St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church of the San Fernando Valley a Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America 16643 Vanowen Street; Van Nuys, California; 91406 stmichaelvannuys.org

His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA, of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America www.antiochian.org Archpriest Timothy Baclig, Pastor frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org Rev. Fr. Minas Sarchizian, Assisting Priest fatherminas@gmail.com Rev. Deacon Andrew Monsue armcopper@gmail.com Subdeacon Richard Tamoush Tamoush.Richard@gmail.com Subdeacon Richard Ajalat, Pastoral Assistant rajalat@stmichaelvannuys.com Parish Council Chair - Connie Abdun-Nur Barilla cmatthews46@yahoo.com Council Vice-Chair - Kris Thabit kthabit66@hotmail.com Council Secretary - John Khouri johngkhouri@gmail.com Council Treasurer - Britton McLinn Britton@stmichaelvannuys.org Long-range Planning Chair - Michael Mitchell mgmitchell3@gmail.com

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of No. America (AOCWNA)

Chapter President - Charmaine Darmour cdarmour@sbcglobal.net Choir Director - Art Danks artdanks1@yahoo.com Church School Director - Cooper Rowe superintendent@stmichaelvannuys.org Youth Director - Cooper Rowe crowe31@gmail.com Young Adult Director - Richard Ajalat rajalat@stmichaelvannuys.org Young Parents' Ministry - Brittney Ajalat brittneylee704@gmail.com Faithtree Resources Exec. Director - Michelle Moujaes michelle@faithtree.org michael@jacksonia.com Project Manager - Michael J. Malouf Tamoush.Richard@gmail.com Stewardship Chair - Richard Tamoush Capital Funds Campaign Chair - Ron Zraick ronaldzraick@gmail.com Communications Chair - Michael Paraskevas michaelparaskevas13@gmail.com Bookstore Manager - Bobbi Monsue bobbi monsue@att.net Golf Classic Co-Chair - Don Meena donmeena@sbcglobal.net dan.raju16@hotmail.com Webmaster - Dan Raju Charity Coordinator - Cindy Tamoush cindy.tamoush@gmail.com Head Usher - Ramez Hage jeddo.ramez@gmail.com

The Proto-martyr Thekla, Equal-to-the-Apostles and The First Sunday of Luke

The Venerable Silouan of Athos

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Tone 7; Eothinon 5

Apolytikion of the Resurrection (Tone 7)

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 St. Thekla the Proto-martyr (Tone 3)

O glorious Thekla, companion of Paul the divine, thou wast enflamed with the love of thy Creator, by the teaching of the divine preacher. Thou didst despise the passing earthly pleasures, and offered thyself to God as an acceptable and pleasing sacrifice, disregarding all suffering. Intercede with Christ thy Groom to grant us His Great Mercy..

Apolytikion of St. Silouan the Athonite (Tone 4)

By prayer thou didst receive Christ as thy teacher in the way of humility, and the Spirit bore witness to salvation in thy heart. Wherefore, all peoples called unto hope rejoice in this day of thy memorial, O sacred Father Silouan. Pray unto Christ our God for the salvation of our souls..

Apolytikion for 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 Theotokos (Tone 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Daily Readings

THE EPISTLE (for St. Thekla)

God is wondrous among His saints. Bless ye God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy (3:10-15)

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all, who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL (for the First Sunday of Luke)

The Reading of the Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid:

henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

The Synaxarion

On September 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Great-Martyr Thekla, equal-to-the-Apostles.

Verses

Himself that rent the rock saveth thee, O Thekla, At Whose Passion once the rocks were rent asunder. On the twenty-fourth the rock welcomed Thekla.

She was born in Iconium of eminent but pagan parents. At age 18, she was betrothed to a young man named Thamyris at the same time that the Apostle Paul arrived in Iconium with Barnabas to preach the Gospel. Hearing Paul's testimony for three days and nights, Thekla converted to the Christian Faith, and vowed to live in virginity. Her mother, seeing that she was now ignoring her betrothal, tried to dissuade her, and then beat her and tortured her by starvation. Finally, this wicked mother turned Thekla over to the judge and demanded that Thekla be burned. The judge threw her into the fire, but God preserved her unharmed by pouring rain on the fire. Once in an arena and sentenced to death, Thekla saw a vat of water that contained carnivorous seals. Thekla jumped into the vat and baptized herself. Lightning killed all of the seals before they could eat her. Another time, a lioness protected her from other wild beasts. Once, as a group of arrogant young men were about to catch Thekla, a large rock opened up and hid this holy virgin. This rock in Maaloula, Syria was her refuge and her tomb, and the site of the monastery which she founded, the oldest Christian convent in the world. Thousands of pilgrims flock to it yearly for healing of ailments.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Silouan of Athos, born in 1866 as Simeon Ivanovich Antonov of devout parents of Sovsk, Tambov, Russia. At age 27, he received the prayers of St. John of Kronstadt and went to Mt. Athos where he became a monk at the Russian monastery of St. Panteleimon. He received from the Holy Theotokos the gift of unceasing prayer, and had a vision of our Lord Jesus Christ in glory in the church of the holy Prophet Elias adjoining the mill of the monastery. After the withdrawal of that first grace, he was oppressed by profound grief and great temptations for fifteen years, after which he received from Christ the teaching, "Keep thy mind in hell, and

