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SUNDAY - November 2, 2025 | Ἦχος δ΄, Ἑωθινόν Ι΄ | Tone 4, 10th Morning Gospel

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ : Ε΄ ΛΟΥΚΑ: Ἁγίων Μαρτύρων Ἀκινδύνου, Πηγασίου, Ἀφθονίου, Ἐλπιδοφόρου καὶ Ἀνεμποδίστου

SUNDAY: 5th Sunday of Luke. Memory of the Holy Martyrs Acindynos, Pegasios, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros, and Anempodistos

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος δ΄.

Το φαῖδρον τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἕκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ἁγίου Ταχυ Προκατάλαβε

Μαρτύρων ἀκραίμονες, κράτιστοι Μάρτυρες, Πηγάσιε ἔνδοξε συν Ἀκινδύνῳ σοφῷ, στερρέε Ἀνεμπόδιστε, θεῖε Ἐλπιδοφόρε, καὶ Ἀφθόνιε μάκαρ, ὦ ἄθλοφόροι πέντε, σουσ οἰκέτας φρουρεῖτε, καὶ σώζετε κινδύνων καὶ περιστάσεων.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ. Ἦχος δ΄

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

Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος β΄.

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

ΑΡΧΙΕΡΑΤΙΚΗ ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

ὁ Τριάγιος ὕμνος

Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, Ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός, Ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς (Χοροδία 1α, 2ο, 4ο, Ἀρχιερέυς 3ο & 5ο)

Ἀρχιερέυς: Κύριε Κύριε, ἐπίβλεψον ἐξ οὐρανοῦ καὶ ἴδε καὶ ἐπίσκεψαι τὴν ἀμπελον ταύτην καὶ κατάρτισαι αὐτήν, ἣν ἐφύτευσεν ἡ δεξιὰ σου (3x)

Διάκονος: Δύναμις - **Χοροδία:** Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, Ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός, Ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Ἀρχιερέυς καὶ Χοροδία εναλλάξ: Κύριε σῶσον τοὺς εὐσεβεῖς

Διάκονος: Καὶ ἐπάκουσον ἡμῶν. **Ἀρχιερέυς:** Καὶ ἐπάκουσον ἡμῶν

Ἡ Φήμην του Πατριάρχου

Βαρθολμαῖου τοῦ Παναγιωτάτου καὶ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριάρχου, πολλά τά ἔτη.

Ἡ Φήμην τοῦ Σεβασμιωτάτου Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Ἐλπιδοφόρου τοῦ Σεβασμιωτάτου καὶ Θεοπροβλήτου Ἀρχιεπισκόπου τῆς Ἁγιωτάτης Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς, ὑπερτίμου καὶ ἐξάρχου Ὁκεανῶν, Ἀτλαντικοῦ τε καὶ Εἰρηνικοῦ, ἡμῶν δέ Πατρός καὶ Ποιμενάρχου, πολλά τα ἔτη.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

Apolytikion of the Saint

O steadfast and mighty Witnesses and Martyrs of Christ, * glorious Pegasios and wise Acindynos * and strong Anempodistos, * blessed Afthonios and divine Elpidophoros, * you five medaled Athletes ever guard us and save us * from perils and disasters when we pray to you.

Apolytikion of the Church. Tone 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.

Kontakion. Tone 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.

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

The Trisagion Hymn

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have Mercy on Us. (Choir 1st, 2nd, 4th time; Clergy 3rd, & 5th time)

Hierarch: "Lord, O Lord, look down from heaven and behold Thy vineyard, which Thy right hand has planted" (3x)

Deacon: Dynamis - **Choir:** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us.

Chanted by Hierarch and Clergy and alternately the Choir: Lord, save the faithful (3x)

Deacon: And hear us. **Hierarch:** And hear us.

Pheme of the Ecumenical Patriarch

"Bartholomew, the All-Holy and Ecumenical Patriarch, many years!"

Pheme of the Archbishop

Elpidophoros, the Most Reverend and God-chosen Archbishop of the Most Holy Archdiocese of America, Primate and Exarch of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, our Father and Chief Shepherd, Many years

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ' ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 103.24,1
Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τα ἔργα σου Κύριε, πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας.

Στίχ. Εὐλόγει ἡ ψυχὴ μου τὸν Κύριον.

