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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT



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Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1.

Psalm 11.7,1

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

The Gospel According to Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 10:32-45 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παραλαμβάνει ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητάς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἤρξατο αὐτοῖς λέγειν τὰ μέλλοντα αὐτῷ συμβαίνειν, ὅτι ἰδοὺ ἀναβαίνομεν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδοθήσεται τοῖς ἀρχιερεῦσι καὶ γραμματεῦσι, καὶ κατακρινούσιν αὐτὸν θανάτῳ καὶ παραδώσουσιν αὐτὸν τοῖς ἔθνεσι, καὶ ἐμπαίξουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτὸν καὶ ἐμπύσουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται. Καὶ προσπορεύονται αὐτῷ Ἰάκωβος καὶ Ἰωάννης υἱοὶ Ζεβεδαίου λέγοντες· διδάσκαλε, θέλομεν ἵνα ὃ ἐὰν αἰτήσωμεν ποιήσης ἡμῖν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί θέλετε ποιησαί με ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δὸς ἡμῖν ἵνα εἷς ἐκ δεξιῶν σου καὶ εἷς ἐξ εὐωνύμων σου καθίσωμεν ἐν τῇ δόξῃ σου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐκ οἶδατε τί αἰτεῖσθε. δύνασθε πιεῖν τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθῆναι; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δυνάμεθα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τὸ μὲν ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω πίεσθε, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθήσεσθε· τὸ δὲ καθίσει ἐκ δεξιῶν μου καὶ ἐξ εὐωνύμων οὐκ ἔστιν ἐμὸν δοῦναι, ἀλλ' οἷς ἠτοίμασται. Καὶ ἀκούσαντες οἱ δέκα ἤρξαντο ἀγανακτεῖν περὶ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωάννου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτοὺς λέγει αὐτοῖς· οἶδατε ὅτι οἱ δοκοῦντες ἀρχεῖν τῶν ἐθνῶν κατακυριεύουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι αὐτῶν κατεξουσιάζουσιν αὐτῶν· οὐχ οὕτω δὲ ἔσται ἐν ὑμῖν, ἀλλ' ὃς ἐὰν θέλῃ γενέσθαι μέγας ἐν ὑμῖν, ἔσται ὑμῶν διάκονος, καὶ ὃς ἐὰν θέλῃ ὑμῶν γενέσθαι πρῶτος, ἔσται πάντων δούλος· καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἦλθε διακονηθῆναι, ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν.

Agape Coffee Hour Fellowship is being hosted and served by the Parish Council. Please join us in White-Hall

AKATHIST HYMN in its entirety will be entoned on Friday, April 12th, starting at 7:00 P.M. All stanzas will be sung. If you have missed any of the Salutations, you can catch up this Friday with all the devotional prayers to OUR LADY.

Final Pre-sanctified Liturgy of Pope Gregory of Rome will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 17th, 9:30-11:00 A.M. If you have never witnessed this ancient liturgical rite this is the last opportunity until next year's LENT. Come, See. Learn and WITNESS!

CHURCHING TODAY: The Holy Mother Church embraces the new born son : "JACK TIMOTHY" of Vijay and Kate (Desyatnikova) KITSON. May the Lord bless them with many more!

CONFESSIONS for the Paschal holy days will be heard by appointment on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday April 15th, 16, 17th.

PALM WEAVERS are needed to fulfill the tremendous amount of crosses to be distributed on Palm Sunday. Thanks to the nimble fingers of so many faithful young and old alike, thousands of crosses are prepared each year for distribution. Weavers will be active in ROSEHALL on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, April 16-17 -18th in the morning and afternoon. Please join us and learn this ancient art form!

Roman Catholic Good Friday services at SACRED HEARTS/SAINT STEPHEN Parish will have Father Eugene as the guest homilist (preacher) at the 3:00 P.M. RITE OF DESCENT FROM THE CROSS. Monsignor Guy Massie, Ecumenical Officer of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brooklyn made the special invitation. The service commences at 2:00P.M. on FRIDAY-APRIL 19th.

