, 29 Sept. 1992	Jamileh Ghawi, +1 Sept. 2008
Gloe Sarah Harris, +2 Sept. 1995	Jeannette Aboud, +13 Sept. 2008

Evelyn Jenkins, +2 Sept. 1995
William Kavan, +28 Sept. 1995
Patricia Slatko, +23 Sept. 1997
Samuel Simon, +4 Sept. 1997
Rose Thomas, +12 Sept. 1998
Michel Mallouk, +3 Sept. 1999
Ralph Miller, +23 Sept. 2000
James Piper, +23 Sept. 2000
Adele Adams, +5 Sept. 2001
Alice Wakeem, +26 Sept. 2001

Palina Sayegh, +9 Sept. 2009
Alice Ayoob, +30 Sept. 2010
Faith Siano, +27 Sept. 2011
Jameel Sadd, +20 Sept. 2012
Mary Gillespie, +28 Sept. 2012
Charles Slemmon, +28 Sept. 2014
Shibley Horaney, +19 Sept. 2015
Marsha Harvey, +17 Sept. 2016
Sondra Murr Love, +25 Sept., 2016
Cle Bassett, +19 Sept. 2017
Michael Mitchell, Jr., +28 Sept. 2017

Memory Eternal!

Please phone the Church Office if there are any omissions or corrections to the above listing of names. Bear in mind that some have chosen not to be included in our announcement. Please forgive any errors in the listing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice:

Father Timothy is on vacation through Thursday, September 6. In the event of an emergency he may still be reached at 818-219-3761 via text, voice message, or by e-mail at: <pastor@stmichaelvanuys.org>. For all other matters please contact Richard Ajalat, Pastoral Assistant, at: <rajalat@stmichaelvannuys.org> or 818-800-2418. We thank Father Minas Sarchizian who is substituting for Father Timothy this weekend.

Senior Ride Option

GOGO Grandparent is a safe and affordable transportation service for seniors needing a ride to and from any location. The company also provides assistance with seniors using walkers and wheelchairs. For more information go to: <gogograndparent.com> or phone: 855-464-6872.

2019 Church Offering Envelope Order - due September 23

To continue or begin using our church offering envelopes please notify our Comptroller: Mary Ann Coury at <maryanncoury@aol.com>

Attention Parents, Grandparents and Godparents:

Today and next Sunday, September 9, 2018, are the days of Church School Registration. Sunday, September 9 is also our Church School Awards Presentation. Sunday, September 16, is the first day of Church School classes when our children will also participate in the Procession of the Holy Cross. Please contact our Church School Superintendent, Anna Farha Crowe for more information: <afarha@stmichaelvannuys.org>.

You are invited to join us for our annual

Church School Awards Presentation Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 9, 2018 after Liturgy

We will be honoring our children's achievements, efforts,
participants and winners of this year's Creative Festivals

[a free-will offering will be received for our curriculum]

Parents: please contact Richard Ajalat to help:

rajalat@stmichaelvannuys.org

Parish Council Nominations

On Sunday, November 18, 2018 we will be holding a brief Special Meeting of the Voting Membership solely for the purpose of receiving and accepting nominations for Parish Council members to be elected for there (3), three-year terms (January, 2019 to December, 2021). At this meeting the Nominations Committee will present their report and additional nominations will be open from the floor. It is important that persons being considered be able to fulfill the commitment to serve. Therefore it is necessary that all nominees first be personally asked if they would accept nomination, and second be approved by the Pastor as

someone who is qualified. The Parish Constitution prescribes that all nominees must be at least twenty-five years of age or older, have been a pledging members of the parish for at least one year and have fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Faith [Article VI, Sec. 2]. The nominees must also be committed in attending monthly Parish Council meetings held on the third (3rd) Sunday of each month. We sincerely thank Eric Nelson [ending his seventh consecutive year; able to be appointed for a one-year term]; Richard Ajalat [electable; appointed to complete the first (1st) term of the late, Caren Deeb Kouri]; and Richard Tamoush [completing his first (1st) term; re-electable]. Our three (3) one-year appointed members whose terms are expiring are: David Alexander [first year appointed], Amy Castillo [second year appointed], and Regan Hines [first year appointed]. The Parish Council election will be held on two (2) consecutive Sundays: November 25 and December 2. Council members whose terms are unexpired are: Joe Ayoub, Carrie Sadd Khouri, Connie Abdun-Nur Barilla, Adam Lamar, Michael Mitchell, and Deacon Andrew Monsue. Charmaine Darmour is also completing her eighth (8th) consecutive year as President of the Antiochian Women.

