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SUNDAY JULY 7, 2024 | SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ATHONITE FATHERS | Mode 1 Eothinon 2

HE WHO STRAIGHTAWAY RESPONDS TO GOD'S CALL WILL PROGRESS

And immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him" (Matt. 4, 22).

Christ calls his disciples so that they might follow him and certainly as the evangelist says, that they may do so "straightway", immediately, and without any delay. This "straightway" has a great deal of importance in the spiritual life. The soul which decides to follow Christ, and not follow itself, struggles to be free from everything, from its possessions, even from its precious self and to follow Christ.

And this characteristic is observed in the Christ-loving soul that has decided to follow him: "straightway", i.e., immediately it gets and understands what the will of God is. The moment the soul gets this, it delays in nothing. Delaying -in order to ponder and see -could certainly be due primarily to inexperience; the man is inexperienced, and does not know what to do. Deep down, however, the delay comes from the fact that someone is not free from himself and for that reason wants first to think things through by himself: in order not to do something in a way that would upset him, or provoke him, since deep down he has his own will. That is, someone wants to follow God, to be subject to Christ, but not however to go against his own will.

And so, he who straightway responds to God's call- to whatever this call may be -he it is who precisely does not do his own will, but rather does the will of Christ; and through this he will progress. There are souls that each time God shows that he wants this and not that, they show their attentiveness. They have the disposition to "straightway" and immediately say "may it be blessed", my God: may it be as you will". And, due to this they are raised up, blessed, and experience joy. As for the other souls, that do not respond "straightway", certainly, their struggle is not lost, but they are not able to advance, since increasingly they delay.

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THE LIVES OF TODAY'S SAINTS

Saint Kyriaki was the daughter of Christian parents, Dorotheus and Eusebia. She was given her name because she was born on Sunday, the day of the Lord (in Greek, Kyriaki). She contested in Nicomedia during the reign of Diocletian, in the year 300. After many bitter torments she was condemned to suffer beheading, but being granted time to pray first, she made her prayer and gave up her holy soul in peace.

Saint Thomas, though wealthy in material goods, though illustrious for the military trophies he had won in wars against the barbarians, forsook all that he had that he might gain Christ, and was led by a pillar of fire to Mount Maleon. By divine grace he wrought wonders, cast out demons, gave sight to the blind, caused springs of water to gush forth, healed many, and while in prayer appeared as a pillar of fire. The century in which he lived is not known.

Ἀντίφωνον Α'. Ἦχος β'.

Στίχ. α'. Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχὴ μου, τὸν Κύριον, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐντός μου τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ ἁγίου αὐτοῦ.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. β'. Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχὴ μου, τὸν Κύριον, καὶ μὴ ἐπιλανθάνου πάσας τὰς ἀνταποδόσεις αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. γ'. Κύριος ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ ἠτοίμασε τὸν θρόνον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἡ Βασιλεία αὐτοῦ πάντων δεσπάζει.

Στίχ. δ'. Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Ἀντίφωνον Β'. Ἦχος β'.

Στίχ. α'. Αἶνει, ἡ ψυχὴ μου, τὸν Κύριον· αἰνέσω Κύριον ἐν τῇ ζωῇ μου· ψαλῶ τῷ Θεῷ μου ἕως ὑπάρχω.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱε Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα.

Στίχ. β'. Μακάριος οὗ ὁ Θεὸς Ἰακωβ βοηθοὺς αὐτοῦ, ἡ ἐλπίς αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ Κύριον τὸν Θεὸν αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. γ'. Βασιλεύσει Κύριος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, ὁ Θεός σου, Σιών, εἰς γενεὰν καὶ γενεάν.

Στίχ. δ'. Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Ἀντίφωνον Γ'. Ἦχος α'.

Στίχ. α'. Αὕτη ἡ ἡμέρα, ἣν ἐποίησεν ὁ Κύριος· ἀγαλλιασώμεθα καὶ εὐφρανθῶμεν ἐν αὐτῇ.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος...

Εἰσοδικόν. Ἦχος β'.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱε Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΑ

Ἦχος α.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Δια τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Ἦχος δ'.

Ἡ ἀμνάς σου Ἰησοῦ, κράζει μεγάλη τῇ φωνῇ. Σε Νυμφίε μου ποθῶ, καὶ σε ζητοῦσα ἀθλῶ, καὶ συσταυροῦμαι καὶ συνθάπτομαι τῷ βαπτισμῷ σου· καὶ πάσχω δια σέ, ὡς βασιλεύσω σὺν σοί, καὶ θνήσκω ὑπερ σοῦ, ἵνα καὶ ζήσω ἐν σοί· ἀλλ' ὡς θυσίαν ἄμωμον προσδέχου τὴν μετὰ πόθου τυθεῖσάν σοι. Αὐτῆς πρεσβείαις, ὡς ἐλεήμων, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Ἦχος δ'

Τῶν οὐρανίων στρατιῶν Ἀρχιστράτηγοι, δυσωποῦμεν ὑμᾶς ἡμεῖς οἱ ἀνάξιοι, ἵνα ταῖς ὑμῶν δεήσεσι, τειχίσητε ἡμᾶς, σκέπη τῶν πτερυγῶν, τῆς αὔλου ὑμῶν δόξης, φρουροῦντες ἡμᾶς προσπίπτοντας, ἐκτενῶς καὶ βοῶντας· Ἐκ τῶν κινδύνων λυτρώσασθε ἡμᾶς, ὡς Ταξιάρχαι τῶν ἄνω Δυνάμεων.

Antiphon 1. Mode 2

Verse 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards.

Verse 3: The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all.

Verse 4: Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Antiphon 2. Mode 2

Verse 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to my God as long as I exist.

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 2: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God.

