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EXCEEDING THE TYRANNY OF TIME

In Orthodox teaching we speak of so-called liturgical or condensed time. This describes time transformed by Divine Grace....

We experience so-called liturgical time in the great mystery of the Divine Liturgy, in which we come into direct personal contact with the events of the past while at the same time experiencing even the future....

Exceeding time is achieved with prayer, which is closely linked with the Divine Eucharist, since in Orthodox Tradition we cannot separate the Divine Liturgy from the prayer of the heart and ascetic living. Only then can we talk about individual prayer. When a person prays with great repentance and with purity of the nous, then they can sense that God has heard them and received them into eternity. And, of course, what prayer offers is communion with God, regardless of its fulfillment. That is, when we pray we are united with God and this is the great gift we receive, which is why we are not discouraged if our personal requests are not met.

A person who prays exceeds the torment of the tyranny of time, which for every person extends between their birth and their burial. They are liberated from its tyranny by sanctifying time and sanctifying themselves within it. Every moment for a Christian who prays is entrusted from eternity. When they struggle in prayer they are made worthy to experience such situations, which cannot be described, since there are no words that can transmit these blessed experiences.

Metropolitan Hierotheos Vlachos

The Church is not subject to the flow of material time, although it moves within it, just as it does in material space. The Church, being the entryway and foretaste of eternity, lives in a timeless time, in a perpetual today, in a continuous and stable and firm present. The Church celebrates the various events of the presence of the Lord on earth - Nativity, Theophany, etc. - and does this not to simply remember them in the psychological meaning of the term, but to mystically experience the celebrated events. As we say: "Yesterday we were buried with You, O Christ, and today we are raised with You in Your resurrection." All the members of the Church chant this, precisely because we are not simply remembering these events, but we are mystically participating in the Passion and Resurrection of the Savior.

In heaven, neither time exists, nor day and night, nor feasts and festivals in honor of this reason or that event or the various saints, but there is only a single and unique feast and festival that is without interruption and without end. In the liturgical time of the Church everything, from the beginning to the eschaton, is "today." This is even seen in the Divine Liturgy, before the "Your own of Your own," what do we say? "Remembering Your Second Coming...". That is, we are remembering something that has not even taken place.

Ήχος α΄.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπο τῶν Ἰουδαίων, και στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων το ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ την ζωήν. Δια τοῦτο αἰ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῆ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῆ βασιλεία σου, δόξα τῆ οἰκονομία σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Ήχος β΄.

Ό πάσης δημιουργος της κτίσεως, ὁ καιρους και χρόνους ἐν τῆ ἰδία ἐξουσία θέμενος, εὐλόγησον τον στέφανον τοῦ ἐνιαυτοῦ τῆς χρηστότητός σου Κύριε, φυλάττων ἐν εἰρήνη τους Βασιλεῖς και την πόλιν σου, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, και σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Ήχος βαρύς.

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε, λιμην και προστασία τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἐκ σοῦ γαρ ἐσαρκώθη ὁ Λυτρωτης τοῦ κόσμου μόνη γαρ ὑπάρχεις Μήτηρ και Παρθένος ἀει εὐλογημένη, και δεδοξασμένη, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, εἰρήνην δωρήσασθαι, πάσῃ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ.

Ήχος α΄.

Υπομονῆς στῦλος γέγονας, ζηλώσας τους προπάτορας Όσιε, τον Ἰωβ ἐν τοῖς πάθεσι, τον Ἰωσηφ ἐν τοῖς πειρασμοῖς, και την τῶν Ἀσωμάτων πολιτείαν, ὑπάρχων ἐν σώματι, Συμεων Πατηρ ἡμῶν Ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τας ψυχας ἡμῶν.

Ήχος πλ. δ΄

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ώς ἀγαθος τῶν δούλων σου, και ὅσα ἐν βίω ἤμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεις γαρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μη Συ ὁ δυνάμενος, και τοῖς μεταστᾶσι δοῦναι τήν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Ήχος δ΄

Τῶν οὐρανίων στρατιῶν Αρχιστράτηγοι, δυσωποῦμεν ὑμᾶς ἡμεῖς οἱ ἀνάξιοι, ἴνα ταῖς ὑμῶν δεήσεσι, τειχίσητε ἡμᾶς, σκέπῃ τῶν πτερύγων, τῆς ἀΰλου ὑμῶν δόξης, φρουροῦντες ἡμᾶς προσπίπτοντας, ἐκτενῶς και βοῶντας Ἐκ τῶν κινδύνων λυτρώσασθε ἡμᾶς, ὡς Ταξιάρχαι τῶν ἄνω Δυνάμεων.

Ήχος δ΄.

Ό τῶν αἰώνων Ποιητης και Δεσπότης, Θεε τῶν ὅλων ὑπερούσιε ὄντως, την ἐνιαύσιον εὐλόγησον περίοδον, σώζων τῷ ἐλέει σου, τῷ ἀπείρῳ οἰκτίρμων, πάντας τους λατρεύοντας, σοι τῷ μόνῳ Δεσπότη, και ἐκβοῶντας φόβῳ. Λυτρωτά, εὔφορον πᾶσι το ἔτος χορήγησον.

