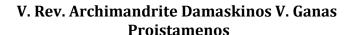


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WEEKLY BULLETIN SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 MEATFARE SUNDAY ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΙΑΙΟ ΦΥΛΛΑΔΙΟ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 10^η ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ 2024 ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΑΠΟΚΡΕΩ



ΚΥΡΙΆΚΗ «ΤΗΣ ΑΠΟ-ΚΡΕΩ»

Judgment Sunday (Deatfare Sunday)

Όνομάζεται Κυριακή τῆς Ἀπόκρεω γιατί στὴ διάρκεια τῆς ἑβδομάδας ποὺ ἀκολουθεῖ ἀρχίζει μιὰ περιορισμένη νηστεία —«ἀποχὴ κρέατος»- ὅπως παραγγέλουν τὰ λειτουργικὰ βιβλία. Ἡ Ἐκκλησία ἀρχίζει νὰ μᾶς «προσαρμόζει» στὴ μεγάλη προσπάθεια ποὺ θὰ ἀπαιτήσει ἀπὸ ἐμᾶς ἑπτὰ μέρες ἀργότερα. Σταδιακὰ μᾶς βάζει στὸ μεγάλο ἀγώνα, γιατί γνωρίζει τὴν εὐπάθειά μας καὶ προβλέπει τὴ πνευματική μας ἀδυναμία.

Εὐαγγελικὸ ἀνάγνωσμα τῆς μέρας εἶναι ἡ παραβολὴ τοῦ Χριστοῦ γιὰ τὴν Τελευταῖα Κρίση (Ματθ. 25, 31-46).

Όταν ο Χριστὸς θὰ ἔρθει νὰ μᾶς κρίνει ποιὸ θὰ εἶναι τὸ κριτήριό Του; Ἡ παραβολὴ μᾶς δίνει τὴν ἀπάντηση: ἡ ἀγάπη. Ὁχι ἕνα ἁπλὸ ἀνθρωπιστικὸ ἐνδιαφέρον, ἀλλὰ ἡ συγκεκριμένη καὶ προσωπικὴ ἀγάπη γιὰ τὸν ἄνθρωπο, γιὰ κάθε ἀνθρώπινο πρόσωπο μὲ τὸ ὁποῖο ὁ Θεὸς μὲ φέρνει σὲ ἐπαφὴ στὴ ζωή μου. Ή χριστιανική ἀγάπη εἶναι ή «δυνατή ἀδυνατότητα» νὰ βλέπω τὸ Χριστὸ στὸ πρόσωπο κάθε ἀνθρώπου, ὁποιοσδήποτε κι ἂν εἶναι αὐτός, καὶ τὸν ὁποῖο ὁ Θεός, μέσα στὸ αἰώνιο καὶ μυστηριῶδες σχέδιό Του, ἔχει ἀποφασίσει νὰ φέρει στὴ ζωή μου ἔστω καὶ γιὰ λίγες στιγμές. Νὰ τὸν φέρει κοντά μου ὄχι σὰν μιὰ εὐκαιρία γιὰ «καλή πράξη» ἢ γιὰ ἐξάσκηση τῆς φιλανθρωπίας μου, ἀλλὰ σὰν ἀργὴ μιᾶς ἀδιάκοπης συντροφιᾶς μέσα στὸν ἴδιο τὸ Θεό. Ἡ ἀγάπη ξεπερνάει στὸν «ἄλλο» τὴν ἐξωτερική του ἐμφάνιση, τὴν κοινωνική του θέση, τὴν ἐθνική του καταγωγή, τὴν διανοητική του ἱκανότητα καὶ φθάνει στὴν ψυχή του, τὸ ἀληθινὸ κομμάτι τοῦ Θεοῦ μέσα του. Εἶναι ἡ ὑπέροχη ἀνακάλυψη τοῦ «προσώπου» στὸν «ἄνθρωπο», ἡ ἀνακάλυψη τοῦ συγκεκριμένου καὶ μοναδικοῦ προσώπου μέσα στὸ σύνολο γενικά. Ἡ πραγματικὴ ἀποστολὴ τῆς Ἐκκλησίας εἶναι νὰ ὑπενθυμίζει στὸν ἄνθρωπο τὴν προσωπική του ἀγάπη. Όλοι οἱ ἄνθρωποι ἔγουν ἀνάγκη ἀπ' αὐτὴ τὴ προσωπικὴ ἀγάπη, νὰ τοὺς ἀναγνωρίζεται ἡ μοναδικότητα τῆς ψυχῆς τους στην όποία άντανακλαται όλη ή όμορφιὰ τῆς δημιουργίας μ' ἕνα ξεχωριστό τρόπο. Ξέρουμε ὅτι οἱ ἄνθρωποι βρίσκονται στὴ «φυλακή», εἶναι «πεινῶντες καὶ διψῶντες» ἀκριβῶς γιατί τοὺς λείπει αὐτὴ ἡ προσωπικὴ ἀγάπη. Τέλος ξέρουμε ὅτι εἴτε ἀγαπήσαμε εἴτε ἀρνηθήκαμε τὴν ἀγάπη, πρόκειται νὰ κριθοῦμε, γιατί «ἐφ' ὅσον ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου τῶν ἐλαχίστων, ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε» (Ματθ. 25)

The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds. It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end.

Άπολυτίκιον Άναστάσιμον. Ήχος βαρύς.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ήνέῳξας τῷ ληστῆ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Άποστόλοις κηρύττειν έπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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'.

