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



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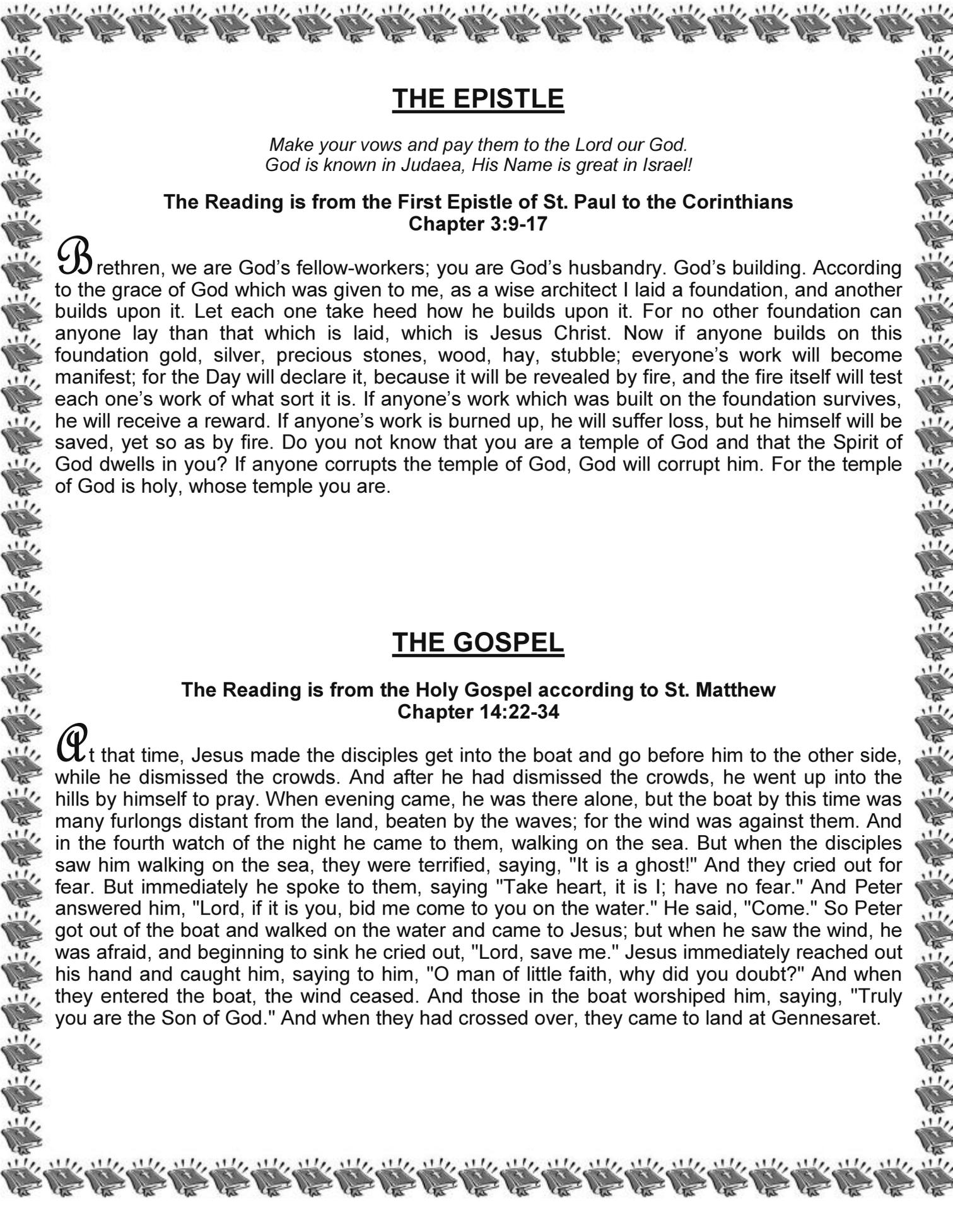
BARTHOLOMEW THE HOLY APOSTLE

