

# Parish Bulletin

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*"The Just Man shall flourish like a palm tree and like a Cedar of Lebanon shall he grow"*

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## From the Desk of Father Ghattas:

This month there are many events that provide sources of inspiration to meditate on. Recently, we started the season of Pentecost. This time of the year, the Church is living the time of the Spirit. No more fear or hesitation, but more courage to proclaim the good news to the people around us. Most of the time we consider ourselves as children that need to learn more and have stronger faith, like the Disciples of Jesus. The Season of the Church is the time that she trusts the Spirit of God to confirm her in faith and lead her in her journey to proclaim the good news. After Pentecost, there is no more fear or hesitation. This time is for thinking about our flexibility and ardent zeal to proclaim the good news. To do so, we have to listen to the Spirit and his whispering during the time of prayer and meditation. Also, as the Acts says: "they devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles and to communal life, to the breaking the bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42) This season, the Church invites her children to meditate on the life of the Saints, who accomplished their life to become like Jesus Christ. Like him, they were glorified. They encouraged the people of God to persevere and work to overcome the hardship of life. Through Jesus who is powerful and present, through the Spirit of God, we have to remember that every Sunday Jesus has a special gift to receive from him. Do not stay home at the time of the Divine Liturgy. You miss the nutrition that comes from Jesus and the strength that comes from communion. Let all of us enjoy this season and experience the love of God inside of us.

# Announcements

**Divine Liturgy:** Saturdays 6:00 PM, Sundays 11:00 AM **AND** Daily 7:00 AM

- **Sunday June 6th** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost; 1Corinthians 2:1-20 & John 14:21-27  
Hamad Assaf Atters and his wife and their departed & Hamid Atters, his wife and children
- **Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost; the Fourth Sunday of Pentecost & St Aqualina from Jebail Lebanon St Anthony of Padua. 1Cor 2:11-16 & Lk 10:21-24
- **Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost; Phili 3:7-14 & Mt 10:1-7
- **Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>** 6<sup>th</sup> Pentecost; Season of Glorious Pentecost
  - **Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup>** St Peter and Paul; 2Cor 11:21-30 & Matthew 16 :134-35

## **Activities:**

- **First Communion:** Four children of our community received the First Communion: Ja and Jude Markabawi, Joseph Ziade and Sebastian Nassif. May the Lord pour upon them his blessings. Your first communion is a blessing upon you and your duty to come every Sunday to the Divine Liturgy.
- **Holiday:** Fathers Day is June 20<sup>th</sup> and we would like to thank all the Fathers for everything they do
- **Congratulations:** To Myrna Ghorayeb who graduated from Arizona State University, Angie Darouiche who graduated from Hamilton High School and to Nicole Chemali who graduated from Valley Christian High School
- **Marriage:** Congratulations to Joseph Georges and Jacqueline Chedid who were crowned May 15, 2010 at St. Joseph. May the Lord pour His graces upon them.