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 2

O Fashioner of all creation, who made seasons and years by Your own authority, bless the crown of the year with Your goodness, O Lord, and preserve our rulers and Your city in peace, at the intercession of the Theotokos, and save us.

Grave Mode

Rejoice, Maiden full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos; a haven and protection are you for all of mankind. From you did the Redeemer of the world become incarnate, only you are both a Mother and a Virgin. O Lady ever blessed and ever filled with glory, intercede with Christ God, beseeching Him to grant peace to the universe.

Mode 1

You became a pillar of patience, O devout one, emulating the forefathers, Job in his sufferings and Joseph in his temptations, and the manner of the bodiless, though you were still in body. O devout father Symeon, intercede with Christ God, to save our souls.

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.

Mode 4

You, the Creator and the Lord of the ages, O God of all, truly transcending all essence, we earnestly entreat, that You will bless the year, and, O tender-loving Lord, in Your infinite mercy, only Master, save us all who worship and serve You, O our Redeemer, and who cry with fear, "For all Your servants, make fruitful the coming year."

A' T_{μ} 2:1 – 7

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρακαλῶ πρῶτον πάντων ποιεῖσθαι δεήσεις, προσευχάς, ἐντεύξεις, εὐχαριστίας, ὑπερ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, ὑπερ βασιλέων και πάντων τῶν ἐν ὑπεροχῇ ὄντων, ἴνα ἤρεμον και ἡσύχιον βίον διάγωμεν ἐν πάσῃ εὐσεβείᾳ και σεμνότητι. τοῦτο γαρ καλον και ἀπόδεκτον ἐνώπιον τοῦ σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Θεοῦ, ὂς πάντας ἀνθρώπους θέλει σωθῆναι και εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν ἀληθείας ἐλθεῖν. εἶς γαρ Θεός, εἶς και μεσίτης Θεοῦ και ἀνθρώπων, ἄνθρωπος Χριστος Ἰησοῦς, ὁ δους ἑαυτον ἀντίλυτρον ὑπερ πάντων, το μαρτύριον καιροῖς ἰδίοις, εἰς ὂ ἐτέθην ἐγω κήρυξ και ἀπόστολος, — ἀλήθειαν λέγω ἐν Χριστῷ, οὐ ψεύδομαι, — διδάσκαλος ἐθνῶν ἐν πίστει και ἀληθεία.

Λκ 4:16 - 22

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς την Ναζαρέτ, οὖ ἦν τεθραμμένος, και εἰσῆλθε κατα το εἰωθος αὐτῷ έν τῆ ἡμέρα τῶν σαββάτων εἰς την συναγωγήν, και άνέστη άναγνωναι. και ἐπεδόθη αὐτῷ βιβλίον Ἡσαΐου τοῦ προφήτου, και ἀναπτύξας το βιβλίον εὖρε τον τόπον οὖ ἦν γεγραμμένον Πνεῦμα Κυρίου ἐπ' ἐμέ, οὖ εὐαγγελίσασθαι ἔχρισέ με, πτωγοῖς άπέσταλκέ με, ἰάσασθαι τους συντετριμμένους την καρδίαν, κηρύξαι αίχμαλώτοις ἄφεσιν και τυφλοῖς άνάβλεψιν, άποστεῖλαι τεθραυσμένους έν άφέσει, κηρῦξαι ένιαυτον Κυρίου δεκτόν. και πτύξας το βιβλίον άποδους τῷ ὑπηρέτῃ ἐκάθισε· και πάντων ἐν τῆ συναγωγῆ οἱ ὀφθαλμοι ἦσαν ἀτενίζοντες αὐτῷ. ἤρξατο δε λέγειν προς αὐτους ὅτι σήμερον πεπλήρωται ή γραφη αύτη έν τοῖς ώσιν ὑμῶν. και πάντες έμαρτύρουν αὐτῷ και ἐθαύμαζον ἐπι τοῖς λόγοις τῆς χάριτος τοῖς ἐκπορευομένοις ἐκ τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ.

1 Tim. 2:1 - 7

Timothy, my son, first of all I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Lk. 4:16 - 22

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.

SYNAXARION

Sept 1 - St. Symeon the Stylite

Sept 2 - St. Mammas the Martyr

Sept 3 - St. Anthimus of Nicomedea

Sept 4 - St. Babylas the Hieromartyr

Sept 5 - Saints Zacharias & Elizabeth

Sept 6 - Miracle of the Archangel Michael (below)

Sept 7 - St. Sozon the Martyr

Sept 8 - The Nativity of the Theotokos, St. Sophronios



LITURGIES

Friday, September 6th

Remembrance of the Miracle

of the Archangel Michael (Chapel)

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00 am

Sunday, September 8th

Nativity of the Theotokos

Orthros 8:00 am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am



MEMORIALS

12 Years for Ioanna Dres

May her memory be eternal!



Today's 40 Day Baby Blessing

Calliope

daughter of Mirianthi & George Athanasopoulos

Attention All Bakers:
Any offerings of Prosfora would be much appreciated!



