



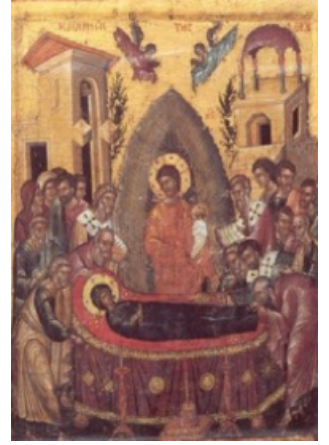
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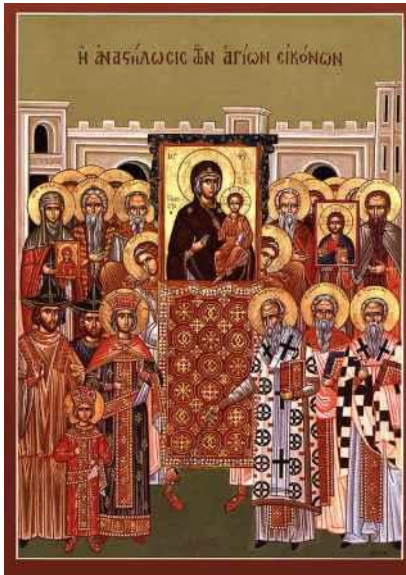


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WEEKLY BULLETIN
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΙΑΙΟ ΦΥΛΛΑΔΙΟ
ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 21^η ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ 2021
ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΙΑΣ

Sunday of Orthodoxy Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίας



For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

Λέγεται Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίας, γιατί γιορτάζουμε την αναστήλωση των αγίων Εικόνων και τον θρίαμβο της Ορθοδόξου Πίστεως κατά της φοβερής αιρέσεως των Εικονομάχων, των αιρετικών δηλαδή εκείνων που δεν εδέχοντο να τιμούν τις αγίες Εικόνες. Το «Ωρολόγιο» της Εκκλησίας γράφει: Για εκατό και πλέον χρόνια διαταράχθηκε η Εκκλησία με διωγμούς από κακοδόξους εικονομάχους. Πρώτος υπήρξε ο αυτοκράτορας Λέων ο Ίσαυρος και τελευταίος ο Θεόφιλος, άνδρας της Αγίας Θεοδώρας, η οποία μετά το θάνατο του συζύγου της ανέλαβε την εξουσία και στερέωσε πάλι την Ορθοδοξία μαζί με τον Πατριάρχη Μεθόδιο. Η Βασίλισσα Θεοδώρα διακήρυξε δημόσια ότι ασπαζόμεθα τις Εικόνες, όχι λατρευτικά, ούτε ως Θεούς, αλλά ως εικόνες των αρχετύπων. Την πρώτη Κυριακή των νηστειών το έτος 843, η Θεοδώρα μαζί με το γιό της αυτοκράτορα Μιχαήλ, λιτάνευσαν και ανεστήλωσαν τις αγίες εικόνες μαζί με τον κλήρο και το λαό. Από τότε εορτάζουμε κάθε χρόνο την ανάμνηση αυτού του γεγονότος γιατί καθορίστηκε οριστικά ότι δεν λατρεύουμε τις Εικόνες, αλλά τιμούμε και δοξάζουμε όλους τους Αγίους που εικονίζουν και λατρεύουμε μόνο τον εν Τριάδι Θεό. Τον Πατέρα, τον Υιό και το Άγιο Πνεύμα και κανένα άλλο είτε Άγιο είτε Άγγελο.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω
τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ
ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Ἦχος β'.

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου, προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ,
αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ
Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠυδόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ
Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὓς ἐπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ
ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαράς ἐπλήρωσας
τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν
κόσμον.

Ἀπολυτίκιον

ΚΟΙΜΗΣΙΣ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ

First Tone

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει τὴν παρθενίαν εφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει
τόν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε, Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν
ζωὴν, μήτηρ υπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις
ταῖς σαῖς λυτρομένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια,
Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια,
Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε.
Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον,
Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον,
Ἴνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode pl. 4.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and
condescended to be buried for three days, so that from
the passions You might set us free. Our life and
resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

For the Feast.

Mode 2.

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and
entreat You to forgive our offences, O Christ our God. By
Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in
the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our
slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude:
You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming
to save the world.

Apolytikion

Dormition of the Theotokos.

First Tone

In birth, you preserved your virginity; in death, you did
not abandon the world, O Theotokos. As mother of life,
you departed to the source of life, delivering our souls
from death by your intercessions.

Kontakion.

Mode pl. 4.

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you
Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude,
Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos.
Inasmuch as you have power unassailable,
From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you
I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

EASTER CARD

Great Lent is upon us. In keeping with the period of spiritual reflection we are offering you the opportunity to be included in our **Community Easter Card**. You, as a family unit, or an individual will be listed on the card for a nominal donation of \$25.00.