# Saints of the Month

## **The Life and Martyrdom of Aquilina June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Aquilina was born in Byblos in 281. Her father's name was Eutolmius. She received her catechism from Evthaios, Bishop of Byblos. Her heart was inflamed with the love of Christ; hence, her faith and fervor radiated like the sun in Byblos and its surroundings. At the age of twelve, Aquilina began an endeavor to spread Christianity among her compatriots. That was done through her example and teachings driven by the zeal of apostles and the innocence of children. Due to her preaching, many of the pagans were baptized, especially young lads and maidens. She was reported to and brought before Magistrate Volusian during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, and, according to ancient tradition, this dialogue took place "I am Christian," she answered, when Volusian questioned her." The Magistrate said, "You are leading your friends and comrades away from the religion of our gods to the belief in Christ, the Crucified. Don't you know that our kings condemn this Christ and sentence to death those who worship Him? Leave this error and offer oblation to the gods and you shall live. If you refuse, you shall undergo the most atrocious sufferings."The maiden answered, "I am not afraid of suffering at all; rather, I aspire to it because with it I emulate my God, Jesus Christ, and die like Him, so that I am resurrected and glorified with Him." Upon her response, Volusian ordered that she be flogged. She was then tied and flogged mercilessly. The Magistrate tried again to shake her determination, but she answered with courage: "Neither you nor Satan will be able to impose on me sufferings stronger than my strength to sustain, with the power of my God, Jesus." Volusian, the Magistrate, tried to forget the matter of this maiden, counting on time to change her position, saying to her: "You are going to change your opinion in a few days, so contemplate the matter." Aquilina answered, "I shall never change my mind. I am determined and I shall not budge. I lived a Christian since my childhood and Christian I shall die." Upon her answer, the Magistrate ordered that her eardrums be punctured with flaming iron rods forcing the brain to discharge through her nose. A sharp rake lacerated her whole body until she fainted and fell on the floor. Volusian thought that she had died so he ordered that she be thrown outside the walls of the city. With the help of an angel, Aquilina regained consciousness and went before the Magistrate. Upon seeing her, he was astonished and thought that he was dreaming. He ordered that she be imprisoned and decapitated in the morning. The next day, she was found miraculously dead. She gained the crown of martyrdom on 13 June 293 A.D. The Christians buried her body outside the city where her tomb became a site for pilgrimage and cures. Later her holy relics were transported to Constantinople where a great basilica was built in her honor near the Forum of Constantine in the Philoxene quarter. This basilica was later destroyed in a fire. (Aigrain 1924: 1143; Daher 1969: 240; The Lives of the Holy Women Martyrs 1991: 206-207; and Sauma 1994: 89-90)

## **St. Anthony of Padua, Doctor of the Church July 13<sup>th</sup>**

Saint Anthony was canonized (declared a saint) less than one year after his death. There is perhaps no more loved and admired saint in the Catholic Church than Saint Anthony of Padua, a Doctor of the Church. Though his work was in Italy, he was born in Portugal. He first joined the Augustinian Order and then left it and joined the Franciscan Order in 1221, when he was 26 years old. The reason he became a Franciscan was because of the death of the five Franciscan protomartyrs—St. Bernard, St. Peter, St. Otho, St. Accursius, and St. Adjutus—who shed their blood for the Catholic Faith in the year 1220, in Morocco, in North Africa, and whose headless and mutilated bodies had been brought to St. Anthony's monastery on their way back for burial. St. Anthony became a Franciscan in the hope of shedding his own blood and becoming a martyr. He lived only ten years after joining the Franciscan Order. So simple and resounding was his teaching of the Catholic Faith, so that the most unlettered and innocent might understand it, that he was made a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946. Saint Anthony was only 36 years old when he died. He is called the "hammer of the Heretics" His great protection against their lies and deceits in the matter of Christian doctrine was to utter, simply and innocently, the Holy Name of Mary. When St. Anthony of Padua found he was preaching the true

Gospel of the Catholic Church to heretics who would not listen to him, he then went out and preached it to the fishes. This was not, as liberals and naturalists are trying to say, for the instruction of the fishes, but rather for the glory of God, the delight of the angels, and the easing of his own heart. St. Anthony wanted to profess the Catholic Faith with his mind and his heart, at every moment. He is typically depicted with a book and the Infant Child Jesus, to whom He miraculously appeared, and is commonly referred to today as the “finder of lost articles.” Upon exhumation, some 336 years after his death, his body was found to be corrupted, yet his tongue was totally incorrupt, so perfect were the teachings that had been formed upon it.

### Eusebius of Samosata June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Saint Eusebius, Bishop of [Samosata](#) (died c. 379, [Dolikhra](#)) was a Christian martyr and opponent of [Arianism](#). His feast day is June 21st in the Western Church and June 22nd in the Eastern Church. In 361 he became bishop of the ancient Syrian city of Samosata. Eusebius had been entrusted with the official record of the election (360) of Bishop [St. Meletius](#) of [Antioch](#), who was supported by the Arian bishops, who were under the mistaken notion that he would prove sympathetic to their cause. When Meletius expounded his orthodoxy, the bishops persuaded the Roman emperor [Constantius II](#), a staunch Arian, to extort the record from Eusebius and destroy it. In 361 Constantius threatened Eusebius with the loss of his right hand because he refused to surrender the record, but the threat was withdrawn when Eusebius offered both hands. During the persecution of orthodox Christians under the Eastern Roman emperor [Valens](#) (also an Arian), Eusebius travelled incognito through [Syria](#) and [Palestine](#), restoring orthodox bishops and priests who had been deposed by the Arians. In 374 Valens banished him to [Thrace](#), a region in the [Balkan Peninsula](#), but after the Emperor's death in 378, Eusebius was restored to his see of Samosata. While in [Dolikhra](#) to consecrate a bishop, he was killed after being struck on the head with a root tile by an Arian woman. (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