despair not." He reposed on September 24, 1938. He left behind his writings which were edited by his disciple and pupil, St. Sophrony of Essex.

By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

OFFERINGS

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

by Darlene Namay-Ortega and family in cherished memory of her brother, Alan George Namay who passed away from this earthly life (+21 September, 2022). May Alan rest in the eternal peace of God's heavenly kingdom.

for Andrew Keoni Baclig, celebrating his seventeenth birthday (Sept. 23) by his grandfather. May God keep him in his protective care.

for the forty-day memorial of the newly-departed Archpriest, Joseph Shaheen (+4 August, 2023) by Michael C. Srour. Memory eternal.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

NOTE: Wednesdays and Fridays are observed as days of fasting

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost and The Second Sunday of Luke

<u>Great Vespers</u> – Saturday, September 30th, 5 p.m. Sunday, October 1st - <u>Orthros</u>, 8:30 a.m., <u>Divine Liturgy</u>, 10 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Council Nominations

On Sunday, November 19, 2023 we will be holding a brief virtual and inperson 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, 2024 to December, 2026). 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 Connie Abdun-Nur Barilla [having service eight (8) consecutive years, and this year as Council Chair; unable to be nominated or appointed]; Joe Ayoub [ending his second (2nd) term; unable to be nominated; able to be appointed]; Deacon Andrew Monsue [ending his second (2nd) term; unable to be nominated; able to be appointed]; and Judy Bitar [completing her first (1st) term; able to be nominated or appointed]. Our one-year appointed members whose terms are expiring are: Michael Mitchell [completing his first (1st) year appointed and able to be nominated], and Maria Safady [completing her second (2nd) year appointed; able to be nominated or appointed].

If necessary, the Parish Council election will be held on two (2) consecutive Sundays: November 26 and December 3. Council members whose terms are unexpired are: Subdeacon Richard Ajalat, John Khouri, Britton McLinn, Constantine Nasr, Michael Paraskevas and Kris Thabit. Charmaine Darmour is also completing her twelfth (12th) consecutive year as President of the Antiochian Women. All interested in serving on the Parish Council should contact: Kris Thabit, Nominations Chair at: kthabit66@hotmail.com or speak with Father Timothy.

Weekly Bible Study on the Book of Exodus Has Concluded

We will continue our Bible Study each Tuesday evening in a few weeks. Recordings of previous Bible Studies are available by request.



ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHOOL 2023 - 2024

REGISTER NOW!

START DATE

SEP 24TH

CURRICULUM

ROMANS

CLASSES

Pre-K - Kindergarten

1st - 3rd Grade

4th - 6th Grade

7th - 12th Grade



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT COOPER ROWE SUPERINTENDENT@STMICHAELVANNUYS.ORG

st. michael antiochian church Young Adults

CHEESE & WINE NIGHT | Sept 29

07.00 PM



Join us for a night of wine and cheese and fellowship, Hosted by Will & Bre



\$5 Entrance FEE

KIDS UNDER 10 - FREE

SATURDAY: 3:00PM - 11:00PM SUNDAY: 12:00PM - 10:00PM

1 11.001 M 30NDA1. 12.001 M 10.001



LIVE MUSIC & DJ











VENDORS AND RENTAL INQUIRIES, AD BOOK, DONATIONS: PLEASE CONTACT ZIAD SALEH AT 818-288-8716





KIDS ACTIVITIES
CARNIVAL GAMES.
BOUNCY HOUSE & MORE

2023 TOYOTA CAMRY SILENT AUCTION SPORT COLLECTIBLES

SMOKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY

Upcoming Events

[Note: <u>You may now access our Google Parish Calendar</u> to your personal calendar.

