





Helen Haddad Farah
July 24, 1927 - May 15, 2019

Saturday, May 18, 2019 11:00 a.m.
St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
Beaumont, Texas
The Very Reverend Father Michael Pavez

THE FUNERAL SERVICE DURING BRIGHT WEEK ^{AND} THE PASCHAL SEASON¹

*Everyone stands as the body is being borne into the church. **Christ is risen** is sung while the priest, or deacon if available, censes it. The body is placed at the front of the church with its feet towards the altar.*

THE BLESSING

Then blessing himself, the priest says in a loud voice:

Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead; trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

People: Christ is risen from the dead; trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.
(twice)

THE PASCHAL CANON

(Tone 1)

The People may Sit.

Ode 1 *Heirmos*

Chanter: Today is the Day of Resurrection! O nations let us shine forth; for the Pascha is the Pascha of the Lord, in that Christ did make us pass from death to life, and from earth to heaven, who now sing the song of victory and triumph.

¹ *The Holy Synod of Antioch directed the use of the Bright Week Funeral Service throughout the Paschal Season.*

Ode 3
Heirmos

Chanter: Come, let us drink a new drink, not wondrously produced from a barren rock, but from the fount of incorruption, that hath come to us with the overflowing of Christ from the tomb, in whom we are strengthened.

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(thrice)

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People: Amen.

THE HYPAKOE

(Tone 4)

The People may Sit.

Chanter: They who were with Mary came before dawn, found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, and heard the angels say unto them: Why seek ye him as man with the dead, who dwells in light eternal?

Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die, for he is the Son of God, the Saviour of mankind.

THE PASCHAL CANON, CONTINUED

(Tone 1)

Ode 4

Heirmos

Chanter: Upon the divine watchtower let the God-spoken Habakkak stand and show us the angel attired in light, saying openly: Today is salvation come unto the world; for Christ is risen, almighty as he is.

Ode 5
Heirmos

Let us rise early at morn, at the break of dawn, and let us instead of fragrant ointment bring pure praise to the Master. Let us behold Christ who is the Son of righteousness bringing life unto all.

Ode 6
Heirmos

O Christ, into the deepest abyss of earth thou didst descend, and didst break the unyielding everlasting bars which held men prisoner; and on the third day thou didst rise from the tomb as Jonah from the whale.

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People: Amen.

THE KONTAKION

(*Tone 8*)

Chanter: With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to the soul of thy servant, where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting.

THE OIKOS

Thou alone art immortal, who hast created and fashioned man. For out of the earth were we mortals made, and unto the same earth shall we return again, as thou didst command when thou didst fashion me, saying unto me: Earth thou art, and unto the earth shalt thou return. Whither, also all we mortals wend our way, making our funeral dirge the song: Alleluia.

THE BAPTISMAL HYMN

(Tone 1)

Chanter: As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. *(thrice)*

Glory to Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

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THE EPISTLE

The People may Sit.

Except during Bright Week, when the Epistle appointed for the day is read, the following is read:

Priest: Let us attend!

The Prokeimenon

Reader: Blessed is the way in which thou shalt walk today; for a place of rest is prepared for thee. **V.** Unto thee will I cry, O Lord my God.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading is from the epistle of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, we would not have you ignorant concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the Word of the Lord, that we who

are alive, who are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord will himself descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with him in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord.

(Thessalonians 4:14-17)

Priest: Peace be to thee that readest.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he whom thou hast chosen and taken, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The People Stand.

Except during Bright Week, when the Gospel appointed for the day is read, the following is read:

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us hear the holy gospel.

The priest blesses the people, saying:

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to thy spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the holy gospel according to John.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: The Lord said to the Jews who came him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes in him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself, and has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

“I can do nothing on my own authority; as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of the Father, who sent me.”
(John 5:24-30)

People: Glory to thee, O Lord. Glory to thee.

THE HOMILY

The People Sit.

THE PASCHAL CANON, CONCLUDED

(Tone 1)

Ode 7

Heirmos

Chanter: He who did save the children from the furnace, when he became Man, suffered like unto a mortal, and with his sufferings invested the mortal with the beauty of incorruption, who is the God of our fathers. To him alone be blessing and glory.

Ode 8

Heirmos

Verily, this day, which is called holy, is the first day among Sabbaths, their king and lord. It is the feast of feasts, the season of season, in which we bless Christ forevermore.

Ode 9

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying: O pure Virgin, rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.

Heirmos

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord hath dawned upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one, Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy Son.

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People: Amen.

THE EXAPOSTEILARION

(Tone 2)

The People may Sit.

Chanter: When thou didst fall asleep in the body as mortal, O thou who art Lord and King, thou didst abolish death. And on the third day surely rise, verily raising Adam from corruption, O thou incorruptible Pascha, O Salvation of the world.

THE EVLOGETARIA

(Tone 5)

Chanter: Blessed art thou, O Lord, teach me thy statutes.

The company of the Angels was amazed, when they beheld thee numbered among the dead, yet thyself, O Savior, destroyed the power of death, and with thee raising up Adam and releasing all men from Hell.