العنصرة Pentecost by Fr. Ghattas Khoury



Many would ask that what happened  
Pentecost Day  
It was a flaming ember enkindled the fire.  
This fire of love poured from Golgotha

From the side of the beloved who accepted  
our shame  
After his raised to heaven his prayer  
Peter lifted the bread and broke it as  
memorial  
He proclaimed that Jesus rose from the  
Dead  
Immediately, a fire came from the Chalice  
and tongue of fire came over them.  
It is a strong wind pull out the dried branches  
Similarly the promised Spirit  
It is a great love and joy for the people.  
They said “they are drunk by over dose the  
vintage,  
We said this is a flaming ember  
The heavenly wine is from the chalice of  
love.  
The chalice is of the New Covenant.  
Peter opened the door, Jesus has risen  
The disciples like hyper bees  
In one voice with prayer and praise  
Glory, power, honor to Jesus Christ  
Peter said:  
This new wine made us drunk  
It is the joy of the Spirit of love  
You are wrong  
Our wine is special from heaven  
The gift is increasing over our heart love and  
richness.

Remember what that prophet says:  
How the Spirit raised the bones  
They became a great army  
And they returned from captivity  
Joel saw a vision  
How the people needs an amazing grace  
To up root sins from heart  
And the aroma of Christ would spread over  
the universe  
These are the promises of the last days  
Heavenly graces from the Son of man.  
He died, for his love, on the cross  
It is a gift on behalf of Jesus.  
Peter stood with power and authority

And said a powerful word for the presence  
The listened and fire came upon them

That our hearts have BROKEN AND OUR  
MIND WAS WRONG  
Confess and repent that you were wrong  
Our heart were evil and our mind is rocky  
Believe that the blood of Jesus

Forgive you and stabilize your mind  
We were witnesses  
Jesus was innocent; even thou the Jews humiliated him.  
We are powerful in the name of Jesus  
Who take away our sin and swept our tears.  
This is a clear reality o listener  
Your hearts are ready and your eyes with tears  
Let Jesus reign over your hearts  
The evil would be broken and the stubbornness will melt.

كثار ببسألوا بالعنصرة شو صار  
هبي جمرة لاهبي ولعت النار  
هالنار نار الحب فاضت بالجلجلة  
من جنب الحبيب لحمل عنا العار  
من بعد ما صلى بطرس للسما  
حمل الخبز وكسروا تذكار  
قام المسيح وانكسر الغدار  
ولعت نار من الجمرة الحاملي اسرار  
هذا ربح عاصفي شالت اليباس  
بالغابة بعدما الغصن جف  
هيك همي الروح يلي نوعدنا فيه  
محبه كبيرة اكلة وفرح للناس  
قالوا سكرنا وزادوا عيار الخمر  
قلنا هيدي نار لاهبة من الجمر  
الخمرة السماوي من كاي المحبة  
كاس العهد الجديد منو كل موهبة  
بطرس غتح الباب المسيح قام  
وتلاميذ من وكر نحل حام  
وبصوت واحد مع صلاة وتسييح  
المجد والقدرة والكرامة ليسوع المسيح  
بطرس قال  
هالخمرا الجديدة لعملتنا سكرانين  
هبي فرح الروح والحب انتو غلطانين  
خمرتنا خصوصي جابي من السما  
زادت قلوبنا حب وملتنا غنى  
تذكروا شو قال هاك النبي