SAINT LAZARUS SATURDAY April 20th Divine Liturgy will be celebrated from 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. This rite officially opens the journey of Holy Week and the GREAT PASSION of the LORD JESUS. Come and hear the Gospel message.

PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 21st, Morning prayers and Orthros will commence in the 'UPPER CHURCH' AT 9:00 A.M. and will continue with the DIVINE LITURGY of the PALMS at 10:30 A.M. in the LOWER CHURCH. On this occasion as in the past we welcome METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY who will address the faithful during the liturgy. The EVENING NYMPHIOS SERVICE of the BRIDEGROOM will be observed at 7:00 -8:15 P.M.

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON: is being hosted by the Parish Council on Sunday April 21st, directly after the Divine Liturgy. Please see centerfold for all information. This Greek traditional fish meal is an invitation for the whole family including little kids who will be served EASTER PIZZA! Join us as we open the festal week of observance.

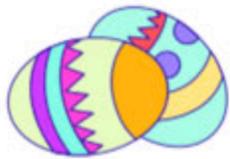
EASTER BAKE SALE: Our Ladies Philoptochos Society will be offering a variety of Paschal Sweet Treats for Easter for your home or as a gift to others you may visit for Pascha. Please see the centerfold The sweets are on sale Palm Sunday April 21st. It's all finger lickin' good !

PASCHAL NEEDS: as in every year, the altar needs are many and varied. Thanks be to God, so many faithful whom we may have NOT seen since last Easter are on the road back to GOD and Orthodox Christian tradition and practice. Hence our altar supplies of INCENSE, EUCHARISTIC WINE, OLIVE OIL ANOINTING, ROSE WATER, AROMATICS, LARGE KING SIZE SHEETS (White) for the Epitaphios, CRUCIFIX WREATHS (Good Friday) and so much more. PLEASE SEE THE CLERGY AND SECURE YOUR PERSONAL DESIRED OFFERING! Too much of one thing and not enough of another – does not help. See the clergy, please.

EASTER CARD POSTING: As each year, the Paschal greeting will be mailed to thousands of eyes, declaring the RESURRECTION of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. The triptych Byzantine icon card will have YOUR NAME inscribed extending greetings to one and all 1,000 homes. Please fill out the form distributed by the altar boys and submit the Paschal Donation of \$20.00 (twenty dollars) as a thanksgiving to God. The OFFICE IS now OPEN!

RADIO MINISTRY: Each Saturday at 1:15PM Fr. Eugene hosts and produces the radio broadcast MATTERS OF CONSCIENCE NOW IN it's 20TH YEAR OF BROADCASTING LIVE ON WNYE 91.5 COSMOS FM, with listener telephone participation. Subjects of interest regarding Greek Orthodox theology, faith and practice, as well as secular topics confronting the nation and the world are discussed. Tune in and join the dialogue by calling 718-204-8900. Check our live audio at LIVESTREAMINGPLAYER The website address. W.W.W.gaepis.org (Click live audio)

NO MEMORIAL SERVICES are permitted until after the Sunday of Saint Thomas (MAY 05th,) Register all memorials for Sunday May 12th, (MOTHER'S DAY). Please comply!



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Palm Sunday April 21st, 2019

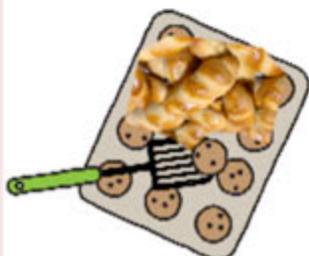


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«*Εγενόμην ἐν Πνεύματι ἐν τῇ Κυριακῇ ἡμέρᾳ καὶ ἤκουσα φωνὴν ὀπίσω μου μεγάλην ὡς σάλπιγγος*» (Ἀπ. 1, 10)

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Κυριακὴ Ε' τῶν Νηστειῶν
14 Ἀπριλίου 2019 ἑσπέρας

Συντάκτης (†) ἐπίσκοπος
Αὐγουστίνος Ν. Καντιώτης

Καλλιστεῖα

Φθάσαμε, ἀγαπητοί μου, ὀπισθοχωρώντας καὶ γυρίζοντας πίσω, σὲ ἐποχὴ εἰδωλολατρικῆ.