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Wherefore, O women disciples, do ye mingle sweet-smelling spices with your tears of pity? The radiant angel within the sepulcher cried unto the myrrh-bearing women: Behold the grave, and understand; for the Saviour is risen from the tomb.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, teach me thy statutes.

Very early in the morning did the myrrh-bearing women run lamenting unto thy tomb; but an angel came toward them, saying: The time for lamentation is passed; weep not, but announce unto the apostles the Resurrection.

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The myrrh-bearing women mourned as bearing spices they drew near thy tomb, O Savior. But the angel spake unto them saying: Why number ye the living among the dead? In that he is God, he is risen from the grave.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

We adore the Father, as also his Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity in One Essence; crying with the Seraphim: Holy, holy, holy art thou, O Lord.

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

In that thou didst bear the Giver of Life, O Virgin, thou didst redeem Adam from sin, and didst give to Eve joy in place of sadness; and he who was incarnate of thee, both God and man, hath restored to life those who had fallen therefrom.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to thee, O God. (*thrice*)

O our God and our hope, Glory to thee.

THE PASCHAL STICHERA AND VERSES

(Tone 5)

The People Stand.

Chanter: Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; and let them who hate him flee from before his face.

Today Christ, our saving Pascha, hath been revealed unto us a noble Pascha; the Pascha new and holy; the mystical Pascha; the great Pascha; the Pascha of the faithful; the Pascha which openeth unto us the gates of Paradise; the Pascha which sanctifieth all the faithful.

As smoke vanisheth so let them vanish away; and like as wax melteth before the fire.

O come from the vision, ye women, heralds of good tidings, and say ye unto Zion: Receive from us the glad tidings of the joy of the Resurrection of Christ. Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and leap for joy, in that thou beholdest Christ the King like a bridegroom come forth from the grave.

So do sinners perish from before the face of God; and the righteous rejoice.

When the ointment-bearing women stood, very early in the morning, before the tomb of the life-giver, they found an angel sitting upon the stone. And he cried out unto them saying: Why seek ye the Living among the dead? Why mourn ye the Incorruptible amidst corruption? Go, proclaim the glad tidings to his disciples.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

The joyful Pascha, the Pascha of the Lord, the Pascha all majestic hath shone upon us! The Pascha in which we embrace one another with joy! Oh what a Pascha, delivering from sorrow! For today from the tomb, as from a chamber Christ shone, and hath filled the women with joy, saying: Proclaim the glad tidings to the Apostles.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Today is the Day of Resurrection! Let us shine with the Feast! Let us embrace one another. Let us say, Brethren! And because of the Resurrection, let us forgive all things to those who hate us, and in this wise, exclaim, Christ is risen from the dead; by his Death hath he trodden down death, and on those in the tombs hath he bestowed life.

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People: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: May the Lord Jesus Christ our God, who gave his divine commands to his holy Disciples and Apostles, that they should bind and loose the sins of the fallen (we, in turn having received from them the right to do the same) pardon thee, O spiritual child, all thy deeds done amiss in this life, both voluntary and involuntary: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Glory to thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to thee.

Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

Father, bless!

Standing in the holy doors, facing the people, the priest says the dismissal.

Priest: May the immortal King, who hath dominion over the living and the dead, and who rose from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of his all immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our venerable forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; of the holy and righteous friend of Christ, Lazarus of four-days, and of all the saints, establish the soul of his servant, *Helen*, departed this life, in the dwelling-place of the righteous, give *her* rest in the bosom of Abraham, and number *her* among the righteous, and have mercy on us, and save us, forasmuch as he is good and loveth mankind.

May thy memory be eternal, O our ever-memoral *sister* who are worthy of blessedness.

The priest, standing at his place, may cense while all chant:

All: May *her* memory be eternal. (*thrice*)

Then facing the pe

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hu - *masc.*
ha - *fem.*
hum - *pl.*

Fal ya kon dhik ru () mu abadan.

Priest: Christ is risen!

People: Indeed his risen.

The dialogue above is repeated three times, perhaps alternating languages..

Priest: Glory to his third-day Resurrection!

People: We glorify his third-day Resurrection!

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead; trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs...

People: ...bestowing life!

THE ANOINTING OF THE BODY

The priest comes to the side of the body. There he pours earth upon the body, saying:

Priest: The earth is the Lord's, and all the fullness thereof...

Then he pours oil upon the body, saying:

Priest: ...the round world, and they that dwell therein.

The casket is closed and sealed, then it is taken forth to the grave, preceded by the clergy, singing:

Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead; trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

THE INTERMENT

*As the priest escorts the body to the Grave at the cemetery, he chants the heirmoi of the Paschal Canon, **Today is the day of Resurrection!***

When they come to the grave, and the body is ready to be laid in the earth, the priest recites the "Trisagion for the Departed during Bright Week" in its usual form. Or if it is no longer Bright Week, he recites the "Trisagion for the Departed during the Paschal Season."