احيا الروح البشر لكانوا عظام  
وصار جيش كبير وتغيرت الحال  
ورجع الحيا من الموت من بعد السبي  
ويونيل شاف برويا عمل الروح  
شعب بحاجة لموهبة سماوي  
تيشيل الله من القلب الخطية  
وعطر المسيح بكل الدني يفوح  
هيدي مواعيد الله في اخر الزمان  
نعم سماوي من ابن الانسان  
يلي مات ذبيحة محبة عا الصليب  
هيدي هدي باسم يسوع الحبيب  
بطرس وقف بعزم وبسلطان  
وقال كلمة لاهبة للحاضرين  
سمعوا وخافوا واعترفوا قائلين  
قلوبنا انفطرت والفكر غلطان  
اعترفوا وتوبوا كتنوا خاطيين  
قلوبنا شريرة وعقلنا محجرين  
اعرفوا انو بدم يسوع الناصري  
يغفر الخطايا وتهدا العقول الحايري  
نحن يا جماعنا من اليهود  
مات البري ونالعار غطوه اليهود  
هلق نحنا قوايا باسم الرب يسوع  
شال الخطية مسح من عيننا الدموع  
هيدة الحقيقة الواضحة يا سامعين  
انتوا قلوبكن حاضرة وعيونكن دمعانين  
خلي يسوع بملك عا هالقلوب  
يكسر الشر فيكن والعناد يدوب  
بهاك الوقت اعترف الحاضرين

## The Advocate

By Fr. Ghattas Khoury

**This time of year, the Church is living the time of the Holy Spirit. As Jesus promised: “when the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”**

The Holy Spirit is, the Advocate the Lawyer, who is the interpreter of the Law, who knows everything. As St. Paul says, he is the mind of God. As Jesus is a great teacher because he is the truth, He used to teach with authority, so the Holy Spirit is a teacher of the Church. Without hesitation he claimed the truth. The teaching of the apostles is authentic to the teachings of Jesus Christ because of the presence of the Holy Spirit among us. Therefore, the teaching of the teacher is sincere and this sincerity is coming from the power of the Holy Spirit. He is the one who knows Jesus Christ and his teachings and he is the teacher of the Church.

The Spirit of Jesus Christ is present, and active until today. Many times we impressed by the teaching of some simple people who lived as vessels of the Holy Spirit. For example, Saint Therese of Lisieux was inspired by the Holy Spirit to present to us a fine teaching and an interpretation of the Scripture. Many Americans remember Fulton Shine the famous homilist in the fifties through seventies how everybody was occupied by his TV Program.

The Advocate reveals the identity of Jesus Christ. With the advance with his knowledge, the person continues his journey with confidence until the end of his life. His knowledge of Jesus will help him to approach toward a deep relationship with the Father.

This Advocate, the Holy Spirit is the one who inspired the apostles and the prophets. He has a main role in the interpretation. Many times we would

question that who would explain to me the texts?

The Holy Spirit who inspired, for example, Luke and Paul, he would explain to me, for he is the main source of inspiration.

Also, the Advocate has the power of transcend the time to connect the faithful to the events of salvation. His power is in the sacrament. For example the memorial service, with the Holy Spirit, is becoming immanent.

Another role of the Advocate is transforming the Materiel, the Bread to the Body of Jesus who died on the Cross and who rose from the dead. The wine to the blood of Jesus Christ is coming from his side. According to the Jewish belief the blood is the source of life. Means we have the life of Jesus is circling in our body.

Also, there is another transformation that is the transformation of the people. For example, when Elias invoked the Lord to send his fire to consume the obligation, the people returned to believe in the God of Israel. The same way when Peter spoke, many were converted and repented and received the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Letter of today, is defending himself for his using a simple language to carry out the Good News.

Paul is very good in the scriptures so with the philosophy and the eloquence of language. His reason of simplicity is the sincerity and the authentic of the Good News. He was faithful to the deep faith. He is always, saw the Jesus crucified and glorified in the same time.