If you wish to be listed on the Community Easter Card, please mail in your name of how you would like it to be written and return it to the Church Office together with your check payable to "KIMISIS THEOTOKOU CHURCH".

In this manner you will benefit your Church, sending the good news of our Lord's Resurrection to our Parish families and friends.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ
TODAY'S EPISTLE READING

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ'.

Δανιήλ 3.26-27

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.
Στίχ. Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 11:24-26, 32-40 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, πίστει Μωϋσῆς μέγας γενόμενος ἠρνήσατο λέγεσθαι υἱὸς θυγατρὸς Φαραώ, μᾶλλον ἐλόμενος συγκακουχεῖσθαι τῷ λαῷ τοῦ θεοῦ ἢ πρόσκαιρον ἔχειν ἀμαρτίας ἀπόλαυσιν· μείζονα πλοῦτον ἠγησάμενος τῶν Αἰγύπτου θησαυρῶν τὸν ὄνειδισμόν τοῦ Χριστοῦ· ἀπέβλεπεν γὰρ εἰς τὴν μισθαποδοσίαν. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; Ἐπιλείψει γὰρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών, Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψών καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυὶδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν προφητῶν· οἱ δὲ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἐκκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων. Ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον· περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι - ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος - ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσιν καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὁπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες, μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν.

Prokeimenon. Mode 4.

Daniel 3.26,27

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

ΜΝΥΜΟΣΥΝΑ

Δημήτριος Γαρυφαλλος 40 ημέρες
Αθηνά Γιαννιτσαριώτου 40 ημέρες
Γεώργιος Φαράγκ Ετήσιο
Ευδοκία Μπούρας Ετήσιο
Φλόπωχος Αδελφότης

MEMORIALS

Dimitrios Garyfallos 40 Days
Athena Giannitsariotis 40 Days
George Farag 1 Year
Evdokia Booras 1 Year
Ladies Philotochos

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 1:44-52 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠθέλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐξελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· καὶ εὗρίσκει Φίλιππον καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολούθει μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαϊδά, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὗρίσκει Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναήλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ὃν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφῆται, εὐρήκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ· ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος· ἔρχου καὶ ἴδε. εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναήλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ· ἴδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλίτης, ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστι. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ· πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι, ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκῆν εἶδόν σε. ἀπεκρίθη Ναθαναήλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὅτι εἶπόν σοι, εἶδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς, πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὄψει. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀμήν ἀμήν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπ' ἄρτι ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεωγῆτα, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

The Gospel According to John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

ΒΑΠΤΙΣΕΙΣ**BAPTISMS****ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 28^η ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ****SUNDAY, MARCH 28th**

Γιὸς τοῦ κυρίου καὶ κυρίας Γρηγόρη Βασιλάκος
Κουμπάρος: Δημήτρης Βενέκας.

Son of Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Vassilakos.
Godparent: Dimitri Venekas.

ΜΝΥΜΟΣΥΝΑ**MEMORIALS****ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 28^η ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ****SUNDAY, MARCH 28th**

Ρωξάνη Μπιτετζάκης 40 ἡμερῶν
Πολυχρόνης Μπιτετζάκης Ἐτήσιο
Μιχαήλ Σταμάτιος Μαλλὰς 40 ἡμερῶν

Roxanne Bitetzakis 40 Days
Paul Bitetzakis 1 Year
Michael Stamatios Mallas 40 Days

**ΗΜΕΡΟΜΗΝΙΕΣ ΠΟΥ ΠΡΕΠΕΙ ΝΑ ΕΝΘΥΜΟΥΜΕΘΑ
DAYS TO REMEMBER****Τετάρτη, 24^η Μαρτίου - ΠΡΟΗΓΙΑΣΜΕΝΗ****Wednesday, March 24th - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY**

Θεία Λειτουργία – 9:30 Π.Μ.

9:30 A.M.

Τετάρτη, 24^η Μαρτίου - Ο ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ**Wednesday, March 24th - ANNUNCIATION**

Εσπερινός – 7:00 Μ.Μ.

Vespers - 7:00 P.M.

Πέμπτη, 25^η Μαρτίου - Ο ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ**Thursday, March 25th - ANNUNCIATION**

Θεία Λειτουργία 8:30– 10:30 Π.Μ.

Orthros-Divine Liturgy – 8:30 – 10:30 A.M.

Παρασκευή, 19^η Μαρτίου - Β' ΣΤΑΣΙΣ ΤΩΝ ΧΑΙΡΕΤΙΣΜΩΝ**Friday, March 19th - SECOND SALUTATIONS**

Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 Μ.Μ.

Salutations begin – 7:00 P.M.