Upcoming Events (see the foyer bulletin board for more information)

Church School Registration - September 9, 2018

Church School Awards Presentation Coffee Hour - September 9, 2018

Start of Church School Classes - September 16, 2018

(21-40 year old) Young Adult "Wine Tasting," Friday, September 21, 2018
at the home of Richard Ajalat - <rajalat@stmichaelvannuys.org

St. Mark (Irvine) Annual Fundraiser - Saturday, September 22

"Dueling Pianos Dinner and Show" San Juan Golf Club (32120 San Juan
Creek Rd.; San Juan, Capistrano; buffet dinner 6 p.m.,
show 8 p.m.; \$60/person by Sept. 9, \$70 after Sept. 9

Emergency Preparedness Presentation by Deacon Andrew,
Sunday, September 23 Coffee Hour

October is "Youth Month"

Fall Gathering - hosted by St. Peter the Apostle Church (Pomona)
Friday-Saturday, October 12-13, 2018

Annual Mediterranean Festival - Saturday-Sunday, October 6-7, 2017
St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral

St. Michael Feast Day Luncheon - Sunday, November 11, 2018

St. Michael Church School Christmas Program Rehearsal and Program
Saturday-Sunday, December 8-9, 2018

St. Michael Church 50th Anniversary Celebration with His Eminence,
Metropolitan JOSEPH - Saturday and Sunday, January 26-27, 2019

Note to Coffee Hour hosts: coffee and paper goods will be provided each week.

Holy Bread Offering List

Coffee Hour Hosts Calendar

Sep 08 - open (Nativity of the Theotokos)

Sep 09 - the Bitar family

Sep 16 - open

Sep 23 - open

Sep 30 - open

Oct 07 - open

Sep 09 - Church School Awards Luncheon

Sep 16 - open

Sep 23 - The Murr family

Sep 30 - open

Oct 07 - open

Please contact Fr. Timothy (818/219-3761; pastor@stmichaelvannuys.org) to sign-up to offer Holy Bread for open upcoming Sundays and Cindy Tamoush at: (818-345-4363; famtam5@socal.rr.com) to sign-up for the Coffee Hour.

Young Adult Fellowship “Wine Tasting”

Any young adult (21-40) are welcome to attend a gathering at the home of Richard Ajalat [616 Groveview Lane; La Canada; CA 91011; 818-800-2418] on Friday, September 21, 2018. For more information contact Richard, also via his e-mail <rajalat@stmichaelvannuys.org>.

“O Lord, I Have Loved the Beauty of Thy House” (LXX Psalm 25:7)

Part Five

The following article is the third of a series of writings by His Grace, Bishop BASIL that helps us to understand how the relationship between the art, architecture and music of the Orthodox Church communicates the presence of the Kingdom of God in this world.

