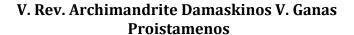
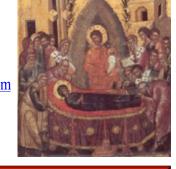


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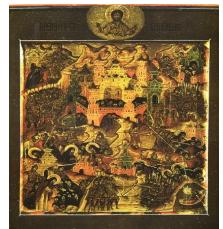
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#### Οὶ Ἅγιοι 33 Πατέρες Ἁββάδες οὶ έν τῇ Ραϊθῷ ἀναιρεθέντες Holy Monastic Fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu

Έως δύο μέρες μακριὰ ἀπὸ τὸ ὅρος Σινᾶ, πρὸς τὴν Ἐρυθρὰ θάλασσα, ἦταν ἡ ἔρημος Ραϊθώ, στὸ έσωτερικὸ τῆς ὁποίας ζοῦσαν Χριστιανοὶ Άναχωρητὲς καὶ Άσκητές. Αὐτοὶ οὶ μακαριστοὶ Πατέρες διένυαν τὸν ἀσκητικὸ ἀγώνα έκεῖ ποὺ εἶναι οὶ δώδεκα πηγὲς τῶν ὑδάτων καὶ ἐβδομήντα στέλεχοι τῶν φοινίκων. Οὶ μοναχοὶ αὐτοὶ πραγματοποιοῦσαν παράλληλα πρὸς τὸ ἀσκητικό τους ἔργο καὶ τὴ μεγάλη έντολὴ τοῦ κηρύγματος τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου στοὺς άλλοεθνής. Άλλὰ τὴν ἴδια ἡμέρα κατὰ τὴν ὁποία ἔγινε ἡ σφαγὴ τῶν Πατέρων στὸ Σινᾶ, οὶ βάρβαροι ἀποφάσισαν νὰ έξολοθρεύσουν καὶ τοὺς Πατέρες τῆς Ραϊθώ. Οὶ τριακόσιοι Βλέμμυες πῆραν αίχμαλώτους τὶς γυναῖκες καὶ τὰ παιδιὰ τῶν Φαρανιτῶν καὶ πῆγαν στὸ Κάστρο, ὅπου εἶχαν τὴν ἐκκλησία τους οὶ Ἅγιοι Πατέρες. Ἐκεῖνοι,

μόλις άντελήφθησαν τοὺς βαρβάρους, ἔκλεισαν τὴν πόρτα τοῦ Ναοῦ καὶ περίμεναν τὸν θάνατο. Ὁ προεστὸς τῆς μονῆς, Παῦλος, ὁ ὁποῖος θεωρεῖται ὅτι καταγόταν ἀπὸ τὴν πόλη τῶν Πατρῶν, θύμισε στοὺς ἀδελφοὺς ὅτι ὁ σκοπὸς τῆς ζωῆς τους εἶναι ὁ Χριστὸς καὶ ἡ βασιλεία Του καὶ ὅτι ὑπὲρ αὐτῆς ἦσαν ἡ προσευχή τους, ἡ μελέτη τους, οὶ πόθοι καὶ τὰ ἔργα τους καὶ τώρα παρουσιάζεται λαμπρὴ εὐκαιρία νὰ ἀποκτήσουν τὸν στέφανο τοῦ μαρτυρίου, χύνοντας καὶ αὐτὸ τὸ αἶμά τους ὑπὲρ τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ μισθαποδότου τους. Τοὺς παρακίνησε δέ, νὰ εὐχηθοῦν ὑπὲρ τῶν φονέων τους, οὶ ὁποῖοι ἦταν πραγματικὰ δυστυχεῖς καὶ έξέφρασε τὴν έλπίδα ὅτι ἡ θυσία αὐτὴ θὰ συντελέσει στὴν αὕξηση τοῦ δένδρου τῆς πίστεως. Οὶ Πατέρες έπικρότησαν τὰ λόγια αὐτὰ καὶ προσευχήθηκαν. Οὶ Βλέμμυες τότε, ἔσπασαν τὴν πόρτα, είσῆλθαν μέσα καὶ ἔσπειραν τὸν θάνατο κατὰ διαφόρους τρόπους. Τὶς σφαγὲς αὐτὲς καὶ τὶς ἀναιρέσεις διηγοῦνται ὁ μακάριος Νεῖλος ὁ ἄσκητής, ὁ ὁποῖος εἶχε διατελέσει ἔπαρχος Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, ὁ Άμμώνιος μοναχὸς στὴ Διήγησή του, καθὼς καὶ ὁ Άναστάσιος μοναχὸς ὁ Σιναΐτης κατὰ τὸν 7ο μ.Χ. αίώνα. Άρχικὰ ἡ μνήμη τους ἑορταζόταν στὶς 28 Δεκεμβρίου, ἐπικράτησε ὅμως νὰ ἑορτάζεται σήμερα.