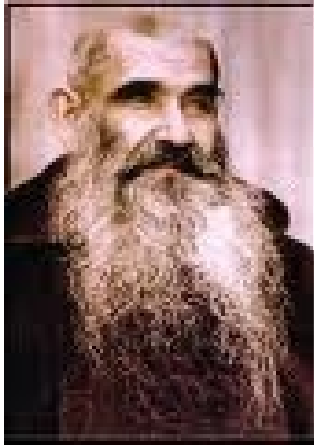
Humility of the Cross was a scandal for him and the cause of the persecution of the Christians. For him, it was impossible to trust a one who was curse in his death. Who would tell us of the cross of Jesus Christ? The Holy Spirit is revealing the events that accomplish the plan of the Father realized by the Son.

This wisdom is revealed only to the faithful. Like the humble one like Mary, Peter, John and the Apostles. Recently,

after the conversion of Paul, he realized how important humility is.

What is the meaning of the Gospel?

- 1- The treasures are for the faithful. Those who believe in Jesus. The Holy Spirit will rescue their weaknesses by his coming. Only humility of heart is the key to open the door widely for him.
- 2- The reading of the scriptures would encourage us if we invoke the Holy Spirit to come to rescue our weaknesses.



قالوا عنو كان حاله مجنون  
بمحبة الله عالم عرفو حنون  
عظيم ها السر يلي ظهر عنا  
طفل صغير صار واحد منا

يلي بيعرف الحب نظرو لفوق  
صوب السما بيثوف علامة  
يا صليب الرب بيثهق بشوق  
هي علامة فارقة بقبة السما

ها العلامة بيقولوا شي جنون  
عند يلي قاسيين القلب  
هذا صليب الرب يلي انتصر  
تم الخلاص وصارت راية الظفر

بونا يعقوب عرف ها السر العجيب  
قالوا هوي جن من كتر حبو  
تذكر كيف هاك القائد كشف السر  
هوي بالحقيقة الميت ابن الحبيب

الكبوشي بايام الاسى والجوع  
تطلع لفوق وعرف سر الحب  
جمع المغلوبين وقال هو لك  
حل الرجا و صوب الامل سلك

كم مره التاريخ عم بيعيد  
الاحداث والمآسي الماضية  
مرض ويأس وحروب قاضية  
تقشى اليأس وشر البشر الساطية

وينك يا ابن الله لعنا رجاع  
العالم جن والشر عنا فاع  
مافي غيرك البعقل المجانين  
صاروا بكل زاوية بالكون حاكمين

وينك يا بونا العالم كلو جنون  
عرفت انت كيف تعقل المجانين  
خلي صليب الرب بسما لبنان  
بلكي بعقل سياسي مجانين فلتانين

كترنا علينا و صاروا فلتانين  
من الوطن هجرنا و صرنا طفرانين  
يا محلي مجنينك صاروا عاقلين  
كتار المجانين بالوطن وهني غافلين

متلك نحب مثل ما الله حب  
وتعقل البشر ويصير الحب بالقلب  
يا ريت عا كم واحد متلك مجنون  
كان فينا لهجنون منوضع حد

## بها الشهر كتار بيكونوا الاعياد

وعيد اول منذكروا بها البلاد  
الام يلي حملت لنا للحياة  
وضحت بالاغلى تا يربو ها الاولاد

عيد الام لمنكرم بشهرنوار  
تيكون كتير الورد للهدايا تذكار  
شو مصير البيت ومسكين هاك الدار  
اذا اختفت هالام بسكب دموعا الحجار

هادا ها النهار هوي احلى عيد  
عيد المحبة بالقلب بالعمر المديد  
يلي حياتي احتضنت بالحشا  
دابت مثل الشمع بحبا الفريد

الله الخالق ها الكون البديع  
اندهش من مخلوق لحبو عجيب  
اشتاق لجوانح حب وعاطفي  
صار عا صدر العدرا طفل وديع

نحننا خصنا الله يعطفوا الشديد  
بام حملتنا يعطيها العمر المديد  
والعدرا لبالسما سهراني بنوع فريد  
والكنيسة الام حاملة امانة الوحيد

ها الام عارفتنا مسافرين  
سلمتنا لام حاملي كنوز السما  
ام يسوع لي تلت الارض غنا  
وهيك بتحميننا من البرد والمعتدين