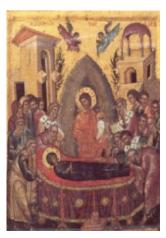


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<u>WEEKLY BULLETIN</u> SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021 15TH SUNDAY OF LUKE ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΙΑΙΟ ΦΥΛΛΑΔΙΟ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 31^η ΙΑΝΟΥΑΡΙΟΥ 2021 ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 15^η ΛΟΥΚΑ



Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and those with them Οι Άγιοι Κύρος και Ιωάννης οι Θαυματουργοί Ανάργυροι και οι σύν αυτοίς Αθανασία, Θεοδότη, Θεοκτίστη και Ευδοξία οι Μάρτυρες

Saint Cyrus was a noted physician in the city of Alexandria, where he had been born and raised. He was a Christian and he treated the sick without charge, not only curing their bodily afflictions, but also healing their spiritual infirmities. He would say, "Whoever wishes to avoid being ill should refrain from sin, for sin is often the cause of bodily illness." Preaching the Gospel, the holy physician converted many pagans to Christ. During the persecution by Diocletian (284-305), Saint Cyrus withdrew into Arabia, where he became a monk. He continued to heal people by his prayer, having received from God the gift to heal every sickness. In the city of Edessa at this time lived the soldier John, a pious Christian. When the persecution started, he went to Jerusalem and there he heard about Saint Cyrus. He began to search for him, going first to Alexandria and then to Arabia. When Saint John finally found Saint Cyrus, he remained with him and became his faithful follower. They learned of the arrest of the Christian woman Athanasia and her three young daughters. Theoctiste was fifteen; Theodota,

was thirteen; and Eudoxia, was eleven. Saints Cyrus and John hastened to the prison to help them. They were concerned that faced with torture, the women might renounce Christ. Saints Cyrus and John gave them courage to endure what lay before them. Learning of this, the ruler of the city arrested Saints Cyrus and John, and seeing their steadfast and fearless confession of faith in Christ, he brought Athanasia and her daughters to witness their torture. The tyrant did not refrain from any form of torture against the holy martyrs. The women were not frightened by the sufferings of Saints Cyrus and John, but courageously continued to confess Christ. They were flogged and then beheaded, receiving their crowns of martyrdom. At the same place they executed the Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus and John. Christians buried their bodies in the church of the holy Evangelist Mark. In the fifth century the relics of Saints Cyrus and John were transferred from Canopis to Manuphin. Later on their relics were transferred to Rome, and from there to Munchen (Munich) (another account is located under June 28). Saints Cyrus and John are invoked by those who have difficulty in sleeping.

Οὶ Ἅγιοι Μάρτυρες Κύρος καὶ Ἰωάννης ἄθλησαν κατὰ τὴν ἐποχὴ τοῦ αὐτοκράτορα Διοκλητιανοῦ (284 – 305 μ.Χ.). Ὁ Ἅγιος Κύρος καταγόταν ἀπὸ τὴν Ἁλεξάνδρεια, ένῶ ὁ Ἅγιος Ἰωάννης καταγόταν ἀπὸ τὴν Ἔδεσσα τῆς Μεσοποταμίας. Ὅταν ξέσπασε ὁ διωγμὸς τοῦ Διοκλητιανοῦ, ὁ Ἅγιος Κύρος πῆγε σὲ ἔνα παραθαλάσσιο τόπο τῆς Άραβίας καί, άφοῦ περιεβλήθηκε τὸ μοναχικὸ σχῆμα, κατοίκησε στὸν τόπο αὐτό. Ὁ Ἅγιος Ἰωάννης πῆγε στὰ Ἱεροσόλυμα καὶ ἐκεῖ ἄκουσε γιὰ τὰ θαύματα ποὺ έπιτελοῦσε ὁ Ἅγιος Κύρος. Στὴν συνέχεια μετέβη στὴν Ἁλεξάνδρεια. Ἅπὸ ἐκεῖ, ἀφοῦ ἀπὸ διάφορες φῆμες ἔμαθε ποῦ διέμενε ὸ Ἅγιος Κύρος, πῆγε καὶ τὸν βρῆκε καὶ <u>ἔμεινε μαζί του. Τὰ θαύματα τῶν Ἁγίων Ἀναργύρων συνέγραψε ὁ Ἅγιος Σωφρόνιος, Πατριάρχης Ἱεροσολύμων († 11 Μαρτίου), διότι οὶ Ἅγιοι θεράπευσαν τὰ μάτια</u> του. Κατὰ τὴν περίοδο τοῦ διωγμοῦ συνελήφθη καὶ ἡ Ἁγία Ἀθανασία, ποὺ ἦταν χήρα, καθὼς έπίσης καὶ οὶ τρεῖς θυγατέρες της Θεοδότη, Θεοκτίστη καὶ Εύδοξία. Ή είδηση τάραξε τὸν Κύρο καὶ τὸν Ίωάννη. Ἔτσι οὶ Ἅγιοι, ἐπειδὴ φοβήθηκαν μήπως αὐτὲς δειλιάσουν άπὸ τὴν σκληρότητα τῶν βασανιστηρίων, ἐξαιτίας τῆς άδυναμίας τῆς φύσεως τῆς γυναίκας, ἔσπευσαν κοντά τους καὶ ἔδιναν σὲ αύτὲς θάρρος, ένῶ παράλληλα προετοιμάζονταν καὶ οὶ ἴδιοι γιὰ τὸ μαρτύριο. Καὶ πράγματι, συνελήφθησαν καὶ αύτοὶ καὶ ὁδηγήθηκαν στὸν ἡγεμόνα. Ἐκεῖ διακήρυξαν μὲ παρρησία καὶ θάρρος τὴν πίστη τους στὸν Θεό. Μάταια ὁ ἡγεμόνας ζητοῦσε νὰ κάμψει τὴν ἀνδρεία τῆς μητέρας, δείχνοντας σὲ αὐτὴ τὶς θυγατέρες της καὶ ἐπιρρίπτοντάς της τὴν ἐνοχή. Ἐκείνη, ἀφοῦ στράφηκε πρὸς τὶς θυγατέρες της, τὶς ένίσχυε λέγουσα ότι ή σωματική ὼραιότητα εἶναι πρόσκαιρη, ένῶ στὴν αίωνιότητα διατηρεῖται ἡ όμορφιὰ τῆς ψυχῆς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἀθάνατη. Αύτὲς δὲ ἔλεγαν πρὸς τὴν μητέρα τους ὅτι αίσθάνονταν μεγάλη χαρά, έπειδὴ ἔμελλε νὰ φύγουν ἀπὸ τὸν μάταιο αύτὸ κόσμο μαζί της γιὰ τὴν άγάπη τοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ νὰ μὴν χωρισθοῦν ποτὲ ἀπὸ κοντά της. Ὁ ἡγεμόνας έξαγριώθηκε καὶ διέταξε νὰ τοὺς ὑποβάλουν σὲ πολλὰ καὶ σκληρὰ βασανιστήρια. Μετὰ ἀπὸ τὰ βασανιστήρια άποκεφάλισαν διὰ ξίφους τὸν Ἅγιο Κύρο καὶ τὸν Ἅγιο Ἰωάννη, τὸ ἔτος 292 μ.Χ.. Ἔτσι μαρτύρησαν καὶ ἡ Ἅγία Ἀθανασία μὲ τὶς τρεῖς θυγατέρες της. Τὸν βίο καὶ τὸ μαρτύριο αύτῶν ἔγραψε ὁ Σωφρόνιος ὁ Σοφιστής. Ἡ Σύναξη αύτῶν έτελεῖτο στὸ Μαρτύριο ποὺ εἶχε άνεγερθεῖ πρὸς τιμήν τους καὶ βρίσκεται στὴν περιοχὴ Φωρακίου.

