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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost and The Third Sunday of Luke

Our Righteous Mother Pelagia the Penitent of Antioch

Venerable Marytr Pelagia the Virgin of Antioch; Venerable Thaïs of Egypt

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Tone 1; Eothinon 7

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Tone 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Apolytikion for St. Pelagia the Righteous (Tone 8)

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Pelagia; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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 the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (9:6-11)

Brethren, the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let each one do according to what he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you; that you, having always all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever"; now He, who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in all things for every generosity, which works through us thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL (for the Third Sunday of Luke)

The Reading of the Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

The Synaxarion

On October 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Righteous Mother Pelagia the Penitent of Antioch, the former courtesan.

Verses

Washed of thy shame and escaping the billowing tempest,

O Pelagia, thou camest to the port of Heaven.
On the eighth, Pelagia escaped the sea of life.

She was born to pagan parents in Antioch. Pelagia used her beauty to become wealthy, but to the destruction of her own soul and those of others. Once, while walking past the Church of the Holy Martyr Julian, in which Bishop Nonnus was preaching, she stopped in and heard a sermon on the Dread Judgment and the punishment of sinners. Those words so shook her and changed her that she immediately felt revulsion for herself, acquired true fear of God, repented of all her sins and fell down before St. Nonnus with the plea that he baptize her, which he did. Pelagia was keenly aware of the multitude of her sins and decided on a great ascetic labor. She left her enormous, sinfully gained wealth to the poor, and secretly went to Jerusalem as the monk Pelagius. There, she shut herself up in a cell on the Mount of Olives, and began the difficult asceticism of fasting, prayer and all-night vigils. Pelagia entered into rest in 461. Thus, this formerly terrible sinner pleased God by her repentance and labor, was forgiven of her sins, and became sanctified.

On this day, we also commemorate the Marytr Pelagia the Virgin of Antioch; and Righteous Mother Thaïs of Egypt. 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.

OFFERINGS

Holy Bread is being offered by Beverly Ansara with prayers in loving memory of her father, Tatsuo Kushida (+12 October, 1998), and mother, May Kushida (+18 October, 2015). Memory eternal. Prayers are also offered for the continued healing of her sister, Pamela Kushida.

Holy Bread is also being offered by Amal & Robert Makhoul in memory of Robert's mother, Khazma Makhoul (+7 October, 2011), Deacon Fadel Mubaraka (+15 October, 2007); also remembering, Diab Makhoul, Georges & Said Mebarkah, Badria Ablahad and the newly-departed

Daniel Makhoul of Ottawa, Canada. Memory eternal. Prayers are also offered for the health and safety of Rita & Stephen, Christian and Nicholas Ablahad; Andrew & Jenna Makhoul; Charles & MaryJo Makhoul and family of Lansing, Michigan; Raymond & Kelli Makhoul and family of Richmond, Virginia, and for the good health and recovery of Elias Shaheen of Houston, Texas.

Holy Bread is being offered by Mimi & Nick Hallak in memory of Mimi's beloved brother Fouad Azzam. May his memory be eternal. Prayers are also offered for the well being of the entire family.

The coffee hour hosted by the Neil & Randa Alexander and family in loving memory of Josephine Kardouh (+6 October, 2022) and for the continued health of their family. Memory eternal.

Holy Bread is being offered by Mandy & Constantine Nasr and family in memory of their friend, John Ferreira whose life ended in a tragic car accident on September 24, 2023). Memory eternal.

Holy Bread is also being offered by Haitham & Asma Sweis with prayers in memory of their departed loved ones: Hanna & Fuda, Michael, and Najla. Memory eternal.

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

for Ramez Hage celebrating his birthday (October 6th), and for Ramez & Rima, celebrating their fifty-first wedding anniversary (October 7). May God grant them many more years of love, happiness and good health. With love, Teddy, April and family; Steven, Erin and family.

for the speedy recovery and good health of Dr. Samir Boutari

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council
and The Fourth Sunday of Luke**

Great Vespers – Saturday, October 14th, 5 p.m.

