



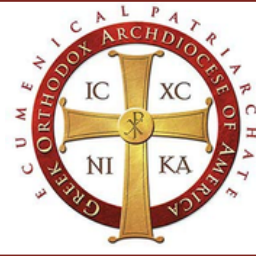
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SUNDAY JULY 14, 2024 | SUNDAY OF THE FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL | Mode 2 Eothinon 3

METROPOLITAN SOTIRIOS ON TODAY'S FEAST

Today we celebrate the “Synaxis of All the Saints of Pisidia, Side and Antalya, along with the “Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council of Chalkidon. This common celebration was approved by the Holy Synod of our Ecumenical Patriarchate for two reasons: Firstly, because among the Fathers who took part in the Fourth Ecumenical Council, there were also several Bishops of the Metropolises of Pisidia, Side and Antalya. Secondly, because today, just as in previous days and those that follow, we celebrate the memory of over 15,000 Martyrs and various other Saints of our Greater Metropolitan District.

Our Church has established today’s reading to be taken from the last part of the Epistle sent by Apostle Paul to his Disciple Titus, whom he had placed as Bishop of Crete. One may wonder, why. Because in this passage, St. Paul advises the new Bishop to do what all other Bishops and Saints had applied in their lives, and whose memory we celebrate today: that is, love in action. He writes to Titus: “Those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.” (verse 8).

In the preceding verses, the Apostle writes that our God has been compassionate to us and saved us through Holy Baptism, and by His Grace He blessed us to inherit eternal life (verses 5-6). That is why the faithful, who have so much benefited from God, must imitate Him and be beneficial to their fellow human beings. Not only should they themselves benefit others through their good works, but also, they should encourage others to play a leading part in good works.

That is, those who believe in Christ should not support the notion that only by believing in God is enough for us to be considered genuine Students of Christ. “Faith without works is dead”(James 2:20) writes St. James, Brother of the Lord. He also addresses anyone who thinks that he will be saved by faith alone, without good works: “Show me your faith without your works, I will show you my faith by my works” (James 2, 18) . Let us, therefore, not turn a sympathetic ear to those who, by misinterpreting the meaning of the passages of the Holy Bible, argue that man can be saved by faith only. It is necessary for the Christian to confirm his faith in Christ with works pleasing to God; his faith ought to produce beneficial fruits. The believer’s main care should be charity.

Moreover, a Christian believer should not expect someone to knock on his door and ask for help; instead, he should seek himself to create opportunities to do good works. And he should also motivate others toward this direction. This way, not only does he benefit those whom he helps and shows compassion, but also those who do good works with him. For by doing so, he helps them also be rewarded by Christ in His Second Coming! (Matthew 25:34). The Apostle Paul places no limits in his advice on good works. At the end of his Epistle to Bishop Titus, he urges him to make specific manifestations of love: “Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing” (verse 13). And on the occasion of this preparation, by your exhortation and example, “let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent material needs, so that their lives may not be fruitless “(verse 14). Not only does St. Paul, but also our Lord Jesus Christ compare Christians who lack works of love with fruitless trees. Let us remember the fig tree that had no fruit but leaves only and Jesus made it dry up (Matthew 21:19). Awakening are the words of the hymnographer: “Feering the sentence of the fruitless fig tree, brethren, let us bring forth fruits ... to Christ” (Holy Monday Aposticha)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, let us understand this very well: The soul of the believer who lacks works of love and charity eventually becomes dried up. Even “faith without works is dead”, we heard Saint James saying. And those who will appear in front of “the terrible Seat of Christ” on Judgement Day with empty hands of works of love, Jesus has warned us that He will tell them: “Depart from me” (Matth. 25:41). My beloved, may all of us, who today honor the memory of thousands of our Saints, imitate them, both in their faith and in the holiness of their lives as well as in their true love and good works, so that we may, too, be blessed to be with them around the heavenly throne of God’s grace. Amen.

Antiphon 1. Mode 2

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.

Antiphon 2. Mode 2

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

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱέ 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.

Antiphon 3. Mode 1

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

Ὅτε κατήλθες...

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

Εἰσοδικόν. Ἦχος β'.
Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΑ

Ἦχος β.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἢ ἄθνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ἵπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας· πολυεὺσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμάρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ Σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Ἦχος δ'

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

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.

