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THE BODY MADE WHOLE: Looking at Mary, Mysteries and Mission

by Mark Mosley

2026 Men's Retreat



Converts to Orthodoxy as well as cradle Orthodox have both adopted some American Christian ideas and practices that can diminish a truer experience of Orthodox Christianity. These mostly Western and Latin influences can be examined and corrected. By looking at Mary, the holy mysteries and our mission from an Orthodox perspective, we can better live our life as a whole person.

“Mary, Mysteries and Mission” was the theme presented by Very Reverend Father Chad Hatfield to over fifty men at the beautiful Cathedral on the Plains in Victoria, Kansas during the weekend of the 4th Sunday of Great Lent.

Mary is the deeply personal “yes” experience of God. Mysteries are those continual communal liturgical sacred rituals of the Kingdom. Mission is the organic actions of Holy Presence to other people. An Orthodox Christian life is a religion of the whole person (Mary), in a whole community (Holy Mysteries), to the whole world (Mission). God incarnates into the human person in community, inward and outward.

Special thanks to Uncle Warren Farha for bringing Eighth Day books to our retreat; and to Jonathan de Jong for hosting this event (again)- now approaching our 25th year!

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His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan SABA



Archbishop of New York
and Metropolitan of
All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

Metropolitan Saba in Solidarity with Patriarch John X after Syria Violence

His Beatitude JOHN X
Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch and All the East
Damascus, Syria

Your Beatitude:

With love in Christ and with deep pastoral concern, I write to you to express my personal solidarity—and that of the hierarchs, clergy and faithful entrusted to my care in the United States of America and Canada—in response to the grievous events that have recently afflicted the city of Al Suqaylabiyah, an Orthodox Christian village in the Hama countryside, in the last 48 hours.

I have followed with sorrow and indignation the reports of violence, intimidation, and vandalism carried out against private property, as well as the appalling act of gunfire directed toward the Shrine of the Virgin Mary. Such actions, which wound not only the immediate victims but the moral conscience of humanity itself, stand in stark opposition to the dignity of the human person and to the sacred fabric of coexistence that has long characterized Syrian society.

I join my voice unreservedly to yours in condemning these acts in the strongest possible terms. Attempts to dismiss such incidents as isolated or individual offenses only deepen the injustice, especially when they recur with alarming frequency and appear designed to provoke sectarian strife. To add insult to injury, this latest act of violence is taking place as we approach Passion Week culminating in the Feast of our Lord's Resurrection, Great and Holy Pascha, the holiest and most joyous day of the Church year. History bears witness to the fact that Syria's strength has always rested upon the principle of shared citizenship and mutual respect among all communities, not upon the logic of majority and minority.

Your Beatitude's call for firm and transparent action by the responsible authorities—through the opening of an official investigation, the apprehension and accountability of all perpetrators, and the assurance of material compensation for those who have suffered loss—is both just and necessary. So too is your insistence that the State alone bear full responsibility for preserving civil peace and curbing the spread of illicit weapons, without negligence or partiality.

I wish also to commend the profound pastoral wisdom with which you have acknowledged and affirmed the steadfast support of the Antiochian Orthodox faithful, both within Syria and throughout the world. Be assured, the hierarchs, clergy and faithful in the Archdiocese of North America stand with you in solidarity and vigilance and will testify to the living unity of the Body of Christ and to a deep commitment to the Christian presence in the Middle East—not as a relic of history, but as a vital and integral component of the region's present and future.

Standing with you at the threshold of our Lord's life-giving Passion, my Archdiocese and I join with you in your renewed appeal to move beyond words to actions, and by your prophetic cry, spoken not only for Christians but for all people of good will: Enough bloodshed in Syria. This cry echoes the Gospel itself and gives voice to the suffering of countless innocent souls. Be assured, Your Beatitude, of my prayers and those of my flock, that the Lord of Peace and the God of all comfort will preserve this land and strengthen you in your pastoral ministry during these heavy days. With unwavering faith, we too proclaim the promise of Holy Scripture that banishes fear and sustains hope: "God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved."

