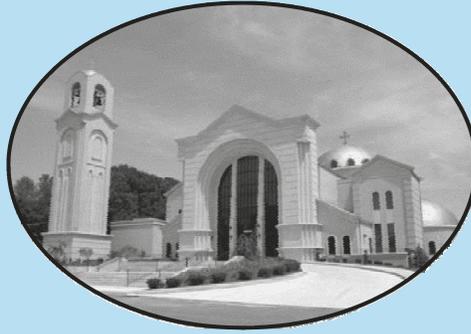


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ودعي التلاميذ مسيحيين في انطاكية أولاً

“And the disciples were first called
Christians in Antioch.” Acts 11:26

Daily Confession by Appointment - Call the Church Office

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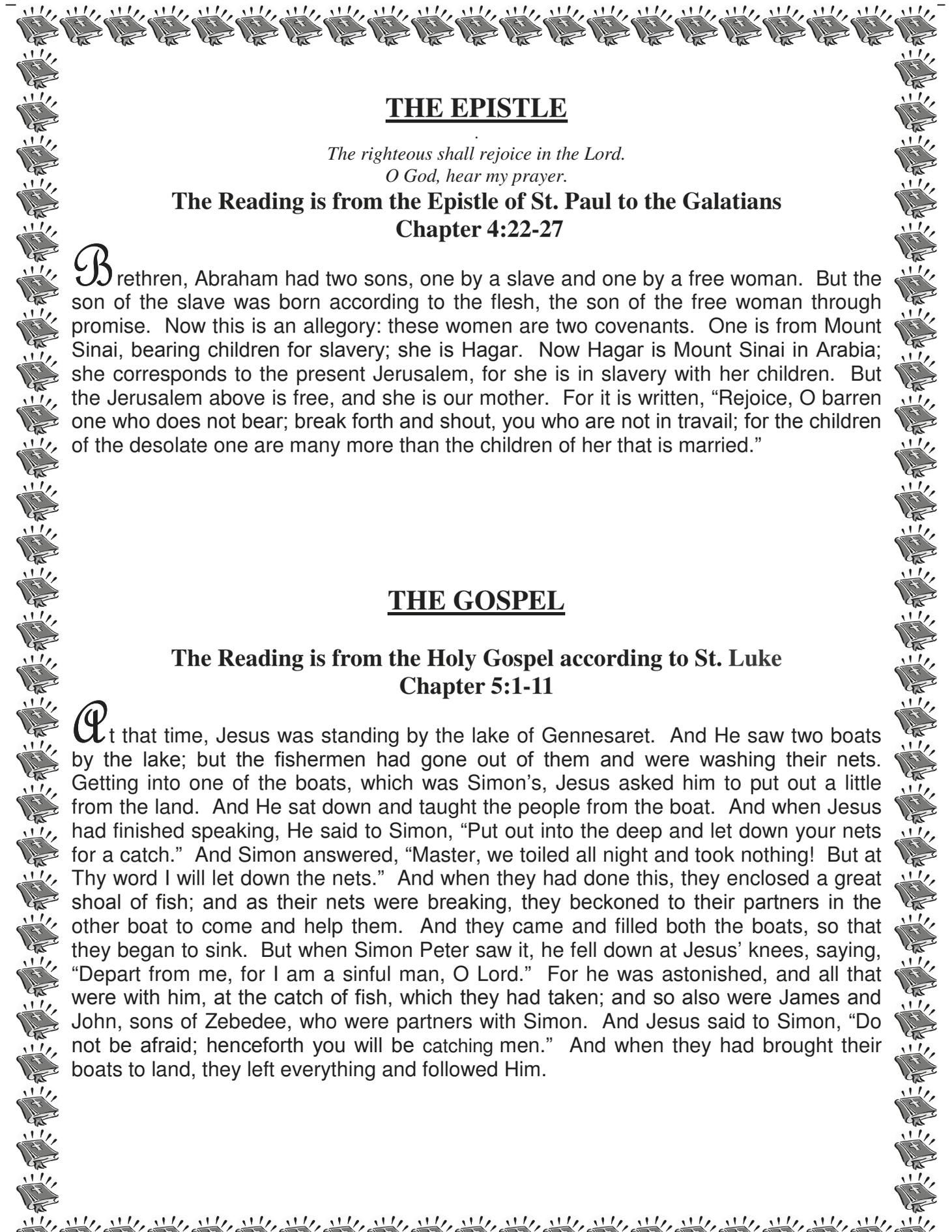


CONCEPTION OF FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN

Six months before his appearance in Nazareth to the All-holy Virgin Mary, the great Gabriel, the Archangel of God, appeared to Zacharias the high priest in the Temple at Jerusalem. Before announcing the miraculous conception by the unwedded virgin, the Archangel announced the miraculous conception by the childless old woman. Zacharias did not immediately believe the words of the herald of God, and thus his tongue was bound by dumbness and it remained thus until eight days after the birth of John. On that day, the relatives of Zacharias and Elizabeth gathered for the young child's circumcision and naming. When they asked the father what name he wished to give to his son, since he was mute he wrote on a tablet. "John." At that moment his tongue was loosed and he began to speak. The home of Zacharias was on the heights between Bethlehem and Hebron. Throughout all Israel there was spread the news of the appearance of the angel of God to Zacharias, as well as that of his dumbness and the loosing of his tongue at the moment he wrote the name "John." The news of this even reached Herod. Therefore, when Herod sent soldiers to slay the children in Bethlehem, he directed men to the hills to the dwelling place of the family of Zacharias, to kill John also. But Elizabeth promptly hid the child. Enraged at this, King Herod sent his executioners to Zacharias in the Temple to slay him (for it happened that it was again Zacharias's turn to serve in the Temple of Jerusalem). Zacharias was slain between the court and the temple and his blood coagulated and petrified on the paving stones and remained a perpetual witness against Herod. Elizabeth hid with the child in a cave, where she died soon after. The young child John remained alone in the wilderness under the care of God and His angels.

