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Sunday After the Cross ~ September 18th, 2022

New Saint Canonized in Constantinople

Phanar—A new saint has been recognized by the Orthodox Church. In a Wednesday August 31, 2022 ceremony at the Patriarchal Church of St. George, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew signed the synodal act of the canonization of Saint Vissarion the Agathonite, together with the hierarchs of the Holy Synod, who approved the canonization (Αγιοκατάταξης) on June 14, 2022, after a report of a synodal committee on canonization was presented.

The Life of St. Vissarion the Agathonite

Saint Vissarion the Agathonite was a clergyman of the Holy Metropolis of Fthiotida and a brother of the Holy Dormition Monastery of Agathon at the foot of Mount Oiti. He was born Andrew Korkoliakos in 1908 in Petalidi, Messinia, Greece. At the age of 18 he went to Kalamata where he met various spiritual figures and resolved to become a clergyman, and was soon tonsured a monk, receiving the name Vissarion. Shortly thereafter, he

was was ordained to the diaconate and later a priest, and honored with the offikion of Archimandrite.

Saint Vissarion became a man of constant study. Because of his commitment to learning, he was deeply versed in the Holy Scriptures, and had a comprehensive understanding of church history and theology, as well as Orthodox hymnography and liturgical texts.

He went to Karditsa, Greece in 1935 at the invitation of the Metropolitan of Karditsa, Ezekiel (also a Messinian) where he dedicated himself to the work of pastoral ministry, marked especially by deep devotion to charitable projects oriented toward social welfare and alleviation of suffering. This intense devotion remained with him for his entire life—even unto to the point of death. As he laid dying, he never ceased to ask with tireless concern about the children, the poor, the church, and the community from his hospital bed.

Saint Vissarion undertook many difficult and dangerous missions. Among them were during the World War II German occupation of Greece, during which he is said to have aided many, and through his personal intervention, saved children captured by the Axis invaders. Following the Second World War, Greece was ravaged by a bloody Civil War. It was during this time that Saint Vissarion, already an Archi-

mandrite with a long ascetic life rife with spiritual labor and social work, left Karditsa and arrived at the Agathonos Monastery in 1955, which was influenced by the Peloponnesian ascetic, Father Germanos Dimakos.

At Agathonos, he served in the division of the Monastery that worked with charitable projects in the local community. This effected a fruitful mission outside the walls of the monastery, in addition to his work within it. For instance, every Monday and Tuesday he visited to the Hospitals of Lamia, saw the patients, comforted them, and nourished them with the Holy Sacraments of the church. It was with his charismatic personality, overflowing with love for people, and his sweet and simple way that he managed to relieve their pain.

He also helped many people financially. Pilgrims entrusted him with offerings of money and other resources, and he saw that they were distributed to the poor and those in need. He would constantly say, "outside people are poor, outside they are hungry, we must help them."

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Every Lent he left the Monastery with the blessing of Elder Germanos and traveled from one end of the Prefecture of Fthiotidos to the other, visiting and assisting anyone he encountered. But his main duty was facilitating the sacrament of confession, for which he was eagerly awaited in the local villages. He also had the special role of the confessor of the Seminarians at the Ecclesiastical Lyceum of Lamia and became their spiritual mentor.

When Saint Vissarion died, his body was taken to the monastery for burial. At that time, access to the Monastery was difficult due to heavy snowfall. For two days his body lied in the Church, and many people came weeping to bid farewell to their Elder. Those who witnessed this moment testify that his face was shining and his body was fragrant. Due to the poor weather conditions, his body could not be buried in the cemetery and was therefore interred in the Baptistry, where there were rooms reserved for confession.

After his internment, many pilgrims travelled to the monastery to venerate his tomb and many brought him offerings, as if to a Saint, even prior to signs and miracles that to demonstrated his holiness. There are reports of the amazing experiences some of these pilgrims had in the Elder's tomb.

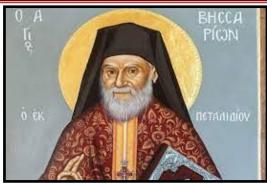
At one point the question of exhuming his body presented itself, and it was ultimately decided not to exhume, but rather, to upgrade the Baptistry. However, during the renovations, structural damage occurred that necessitated significant demolition and reconstruction. Therefore the exhumation had to be done.

On the appointed day, after the Trisagion, the removal of the bricks began. The coffin appeared to be in excellent condition. It was taken to the cemetery's ossuary where his bones would be placed. When the monks opened the coffin to remove the bones, they were surprised to find that his body under the shroud was incorrupt. This was a miraculous event of divine economy.

Despite the fact that all the Monks testified to Fr. Vissarion's holiness, the Church had to examine the case. When Metropolitan Nicholas of Fthiotidos learned what had happened, he was astonished and visited the Monastery, and venerated the relics of the Saint with deep emotion. Later, the incorrupt body of the Elder was transferred to the chapel of the Holy Trinity to be safeguarded. Since then it has been there to be venerated by thousands.