Ἡ μυθολογία λέει, ὅτι ὅταν ὁ Πηλεΐδης καὶ ἡ Θέτις τελοῦσαν τοὺς γάμους τῶν ἔγιναν **καλλιστεῖα στὸν Ὀλυμπο** καὶ ἦταν προσκεκλημένη ὅλη ἡ ἀριστοκρατία τῶν θεῶν. Μουσικὴ καὶ φαγοπότι. Ἀνοιχτὲς οἱ πόρτες. Ὑποδεχόταν ἡ Ἀφροδίτη, κερνοῦσε κρασί ὁ Βάκχος, τραγουδοῦσε ὁ Ἀπόλλων. Μεταξὺ τῶν καλεσμένων ὁ μοιχὸς Δίας, ἡ ἄπιστη Ἥρα καὶ οἱ κόρες τῆς ἔτοιμες γιὰ ὀργιώδη χορό, σάτυροι μὲ τις οὐρές τους, ἔξαλλες βακχίδες, γυμνὲς νύφες σπηλαίων, δασῶν, λιμνῶν, ποταμῶν.

Ἀλλὰ μία θεά, ἡ **Ἐρις**, δὲν εἶχε προσκληθῆ καὶ προσβεβλημένη ἐκδικήθηκε ρίχνοντας τὴν ὥρα τοῦ συμποσίου ἓνα **χρυσὸ μῆλο** μὲ τὴν ἐπιγραφὴν «*τῇ καλλίστῃ*», νὰ δοθῆ δηλαδὴ στὴν ὡραιότερη θεά. Αὐτὸ προκάλεσε διαπληκτισμό· Ἥρα, Ἀθηνᾶ καὶ Ἀφροδίτη διεκδικοῦσαν τὸ μῆλο. Γιὰ νὰ λυθῆ ἡ διαφωνία, ὁ Ἑρμῆς τίς ᾠδήγησε σὲ ἄλλη κορυφή, στὸ ὄρος Ἴδη, ὅπου ὁ Πάρις ἔβασκε τὰ κοπάδια τοῦ πατέρα του. Αὐτὸν ἔβαλαν νὰ κρίνῃ, κι αὐτὸς ἔκρινε ὡς ὡραιότερη τὴν Ἀφροδίτη, γιατί αὐτὴ τοῦ ὑποσχέθηκε κρυφὰ ὅτι θὰ τὸν διευκολύνῃ νὰ πάρῃ γυναῖκα τοῦ τὴν ὡραία Ἑλένη. Ἡ δὲ ἄρπαγὴ τῆς Ἑλένης ἔγινε ἀφορμὴ νὰ γίνῃ στάχτη τὸ βασίλειο τῆς Τροίας· αὐτὸ ἦταν τὸ ἀπώτερο ἀποτέλεσμα τῶν πρώτων ἐκείνων καλλιστείων.

-Τί δουλειὰ ἔχουμε ἐμεῖς, θὰ πῆ κάποιος, μὲ τοὺς «*βεβήλους καὶ γραῶδεις μύθους*» (1 Π 4, 1) τῆς εἰδωλολατρίας;... Δὲν τὰ εἶπαμε αὐτὰ πρὸς ἔπαινον τῆς εἰδωλολατρίας, ἀλλὰ γιὰ ἄλλο σκοπό· γιὰ νὰ τονίσουμε, ὅτι ἡ **εἰδωλολατρία ἀπ' τὸν Ὀλυμπο κατέβηκε στὴ χριστιανικὴ κοινωσία**. Ἄν ἀμφιβάλλετε, τότε ἀπὸ τὸν Ὀλυμπο ἂς πᾶμε στὴν πρωτεύουσά μας, τὴν Ἀθήνα.