Simply go to: https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=YWRtaW5Ac3RtaWNoYWVsdmFubnV5cy5vcmc

First Sunday of Church School - Sunday, September 24th

Young Adult Wine and Cheese - Friday, September 29 at 7 p.m. (5849 Ranchito Ave., Sherman Oaks, 91401); RSVP to William Nehme (See flier with this bulletin)

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Town Hall - Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 1 p.m. Discussion on State Housing Mandate

St. Nicholas Cathedral Festival - Saturday, Sunday, October 7-8, 2023 Saturday, 3-11 p.m., Sunday, 12 noon to 10 p.m.

Diocesan Fall Gathering - Friday-Sunday, October 13-15, 2023 Hosted by St. James Church (Modesto, California); Register at: saintjamesmodesto.org

St. Michael Feast Day Celebration - Saturday, November 4 Potluck and "Game Night" following Great Vespers, 5 p.m. Sunday, November 5 - Divine Liturgy and Parish Luncheon

Special Meeting of the Voting Membership for Accepting Parish Council Nominations - Sunday, November 19

Church School Christmas Program - Sunday, December 10

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

Holy Bread Offering List Coffee Hour Hosts Calendar

Oct 01 - open

Oct 08 - open

Oct 15 - The Ababseh family Oct 22 - Marcelle Chaffin The Ababseh family

Please contact Fr. Timothy (818/219-3761; frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org) to sign-up to offer Holy Bread or host the coffee hour.

Sale of Storage Items

Furniture in a that needs to be sold in a Mission Hills Self Storage unit is available for anyone interested by contacting Father Timothy for more information at: 818-219-3761 or at: frtimothy@stmichaelvannuys.org

Stock Donation Option

A charitable donation of long-term appreciated securities, i.e., stocks, bonds and/or mutual funds that have realized significant appreciation over time is one of the best and most tax-efficient of all ways to support St. Michael Church. There are two main advantages: 1) Any long-term appreciated securities with unrealized gains (meaning they were purchased over a year ago, and have a current value greater than their original cost) may be donated to the church with the benefit of receiving a tax deduction for the full fair value of the securities—up to 60% of the donor's adjusted gross income; 2) since the securities/stock is being donated rather than sold, capital gains taxes from selling the securities no longer apply. And the more appreciation the securities have, the greater the tax savings will be. Please speak with or contact Ron Zraick, Chair of the Capital Funds Campaign Committee for more information at: <ronaldzraick@yahoo.com>.

Our 2023 Pledge Form Provided with this Bulletin

Our parish depends upon the financial pledge commitments of its members in order to meet its monthly expenses. Our 2023 budget has included the increase of costs and was expanded to include additional maintenance expenses for our new church sanctuary. A hardcopy of the Pledge Form is provided with this bulletin, is also available in the church narthex, or will be mailed to you by request.

As a committed member of St. Michael Church, please complete a new 2023 form. An annual "Fair Share Contribution" is paid by St. Michael Church to the Archdiocese (\$50/adult; \$35/17 years of age or under). If you have completed a Pleage Form and would like to receive an sixmonth update of your contributions, please send your request to our Treasurer, Britton McLinn at: britton@stmichaelvannuys.org Our Six-month Financial Summary will be soon mailed to our members. Thank you.

St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church 16643 Vanowen Street, Van Nuys, CA 91406 Phone: 818-994-2313 Website: www.stmichaelvannuys.org

2023 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

1. All enrolled members <u>must first fulfill</u> a fair sh to the Archdiocese annually (this does not inc	are contribution that is paid 1 lude your family pledge obliga	00% by St. Michael Church ation BELOW).	
Total number of baptized Orthodox persons (age	18 & above) in your household_	\$50 each	
Total number of baptized Orthodox persons (age	17 & under) in your household	\$35 each	
(Please print all names with information in the section below)			
2. In gratitude of God's blessings, I/we pledge to the proof of th	o contribute St. Michael Churc	ch expenses.	
A total annual amount of:	(see Treasure self-assessment cl	nart)	
\$weekly \$monthly \$q	uarterly \$semi-annually	\$annually	
Name	Spouse Name	·····	
Phone number	E-mail Address		
Address	CityState_	Zip	
3. How do you wish to pay? We accept person	nal checks or credit card paym	ents. (See below)	
 a. You may write a check to "St. Michael Chu (see address above) 	rch" and mail it to the Church	Office.	
 b. You may process an "automatic bill pay" v copy earmarked check to St. Michael Cl 	vith your bank that will mail a n nurch.	ecurring monthly hard-	
 c. You may pay by credit card using our websat: https://www.stmichaelvannuys.org/d 	site donation page (a 3% proce onate/ and we will be immedia	essing fee will apply) ately notified.	
d. You may arrange for a recurring monthly a our church bank routing number and ba	utomatic withdrawal from you ink account.	r bank account using	
Note: Each donation to St. Michael Church shoul	d be earmarked, i.e., "Building	Fund," "Pledge," etc.	
Print names of baptized Orthodox persons in you	r household.		
Name		Age	
Name	······	Age	