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THE EPISTLE

*The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.
O God, hear my prayer.*

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians Chapter 4:22-27

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke Chapter 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.

PRAYER CORNER

Lord, you are the physician of our souls and body. We pray You grant the following parishioners good health and blessings: Dr. Muaiad Shihadeh, baby Angela Barakat, Dr. Erik Hanby, Dr. Anis Ajluni,

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered, for the month of September, in loving memory of:

- Leo Snage
- Jad Harb
- Hanna S. Ajlouny
- Charlie Jaghab
- Fuad Naser
- Aziz and Hilweh Naser
- Showki Salah
- Refkan Serhan

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered, for the month of September for the health and well being of:

- newborn Josef Basem and parents
- Nicholas and Juleen Qandah,
- Lena, Natalie,
- Basem and Norma Qandah,

Upcoming Events for St. Mary Parishioners

- Sept. 27 - Senior Heritage Group
- Oct. 12-14 - 40th anniversary celebration

Thank You

The following parishioners and friends of the Basilica of St. Mary have given special donations to the Church in the past few weeks:

- \$100-For the health and well being of Jalil Warra offered by Nahil Warra,
- \$100-In loving memory of aunt Marie Matta Ansara offered by Walid and Dolly Matta and family,
- \$500-In loving memory of Issa Zakhour Youssef offered by his son Dr. Zakhour Youssef and family,
- \$500-In loving memory of brother Joseph Barakat offered by Walid and Iktimal Leon and family,

OUR NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations and best wishes to Mark and Rose Antakli on the birth of their baby boy Alexander Jacob. Proud grandparents are Nicola and Virginia Antakli and Raef and Marie Boghos. May God bless parents, grandparents and child.

Condolences

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy Mr. and Mrs. Habib Nakad on the passing of their nephew George Nakad from Syria. May his memory be eternal.

MEMORIALS

قال يسوع: أنا القيامة والحياة من آمن بي يحيى الى الأبد.

I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me shall never die." (John 11:25)
Sept. 23rd - 1 year memorial in loving memory of Shawqi Ghannam offered by his wife Lorice Ghannam and family,
Oct. 7th - 6 month memorial in loving memory of Yasmin Oudeh offered by her husband Sami Oudeh and family,
Oct. 28th - 1 year memorial in loving memory of Nabiha Mousa (Hanania) Mufarreh offered by the family,

فليكن ذكرهم مؤبدا



"A Vigil Light is Burning" In Loving Devotion

For The Health and Well Being Of: Chloe Photosios,
 In Memory Of: Joseph Michael Mouaikel; George Abodeely; Ken Biedron,

From the Heart

God, grant me courage and hope for every day,
 Faith to guide me along my way,
 Understanding and wisdom too, and
 Grace to accept what life gives me to do.

Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future.
 Proverbs 19:20

Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of September 23, 2012



Upcoming Events

Every Saturday, 5:00pm: Great Vespers

Every Monday, 7:00pm: Bible Study

September 21-23, 2012: "Bike for the Basilica" Reunion Tour

September 27, 10:00am: Senior Heritage Fellowship September Luncheon

September 30, 5:30pm: Teen SOYO Movie Night

October 6, 10:00am: Church School Teacher Meeting

October 7, after church: Church School Open House

October 19-20, 2012: Teen Retreat featuring seminarian Chris Shadid

If you have any questions regarding any of these events, please call Fr. Jim King at the Department of Youth and Outreach office.

Teen SOYO Movie Night



DATE: Sunday, September 30, 2012

TIME: 5:30pm

WHO: All teens, grades 7-12

WHERE: St. Mary's Activity Center

Movie nights have returned! Bring your pillow, some snacks, and get ready for an entertaining and informative film, followed by a discussion on how it relates to us and our Faith.

Please call Michael Ansara, (248) 231-1264, or Angela Sultani, (248) 320-6781, for more information!

Please visit our website for details about all the Basilica of St. Mary events and activities.
www.saintmarylivonia.com

40th Anniversary Celebration

October 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2012
The Basilica of St. Mary will be graced by
His Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP
and His Grace, Bishop ANTHONY
as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary.

Friday Evening: Welcome Reception and Awards Presentation
to Honor the Founders and Volunteers
Saturday Evening: Grand Banquet - Dare to Dream
Imagining and Embracing the Future
Sunday Afternoon: Brunch - The Promise of our Youth

Invitations have been mailed.
Please send in your response card as soon as possible.

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