



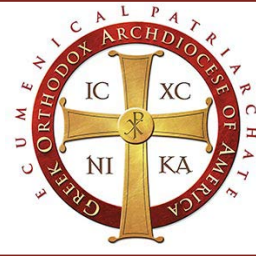
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## ON THE VANITY OF HUMAN GLORY

You have heard the Gospel reading about the resurrection by the Lord Jesus Christ of the daughter of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. This is one of the most important miracles of Christ. The Lord performed this miracle in an amazingly simple way: He walked up to the dead girl, took her hand and said: "Child, arise!" (Luke 8:54) And she got up and sat down... Only the chosen apostles of Christ were witnesses to this miracle: Peter, James and John - and the parents of this girl. The Lord strictly told them, their parents: "See that you don't tell anyone about what happened."

Why did He forbid them speaking everywhere about His miracle and glorifying Him among people? He didn't need human glory. He acted throughout His earthly life according to the deepest dictates of His Divine heart, fulfilling what was destined for Him to fulfill from eternity. He was so deep in Himself, so completely absorbed in the greatness of His deeds, that He did not need the praise of people, human glory, at all.

He knew that Divine glory was inherent in Him, and by such a constant prohibition on disclosing miracles, He taught us that we should not chase after human praise, after human glory.

And us? How we love these praises, how we long for them! How we strain our ears to greedily seize words that contain approval for us, any expression of respect for us: we value nothing more than praise and glory. The Holy Apostle Paul says that human glory is insignificant, vain, and it is not what we should seek. We must be guided in everything and always by the fear of God and the deepest dictates of our conscience.

And if we are so inclined, if only for the fear of God, if only for the desire to become higher in the eyes of God motivates us to action, then we will not seek human praise, just as all the saints did not seek it. They not only did not seek praise, but avoided it with all their might, for they said that praise and glory are harmful to our souls; that if a person always hears praise for himself, sees expressions of respect for him, then he considers his goal achieved, and his zeal for the glory of God, for serving eternal truth, weakens. He becomes vain, fame-loving, and then gradually loses his dignity. The natural consequence of this is a decrease in praise from people: people feel and understand that he is a seeker of praise, and ultimately their respect for him decreases and is lost. And when the praise from people dries up, he becomes a self-praiser, and this is disgusting in the eyes of people: all self-exaltation is disgusting to people.

The saints considered all the praises of people, all human glory, dangerous and harmful to their hearts, and avoided them; they went into forests and deserts so as not to hear vain praise. But we are not like that, we do not remember the words spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ: "When you have done everything commanded you, say: 'We are worthless servants, because we did what was our duty'" (Luke 17:10). We are obliged to do good to our neighbors, we are obliged to follow the path of truth, and if we fulfill these duties, then we must feel like slaves worth nothing, only having fulfilled our duty.

We will not seek human praise, we will wait only for praise from God and we will receive it - we will receive it when we despise the vain glory and honor given by people, but we will be filled with the feeling with which the Apostle Paul was always imbued with, saying: "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

He forgot all the great things he had done; did not remember his achievements on the path of truth. He strove forward, forward, forward, endlessly forward. This striving forward, the indispensable desire to go further and further along the path of Christ, which he always experienced, was so great that he despised human glory, never sought it, always strived forward, forward and forward...



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**Synaxarion:** St. Nestor the Martyr of Thessaloniki, Kyriakos, Patriarch of Constantinople, Procla, wife of Pontius Pilate

### 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 πλ. δ΄

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμῶν 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, τειχίσητε ἡμᾶς, σκέπη τῶν πτερυγῶν, τῆς αὐτοῦ ὑμῶν δόξης, φρουροῦντες ἡμᾶς προσπίπτοντας, ἐκτενῶς καὶ βοῶντας· Ἐκ τῶν κινδύνων λυτρώσασθε ἡμᾶς, ὡς Ταξίαρχαι τῶν ἄνω Δυνάμεων.