August 25

Saint Bartholomew was one of the Twelve Apostles, and had Galilee as his homeland; this is all that is known of him for certain according to the history of the Gospels. Concerning his apostolic work, certain say that he preached in Arabia and Persia, and especially in India, bringing to them the Gospel written by Saint Matthew, which had been written originally in Hebrew, and which was found there one hundred years later by Pantaenus, formerly a stoic philosopher and later an illustrious teacher of the Christian school in Alexandria (see Eusebius, Eccl. Hist., 5: 10). Other accounts say that he went to Armenia. According to some, he ended his life by being crucified, or by being flayed alive, in Albanopolis (Urbanopolis) of Armenia. This also confirms an ancient tradition preserved by the Armenians. According to some, Bartholomew and Nathanael are the same person, because the Evangelists who mention Bartholomew do not mention Nathanael; and John, who alone mentions Nathanael as one of the Twelve, says nothing of Bartholomew. Indeed, Bartholomew is a patronymic, "son of Talmi," which means "bold, spirited" (see also Jesus of Navi 15:14; II Kings 3:3), and Nathanael could have had this as a surname. According to the Synaxarion of the Menaion on April 22, however, it is Simon the Zealot and Nathanael who are the same; the Evangelists who mention Simon the Zealot (or "the Canaanite") do not mention Nathanael.

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THE EPISTLE

*Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.
God is known in Judaea, His Name is great in Israel!*

**The Reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians
Chapter 3:9-17**

Brethren, we are God's fellow-workers; you are God's husbandry. God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

THE GOSPEL

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
Chapter 14:22-34**

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.



The Basilica of Saint Mary

Thank you Volunteers!

Thank you to the women in our community who take the time to prepare the bulletin for mailing each week, as well as step up whenever the church needs volunteers. They cleaned and prepped parsley and bread, as well as all the other food items for our festival this year. Our community is fortunate to have such dedicated people in our membership. Thank you again! May God Bless you always.



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Metropolitan PAUL Yazigi, Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim, all those suffering from the Corona-virus, all doctors and nurses, all first responders, Dr. Mathew Beshara, Joe and Elaine Darany, Norman Ansara, Martha Burkmyre, Michael Isa Khoury, Danny Abraham, Violet, Muna Khalife, Fred Salah, Tony Khashan, Bill DeMuro, Hanna Faris, Najah, Mary,

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered by the families in loving memory of:

- Pamela Khoury Ajlouny
- Fred Essa
- Nabih Ayoub Hanna
- Jamal Kakish
- Rola Kassis
- Amjad George Saba
- Boulos and Helen Saba
- George and Martha Sackllah
- Hala Sackllah

Sponsors

We are pleased to inform you that our Coffee Hour is back in the Activity Center. In order to continue serving coffee after the Liturgy, we need sponsors, not to make the coffee or buy supplies, but to help set-up and stay and clean-up afterwards.

We wish to thank Bob and Barbara Nader and Ed and Fab Snage for sponsoring Coffee Hour this week.

Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

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 newly baptized Oliver Kameel offered by parents Paul and Kamel Kanaan,

\$100-In loving memory of Victoria Rafols Brown offered by Michael and Feryal Obeidi,

\$100-In loving memory of Michel, Afifi, Wajhi and Joseph Mouaikel offered by Georgette Mouaikel,

\$150-For the continued good health of Aunt Jalileh Mansour, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, offered by Nabeeh and Hilda Beshara,

\$200-For the continued good health of Jalileh Mansour, on the occasion of her 100th birthday offered by Naimeh Abdelnour,

\$250-For the health and well being of their children and grandchildren offered by Nabeeh and Hilda Beshara,

\$1500-On the occasion of her 100th birthday offered by Jalileh Mansour,

MEMORIALS

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I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me shall never die.”

(John 11:25)

Aug. 22nd - 40 day memorial in loving memory of Nicola Ibrahim Nunu offered by the family,

Aug. 22nd - 6 month memorial in loving memory of Johnny Ziadeh offered by his wife Joanna Ziadeh and family,

Aug. 29th - 1 year memorial in loving memory of Norman Mashni offered by his wife Georgette Mashni and family,

Sept. 5th - 40 day memorial in loving memory of Bassam Jalil Ghannam offered by his wife Sandy Ghannam and family,

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In Loving Memory Of: Joseph Michael Mouaikel, George Abodeely,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We wish a very Happy Birthday to our loving parishioner, Aunt Jalileh Mansour who just celebrated her 100th birthday! May God grant her many healthy years. We thank God for Aunt Jalileh and her family.

Happy Birthday
Aunt Jalileh!

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A very special thank you to Wafi AlBarshini, Bandali Hosari, and George Razook for putting together our Dormition Festival last weekend. To all the volunteers, we give you a huge hug of gratitude for your hard work and devotion to your church. Without your dedication and support, this would not have been possible. Thanks to our sponsors and above all, thanks to all of you who came and supported the work of your church. Your labor paid out not only financially, but for the fellowship we all enjoyed. And this is God's greatest gift to all of us.

May God bless you all.

Fr. George