POTLUCK &



FEATURING

SCRABBLE BACKGAMMON
WHIST CHESS/CHECKERS
BINGO CONNECT FOUR
CORNHOLE CARD GAMES
MONOPOLY PING PONG
JEOPARDY! LIVESTREAM
GUESS HOW MANY? JARS



ST. MICHAEL FEAST
DAY
Celebration

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
VESPERS AT 5PM
GAME NIGHT & POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

SCAN QR CODE TO BRING FOOD OR PLEASE BRING A \$5/PERSON GOOD WILL OFFERING

SEE CARRIE KHOURI (310.617.6886), COOPER, ROWE, OR CINDY TAMOUSH (CINDY.TAMOUSH@GMAIL.COM) FOR MORE!



Camp St. Nicholas Resident Manager Sought

The Resident Manager at Camp St Nicholas in Frazier Park CA has submitted her resignation after twelve years of service. We are now actively seeking candidates to interview for this position. The position is an exempt, full time, salaried position. It is required that the candidate reside at the house provided on the camp site for this purpose (the cathedral covers all utilities and repairs required at the house). The position includes the same healthcare benefits offered to all full time employees of St Nicholas Cathedral, and currently also includes a small life insurance policy. For more information, please contact Father Andrew Andrews at: frandrewa@stnicholasla.com

EOTHINON 5	TONE 7
الايو ثين5	اللحن 7

THE PROTO-MARTYR THEKLA, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES AND THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE

VENERABLE SILOUAN OF ATHOS

أبوليتيكيون القيامة باللحن السابع

حَطَمْتَ بِصَليبِكَ المَوْتَ، وفَتَحْتَ لِلِّصِّ الفِرْدَوْس، وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حامِلاتِ الطِّيبِ، وأمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ .يَكْرِزوا، بأنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أيُّها المسيحُ الإِلهُ، مانِحاً العالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ العُظْمى

أبوليتيكيون للقديسة تقلا باللحن الثالث

أَيَّتُهَا الْمَجِيدَةُ تَقْلا، يا رَفِيقَةَ بُولُسَ الإِلَهِيّ. لَّا ٱلْتَهَبْتِ بِحُبِّ خَالِقِكِ، مِنْ تَعالِيمِ الكَارِزِ الإِلَهِيّ، ٱنْدَرَيْتِ الأَرْضِيّاتِ الزَّائِلَة، وَقَدَّمْتِ نَفْسَكِ للله ضَحِيَّةً مُقَدَّسَةً مَقَّبُولَة، غَيْرَ خَائِفَةٍ مِنَ العَذابات. فَٱبْتَهِلي إِلى المَسيحِ الإِلَهِ خَتَنِكِ، أَنْ يَمْنَحَنا الرَّحْمَةَ العُظْمى.

أبوليتيكيون للقديس سلوان الآثوسي باللحن الرابع

بِصَلواتِكَ ٱقْتَبَلْتَ الْمَسيحَ كَمِثْلِ مُعَلِّمِكَ، عَلى سِكَّةِ التَّواضُع. وَالرُّوحُ القُدُسُ شَهِدَ في قَلْبِكَ لِخَلاصِكَ. لِذَلِكَ كُلُّ الشُّعوبِ المَدْعُوَّةِ إلى الخَلاصِ تَفْرَحُ وَتُعَيِّدُ لِتَذْكارِكَ. فَيا أَيُّها الأَبُ سِلْوانسُ، تَشَفَّعْ إلى المَسيحِ الإِلَهِ، في خَلاصِ نُفوسِنا.