Orthros – Sunday, October 15th, 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School Classes Begins Immediately Following Holy Communion

Are your child(ren) enrolled? Please see Cooper Rowe, our Church School Superintendent to be sure that your child(ren) are in the right classroom. Classes run for 30 minutes. Snacks are provided. We ask that parents not interrupt the classroom sessions.

Kindergarten, Grades 1-2 are in classroom 1; Grades 3-4 are in classroom 2; Grades 5-6, classroom 3; Jr. High and High School, at the top of the stairs. Cooper's e-mail is: superintendent@stmichaelvannuys.org

October is “Youth Month” in the Antiochian Archdiocese Reading the epistle this morning is Elisa Milkie.

Parish Council Nominations

On Sunday, November 19, 2023 we will be holding a brief virtual and in-person 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 Tuesday (October 10 at 7 p.m.)

Join us this Tuesday evening as we examine the verses of the Bible in the Divine Liturgy. A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent out in an e-mail. Sessions are recorded for those unable to attend who may also request the link to the study.

Upcoming Events

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

Simply go to: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=YWRtaW5Ac3RtaWN0YWVsdmFubnV5cy5vcmcj>

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

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

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

Oct 15 - The Ababseh family
Ron & Kathy Zraick

Oct 22 - Marcelle Chaffin

Oct 29 - The O'Dea and Chala families

Coffee Hour Hosts Calendar

The Ababseh family

Marcelle Chaffin

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



Lake Balboa Town Hall - Saturday, October 14, 1 p.m.

Our Neighborhood Council has planned a Town Hall at St. Michael Church to discuss the State Mandate for the City of Los Angeles housing requirement; identifying areas where 4-5 story buildings may be constructed next to single family residences, including the neighborhoods west of the Van Nuys Airport. For more information speak with Subdeacon Richard Tamoush at: [<tamoush.Richard@gmail.com>](mailto:tamoush.Richard@gmail.com) or visit the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council website at: www.lakebalboanc.org

POTLUCK & GAME NIGHT

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!



Use of Assembly Ballroom

Use of our ballroom for wedding and anniversary receptions, family reunions, and selective special events are available for a donation to St. Michael Church based upon group size, maintenance and security fees. One such event, scheduled for Saturday, September 30th included 280 guests for a wedding reception and use of the kitchen for food warming. For more information, speak with Father Timothy.

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>](mailto: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 and security services 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.

An annual “Fair Share Contribution” is paid by St. Michael Church to the Archdiocese (\$50/adult; \$35/17 years of age or under). For more information and answer to questions, speak with Britton McLinn, Treasurer: [<britton@stmichaelvannuys.org>](mailto:britton@stmichaelvannuys.org).

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2023 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

1. All enrolled members must first fulfill a fair share contribution that is paid 100% by St. Michael Church to the Archdiocese annually (this does not include your family pledge obligation 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 contribute St. Michael Church expenses.

A total annual amount of: ____ (see Treasure self-assessment chart)

\$ _____ weekly \$ _____ monthly \$ _____ quarterly \$ _____ semi-annually \$ _____ annually

Name _____ Spouse Name _____

Phone number _____ E-mail Address _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

3. How do you wish to pay? We accept personal checks or credit card payments. (See below)

- a. You may write a check to "St. Michael Church" and mail it to the Church Office.
(see address above)
- b. You may process an "automatic bill pay" with your bank that will mail a recurring monthly hard-copy earmarked check to St. Michael Church.
- c. You may pay by credit card using our website donation page (a 3% processing fee will apply) at: <https://www.stmichaelvannuys.org/donate/> and we will be immediately notified.
- d. You may arrange for a recurring monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account using our church bank routing number and bank account.