Asking for your paternal prayers and fatherly love, and commending you and all the faithful in Syria to the mercy and protection of our Lord, I remain,

With love in Christ,

+SABA
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

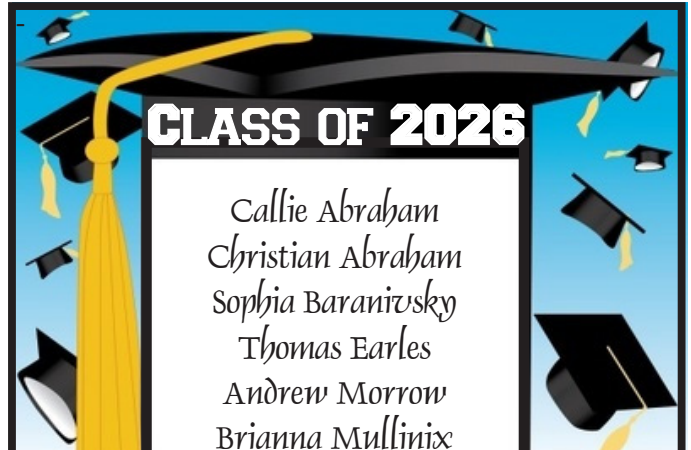
MANY YEARS!

MABROOK! BLESSINGS!

Baptisms

Dorothea Yvette Marie David, 3/28
(daughter of Austin and Lauren)

Penelope Lorraine and Leonidas James Evans, 3/7
(children of Nicholas and Janelle)



CLASS OF 2026

Callie Abraham
Christian Abraham
Sophia Baranivsky
Thomas Earles
Andrew Morrow
Brianna Mullinix
Eryn Neal
Cooper Ryan
Sophia Sipp
Leah Taylor
Peter Todorov

Join US! May 10th
to Honor Our Cathedral Graduates and for the presentation of the Kouri/Cohlmia Scholarships

Fr Paul and Fr Mark Invite the children, teens and their families to

Lazarus Saturday

At St. George Cathedral
April 4th from 12:00p-2:30p




Overflow parking offered at Reformation Lutheran Church
The first egg hunt will begin at 12:30!
Admissions to the outing is a gift to the Treehouse. Please see the back for a list of suggested donation items.



Join us at St. George Orthodox Christian Cathedral For Lazarus Saturday

Schedule:

- Orthros - 9:00am
- Liturgy - 10:00am
- Brunch - 11:30am

Egg Hunt Times:

- 1) 12:30pm for 0-2 y/o
- 2) 12:50pm for 2-3 y/o
- 3) 1:10 pm for 5-6 y/o
- 4) 1:30pm for 7-8 y/o
- 5) 1:50pm for 9-10 y/o



The Treehouse Needs:

- Similac Formula (Blue or Orange) 12.4 oz cans
- Baby Wipes
- Size 6 Diapers

The Treehouse offers mothers and babies a brighter future through sharing God's love, basic necessities, education and genuine personal care.

You can also support the Treehouse through a donation. To donate, visit us at: www.wichitatreehouse.org




Teen SOYO!

LET'S GRILL & CHILL



Wednesday -April 15 - from 6:00-8:30p

APRIL FASTING

There is an allowance for fish and wine on Palm Sunday, April 5. Fasting resumes during Holy Week with abstinence from all meats, dairy products, flesh fish, with allowance for wine after the Liturgy on Holy Saturday morning. Bright Week, April 12-18 is fast-free, and an Antiochian tradition allows for fast-free observance during the 40 days of Pascha.

Orthodoxy & Christian Zionism:

Who Are
the Heretics?

Part I

By Fr. Paul O'Callaghan



According to an article on The Christian Post (3/26/24), “Pastor Jack Hibbs of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills, California, denounced the belief that God is done with the Jewish people, noting that, according to the Bible, the modern state of Israel is a ‘prerequisite’ for the End Times. During his message, Hibbs denounced Replacement Theology, which is the theory that the Christian Church has replaced Israel as the people that God has a prophetic plan for.”

