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KEEP WHICH COMMANDMENTS? "Note how prepared the young man is to obey the commandments. For he says, "What must I do to have eternal life?" He seems ready to do what he would be told. If his purpose had been to put Jesus to a test, the Evangelist would have given some indication of this as he does in other cases, for instance, in the case of the lawyer. If the young man had remained silent or been deceptive, Jesus would have easily exposed that and brought it into the open. If the young man had come to test him, he would not have retreated downcast at what he heard. This never happened to any of the Pharisees. When refuted they were all the more angry. This man was not angry. He went away in sorrow, which is no little signal that he did not come to him with evil intent. But he did come with too weak a will. Truly he did desire life but was held in the grip of a serious moral infirmity. When therefore Christ said, "If you would enter life, keep the commandments," he said "Which?" not putting him to the test—far from it—but because he thought that there were some other ones beside those in the law which could bring him life. So he seems to be quite earnest." **CHRYSOSTOM: THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, HOMILY 63.1**

OUR CHILDREN EDUCATION AND OUR EDUCATION OF WHO WE ARE AS CHRISTIANS ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES!

Here is what our Parish is offering you:

1. Classes are set for children ages 3 to 18. If interested, please give your name to Jocelyn Abyad, before September 1, 2017. • Our Children Religion Education Program classes, for the School year 2017-2018, will start on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 9:00 am and will continue for most Sundays of the School year at the same time. • There will be an Enrollment meeting for parents on Sunday, September 3, 2017, after the Divine Liturgy.
2. We will entertain possibilities for young adults (18 to 25). If interested, please give your name to Rev. Deacon Zyad Abyad, before September 1, 2017 for a start date in the Middle of September.
3. Education for Adults (25 to 45). If interested, please give your name to Fr. Peter, before September 1, 2017 for a start date in the Middle of September.
4. Bible Study for Adults (Any age). If interested, please give your name to Deacon Marion, before September 1, 2017 for a start date in the Middle of September.

Do not forget the hungry!

(Collection Basket in the Narthex)
Please bring Peanut butter, Soups, Jelly, breakfast cereals (not the ones with lots of sugar, please), Canned meats and vegetables, disposable diapers & detergent, etc. Put your donations in the Narthex.

AUGUST 27, 2017

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - THE RICH YOUNG MAN

FIRST CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

MATTHEW 19:16-26

TONE 3

Thursday, August 31 7:30 pm Children Internet Education
Friday, September 1 7:00 pm **New year's Presentation**
Sunday, September 3 9:30 am Confessions
10:20 am Doxology
10:30 am **Divine Liturgy** Followed by the Social Hour
(+) Anton Hattar, (+) Alan Herro, (+) Adeeb Khoury, (+) Andres Bolinaga

Today's Intentions

- For Dunia Dababneh by the Parish
- For Michael Baqseh Jr. for his Birthday by Issa & Dunia Dababneh and Enas Baqseh
- For Rev. Dcn. Michael Sullivan on the Anniversary of his Ordination by the Parish
- For Anthony Malkoon by Iraz & Adeel Hattar
- Repose of the Soul of Andres Luis Bolinaga
- Repose of the Soul of Alan Herro
- Repose of the Soul of Adeeb Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- Repose of the Soul of Joseph Davis
- Repose of the Soul of Mager Kizziah by Arlette Khoouzam

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: MAY OUR PRAYERS BRING HEALTH, HEALING AND HOPE TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Fadia Loegering, Munther Hattar, Dr. Farouk Habra, Marianne Krouchian, John Davis, Jennifer Rimmer, Paul Davis, Jacques and Marthe Rainis, Alice Harrison, Dunia Dababneh.

(NAMES REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR 6 WEEKS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO EXTEND.)

TODAY, OUR LADIES GUILD WILL MEET DURING THE "SOCIAL HOUR"

"When you are teaching, command and exhort the people to be faithful to the assembly of the church. Let them not fail to attend, but let them gather faithfully together. Let no one deprive the church by staying away: by so doing they deprive the Body of Christ of one of its members ... Do not, then, make light of your own selves, do not deprive the Body of Christ of His members; do not rend, do not scatter His Body." *Didaskalia-3rd century Syrian document*

Friday, September 1, 2017 - 7 to 10 pm

New year's Presentation

What is LOVE? Is goodness LOVE? Is friendship LOVE? Can LOVE exist for the sake of love? What does that have to do with God? Is God really LOVE? These questions and many more will surface in the presentation and discussions.

Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,174.00

Attendance: 46 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 75 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 18

Tithing: 1,089.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 65.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 0.00

Coffee Collection: 16.00 - Stole Offerings: 10.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 0.00 - Marked Fund: 120.00

Thanks for your gift of thanksgiving to the Lord!

WHILE SHOPPING, PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

Canned Fruits, Canned Roast Beef, Granola Bars, Jelly, Protein Bars, Tomato Paste, Tomato Sauce, Water Bottles, Spaghetti, Rice, Dry Foods, Canned Vegetables, etc.

For all your Gifts, please call St. John of the Desert Gifts at (602) 363-GIFT

8-20-2017