### Ἦχος β΄.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ 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 αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

### Β΄ Κορ 9:6 – 11

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει, καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. ἕκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῇ καρδίᾳ, μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ Θεός. δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ Θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν, καθὼς γέγραπται· ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκε τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρώσιν χορηγήσει καὶ πληθύνει τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν καὶ αὐξήσει τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ Θεῷ.

**Συναξάριον:** Τοῦ Ἁγίου Μάρτυρος Νέστορος. Τοῦ Ἁγίου Πατρός ἡμῶν Κυριακού, Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως. Τῆς Ἁγίας Πρόκλης, συζύγου τοῦ Πιλάτου

### 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 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 2

O 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.

### 2 Cor. 9:6 – 11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπος τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ, ὃ ὄνομα Ἰάειρος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἄρχων τῆς συναγωγῆς ὑπῆρχε· καὶ πεσὼν παρα τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ παρεκάλει αὐτὸν εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ, ὅτι θυγάτηρ μονογενὴς ἦν αὐτῷ ὡς ἐτῶν δώδεκα, καὶ αὕτη ἀπέθνησεν. Ἐν δε τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτὸν οἱ ὄχλοι συνέπνιγον αὐτόν. καὶ γυνὴ οὖσα ἐν ῥύσει αἵματος ἀπὸ ἐτῶν δώδεκα, ἣτις ἰατροῖς προσαναλώσασα ὅλον τὸν βίον οὐκ ἴσχυσεν ὑπ' οὐδενὸς θεραπευθῆναι, προσελθοῦσα ὀπισθεν ἤψατο τοῦ κρασπέδου τοῦ ἱματίου αὐτοῦ, καὶ παραχρῆμα ἔστη ἡ ῥύσις τοῦ αἵματος αὐτῆς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τίς ὁ ἀψάμενός μου; ἀρνούμενων δε πάντων εἶπεν ὁ Πέτρος καὶ οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ· ἐπιστάτα, οἱ ὄχλοι συνέχουσίν σε καὶ ἀποθλίβουσι, καὶ λέγεις τίς ὁ ἀψάμενός μου; ὁ δε Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· ἤψατό μου τις· ἐγὼ γὰρ ἔγνω δύναμιν ἐξελθοῦσαν ἀπ' ἐμοῦ. ἰδοῦσα δε ἡ γυνὴ ὅτι οὐκ ἔλαθε, τρέμουσα ἦλθε καὶ προσπεσοῦσα αὐτῷ δι' ἣν αἰτίαν ἤψατο αὐτοῦ ἀπήγγειλεν αὐτῷ ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ λαοῦ, καὶ ὡς ἰάθη παραχρῆμα. ὁ δε εἶπεν αὐτῇ· θάρσει, θύγατερ, ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε· πορεύου εἰς εἰρήνην. Ἐτι αὐτοῦ λαλοῦντος ἔρχεται τις παρα τοῦ ἀρχισυναγωγῶν λέγων αὐτῷ ὅτι τέθνηκεν ἡ θυγάτηρ σου· μη σκύλλε τὸν διδάσκαλον. ὁ δε Ἰησοῦς ἀκούσας ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ λέγων· μη φοβοῦ· μόνον πίστευε, καὶ σωθήσεται. ἐλθὼν δε εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν οὐκ ἀφῆκεν εἰσελθεῖν οὐδένα εἰ μὴ Πέτρον καὶ Ἰωάννην καὶ Ἰάκωβον καὶ τὸν πατέρα τῆς παιδοῦ καὶ τὴν μητέρα. ἔκλαιον δε πάντες καὶ ἐκόπτοντο αὐτήν. ὁ δε εἶπε· μη κλαίετε· οὐκ ἀπέθανεν, ἀλλὰ καθεύδει. καὶ κατεγέλων αὐτοῦ, εἰδότες ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. αὐτὸς δε ἐκβαλὼν ἔξω πάντας καὶ κρατήσας τῆς χειροῦ αὐτῆς ἐφώνησε λέγων· ἡ παῖς, ἐγείρου. καὶ ἐπέστρεψε τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτῆς, καὶ ἀνέστη παραχρῆμα, καὶ διέταξεν αὐτῇ δοθῆναι φαγεῖν. καὶ ἐξέστησαν οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῖς. ὁ δε παρήγγειλεν αὐτοῖς μηδενὶ εἰπεῖν τὸ γεγονός.