#### **The Canonization Ceremony**

Wednesday's ceremony was held in Istanbul, at the Church of Saint George in the Phanar. It was attended by Hierarchs of the Throne and faithful from all over the world, as well as Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Messinia and Metropolitan Symeon of Fthiotida, who led a group of over 250 faithful to the global center of Orthodox Christianity. Many of these people had personal contact and experiences with the saint. Joining the special group from Fthiotida was government representative, Ioannis Oikonomou, the Deputy Minister of Tourism, Sofia Zacharakis, the Members of the Hellenic Parliament of Fthiotida, Themistoklis Heimaras and Yannis Sarakiotis, the Regional Governor of Central Greece, Fanis Spanos, as well as various mayors of the Prefecture. Representative Christos Staikouras of Fthiotida, and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Hellenism Abroad, Andreas Katsaniotis.



**Κυριακή: ΜΕΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΥΨΩΣΙΝ.** Τοῦ Ὁσίου Πατρός ἠμῶν Εὐμενίου, Ἐπισκόπου Γορτύνης τοῦ θαυματουργοῦ καί τῆς Ἁγίας Μάρτυρος Ἀριάδνης.

Απολυτίκιον Ήχος πλ. α΄

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Απολυτίκιον τῆς Έορτῆς

Σῶσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Κοντάκιον του Μνημοσύνου

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ώς ἀγαθός τοῦ (τῆς, τῶν) δούλου (ης, ων) σου, καὶ ὃσα ἐν βίω ἣμαρτ(εν) (εν) (ον) συγχώρησον\* οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰμὴ σὰ ὁ δυνάμενος καὶ τ(ῶ) (ῆ) (οῖς) μεταστά(ντι) (ση) (σι) δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυση.

Απολυτίκον του Αρχαγγέλου Μιχαήλ

Τῶν οὐρανίων στρατιὼν Ἀρχιστράτηγε, δυσωπούμέν σε ἀεὶ ἡμεῖς οἱ ἀνάξιοι, ἵνα ταὶς σαὶς δεήσεσι τειχίσης ἡμᾶς, σκέπη τῶν πτερύγων τῆς ἀϋλου σου δόξης, φρουρῶν ἡμᾶς προσπίπτοντας ἐκτενῶς καὶ βοῶντας, ἐκ τῶν κινδύνων λύτρωσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς Ταξιάρχης τῶν ἄνω δυνάμεων.

<u>Άπολυτίκιον τῆς Μεγαλομάρτυρος</u> Αἰκατερίνης

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ ὑμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερῖναν τὴν θείαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινᾶ, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ μαχαίρα, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον ή Ηχος Β'

Ο ύψωθεὶς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἑκουσίως, τῆ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῆ πολιτείᾳ, τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Εὔφρανον ἐν τῆ δυνάμει σου, τοὺς πιστοὺς Βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς, κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σήν, ὅπλον εἰρήνης ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

**Sunday: The Sunday After the Cross.** Eumenius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gortynia, Ariadne the Martyr.

**Apolytikion Pl. 1st Tone** 

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did he consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection.

**Apolytikion of the Feast** 

Save, O Lord, Thy People and bless Thine inheristance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaires. And by the power of Thy Cross do Thous preserve Thy commonwealth.

**Kontakion of the Memorial** 

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant(s), and forgive every sin he (she, they) have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

**Apolytikion of the Archangel Michael** 

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of heavens, \* we, the unworthy, importune and beseech you \* that by your supplications ye encircle us \* in the shelter of the wings \* of your immaterial glory, \* guarding us who now fall down \* and cry to you with fervor: \* Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, \* as the great marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

**Apolytikion of the Great Martyr Catherine** 

Let us praise the all-lauded and noble bride of Christ, \* the godly Catherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defence, \* who is also our support and succor and our help; \* for with the Holy Spirit's sword \* she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; \* and being crowned as a Martyr, she now doth ask great mercy for us all.

**Kontakion Tone 4** 

Thou Who wast raised up on the Cross of Thine own will, \* O Christ our God, do Thou bestow Thy compassions \* upon this, Thy new commonwealth named after Thee. \* and vouchsafe them victory\* over every false teaching; \* and as Thy help in war may they possess\* the weapon of peace, the trophy invincible.

#### Today's Scripture Readings ~ September 18, 2022

Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. α'. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 11.7,1 Σὰ Κύριε, φυλάζαις ἡμᾶς καὶ διατηρήσαις ἡμᾶς. Στίχ. Σῶσον με, Κύριε, ὅτι ἐκλέλοιπεν ὅσιος.