The interior design of the narthex, nave and sanctuary has come to be seen as an adequate expression of our Orthodox theology: that there are three levels of existence which man must experience to be saved. The narthex, the first area one enters in an Orthodox Church, is the image of “this world,” the fallen world, the unredeemed world. The interior design of this area, therefore, should be plain. The narthex, historically, is where catechumens went to the conclusion of the “Liturgy of the Word” (the first part of the Divine Liturgy, following the Epistle and Gospel readings); when the Deacon would say, “All that are catechumens, depart. Let no catechumen remain. Let us, the faithful, again and again in peace, pray to the Lord” [now just heard in the Pre-sanctified Liturgy of Great Lent]. Participation in the second part of the Divine Liturgy is reserved for the faithful (which is why it is called the “Liturgy of the Faithful”) — only those who will be partaking of Holy Communion would remain in the central area (the “nave”) of the church building. The narthex is a space which also has other specific liturgical uses. It is the place where the exorcism of baptism is done, where converts are received, where a new mother is churching, where the betrothal ceremony for marriage is to be prayed, and where certain services (such as Little Compline) and parts of services (such as the “Litiya” at a festal Vespers) are called to take place. Because the narthex has so many liturgical uses it must be designed in such a way that it can accommodate the various liturgical needs. In many churches today, the narthex (also called “vestibule”) has been designed to serve only the practical function of being a “cold weather area” before one enters into the nave of the church. This is not the purpose or function of the narthex. It is where one passes through a space (the unredeemed world — which we were all born into) and enters (through baptism) into the large, central area of the church building which is called the “nave.” The nave is the image of the redeemed or transfigured world. It is the place where the faithful gather to worship God with one mind and one heart “in spirit and in truth” — the place where we fulfill our baptism by communing with God and each other through prayer, song and the Holy Eucharist (Communion). The interior design of the nave, therefore, must be different from the narthex. Instead of a plain space it should be a beautiful, transfigured space which bespeaks the reality of our being a new creation in Christ. [end of Part IV]

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

COMMEMORATION OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL'S MIRACLE IN COLOSSAE
ARCHIPPUS OF HIERAPOLIS; MARTYRS EUDOXIOS, ZENO, ROMULUS
AND MAKARIOS AT MELITENE IN ARMENIA

طروبارية القيامة باللحن الخامس

لنسبح نحن المؤمنين ونسجد للكلمة، المساوي للآب والروح في الأزلية وعدم الابتداء،
المولود من العذراء لخلاصنا، لانه سرّ أن يصعد بالجسد على الصليب ويحتمل الموت،
وينهض الموتى بقيامته المجيدة.

طروبارية رؤساء الملائكة باللحن الرابع

أيها المتقدمون على الأجناد السماويين، نتوسل إليكم نحن غير المستحقين، حتى أنكم
بطلبكم تكتنوفوننا بظلّ أجنحة مجدكم غير الهولي، حافظين إيانا نحن الجائين
والصارخين بغير فتور، أنقذونا من الشدائد، بما أنكم رؤساء مراتب القوات العلوية.

قنداق ميلاد العذراء على اللحن الرابع

بميلادك الطاهر أطلق يواكيم وحنة من عار العقر وأدم وحواء من فساد الموت. فله يُعيد
شعبك إذ تخلص من وصمة الزلات هاتفاً نحوك: العاقر تلد والدة الإله المغذية حياتنا.

الرسالة

أنت يا رب تحفظنا وتسترنا من هذا الجيل، خلصني يا رب فإن البار قد فني

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الثانية الى أهل كورنثوس
يا إخوة، إن الله هو الذي يُبَيِّننا وإياكم في المسيح، وهو الذي مسحنا وختمنا بخاتمه
ومنحنا روحه عربوناً في قلوبنا. ويشهد الله عليّ أنني امتنعت عن المجيء إلى كورنثوس
شفقةً عليكم، فنحن لا نريد السيطرة على إيمانكم، بل نحن نعمل معكم من أجل فرحكم،
فأنتم في الإيمان ثابتون. لذلك عزمتم أن لا أعود إليكم، لئلا أسبب لكم الحزن مرة ثانية.
لأنني إن أحزننكم فمن يفرحني غير الذين أحزننهم؟ وما كتبت إليكم تلك الرسالة إلا لأنني

أريدُ أن لا يكونَ مصدرَ حُزني عندَ مجيئي إليكم، أولئك الذينَ يجبُ أن يكونوا مصدرَ سروري. وأنا واثقٌ بكم جميعاً، واثقٌ أن سروري هو سروركم جميعاً. كتبتُ إليكم وَقَلبي يفيضُ بالكآبةِ والضيقِ وعيني تسيلُ منها الدُموعُ، لا لتَحزنوا بل لتعرفوا كم أنا أَحِبُّكُمْ.