There were two occasions when the monks and hermits at Sinai and Raithu were murdered by the barbarians. The first took place in the fourth century when forty Fathers were killed at Mount Sinai, and thirty-nine were slain at Raithu on the same day. Mount Sinai, where the Ten Commandments had been given to Moses, was also the site of another miracle. Ammonios, an Egyptian monk, witnessed the murder of the forty holy Fathers at Sinai. He tells of how the Saracens attacked the monastery and would have killed them all, if God had not intervened. A fire appeared on the summit of the peak, and the whole mountain smoked. The barbarians were terrified, and fled, while the surviving monks thanked God for sparing them. That day, the Blemmyes (an Arab tribe) killed thirty-nine Fathers at Raithu (on the shores of the Red Sea). Igumen Paul of Raithu exhorted his monks to endure their suffering with courage and a pure heart. The second massacres occurred nearly a hundred years later, and was also recorded by an eyewitness who miraculously escaped: Saint Nilus the Faster (November 12). The Arabs permitted some of the monks to run for their lives. They crossed the valley and climbed up a mountain. From this vantage point, they saw the bedouin kill the monks and ransack their cells. The Sinai and Raithu ascetics lived a particularly

strict life: they spent the whole week at prayer in their cells. On Saturday they gathered for the all-night Vigil, and on Sunday they received the Holy Mysteries. Their only food was dates and water. Many of the ascetics of the desert were glorified by the gift of wonderworking: the Elders Moses, Joseph and others. Mentioned in the service to these monastic Fathers are: Isaiah, Savva, Moses and his disciple Moses, Jeremiah, Paul, Adam, Sergius, Domnus, Proclus, Hypatius, Isaac, Macarius, Mark, Benjamin, Eusebius and Elias.

#### Άπολυτίκιον Άναστάσιμον. Ήχος βαρύς.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἡνέῳξας τῷ λῃστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν έπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἕλεος.

#### Άπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς. Ἡχος α'.

Έν Ἰορδάνη βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος έφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, άγαπητόν σε Υὶὸν όνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα έν εἴδει περιστερᾶς, έβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

#### 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 δ'. Αύτόμελον.

Έπεφάνης σήμερον τῆ οίκουμένη, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου Κύριε, έσημειώθη έφ' ἡμᾶς, έν έπιγνώσει ὑμνοῦντάς σε. Ἡλθες έφάνης τὸ Φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον.

#### 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 of the Feast. Mode 1.

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You.

## 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 4.** Automelon. Έπεφάνης σήμερον.

You appeared today to us on earth, O Master, and Your light was signed on us who cry aloud to You and say with understanding, O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable.

#### ΜΝΥΜΟΣΥΝΑ

#### **MEMORIALS**

#### TODAY'S EPISTLE READING

#### Προκείμενον. Ήχος α'. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 32.22,1

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

Πρὸς Έφεσίους 4:7-13 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Άδελφοί, ὲνὶ ἑκάστῳ ἡμῶν έδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ λέγει, Άναβὰς είς τὑψος ἡχμαλώτευσεν αίχμαλωσίαν, καὶ ἔδωκεν δόματα τοῖς άνθρώποις. Τὸ δέ, Άνέβη, τί έστιν εί μὴ ὅτι καὶ κατέβη πρῶτον είς τὰ κατώτερα μέρη τῆς γῆς; Ὁ καταβάς, αὐτός έστιν καὶ ὁ ἀναβὰς ὑπεράνω πάντων τῶν ούρανῶν, ἴνα πληρώση τὰ πάντα. Καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν τοὺς μὲν ἀποστόλους, τοὺς δὲ προφήτας, τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς, τοὺς δὲ ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους, πρὸς τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν ὰγίων, είς ἔργον διακονίας, είς οίκοδομὴν τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ· μέχρι καταντήσωμεν οὶ πάντες είς τὴν ὲνότητα τῆς πίστεως καὶ τῆς έπιγνώσεως τοῦ υὶοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, είς ἄνδρα τέλειον, είς μέτρον ἡλικίας τοῦ πληρώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

#### Prokeimenon. Mode 1. Psalm 32.22,1

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

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΥ

#### TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

#### Έκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 4:12-17 Εύαγγελίου τὸ Άνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι Ἰωάννης παρεδόθη, ἀνεχώρησεν είς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, καὶ καταλιπὼν τὴν Ναζαρὲτ ἐλθὼν κατώκησεν είς Καπερναοὺμ τὴν παραθαλασσίαν ἐν ὁρίοις Ζαβουλὼν καὶ Νεφθαλείμ, ἴνα πληρωθῆ τὸ ῥηθὲν διὰ Ἡσαΐου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· γῆ Ζαβουλὼν καὶ γῆ Νεφθαλείμ, ὁδὸν θαλάσσης, πέραν τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, Γαλιλαία τῶν ἐθνῶν, ὁ λαὸς ὁ καθήμενος ἐν σκότειεἶδε φῶς μέγα, καὶ τοῖς καθημένοις ἐν χώρα καὶ σκιᾳ θανάτουφῶς ἀνέτειλεν αὐτοῖς. ᾿Απὸ τότε ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς κηρύσσειν καὶ λέγειν· μετανοεῖτε· ἤγγικε γὰρ ἡ βασιλεία τῶν ούρανῶν.

#### The Gospel According to Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

#### **MEMORIALS**

#### ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 21η ΙΑΝΟΥΑΡΙΟΥ

Γεώργιος Μονίαρος 40 ημέρες Δήμητρα Λαγός 3 μήνες Βασίλειος Λαγός 16 ετές Δημήτριος Δόντης 20 ετές

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**ST

George Moniaros 40 Days Dimitra Lagos 3 Months Vasilios Lagos 16 Years James Dontis 20 Years

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Όρθρος-Θεία Λειτουργία 8:30 – 10:30 Π.Μ.

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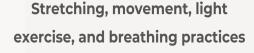
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