Προξ Γαλάτας 2:16-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ δια πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεῦσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σὰρξ. Εἰ δέ, ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ, εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοὶ, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἂ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἑμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὼ γὰρ δια νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα θεῷ ζῆσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δέ, οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῆ δε ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὁ δε νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῆ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 16:19-31 Εὐαγγελίου τοῦ Ἀναγνώσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· "Ἄνθρωπος δέ τις ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐνεδιδύσκετο πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον εὐφραινόμενος καθ' ἡμέραν λαμπρῶς. πτωχὸς δέ τις ἦν ὀνόματι Λάζαρος, ὃς ἐβέβλητο πρὸς τὸν πυλῶνα αὐτοῦ ἠλκωμένος καὶ ἐπιθυμῶν χορτασθῆναι ἀπο τῶν ψιγίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπο τῆς τραπέζης τοῦ πλουσίου· ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ κύνες ἐρχόμενοι ἀπέλειχον τα ἔλκη αὐτοῦ. ἐγένετο δὲ ἀποθανεῖν τὸν πτωχὸν καὶ ἀπενεχθῆναι αὐτὸν ὑπο τῶν ἀγγέλων εἰς τὸν κόλπον Ἀβραάμ· ἀπέθανε δὲ καὶ ὁ πλούσιος καὶ ἐτάφη, καὶ ἐν τῷ ἄδη ἐπάρας τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ, ὑπάρχων ἐν βασάνοις, ὅρα τὸν Ἀβραάμ ἀπο μακρόθεν καὶ Λάζαρον ἐν τοῖς κόλποις αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὐτὸς φωνήσας εἶπε· πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἐλέησόν με καὶ πέμψον Λάζαρον ἵνα βάψῃ τὸ ἄκρον τοῦ δακτύλου αὐτοῦ ὕδατος καὶ καταψύξῃ τὴν γλῶσσαν μου, ὅτι ὀδυνῶμαι ἐν τῇ φλογὶ ταύτῃ. εἶπε δὲ Ἀβραάμ· τέκνον, μνήσθητι ὅτι ἀπέλαβες σου τα ἀγαθὰ σου ἐν τῇ ζωῇ σου, καὶ Λάζαρος ὁμοίως τα κακὰ· νῦν δε ὡδε παρακαλεῖται, συ δε ὀδυνᾷσαι· καὶ ἐπι πᾶσι τούτοις μεταξὺ ἡμῶν καὶ ὑμῶν χάσμα μέγα ἐστήρικται, ὅπως οἱ θέλοντες διαβῆναι ἐνθεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς μὴ δύνωνται, μηδὲ οἱ ἐκεῖθεν πρὸς ἡμᾶς διαπερῶσιν. εἶπε δὲ· ἐρωτῶ οὖν σε, πάτερ, ἵνα πέμψῃς αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν οἶκον τοῦ πατρός μου· ἔχω γὰρ πέντε ἀδελφοὺς· ὅπως διαμαρτύρηται αὐτοῖς, ἵνα μὴ καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλθωσιν εἰς τὸν τόπον τοῦτον τῆς βασάνου. λέγει αὐτῷ Ἀβραάμ· ἔχουσι Μωϋσέα καὶ τοὺς προφῆτας· ἀκουσάτωσαν αὐτῶν. ὁ δε εἶπεν· οὐχί, πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἀλλ' ἐὰν τις ἀπο νεκρῶν πορευθῆ πρὸς αὐτοὺς, μετανοήσουσιν. εἶπε δε αὐτῷ· εἰ Μωϋσεως καὶ τῶν προφητῶν οὐκ ἀκούουσιν, οὐδὲ ἐὰν τις ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναστῆ πεισθήσονται.

Prokeimenon. Mode 4 Psalm 103.24,1
O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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.

The Gospel According to Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"



The Archangel Michael Church
wishes His Eminence Archbishop
Elpidophoros "Εἰς Πολλά Ἔτη" in
honor of the Feast Day of St.
Elpidophoros

The Holy Sacrament of Ordination to the Diaconate

During the Liturgy, after the Hierarch has intoned "And may the mercies of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all," two Deacons exit, and bring the Subdeacon is before the Hierarch. They stand on the solea, facing the Hierarch who stands in the Beautiful Gate.

1st Deacon: Command

2nd Deacon: All command

1st Deacon: Command, Holy Master, the one who presents himself before you.

Bishop: In the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (3)

The subdeacon addresses the bishop, then the bishop counsels the subdeacon. Afterwards, the subdeacon is brought into the sanctuary, and led by the deacons, circles the altar three times while the clergy sing:

Clergy: Hear us, you martyred Saints who have fought the good fight and received crowns, entreat the Lord, to have mercy on our souls.