Τὸ 1952 ἔγιναν γιὰ πρώτη φορὰ **καλλιστεῖα στὸ ξενοδοχεῖο «Μεγάλῃ Βρετανία»**. Ἀπὸ τὸ ἐξωτερικὸ μᾶς ἦρθε νέο φρούτο, μᾶς πέταξαν

ἓνα χρυσὸ μῆλο μὲ τὴν ἐπιγραφὴν «*τῇ καλλίστῃ*». Τὸ μῆλο λέγεται «**Στάρ - Ἑλλάς**». Δηλαδὴ, διευθυνταὶ κινηματογραφικῶν ἐπιχειρήσεων Ἀμερικῆς, ποὺ ψαρεύουν παντοῦ νὰ βροῦν δύστυχες κοπέλλες πρόθυμες νὰ ἐπιδεικνύουν τὶς σάρκες τους, ἔκαναν διαγωνισμό ἀνά τὴν οἰκουμένη, γιὰ νὰ ἐκλεγῆ μεταξὺ τῶν καλλονῶν τῶν λαῶν ἡ πρώτη, ἡ παγκόσμιος «στάρ». Καὶ οἱ εὐσχήμονες αὐτοὶ ἔμποροι τῆς σαρκὸς ἀπευθύνθηκαν καὶ στὴν Ἑλλάδα, νὰ ἐκλέξῃ καὶ νὰ στείλῃ στάρ.

Ἡ **ἀπάντησι** ποὺ τοὺς χρειαζόταν ἦταν ἡ ἐξῆς.

-Μάθετε, κύριοι, ὅτι ἡ Ἑλλάδα μετὰ τὴν κατοχὴ καὶ τὸν ἐμφύλιο ἔχει μεταβληθῆ σὲ κρανίου τόπο, Γολγοθᾶ. Θρηνεῖ σὲ τάφους 500.000 παιδιῶν τῆς, μὲ μυριάδες ἀναπήρους, χῆρες καὶ ὀρφανά, κ' ἐσεῖς μᾶς ζητᾶτε στάρ; Δὲν ἔχουμε στάρ. Χέρια, πόδια, μύτες, αὐτὰ κομμένα, μάτια βγαλμένα, νεανικὰ πρόσωπα παραμορφωμένα ἀπὸ τὰ βλήματα τῶν ὀπλων, αὐτὰ ἔχει νὰ στείλῃ ὡς δείγματα καλλονῆς. Αὐτὰ εἶνε τὰ φωτεινά τῆς ἄστρα. Γι' αὐτὰ καυχᾶται ἐν Κυρίῳ. **Ἰδέα εἶνε ἡ Ἑλλάδα, σάρκες μὴ ζητᾶτε**. Δὲν ὑπάρχει ἐδῶ Ἑλληνίδα ἄξια τοῦ ὀνόματός τῆς ποὺ θὰ λησμονήσῃ τὸ δράμα μας καὶ θὰ σπεύσῃ νὰ ἐπιδείξῃ τὶς σάρκες τῆς, τὴ στιγμὴ ποὺ οἱ σάρκες τῶν ἡρώων ἀδελφῶν τῆς, ποὺ ἔπεσαν γιὰ τὴν ἐλευθερία, δὲν σάπισαν ἀκόμη στὶς κορυφὰς τῶν βουνῶν τῆς Ἡπείρου καὶ τῆς Μακεδονίας. Ἡ Ἑλλάδα, κύριοι ἐπιχειρηματίες τῶν κινηματογράφων, πενθεῖ, δὲν ἔχει νὰ σᾶς στείλῃ στυλβωμένες ἐπιδερμίδες γιὰ διεθνῆ ἔκθεσι. Ψάξτε ἄλλοῦ νὰ βρῆτε τὶς καλλονές σας.