Note: Each donation to St. Michael Church should be earmarked, i.e., "Building Fund," "Pledge," etc.

Print names of baptized Orthodox persons in your household.

Name Age

Name Age

Name Age

Name Age

Name Age

"In-house" Caterers to Be Interviewed For Kitchen Use

Use of our Assembly Hall kitchen is available for qualifying caterers that accommodate our parish calendar and schedule. Our kitchen facilities can provide for a caterer's business operation on weekdays and weekends that do not impede our church activities. Speak with David Dawud for more information at: <realty@daviddawud.com>.

PASTORAL SERMON The Third Sunday of Luke By V. Rev. Timothy Baclig October 8, 2023

Today's Gospel lesson teaches us that the resurrection power of Jesus was already at work in His earthly ministry. This passage tells us about Jesus' first resurrection miracle. Two other accounts of resurrection miracles by Jesus are given in Luke 8:40-56 (also Matthew 9:18-26 and Mark 5:21-43) and John 11:1-44. They include: 1) the account of the Jarius's daughter who purposely sought the Lord's help for his daughter "who lay dying," and 2) at the beginning of Great and Holy Week we hear of the resurrection of Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, the friend of the Lord. With each case, death was the inevitable end as each person faced the ultimate end of their earthly life.

Christ spoke of His own miracles as signs—not proofs. When Jesus was asked for incontrovertible proof of His origins and mission, He absolutely refused because any proof would destroy the free response of Christian faith and morality. Faith may be helped by miracles, but it is never dependent upon them. Many people witnessed Jesus' miracles but did not firmly believe in Him and some even accused Him of doing miracles by the power of Satan (Mark 3:20-30). Thus a miracle cannot replace faith, nor can we prove Christ's divine Sonship by His miracles because He Himself is the greatest miracle; the Divine Son of God who we are called to accept through faith, as He taught.

Finally, miracles and healings witness to the redeeming presence and compassionate love of God. Their purpose is not to show how great a Christian, or a Christian group, or even a Christian Church is, but instead: Miracles and

healings are the evidence of how great God is! God is God! And as God, He cannot be denied the freedom to act in the context of humble, living faith.

Prayer

O Christ, our God, who has trampled down death, made powerless the devil and given life to the world, through the intercessions of the young man of the widow, Jarius' daughter, and your friend, Lazarus who you raised from the dead, grant us your peace and consolation in times of sorrow and sadness. Grant us the vision of your heavenly Kingdom and the spirits of the righteous. May we together with them be made perfect by your love and strengthened by your power. For Thou art the Resurrection and the Life and the repose of our beloved who are now with Thee, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. A-men.

EOTHINON 6

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TONE 8

الاوثينون 8

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE
AND THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER PALAGIA THE PENITENT OF ANTIOCH
MARYTR PELAGIA THE VIRGIN OF ANTIOCH; VENERABLE THAÏS OF EGYPT

أبوليتيكيون القيامة باللحن الأول

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَّا حُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ الطَاهِرَ حُفِظَ مِنَ الْجُنْدِ، قُمْتَ فِي الْيَوْمِ
الثَّالِثِ أَتِيهَا الْمُخَلَّصُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ. لِذَلِكَ قُوَاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ، هَتَفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا
وَاهِبَ الْحَيَاةَ: الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَتِيهَا الْمَسِيحُ، الْمَجْدُ لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتُدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ
الْبَشَرِ وَحَدَّكَ.

أبوليتيكيون للقديسة بيلاجيا باللحن الثامن

بِكَ حُفِظَتِ الصُّورَةُ بِدِقَّةِ آيَتِهَا الأُمَّ بِيلاجيا، لِأَنَّكَ حَمَلْتَ الصَّلِيبَ وَتَبِعْتَ الْمَسِيحَ
وَعَمَلْتَ وَعَلِمْتَ أَنَّ يُتَغَاضَى عَنِ الْجَسَدِ لِأَنَّهُ يَزُولُ، وَيُهْتَمُّ بِأُمُورِ النَّفْسِ غَيْرِ الْمَائِتَةِ.
لِذَلِكَ آيَتُهَا الْبَارَّةُ تَبْتَهِّجُ رُوحَكَ مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ.