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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Likewise, we should not seek praise and honor from people, remembering that they are harmful and corrupt our hearts. We must remember and always say that we are worthless slaves if we fulfill what is commanded to us from the Lord. May the hearts of all of you be filled with these feelings. Do not seek praise, glory and honor, live modestly and quietly, considering yourself unworthy slaves.

In the event that the inevitable fall comes - for God allows the righteous to fall - we will fall like a man standing not on the top of a mountain, but in the plain: and the fall will be easy and harmless, like the fall of a child who falls like a ball and, like a ball, stands up easily. May God teach you to get up easily after every sinful fall!

~ SAINT LUKE ARCHBISHOP OF SIMFEROPOL



# SYNTAXARION

**\*Oct 28 - Holy Protection of the Theotokos,  
Sts. Terrence and Eunice**

**Oct 29 - St. Anastasia of Rome, Sts. Avramios & Maria**

**Oct 30 - St. Zenobios & Zenobia, St. Cleopas of the 70**

**Oct 31 - St. Stachys of the 70, St. Nicholas the Martyr**

**\*Nov 1 - Sts. Cosmas & Damianos, St. David of Evia**

**Nov 2 - Sts. Akindynos, Elpidophoros & Companions**

(\*Denotes Divine Liturgy)

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

**Today there will be a tray passed by Philoptochos in honor of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.**

Come learn more about our Faith!

NEW Catechism Classes Sundays weekly following Coffee Hour

Cub Scout Popcorn Fundraiser & Toys-for-Tots collection Drive

October 29th / 30th ~ Greek School Heritage Nights

November 12th ~ Young at Heart

November 15th ~ Nameday Gala

November 19th ~ Ladies Night Out / Friendsgiving Event

November 23rd ~ GOYA Thanksgiving Food Drive

# MEMORIALS

**2 years for Helen Christie**

**9 years for Alkiviadis Diakoumakis**

**May their Memory be Eternal!**

If you know of any family in need of financial assistance (ie, paying bills, buying food, etc.) please contact our Philoptochos at [philoptochos@archangelmichaelchurch.org](mailto:philoptochos@archangelmichaelchurch.org)



Archangel Michael Church  
**ANNUAL NAMEDAY GALA**  
Honoring  
**NICHOLAS KOKINAKIS**  
Posthumously  
HELLENIC THREAD AWARD RECIPIENT  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH  
*The Swan Club*  
90 GLENWOOD ROAD, ROSLYN, NY 11576  
7:00 PM COCKTAIL HOUR • 8:00 PM DINNER  
LIVE MUSIC BY POWER STATION  
\$150 PER GUEST • \$50 PER GOYAN  
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CONGRATULATION & FOND FAREWELL  
**Father Ioannis & Presvytera Eleni**  
Join us in wishing them a fruitful and blessed journey as they embark on a new ministry at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Asheville, North Carolina.  
SUNDAY  
**OCTOBER 27TH**  
A luncheon following Divine Liturgy in the Angeliades Fellowship Hall



Come Celebrate our Parish Feast  
**SYNTAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGELS**



His Eminence Archbishop **ELPIDOPHOROS** of America will preside at Vespers on Thursday.

His Grace Bishop **NEKTARIOS** of Diokleia will preside at Liturgy on Friday.

Our Philoptochos Society will offer light refreshments after Vespers on Thursday. Philoptochos will serve a luncheon sponsored by Kyma of Roslyn after Liturgy on Friday.



**THURSDAY NOV 7** Vespers 7:00 PM **FRIDAY NOV 8** Orthros 8:30 AM Liturgy 9:30 AM

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