الإنجيل المقدس

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارةِ القديسِ متى الانجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر.

قال الربُّ هذا المثل: يُشبهه ملكوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ إِنْسَانًا مَلِكًا صَنَعَ عُرْسًا لِابْنِهِ وَأَرْسَلَ عَيْبِدَهُ لِيَدْعُوا الْمَدْعُوعِينَ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ فَلَمْ يُرِيدُوا أَنْ يَأْتُوا. فَأَرْسَلَ أَيضًا عَيْبِدًا آخَرِينَ قَائِلًا: قُولُوا لِلْمَدْعُوعِينَ: هُوَذَا غَدَائِي أَعَدَدْتُهُ. ثِيرَانِي وَمُسَمَّنَاتِي قَدْ دُبِحَتْ وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ مُعَدٌّ. تَعَالَوْا إِلَى الْعُرْسِ! وَلَكِنَّهُمْ تَهَاوَنُوا وَمَضُوا وَاحِدٌ إِلَى حَقْلِهِ وَآخَرٌ إِلَى تِجَارَتِهِ وَالْبَاقُونَ أَمْسَكُوا عَيْبِدَهُ وَشَتَمُوهُمْ وَقَتَلُوهُمْ. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الْمَلِكُ غَضِبَ وَأَرْسَلَ جُنُودَهُ وَأَهْلَكَ أَوْلِيكَ الْقَاتِلِينَ وَأَحْرَقَ مَدِينَتَهُمْ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لِعَيْبِدِهِ: أَمَّا الْعُرْسُ فَمُسْتَعَدَّةٌ وَأَمَّا الْمَدْعُوعُونَ فَلَمْ يَكُونُوا مُسْتَحَقِّينَ. فَادْهَبُوا إِلَى مَفَارِقِ الطَّرِيقِ وَكُلُّ مَنْ وَجَدْتُمُوهُ فَادْعُوهُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ. فَخَرَجَ أَوْلِيكَ الْعَيْبِدِ إِلَى الطَّرِيقِ وَجَمَعُوا كُلَّ الَّذِينَ وَجَدُوهُمْ أَشْرَارًا وَصَالِحِينَ. فَامْتَلَأَ الْعُرْسُ مِنَ الْمُتَكَبِّينَ. فَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْمَلِكُ لِيَنْظُرَ الْمُتَكَبِّينَ رَأَى هُنَاكَ إِنْسَانًا لَمْ يَكُنْ لِابْسَاءِ لِبَاسِ الْعُرْسِ. فَقَالَ لَهُ: يَا صَاحِبُ كَيْفَ دَخَلْتَ إِلَى هُنَا وَلَيْسَ عَلَيْكَ لِبَاسُ الْعُرْسِ؟ فَسَكَتَ. حِينَئِذٍ قَالَ الْمَلِكُ لِلْخَدَّامِ: ارْبُطُوا رِجْلَيْهِ وَيَدَيْهِ وَخُدُّوهُ وَاطْرَحُوهُ فِي الظِّلْمَةِ الْخَارِجِيَّةِ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصَرِيرُ الْأَسْنَانِ. لِأَنَّ كَثِيرِينَ يُدْعَوْنَ وَقَلِيلِينَ يُنْتَحَبُونَ.

ملاحظة بخصوص تناول القربان المقدس

إن مفهومنا لتناول القربان يعنى عمومية المشاركة فيه لذوى العقيدة الواحدة، إلا إن المشاركة في سر القربان المقدس هنا مقتصر فقط على أعضاء الكنائس الارثوذكسية والذين يحضرون أنفسهم بالصلاة والصوم والاعتراف منذ فترة قريبة (وعلى كل حال، فإننا ندعو الجميع للمشاركة في الخبز المقدس الذى يوزع عند إنتهاء مراسيم القداس). رجاء مراجعة الكاهن. إذا رغبت أن تصبح عضواً فى الكنيسة الارثوذكسية.