When You descended...

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 2

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!"

Mode Plagal 4

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

Mode Plagal 4

Remember, Lord, as the Good One, your servants, and forgive them in whatever they have sinned in life. No one is without sin, except for you the Mighty One, and show rest to the departed.

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.

Ἦχος β΄.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μη 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.

Mode 2

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.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. δ΄. Ψαλμός 31.

Εὐφράνθητε ἐπὶ Κύριον καὶ ἀγαλλιᾶσθε, δίκαιοι.

Στίχ. Μακάριοι ὧν ἀφέθησαν αἱ ἀνομίαι.

Τιτ 3:8 – 15

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος· καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιούσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσι καλῶν ἔργων προῖτασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες τῷ Θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστι τα καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔρεις καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιῖστασο· εἰσι γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νοθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἀμαρτάνει ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμπω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σε ἢ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν· ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηναῖν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προῖτασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μη ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. ἄσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. Ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν· ἀμήν.

Ἀλληλουῖα. Ἦχος δ΄. Ψαλμός 43.

Ἀλληλουῖα. Ἀλληλουῖα. Ἀλληλουῖα.

Στίχ. α΄. Ὁ Θεός, ἐν τοῖς ὠσὶν ἡμῶν ἠκούσαμεν

Στίχ. β΄. Ἔσωσης γὰρ ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῶν θλιβόντων ἡμᾶς.

EPISTLE

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 31.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice greatly, O righteous ones.

Verse: Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

Tit. 3:8 – 15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Alleluia. Mode 4. Psalm 43.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: O God, we heard with our ears.

Verse 2: For You saved us from those who afflict us.

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Μτ 5:14 – 19

Ἐἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Ὑμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου. οὐ δύναται πόλις κρυβῆναι ἐπάνω ὄρους κειμένη· οὐδὲ καίουσι λύχνον καὶ τιθέασιν αὐτὸν ὑπο τὸν μόδιον, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ τὴν λυχνίαν, καὶ λάμπει πᾶσι τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ. οὕτω λαμπράτω τὸ φῶς ὑμῶν ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὅπως ἴδωσιν ὑμῶν τὰ καλὰ ἔργα καὶ δοξάσωσι τὸν πατέρα ὑμῶν τὸν ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς. Μὴ νομίσητε ὅτι ἦλθον καταλῦσαι τὸν νόμον ἢ τοὺς προφῆτας· οὐκ ἦλθον καταλῦσαι, ἀλλὰ πληρῶσαι. ἀμὴν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἕως ἂν παρέλθῃ ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ, ἰῶτα ἐν ἡ μία κεραία οὐ μὴ παρέλθῃ ἀπο τοῦ νόμου ἕως ἂν πάντα γένηται. ὃς ἐὰν οὖν λύσῃ μίαν τῶν ἐντολῶν τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων καὶ διδάξῃ οὕτω τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, ἐλάχιστος κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν· ὃς δ' ἂν ποιήσῃ καὶ διδάξῃ, οὗτος μέγας κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν.

GOSPEL

Mt. 5:14 – 19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

SYNAXARION

- July 14 - St. Aquila of the 70
- July 15 - St. Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles
- July 16 - St. Athenogenes of Heracleopolis
- July 17 - St. Marina (icon below)
- July 18 - St. Emilianos of Bulgaria
- July 19 - St. Macrina, Sister to St. Basil
- July 20 - Elias the Prophet



MEMORIALS

- 1 Year for Ioannis Pikramenos
- 1 Year for Christos Sakelos

In Commemoration of the Departed Members of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America and those lives lost fighting for Iarian Independence on July 17, 1912

May their Memory be Eternal!

EVENTS

New FESTIVAL Dates!

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

LITURGIES

Today, Sunday, July 14, 2024
VIGIL FOR SAINT KYRIKOS

(See Flyer - His Relics are in our Altar Table)

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



FEAST OF SAINT KYRIKOS

EVENING VIGIL - RELICS ARE IN OUR ALTAR

SUNDAY JULY 14

SERVICES BEGIN AT 9:00PM

VESPERS | MATINS | DIVINE LITURGY