*If it is the custom of the place: when the people have left, and the body is lowered into the earth, the priest may place some of the earth on top of the casket in the form of the Cross, saying: **This tomb is sealed unto the Glorious Second Coming of our Lord, and God, and Saviour Jesus Christ.***





Helen Haddad Farah, age 91, fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, in Beaumont, Texas.

Born on July 24, 1927, in Labelle, she was the daughter of Camelle Haddad and Louis Shaheen Haddad. Both her parents immigrated from Lebanon and became early rice farming pioneers after settling in Southeast Texas in the early 1920s. Helen graduated from Fannett High School in 1946 after lettering in basketball and serving as the “giftatorian” for her graduating class.

After high school, Helen attended Lamar Collage in Beaumont where she studied business. Upon graduation, she spent 8 years in the auditing department of Sears, Robuck and Co before retiring to raise a family.

In the late 1940s, Helen was introduced to Emile SP Farah by her friend, and Emile’s sister, Gloria Farah at their local church, St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church. After dating for several years, they were married in 1952. Helen and Emile spent the next 51 years together raising two children, spending time with their close-knit family and devoting their time and resources to their church. Helen and Emile enjoyed cooking for family and friends, reading, tending to their homegrown garden and traveling to church conventions and Emile’s Navy reunions. Saturday morning breakfast at “Auntie’s house” with her Beaumont family was a treasured past time.

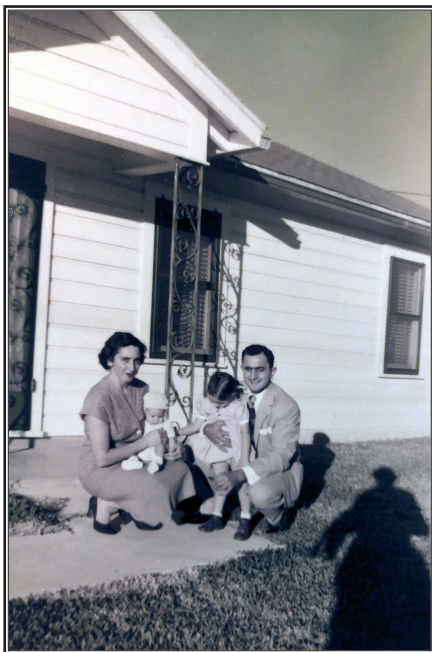
Helen’s family and church were her true passions in life. A life-long parishioner of St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, she served as an active member of the Altar Society and choir. She will always be remembered as a woman of faith, grace, generosity, hospitality and overall kindness to all.

Helen was blessed with two children, Amelia and Shaheen, who she cherished. As a mother she was active in their lives by participating in the PTA, Boy Scouts, and always being there to listen and provide

encouragement during challenging moments. Not only was Helen a wife and mother, she was also a devoted daughter, sister, aunt, grandmother and great grandmother. The love and guidance she provided to others earned her the respect of being “Auntie Helen” to many “family” members.

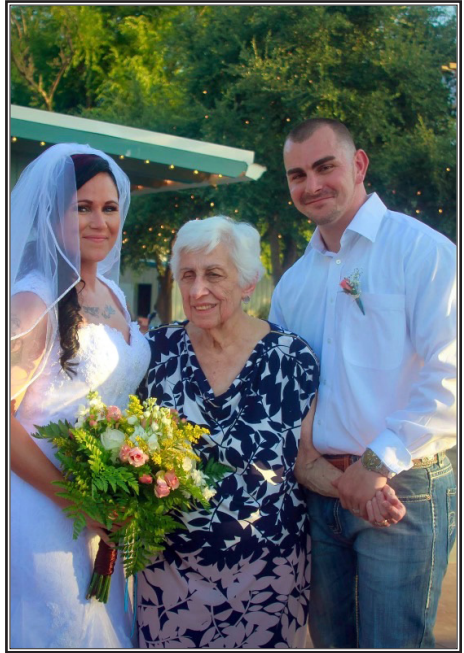
She is survived by her daughter, Amelia Farah Lyons; son-in-law-law, Gene Lyons; son, Shaheen Louis Farah; daughter-in-law, Kerri Williams Farah; granddaughter, Rachel Lyons Eaton and her husband, Mark Eaton; grandson, David Lyons and his wife, Sharena Lyons; grandson, Michael Farah; and granddaughter, Megan Farah Blick and her husband, Aaron Blick. She is also survived by her eight great-grandchildren. Surviving nephew is Carl Haddad and his family, of Deer Park; surviving nieces are, Camelle Bitar and her family, of Beaumont and Tammy Haddad and her family, of Fannett-LaBelle. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Dahar S. Haddad; and great-granddaughter, Abigail Eaton.

Special thanks are due to the loving and conscientious staff of Summer Place Nursing and Rehabilitation Senior Care Center and to the compassionate staff of Altus Hospice Care for caring for Helen during the last part of her life.















Pallbearers

Carl Haddad

Mike Edd

Gerald Farha

Aaron Blick

Mark Eaton

David Welborn

Interment

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions

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