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



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THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH YEAR

OR

THE BEGINNING OF THE INDICATION

September 1

The First Ecumenical Council (Nicaea, 325) decreed that the Church year should begin on September 1. The month of September was, for the Hebrews, the beginning of the civil year (Exodus 23:16), the month of gathering the harvest and of the offering of thanks to God. It was on this feast that the Lord Jesus entered the synagogue in Nazareth (Luke 4:16-21), opened the book of the Prophet Isaiah and read the words,

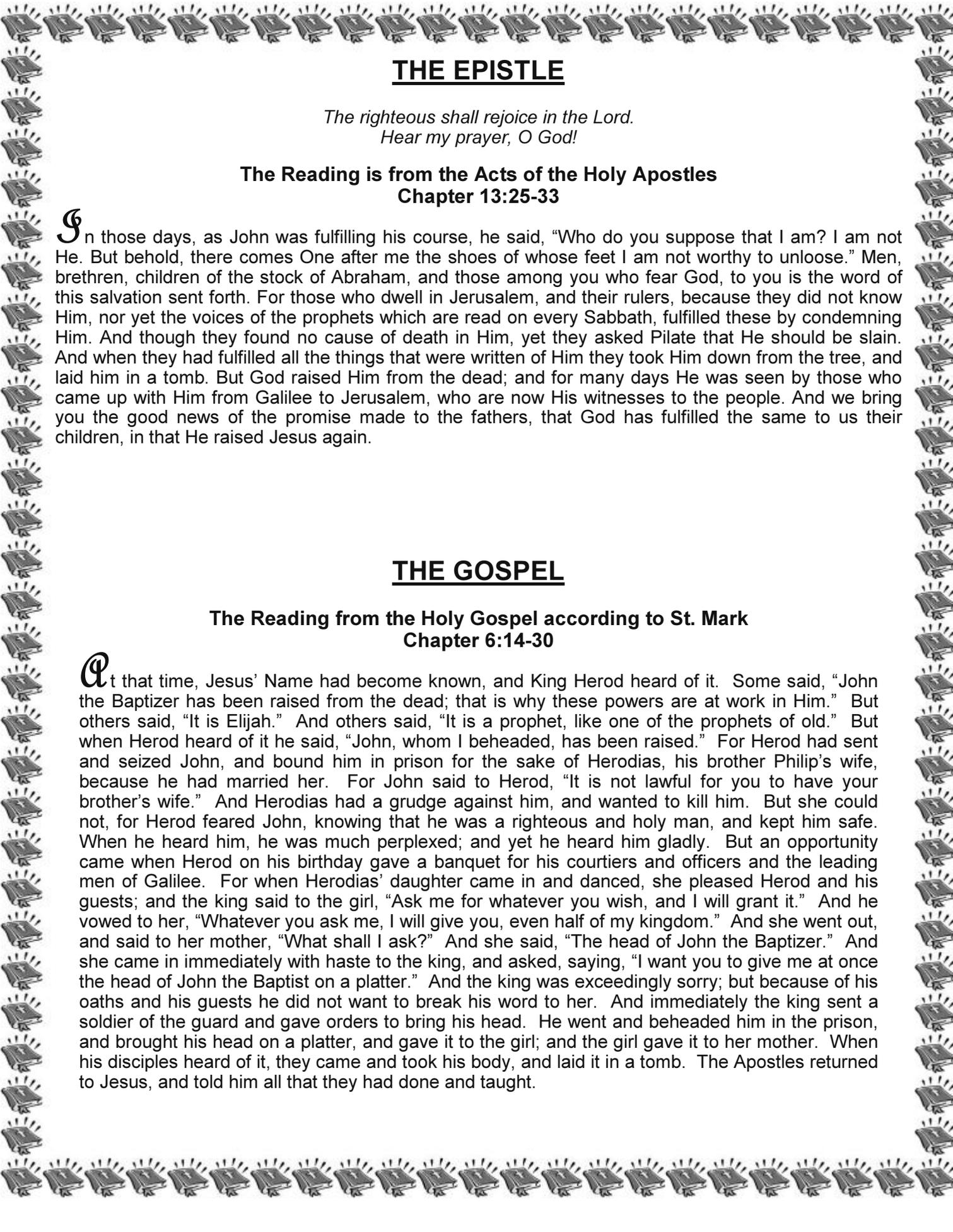
***“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim, the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn” (Isaiah 61:1-2).***