Glory to you, Christ our God, the Apostles' boast and pride, the Martyrs' fervent joy whose preaching is the consubstantial Trinity.

O Isaiah dance with joy, for the Virgin is indeed with child and brought forth a son, Emmanuel. Who came both as God and man, Day-at-the-Dawn is his name, and by magnifying him, we call the Virgin blessed.

They bring the Candidate to the Hierarch at the front of the Altar. The subdeacon kneels before the Altar placing his hands on the Altar and his head upon his hands. The Hierarch makes the sign of the Cross three times over his head. After the Deacon proclaims, "Let us be attentive!" the Hierarch places his hand on the head of the Subdeacon and recites the Prayer, "The Divine grace..."

Deacon: Let us be attentive.

Bishop: The divine grace, which always heals that which is infirm and completes that which is lacking, ordains the most devout Subdeacon (Name) to the office of Deacon. Let us, therefore, pray for him, that the grace of the All-Holy Spirit may come upon him.

The clergy in the Holy of Holies say:

Clergy: Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Bishop: Lord our God, in Your providence You send your Holy Spirit upon those who are ordained by Your unsearchable power to become servants to minister Your Pure Mysteries, do You Lord, look upon this man whom You have consented to be ordained by me to the service of the Diaconate and preserve him in all humility, that he may hold the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.

Grant to him the grace which You gave to Stephen, Your first martyr, whom You called first to the ministry of Your Diaconate. Make him worthy to please You as he serves You in the office which you, in your goodness, bestowed upon him. For those who minister well prepare themselves for good reward; and proclaim him Your perfect servant.

For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, of the Father, the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and always, and to the ages of ages.

Chanters: Amen.

The first deacon recites the following petitions in a low voice while the clergy in the Holy of Holies slowly respond "Lord, have mercy."

1st Deacon: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace from above and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

For peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Archbishop (Name), and our Bishop (Name) for his priesthood, sustenance, sojourn, peace, health, salvation, and for the works of his hands, let us pray to the Lord.

For the servant of God (Name of the new deacon), who has now been ordained a deacon, and for his salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

That God who loves mankind will grant to him a pure and blameless diaconate, let us pray to the Lord.

For this parish and this city, for every city and country, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most-blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

Chanters: To You, O Lord.

Bishop: For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and always, and to the ages of ages.

Chanters: Amen.

While the 1st deacon intones the petitions, the bishop reads the following prayer with his hand still on the new deacon's head:

Bishop: O God our Savior, by your immortal voice You established the office of the diaconate through Your Apostles and showed forth the First martyr Stephen whom You elected first to fulfill the work of a deacon. It is written in your holy Gospel, "whoever would be first among you, let him be your servant." Lord of all fill this, Your servant, whom you have consented to enter the ministry of a deacon with the totality of faith, love, power, and sanctification by the descent of Your Holy and Life-giving Spirit. For not through the laying on of my hands, but by the divine visitation of your rich mercies grace is bestowed upon your worthy ones; that he, liberated from every sin, may stand blameless by You in the awesome Day of Judgment and receive the true reward of Your promise.

For You are our God, and to You we ascribe glory, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always, and to the ages of ages.

Chanters: Amen.

Everyone stands and the bishop proclaims the newly-ordained Deacon "Axios!" ("worthy") to which the congregation responds "Axios!"

The bishop will hold up each item of the deacon's vestments and again proclaim "Axios!" each time to which the congregation also responds "Axios!" and vests the new deacon.