طروبارية رؤساء الملائكة باللحن الرابع
أيها المتقدمون على الأجناد السماويين، نتوسل إليكم نحن غير المستحقين، حتى أنكم
بطلباتكم تكتنوفوننا بظلمة أجنحة مجدكم غير الهولي، حافظين إيانا نحن الجاثين
والصارخين بغير فتور، أنقذونا من الشدائد، بما أنكم رؤساء مراتب القوات العلوية

قنداق السيدة على اللحن الثاني
يا شفيعة المسيحيين غير المخذولة، المتوسطة لدى الخالق غير المردودة، لا تعرضي
عن أصوات طلباتنا نحن الخطاة، بل تداركينا بالمعونة بما أنك صالحة نحن الصارخين
إليك بايمان: بادري إلى الشفاعة وأسرعني في الطلبة، يا والدة الإله المتشفعة دائماً في
مكرميك.

الرسالة

(للأحد الثامن عشر بعد العنصرة)

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا.

ابْتَهَجُوا أَيُّهَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الثانية إلى أهل كورنثوس.

يَا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّ مَنْ يَزْرَعُ شَحِيحاً، فَشَحِيحاً أَيضاً يَحْصُدُ؛ وَمَنْ يَزْرَعُ بِالْبَرَكَاتِ،
فِي الْبَرَكَاتِ أَيضاً يَحْصُدُ. كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ كَمَا نَوَى فِي قَلْبِهِ، لَا عَنِ ابْتِئَاسٍ أَوْ اضْطِرَّارٍ.
فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُعْطِيَ الْمُتَهَلِّلَ. وَاللَّهُ قَادِرٌ أَنْ يَزِيدَكُمْ كُلَّ نِعْمَةٍ، حَتَّى تَكُونَ لَكُمْ كُلُّ
كِفَايَةٍ، كُلِّ حِينٍ، فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، فَتَزْدَادُوا فِي كُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ. كَمَا كُتِبَ "أَنَّهُ بَدَدٌ،
أَعْطَى الْمَسَاكِينَ، فَبِرُّهُ يَدُومُ إِلَى الأَبَدِ." وَالَّذِي يَرْزُقُ الزَّارِعَ زَرْعاً وَخَبِيراً لِقَوْتِ،
يَرْزُقُكُمْ زَرْعَكُمْ وَيُكَثِّرُهُ وَيَزِيدُ غِلَالَ بَرِّكُمْ. فَتَسْتَعْنُونَ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، لِكُلِّ سَخَاءٍ
خَالِصٍ يُنْشِئُ شُكْرًا لِلَّهِ.

الإنجيل

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارَةِ القديسِ لوقا

وفي الغد ذهب يسوع إلى مدينة اسمها نايين، ومعه تلاميذه وجمهور كبير. فلما وصل إلى باب المدينة، إذا ميت محمول، وهو الابن الأوحـد لـامه وهي أرملـة. وكان يصحبها جمع كبير من أهالي المدينة. فلما رآها الرب حنَّ عليها وقال لها: "لا تبكي!" ودنا من النعش ولمسه، فوقف حاملوه. فقال: "أيها الشاب، أقول لك: قم!" فجلس الميت وأخذ يتكلم. فسلمه إلى أمه. فدهش جميعهم من الخوف، وقالوا وهم: "يمجدون الله: "قام فينا نبي عظيم، وتفقد الله شعبه

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 فى الخبز المقدس الذى يوزع عند إنتهاء مراسيم القداس). رجاء مراجعة الكاهن إذا رغبت أن تصبح عضواً فى الكنيسة الارثوذكسية