According to Hibbs, “There are Bible pastors and teachers out there — I say that liberally — who tell you that Israel doesn’t matter anymore because they don’t believe, that that’s proof that they’re lost forever,” said Hibbs. “Friends, that’s false doctrine. Any ministry, any pastor, any group that says ‘Israel as a nation and the Jew doesn’t matter,’ that is a doctrine of heresy, pure and simple. And you need to stay clear of it.”

One wonders: who has the right to define heresy? Is it Pastor Jack or is it the Church? And by the standards of the New Testament, and thus the Church, it is Pastor Jack that is the heretic — as a Judaizer and Christian Zionist.

Zionism is the belief that the Jewish people have an everlasting right to possess the land of Palestine based on God’s promises. This justifies the dispossession of the native Palestinian Arabs in 1948 and current ethnic cleansing of Gaza. Let there be no mistake: the infrastructure of Gaza has been systematically destroyed so that there

will be no opportunity for the Arab population to return to their homes — just as happened in 1948. The goal now, as then, is for Jews to take possession of it. Zionists hold this to be their right because God promised the land to them. It matters not how many lives must be taken and how much human suffering will be generated. God’s favor belongs to the Jewish people, no matter what their actions may be. This is the ugly face of Zionism.

Christian Zionism holds to the same principal beliefs and justifications while also claiming faith in Jesus. It is based on a peculiar reading of the bible, interpreting the New Testament in the light of the Old, rather than the opposite — the orthodox Christian method. It promotes the notion that God’s promises to the patriarchs and prophets concerning the “Promised Land” of Canaan (Palestine) belong to the modern state of Israel.

Christian Zionists consider modern Israel’s existence a fulfillment of biblical prophecy. They apply God’s promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:3 to the Jewish people: “I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you, and by you will all the nations of the earth be blessed.” Thus they hold that Jews continue to enjoy the special blessing of God, regardless of faith in Christ or the morality of their actions. Yet should the Jews of today (including Israelis) be considered the “chosen people” of God?

— To be continued

Pan-Orthodox Pot-luck Supper
Hosting St Mary Church
Wednesday, April 1
following the Presanctified Liturgy

An abundance of Lenten foods are needed for this Supper:

- Rice & Bean dishes • Hummus
- Baba Ghanouj • Tabouleh • Salads
- Potato dishes • Pastas • Chili
- Rolled Grape Leaves • Lenten Desserts

Soup-like dishes should be kept to a minimum.

Holy Saturday & Pascha



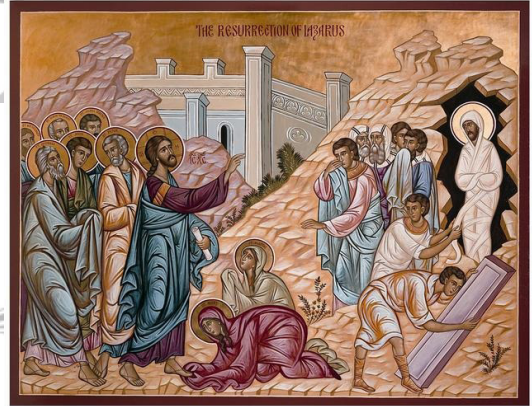
Apr 11 • 9:30a *Vespers Divine Liturgy*
11:00p *Paschal Service*
followed by *Paschal feast*

Apr 12 • 1:00p *Agape Vespers*

Antiochian Archdiocese Scholarships
are available

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
of North America
Applications available at:
<https://www.antiochian.org>

GREAT FRIDAY VIGIL



All are more than WELCOME
to participate in the Holy Friday All Night Vigil!
A sign-up board will be placed by the Chapel

Paschal Baskets



You are encouraged to bring a basket of your favorite desserts, meats and wines with you to the Paschal Liturgy. They are to be placed in the baptismal area and will be blessed at the conclusion of the Liturgy.

Food for the Hungry



We urge you, during this season of prayer, self-discipline and fasting, to be very generous in your contribution to this campaign. As we practice the virtues which cleanse our souls, let us not forget or refrain from the “greatest of the virtues.” As important as prayer and fasting are, they are of no avail to us if we fail to give to those in need.