طروبارية رؤساء الملائكة باللحن الرابع

أيّها المتقدّمونَ على الأجناد السّماويين، نتوسّلُ إليكم نحن غير المستحقّين، حتّى أنّكم بطلباتِكم تكتنوفوننا بظلّ أجنحة مجدِكم غير الهيولي، حافظينَ إيّانا نحنُ الجاثين . والصارخينَ بغيرِ فتور، أنقذونا منَ الشدائد، بما أنّكم رؤساءُ مراتبِ القوّاتِ العلوية

قنداق السيدة على اللحن الثاني

يا شفيعة المسيحيين غير المخذولة, المتوسطة لدى الخالق غير المردودة, لا تعرضي عن أصوات طلباتنا نحن الخطأة, بل تداركينا بالمعونة بما أنك صالحة نحن الصارخين إليك بإيمان: بادري إلى الشفاعة وأسرعي في الطلبة, يا والدة الإله المتشفعة دائماً في مكرميك

الرسالة

عَجيبُ هُوَ اللهُ في قِدِّيسِيه .في المَجامِع بِارِكوا الله. فَصْلُ مِنْ رِسِالَةِ القِدِّيسِ بولُسَ الرَّسولِ الثَّانِيةِ إلى تيموثاوس.

يا ولدي تيموناوسَ إنَّكَ قدِ استَقْرَيْتَ تَعليمي وسِيرَتي وَقَصْدِي وإيماني وأنَاتِي وَمَحبَّتي وصبري. واضطهاداتي وآلامي وما أصابني في إنطاكية وأيقونية واسترَةَ. وأيَّة اضطِهاداتٍ احتَمَلْتُ وقد أنقَذَنِي الربُّ من جمِيعِها. وجميعُ الذينَ يُريدونَ أن يَعيشوا بالتقوى في المسيح يسوع يُضطهدونَ. أما الأشرارُ والمغُوُونَ من الناسِ فيزدادونَ شراً مُضِلِّينَ ومُضلَّينَ. فاستَمرَّ أنتَ على ما تعلَّمْتَهُ وأيقنتَ بهِ عالماً مِمَّن تَعَلَّمَتَ. وأنكَ مُنْذُ الطفوليَّةِ تَعْرِفُ الكُتُبَ المُقَدَّسَةَ القادِرَةَ أن تُصيرُكَ حكيماً للخلاصِ بالإيمانِ بالمسيحِ يسوع.

الإنجيل

فصل من بشارة القديس لوقا

في ذلك الزمان،كانَ يسوعُ على شاطئِ بُحَيرَةِ جَنِّيسارَتَ، فازدَحَمَ الناسُ علَيهِ ليسمَعوا كلامَ الله. ورأى قارِبَينِ راسِيَينِ عِندَ الشاطئِ، خرَجَ مِنهُما الصيّادونَ ليَغسِلوا شباكَهُم. فصَعِدَ إلى واحدٍ مِنهُما، وكانَ لسِمعانَ، وطلَبَ مِنهُ أَنْ يَبتَعدَ قليلاً عَنِ البرِّ. وجلسَ يسوعُ في القارِبِ يُعَلِّمُ الجُموعَ. ولمَّا ختَمَ كلامَهُ، قالَ لسِمعانَ: «سِرْ إلى العُمقِ

وألقوا شِباكَكُم لِلصَيدِ». فأجابَهُ سِمعانُ: «تَعِبنا الليلَ كُلَّهُ، يا معلِّمُ، وما اصطَدنا شيئًا. ولكنِّي أُلقي الشَّباكَ إجابَةً لِطلَبِكَ». وفَعلوا ذلِكَ فأمسكوا سَمكًا كثيرًا، وكادَت شِباكُهُم تَتَمزَّقُ. فأشاروا إلى شُركائِهِم في القارِبِ الآخرِ أنْ يَجيئوا ويُساعِدوهُم. فَجاؤُوا وملأوا القارِبَينِ حتى كادا يَغرَقانِ. فلمَّا رأى سِمعانُ ما جرى وقَعَ على رُكبَتَي يَسوعَ وقالَ: «ابتعِدْ عنِّي، يا سيدي! أنا رَجُلّ خاطِئً». وكانَ في دَهشةٍ هوَ ورِفاقُهُ كُلُّهُم لِكثرَةِ السَّمكِ الذي اصطادوهُ. ومِثلُهُم يَعقوبُ ويوحنًا، ابنا زَبدي وشَريكا سِمعانَ. فقالَ يَسوعُ البَرِّ، اسبمعانَ: «لا تَخَفُ! ستكونُ بَعدَ اليومِ صيّادَ بشَرٍ». ولمَّا رَجَعوا بالقارِبَينِ إلى البَرِّ، تَركوا كُلَّ شيءٍ وتَبعوا يَسوعُ

ملاحظة بخصوص تناول القربان المقدس

إن مفهومنا لتناول القربان يعنى عمومية المشاركة فيه لذوى العقيدة الواحدة، الا 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 الذي يوزع عند إنتهاء مراسيم القداس.) رجاء مراجعة الكاهن إذا رغبت أن تصبح عضوا في الكنيسة الارثوذكسية