Όταν ἔλθης ὁ Θεός, έπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης, καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμὸς δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἔλκῃ, καὶ βίβλοι ἀνοίγωνται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτὰ δημοσιεύωνται, τότε ῥῦσαί με, έκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου, καὶ άξίωσον, έκ δεξιῶν σου μὲ στῆναι, Κριτὰ δικαιότατε.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Grave Mode.

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrhbearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

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.

When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.

ΜΝΥΜΟΣΥΝΑ

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TODAY'S EPISTLE READING

Προκείμενον. Ήχος δ'. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 146.5;134.3

Μέγας ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν, καὶ μεγάλη ἡ ἰσχὺς ἀὐτοῦ. Στίχ. Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, ὅτι ἀγαθός.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 8:8-13, 9:1-2 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Άδελφοί, βρῶμα ἡμᾶς οὐ παρίστησιν τῷ θεῷ· οὕτε γὰρ ἐὰν φάγωμεν περισσεύομεν, οὕτε ἐὰν μὴ φάγωμεν ὑστερούμεθα. Βλέπετε δὲ μήπως ἡ ἐξουσία ὑμῶν αὕτη πρόσκομμα γένηται τοῖς ἀσθενοῦσιν. Ἐὰν γάρ τις ἴδη σε τὸν ἔχοντα γνῶσιν ἐν εἰδωλείω κατακείμενον, οὐχὶ ἡ συνείδησις αὐτοῦ ἀσθενοῦς ὄντος οἰκοδομηθήσεται εἰς τὸ τὰ εἰδωλόθυτα ἐσθίειν; Καὶ ἀπολεῖται ὁ ἀσθενῶν ἀδελφὸς ἐπὶ τῆ σῆ γνώσει, δι' ὃν Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν; Οὕτως δὲ ἀμαρτάνοντες εἰς τοὺς ἀδελφούς, καὶ τύπτοντες αὐτῶν τὴν συνείδησιν ἀσθενοῦσαν, εἰς Χριστὸν άμαρτάνετε. Διόπερ εἰ βρῶμα σκανδαλίζει τὸν ἀδελφόν μου, οὐ μὴ φάγω κρέα εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, ἵνα μὴ τὸν ἀδελφόν μου σκανδαλίσω. Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος; Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἐλεύθερος; Οὐχὶ Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν ἑώρακα; Οὐ τὸ ἔργον μου ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ; Εἰ ἄλλοις οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος, ἀλλά γε ὑμῖν εἰμι· ἡ γὰρ σφραγὶς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀποστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ.

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 146.5:134.3

Great is our Lord, and great is his power. Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΥ

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

Έκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 25:31-46 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὅταν δὲ ἔλθη ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐν τῆ δόξη αὐτοῦ καὶ πάντες οἱ ἄγιοι ἄγγελοι μετ' αὐτοῦ, τότε καθίσει ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καὶ συναχθήσεται ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, καὶ ἀφοριεῖ αὐτοὺς ἀπ' ἀλλήλων ἄσπερ ὁ ποιμὴν ἀφορίζει τὰ πρόβατα ἀπὸ τῶν ἐρίφων, καὶ στήσει τὰ μὲν πρόβατα ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ, τὰ δὲ ἐρίφια ἐξ εὐωνύμων. τότε ἐρεῖ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῖς ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ· δεῦτε οἱ εὐλογημένοι τοῦ πατρός μου, κληρονομήσατε τὴν ἡτοιμασμένην ὑμῖν βασιλείαν ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου. ἐπείνασα γάρ, καὶ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἤμην, καὶ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ περιεβάλετέ με, ἡσθένησα, καὶ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με, ἐν φυλακῆ ἤμην, καὶ ἤλθετε πρός με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ οἱ δίκαιοι λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἴδομεν πεινῶντα καὶ ἐθρέψαμεν, ἢ διψῶντα καὶ ἐποτίσαμεν; πότε δέ σε εἴδομεν ζένον καὶ συνηγάγομεν, ἢ γυμνὸν καὶ περιεβάλομεν; πότε δέ σε εἴδομεν ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῆ, καὶ ἤλθομεν πρός σε; καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐρεῖ αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὄσον ἐποιήσατε ένὶ τούτων τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου τῶν ἐλαχίστων, ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. τότε ἐρεῖ καὶ τοῖς ἐξ εὐωνύμων· πορεύεσθε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ οἱ κατηραμένοι εἰς τὸ πῦρ τὸ αἰώνιον τὸ ἡτοιμασμένον τῷ διαβόλφ καὶ τοῖς ἀγγέλοις αὐτοῦ. ἐπείνασα γάρ, καὶ οὐκ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ οὐκ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἤμην, καὶ οὐ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ οὐ περιεβάλετέ με, ἀσθενὴς καὶ ἐν φυλακῆ, καὶ οὐκ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτοῖ λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἴδομεν πεινῶντα ἢ διψῶντα ἢ ξένον ἢ γυμνὸν ἢ ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῆ, καὶ οὐ διηκονήσαμέν σοι; τότε ἀποκριθήσεται αὐτοῖς λέγων· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον οὐκ ἐποιήσατε ένὶ τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων, οὐδὲ ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. καὶ ἀπελεύσονται οὖτοι εἰς κόλασιν αἰώνιον, οἱ δὲ δίκαιοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

The Gospel According to Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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