The month of September is also important in the history of Christianity, because Emperor Constantine the great was victorious over Maxentius, the enemy of the Christian Faith, in September. Following this victory, Constantine granted freedom of confession to the Christian Faith throughout the Roman Empire. For a long time, the civil year in the Christian world followed the Church year, with its beginning on September 1. The civil year was later changed, and its beginning transferred to January 1. This occurred first in western Europe, and later in Russia, under Peter the Great.

The Prologue of Ohrid

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A decorative border of small, stylized book icons surrounds the text. The books are arranged in a rectangular frame, with some icons appearing to have light rays emanating from them.

## THE EPISTLE

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

### **The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles Chapter 13:25-33**

**I**n those days, as John was fulfilling his course, he said, "Who do you suppose that I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me the shoes of whose feet I am not worthy to unloose." Men, brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you is the word of this salvation sent forth. For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read on every Sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning Him. And though they found no cause of death in Him, yet they asked Pilate that He should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all the things that were written of Him they took Him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead; and for many days He was seen by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now His witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled the same to us their children, in that He raised Jesus again.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark Chapter 6:14-30**

**A**t that time, Jesus' Name had become known, and King Herod heard of it. Some said, "John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in Him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod had sent and seized John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard him, he was much perplexed; and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will grant it." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." And she went out, and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptizer." And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring his head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The Apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.



# The Basilica of Saint Mary

## Dormition Festival

Thanks to all our volunteers who worked so tirelessly to make this a wonderful festival weekend to celebrate the Feast Day of our Basilica, and thanks to the clergy for their efforts during all extended services. Glory to God!



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**L**ord, You are the physician of our souls and body. We pray You grant the following parishioners good health and blessings and for the safety of our homes and nation from the coronavirus:

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, Civa, Bill DeMuro,

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION**

**H**oly 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

**Condolences**

**T**he clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to Farida Badeen, the late Jim (Linda) Badeen, George (Lynne) Badeen, the grandchildren and the entire Badeen family on the passing of their mother, Khourieh Louise Badeen.



May her memory be eternal.

**Thank You**

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

- \$100**-Anonymous donation for the needy,
- \$100**-For the continued good health of Jalileh Mansour, on the occasion of her 100th birthday offered by Nadia Hanania,
- \$100**-In loving memory of Basim Warra offered by his wife Ferial Warra,
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- \$200**-For the continued good health of Jalileh Mansour, on the occasion of her 100th birthday offered by Jeanette Farhat,
- \$200**-For the health and well being of newborn Theodore Easton Rashidi offered by grandparents David and Mary Khoury,
- \$200**-In loving memory Renee Hallal offered by Ruwaydah Hallal,
- \$500**-For the health and well being of newly baptized Katy Reygen Haddad offered by grandparents Fouad and Samia Haddad,
- \$500**-In loving memory of Fred S. Ajlouny offered by his wife Salwa Ajlouny,
- \$500**-In loving memory of mother Hafiza Issa al Saddi offered by Nawal Saddi and husband Georges el Haddad and family,
- \$1000**-In loving memory of Ernest Yatros offered by Ferdi, Selma, Idil, Jules, Berk Nadir and their families,

**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.

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

**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)



**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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**I**n Loving Memory Of: Joseph Michael Mouaikel, George Abodeely,

**OUR NEW ARRIVALS**

**C**ongratulations and best wishes to Drs. Navid and Dena Rashidi on the birth of their baby boy Theodore Easton. Proud grandparents are David and Mary Khoury and Mahmood and Media Rashidi.



May God bless parents, grandparents and child.

**Condolences**

**T**he clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to daughter Nawal Saddi and husband Georges el Haddad, the grandchildren Chadi, Chadia, Rana and Rami Haddad and the entire Saddi and Haddad family on the passing of Hafiza Issa al Saddi in Syria.



May her memory be eternal.

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