Πρός Γαλάτας 2:16-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Αδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεύσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σάρξ. Εἰ δέ, ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ, εὑρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοί, ἀρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἃ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἐμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὰ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμω ἀπέθανον, ἵνα θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῷ δέ, οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῇ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὃ δὲ νῦν ζῷ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῷ τῇ τοῦ υἰοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1. Psalm 11.7,1 You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us. Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Έκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μᾶρκον 8:34-38, 9:1 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Είπεν ὁ Κύριος. Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἐλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθείτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλη τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν. ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέση τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἔνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὖτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ἀφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήση τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῆ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῆ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῆ γενεᾳ ταύτη τῆ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθη ἐν τῆ δόξη τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσί τινες τῶν ὧδε ἑστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσωνται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

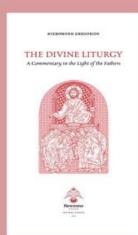
The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the

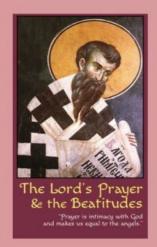
holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



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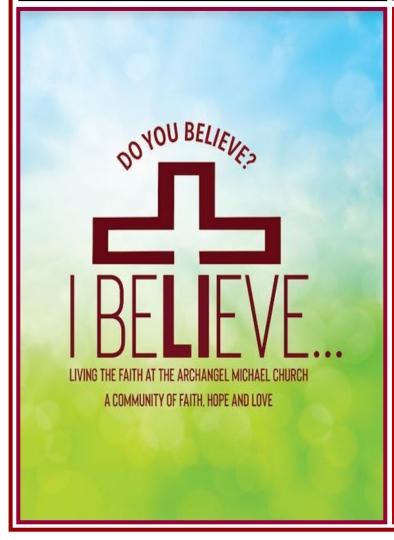


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**Books That Inspire** 

In *The Orthodox Way* Kallistos Ware uses clear, elegant writing to reveal the heart of Orthodoxy--God as Mystery, Trinity, Creator, Man, Spirit, and Prayer. He gives us a deep understanding of the views and practices of Orthodoxy and we truly begin to understand that it is a lived experience in communion with God. While another of Metropolitan Kallistos' books, *The Orthodox Church*, can be considered the letter of Orthodoxy, this book is the spirit and song of it.

**The Torch**, by Wilder Penfield, is a historical fiction that brings us back to the time of Hippocrates, the "Father of Modern Medicine." It takes place on the beautiful island of Cos in 432 B.C., where Hippocrates strove to "rid medicine of superstition and to found a science in its place." In addition to describing his devotion to the truth and developing the Hippocratic Oath it tells of his various entanglements and love for Daphne. This is a fun read and will give you a glimpse into the life of Hippocrates and classical Greece.

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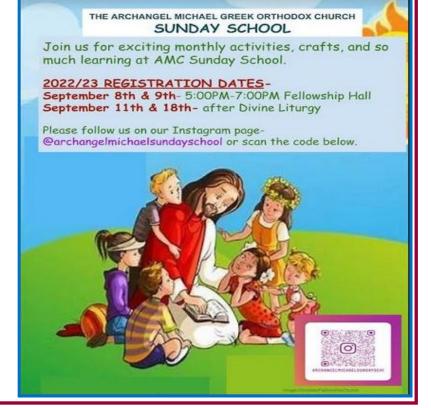
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If you have not yet registered for Sunday School, you can do so today after the Divine Liturgy!





#### Saints of the Week:

# Today, September 18 ~ St. Eumenios, Bishop of Gortyna; St. Ariadne the Martyr

Monday, September 19 ~ Sts. Trophimos, Sabbatios, & Dorymedon

<u>Tuesday, September 20</u> ~ St. Eustathios and family; St. Eustathios, Archbishop of Thessolonica

Wednesday, September 21 ~ Apodosis of the Elevation of the Cross; St. Quadratus the Apostle

<u>Thursday</u>, <u>September</u> 22 ~ St. Phocas, Bishop of Sinope; St. Phocas the Gardener

Friday, September 23 ~ Conception of St. John the Baptist; St. Xanthippe & Polyxene

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 24</u>~ St. Thelka the Equal-to-the-Apostles; St. Silouan of Athos

Sunday, September 25 ~ St. Euphrosyne of Alexandria; St. Paphnoutios & his 546 Companions

# Today's Memorials:

- ~ 40 days for Pavlos Koudellou
  - ~1 year for Ioan Mitsinikos
- ~ 2 years for George Spyropoulos
- ~3 years for Marie Maliagros
- ~ 7 years for Eleni Spyropoulos

# May their memory be eternal!



### Worship Services:

We are in great need of Prosfora!



Anything you can offer is greatly appreciated!

**September 21st ~ Paraklesis to the Theotokos 10:00 am** followed by Bible Study at 11:00 am

**September 22nd ~ Small Vespers 7:00 pm** followed by Bible Study at 7:30 pm

September 23rd ~ Conception of St. John the Baptist: Orthros 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

> September 25th ~ 1st Sunday of Luke: Orthos 8:00 am, Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

## Upcoming Events

Girl Scout Fundraiser ~ Today September 18th!

Bible Study ~ begins September 21st!



Book Club ~ begins October 5th!

Little Angels ~ begins October 7th & 15th!

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