Verse 3: The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Verse 4: Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Antiphon 3. Mode 1

Verse 1: This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.

The stone having been sealed...

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΑ

Mode 1

The stone having been sealed by the Jews and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your eternal rule! Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!"

Mode 4

Your maiden Martyr, like a lamb, cries out, "O Jesus, for You, my pure Bridegroom, I long; and seeking You I compete; and I am crucified and buried with You in Your baptism. I suffer for Your sake, that I may reign with You. I die for You that I may also live in You. Accept me as an unblemished sacrifice as I offer myself to You with love." At her entreaties and intercessions, save our souls, O Merciful Lord.

Mode 4

O Chief Commanders of the heavenly armies, we the unworthy now entreat you in earnest, to fortify us by your supplications to the Lord, and shelter us beneath the wings of your spiritual glory, guarding us who run to you and fervently entreat you: As the Commanders of the hosts on high, rescue us faithful from dangers of every kind.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μη̄ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι. Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ΄. Ψαλμοῦ 67.

Θαυμαστος ὁ Θεος ἐν τοῖς ἀγίοις αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. Ἐν ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν.

Γαλ 3:23 – 29; 4:1 – 5

Ἀδελφοί, πρὸ τοῦ ἐλθεῖν τὴν πίστιν ὑπο νόμον ἐφρουρούμεθα συγκεκλεισμένοι εἰς τὴν μέλλουσαν πίστιν ἀποκαλυφθῆναι. ὥστε ὁ νόμος παιδαγωγὸς ἡμῶν γέγονεν εἰς Χριστόν, ἵνα ἐκ πίστεως δικαιωθῶμεν. ἐλθούσης δε τῆς πίστεως οὐκέτι ὑπο παιδαγωγόν ἐσμεν. Πάντες γὰρ υἱοὶ Θεοῦ ἐστε διὰ τῆς πίστεως ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. ὅσοι γὰρ εἰς Χριστόν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστόν ἐνεδύσασθε. οὐκ ἐν Ἰουδαίῳ οὐδὲ Ἕλλην, οὐκ ἐν δοῦλῳ οὐδὲ ἐλεύθερῳ, οὐκ ἐν ἄρσεν καὶ θῆλυ. πάντες γὰρ ὑμεῖς εἷς ἐστε ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. εἰ δε ὑμεῖς Χριστοῦ, ἄρα τοῦ Ἀβραὰμ σπέρμα ἐστε καὶ κατ' ἐπαγγελίαν κληρονόμοι. Λέγω δε, ἐφ' ὅσον χρόνον ὁ κληρονόμος νήπιός ἐστιν, οὐδὲν διαφέρει δούλου, κύριος πάντων ὢν, ἀλλὰ ὑπο ἐπιτρόπους ἐστι καὶ οἰκονόμους ἄχρι τῆς προθεσμίας τοῦ πατρὸς. οὕτω καὶ ἡμεῖς, ὅτε ἦμεν νήπιοι, ὑπο τὰ στοιχεῖα τοῦ κόσμου ἦμεν δεδουλωμένοι. ὅτε δε ἦλθε τὸ πλήρωμα τοῦ χρόνου, ἐξαπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ, γενόμενον ἐκ γυναικός, γενόμενον ὑπο νόμον, ἵνα τοὺς ὑπο νόμον ἐξαγοράσῃ, ἵνα τὴν υἰοθεσίαν ἀπολάβωμεν.

Ἀλληλουΐα. Ἦχος α΄. Ψαλμοῦ 17.

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Στίχ. α΄. Ὁ Θεὸς ὁ διδουὺς ἐκδικήσεις ἐμοί, καὶ ὑποτάξας λαοὺς ὑπ' ἐμέ.

Στίχ. β΄. Μεγαλύνων τὰς σωτηρίας τοῦ βασιλέως αὐτοῦ, καὶ ποιῶν ἔλεος τῷ χριστῷ αὐτοῦ.

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Μτ 4:18 – 23

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν παρα τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν. ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δε εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβαὶ ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δε εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

EPISTLE

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 67

God is wondrous in His saints.

Verse: Bless God in the churches.

Gal. 3:23 – 29; 4:1 – 5

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental principles of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Alleluia. Mode 1. Psalm 17.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: The God who vindicates me, and who subdued the peoples under me.

Verse 2: He who magnifies the salvation of His king and shows mercy to His anointed.

GOSPEL

Mt. 4:18 – 23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

SYNAXARION

July 7 - St. Kyriaki the Great Martyr (icon below)

St. Thomas of Maleon

July 8 - St. Prokopius the Great Martyr

July 9 - St. Pancratius, Bishop of Sicily

July 10 - 45 Martyrs (Nikopolis, Armenia)

July 11 - St. St. Olga, Equal-to-the-Apostles
St. Euphemia the Great Martyr

July 12 - Sts. Proclus & Hilarios of Ancyra

July 13 - St. Stephanos of Savvas Monastery



LITURGIES

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Feast of the Holy Fathers

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00AM

Saturday, July 20, 2024

Feast of the Prophet Elias

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00AM

Sunday, July 21, 2024

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00AM

Friday, July 26th & Saturday July 27th

Feasts of St Paraskevi & St Panteleimon

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00AM

Sunday, July 28th

Feast of St. Irene Chrysovalantou

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00AM

MEMORIALS

3 Months for Ilia Vasili

10 Years for Eleni Vasas

*Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by
the Family of Eleni Vasas*

May their Memory be Eternal!

*We thank the Young Adults for hosting
Coffee Hours during the month of June!*

Today's 40 Day Baby Blessing:

Despina

daughter of Demetrios & Angela

Iordanou

EVENTS

New FESTIVAL Dates!

**Thursday, September 26th to
Sunday, September 29th!**