If you would like to give, please make your check payable to **St. George Cathedral - earmark “FFHP”**

“When you see a poor person, remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ by which He declared that it is He, Himself who is fed. For though that which appears be not Christ, yet in that person’s form, it is Christ Himself who receives and begs.”

--St. John Chrysostom,
“Homilies on Mathew” #78.

Community Corner



Submitted by Mikell Awaad

Next Meeting
Tuesday, February 8th

12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

We would love to have you join us!!

Please consider sharing your gifts and talents with our community. Carrie Camden at camden9492@gmail.com if you would like to be involved.

We Need YOU!

Come help us plan this year's projects.

All are welcome! For more information about what Community Support does, join us at our next meeting, or contact our team lead,

Carrie Camden at camden9492@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities:

Reality U - Thursday, April 2nd, 1:15 – 3:00 at Robinson Middle School.

Reality U is a personal finance simulation experience for students to learn about and practice making adult financial decisions. Volunteers are needed to interact with students at an assigned booth. For questions or to sign up, contact Mikell Awwad at mikell_awwad@hotmail.com. Learn more about Reality U at <https://thepandoinitiative.org/reality-u/>

Lord's Diner - Sunday, April 19th, 5:00-7:30.

The Lord's Diner provides a hot meal to anyone who has a need. To volunteer with our St George/St Mary Team contact Pat Milburn at patmilburn74@gmail.com

Cook-Up-A-Storm - Thursday, April 16th, time TBD.

St. George Volunteers are providing brunch for The Treehouse's "Getting Ahead" program, a 16-week workshop to help women strengthen their financial stability and build a better future. If you'd like to help with brunch preparations, please contact Carrie Camden. To learn more about The Treehouse, check them out at www.wichitatreehouse.org

Community Support Awareness Fair

Representatives from the charitable agencies that St. George Cathedral is supporting in 2026 shared with

parishioners about their organizations. Parishioners filled out signature cards for the chance to win one of two \$50 gift cards, or a St George exclusive mug or cup. Congratulations to this year's gift card winners: Val Learned and Andinet Retta. Thank you to everyone who attended and worked to make this year's fair a success!



Dillons Community Rewards

To earn money for St George Cathedral every time you shop at Dillons, designate St George Cathedral as your Community Rewards recipient. For more information go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p9zrezy>



You're invited to the St. Mary Mediterranean Festival Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 11 am – 10 pm!

Nearly a century ago, the founders of St. Mary came to America, bringing with them their faith, traditions, and family recipes. For generations, these recipes have been passed down through the families of our parish, and we have been sharing these treasured culinary traditions with our local community. Try authentic foods from the countries where our faith and heritage are rooted, including Lebanon, Syria, and Greece. [Use the QR code to get more info or visit stmarywichita.org/festival/](https://stmarywichita.org/festival/)

PRE-ORDERS OPEN NOW: Click the QR code (or visit stmarywichita.org/festival/) to place your pre-order by April 29! Available this year: kibbee, grape leaves, meat pies, and baklava!

MAY 9 MEDFEST EVENT INFO:

TRADITIONAL DINNER from 11 am – 6 pm

We're offering our traditional dinner for dine-in or carryout as well as our fan-favorite Mediterranean Marketplace. New this year: you can eat outside under our tent as well as inside in our dining room. **Your plated meal includes:**

- Kibbee
- Grilled chicken kabob (Chicken Shish Tawook)
- Green beans and rice
- Greek salad
- Talamee (Bread)
- Baklava
- You may also purchase ethnic wines, beer, and drinks!


NEW! HAFLI from 6 pm – 10 pm

Enjoy ala carte food items, music, and Dabke (Arabic dancing) outdoors under our tent! **Evening menu items are priced separately, and individual options include:**

- Kafta
- Chicken Kabob
- Meat Pies
- Salad
- Maza Plate (hummus, veggies, pita bread)
- Baklava sundaes
- Dessert boxes with Mediterranean desserts
- Ethnic wines, beer, and drinks

We hope you can join us Saturday, May 9, for at least one event - if not both!





Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America

Parish Life Conference: DoubleTree by Hilton Denver Tech Center (June 10th - 13th)

Host Parish: St. John Chrysostom Church (Lakewood, CO)

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