**Οἱ Ἅγιοι Ἀκίνδυνος, Ἀφθόνιος, Πηγάσιος,
Ἐλπιδοφόρος (ἢ Ἐλπιδηφόρος) καὶ
Ἀνεμπόδιστος**



Ἡμ. Εορτής: 2 Νοεμβρίου

Ἦταν ἀξιωματοῦχοι τοῦ Πέρσου βασιλιά Σαπῶρ τοῦ Β'. Ἐπειδὴ, ὁμολόγησαν ὅτι εἶναι χριστιανοί, συνελήφθησαν καὶ μαστιγώθηκαν σκληρά. Ἐπειτα, τοὺς ἔριξαν στὶς φλόγες μιᾶς μεγάλης φωτιάς. Ἄλλα οἱ θερμὲς δεήσεις τους πρὸς τὸν Θεοὸ προκάλεσαν φοβερὴ θύελλα με βροχὴ, ποὺ ἔσβησε τὴν φωτιά. Αὐτοὺς προκάλεσε φόβος στὸς Πέρσες, καὶ τὸν ἴδιο τὸ Σαπῶρ, με ἀποτέλεσμα νὰ ἀναβάλει, τὸν θάνατο τῶν γενναίων χριστιανῶν. Ἄλλα μετὰ μερικὲς μέρες, τοὺς ἔφερε καὶ πάλι στὸ κριτήριον. Ἀφοῦ εἶδε ὅτι δὲν μποροῦσε νὰ ἀλλάξει τὸ χριστιανικὸ τους φρόνημα, ἀποκεφάλισε πρῶτον τὸν Ἀφθόνιο. Ἐπειτα, ἀπευθυνόμενος στὸν Ἐλπιδοφόρο, τοῦ εἶπε νὰ φανεῖ λογικὸς, σὰν ἐγγράμματος ποὺ ἦταν καὶ μποροῦσε νὰ διακρίνει τὸ ψέμα ἀπὸ τὴν ἀλήθεια. Ὁ Ἐλπιδοφόρος τοῦ ἀποκρίθηκε ὅτι γι' αὐτὸ ἀκριβῶς πιστεύει στὸν Χριστό, διότι Αὐτὸς εἶναι «ἡ ὁδὸς καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια καὶ ἡ ζωὴ». Δηλαδή ὁ σωστὸς δρόμος, ποὺ ὀδηγεῖ στὴν ἀπόλυτη ἀλήθεια καὶ στὴν πραγματικὴ καὶ πηγαιὰ ζωὴ, ποὺ ἀξίζει κανεὶς νὰ πεθάνει γι' αὐτή.

Ἡ ἀπάντησις τοῦ Ἐλπιδοφόρου ἐξαγρίωσε τὸν Σαπῶρ καὶ ἀμέσως τὸν ἀποκεφάλισε. Οἱ θυσίαι αὐτῆς ἐνθάρρυναν ἀκόμα περισσότερο τοὺς ὑπολοίτους, καὶ ἔμειναν ἀκλόνητοι στὴν πίστιν τους. Τότε ὁ Σαπῶρ διέταξε νὰ τοὺς ρίξουν μέσα σὲ ἀναμμένο καμίνι.

Ἔτσι, μαρτυρικὰ καὶ ἐνδοξα, παρέδωσαν ὅλοι τὴν μακαριὰ ψυχὴν τους στὸ ζωοδότῃ Χριστό.

**Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphthonius,
Elpidophoros, Anempodistus, and 7,000 with
them, of Persia
Commemorated on November 2**

Saint Acindynus suffered martyrdom in Persia along with Saints Pegasias, Aphthonius, Elpidophorus, Anempodistus, and 7,000 other Christians at the time of King Sapor II (310-381). These saints were Sapor's courtiers, and were secret Christians. When the king began his persecution against Christians, envious pagans denounced them to him. Summoned to Sapor's presence for trial, the holy martyrs fearlessly confessed their faith in the Holy Trinity. The king ordered them to be beaten with whips.

Sapor told the people that Saints Acindynus, Pegasias, Anempodistus and Elpidophorus would have their heads cut off, and that he would not permit the Christians to bury their bodies.

A tremendous crowd accompanied these saints as they were led outside the city walls for execution, glorifying Christ. On Sapor's orders, soldiers massacred all the Christians in the procession (about 7,000), including Saint Elpidophorus.

Acindynus, Pegasias, and Anempodistus were burned on the following day with the mother of the emperor. Christians came secretly by night to the place of execution, found the bodies of the holy martyrs unharmed by the fire, and they buried them with reverence.



**Celebrating the Ordination to the
Diaconate of Gregory Gatanas**

Gregory Gatanas was born and raised in Flushing, Queens. He grew up in the community of St. Nicholas of Flushing, which is where he attended the William Spyropoulos Greek-American Day School from K-8th grade. He graduated from Chaminade High School in 2013 and received his Bachelor's degree from Binghamton University (SUNY). In 2021, he graduated from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, where he received his Master of Divinity degree. For the last four years, he has served as the Pastoral Assistant at the Church of the Holy Resurrection, Brookville, NY. In the summer of 2024, Gregory married his wife, Eleftheria Papadopoulou, in Thessaloniki, Greece at the Cathedral of St. Demetrios. Gregory will be ordained to the Holy Diaconate at the Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church of Port Washington on Sunday, November 2, the Nameday of our Archbishop Elpidophoros of America. He will then be ordained to the Holy Priesthood at the Church of the Holy Resurrection the following Sunday, November 9, the Feast Day of Saint Nektarios of Pentapolis. Beginning December 1st, Gregory will begin his ministry as the assistant priest at St. Sophia Cathedral in Washington D.C.