Άπολυτίκιον Άναστάσιμον. Ήχος α'

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν· διὰ τοῦτο αὶ Δυνάμεις τῶν ούρανῶν έβόων σοι ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῆ ἄναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῆ βασιλεία σου, δόξα τῆ οἰκονομία σου, μόνε φιλάνθρωπε.

Τῶν Ἀγίων. Ἡχος πλ. α'

Τὰ θαύματα τῶν ὰγίων σου Μαρτύρων, τεῖχος ἀκαταμάχητον, ἡμῖν δωρησάμενος, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, ταῖς αὐτῶν ἰκεσίαις, βουλὰς έθνῶν διασκέδασον, τῆς Βασιλείας τὰ σκῆπτρα κραταίωσον, ὼς μόνος άγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος.

Άπολυτίκιον ΚΟΙΜΗΣΙΣ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ First Tone

Εν τή Γεννήσει τήν παρθενίαν εφύλαξας, έν τή Κοιμήσει τόν κόσμον ού κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε, Μετέστης πρός τήν ζωήν, μήτηρ υπάρχουσα τής ζωής, καί ταίς πρεσβείαις ταίς σαίς λυτρουμένη, εκ θανάτου τάς ψυχάς ημών.

Κοντάκιον. Ήχος α'.

Ό μήτραν παρθενικὴν ὰγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εύλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Άλλ' είρήνευσον έν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ήγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 1

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the world. * For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; * glory to Your kingdom; * glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

For the Saints. Mode pl. 1

You have given us the miracles of Your holy Martyrs as an impregnable fortress, O Christ our God. At their entreaties, frustrate the plots of foreign enemies, and strengthen our nation, for You alone are good and love humanity.[SD]

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 1.

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ TODAY'S EPISTLE READING

Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου έφ' ἡμᾶς. Στίχ. Άγαλλιᾶσθε δίκαιοι έν Κυρίφ

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α' 4:9-15 τὸ άνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος. Είς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ όνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἡλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ θεῷ ζῶντι, ὅς ἐστιν σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε. Μηδείς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονείτω, άλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῆ, ἐν άγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ὰγνείᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι, πρόσεχε τῆ ἀναγνώσει, τῆ παρακλήσει, τῆ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοι διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἴνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ἦ ἐν πᾶσιν.

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

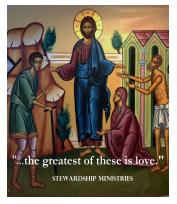
The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

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Έκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 19:1-10 Εύαγγελίου τὸ Άνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο τὴν Ἱεριχώ· καὶ ίδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὖτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτει ίδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστι, καὶ οὐκ ήδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ἄχλου, ὅτι τῆ ἡλικία μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμὼν ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἴνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι ἐκείνης ἤμελλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτὸν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατάβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἵκῳ σου δεῖ με μεῖναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτὸν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ὰμαρτωλῷ ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταλῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· ἱδοὺ τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἵκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υὶὸς ᾿Αβραάμ ἐστιν. ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υὶὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.

The Gospel According to Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

ΗΜΕΡΟΜΗΝΙΕΣ ΠΟΥ ΠΡΕΠΕΙ ΝΑ ΕΝΘΥΜΟΥΜΕΘΑ DAYS TO REMEMBER



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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
TO THE TEMPLE

Orthros-Divine Liturgy 8:30-11:30 A.M.



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