Αὐτὴ ἔπρεπε νὰ ἔνῃ ἡ ἀπάντησι τῆς πατρίδος μας. Ἀλλὰ δυστυχῶς τέτοιες σκέψεις δὲν ἐπικράτησαν. Καὶ ἔτσι **ἔγιναν κ' ἐδῶ κινηματογραφικὰ καλλιστεῖα**. Ἀπογευματινὴ ἐφημερίδα τῶν Ἀθηνῶν ἀνέλαβε ἀδίστακτα νὰ ἐξυπηρετήσῃ τοὺς ξένους. «Ὅσες θέλουν νὰ λάβουν μέρος στὰ καλλιστεῖα», φώναζε ὁ συντάκτης, «νὰ μᾶς στείλουν τὶς φωτογραφίες τους»· καὶ ὄχι μόνον κεφάλι καὶ μπουῖστο ἀλλὰ καὶ ὅλο-

σωμες με ...μαγιώ, και κατόπιν να παρουσιαστούν ἔτσι μπροστά σὲ ἑλλανόδοκο ἐπιτροπὴ ἀπὸ δημοσιογράφους, ἡθοποιούς, λογοτέχνες, γλύπτες, ζωγράφους, καθηγητὰς πανεπιστημίου κι ἀκαδημαϊκούς. Δημοσιεύθηκε καὶ φωτογραφία τῆ στιγμῆ πού μία δύστυχη Ἑλληνίδα, σχεδὸν γυμνή, στέκεται μπροστά τους καὶ τὴν ἐξετάζουν ἐπιμελῶς, λὲς κ' εἶνε βοδινὸ κρέας σὲ συνοικιακὸ κρεοπωλεῖο. Αὐτὸ εἶνε ἔργο ὑψηλῶ, ἔργο ἐπιστημόνων. Τί ρεζιλίκι!

Ἔτσι πολλὲς Ἑλληνίδες περνοῦσαν γυμνὲς μπροστά στὴν ἐπιτροπὴ, καὶ δημοσιεύονταν φωτογραφίες τους. Στὴν ἀπορία, **γιατί** δὲν ἐκτίθενται ἔτσι δημοσίως οἱ Ἑλληνίδες; ἢ ἀπάντησι εἶνε: **τὸ κέρδος!** ἑφημεριδοπῶλες φώναζαν «Ἐδῶ κορίτσια μὲ μαγιώ», «Ἐδῶ κορίτσια μιά δραχμῆ». Αὐτὴ ἢ εἴσπραξι διαφέρει πολὺ ἀπὸ τὶς εἰσπράξεις οἴκων ἀνοχῆς;

Δύστυχες Ἑλληνίδες, τί ἐξευτελισμὸ ἔχετε ὑποστῆ! Κι ἂν εἴστε Ἑλληνίδες, γιατί δὲν παρουσιάζεστε μὲ τὰ ὀνόματά σας, ἀλλὰ μὲ ὀνόματα ξένα· Τζό, Τίπ, Γιολάντα, Λία, Ρισβίντα, Ὑβόν, Λα-βά, Μαρούσκα...; Κι ὁ ἐξευτελισμὸς συνεχίστηκε· ἀπὸ ὅλες ἐκεῖνες προκρίθηκαν δέκα καὶ τελικὰ μία ἐξελέγη «Στάρ - Ἑλλάς». Ἐξελέγη τῆ νύχτα τοῦ Σαββάτου, καθὼς ξημέρωνε Ἐ Κυριακὴ τῶν Νηστειῶν, ὑπὸ τὰ χειροκροτήματα προσκεκλημένων, ἐκείνων δηλαδὴ πού εἶχαν ἀγοράσει τὸ ἀλμυρώτατο εἰσιτήριον τῶν 250 χιλιάδων δραχμῶν. Σπατάλες, πού προκαλοῦν τὸ λαὸ καὶ δημιουργοῦν κατάστασι πού ἐγκυμονεῖ θύελλες. «Ἄλλοιμονο σ' ἐκείνους πού γελοῦνε ὅταν οἱ ἄλλοι κλαῖνε», λέει ὁ ποιητὴς Παράσχος. Καὶ κλαῖνε πολλοὶ σήμερα στὴν Ἑλλάδα, πάρα πολλοί.

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Τὰ κινηματογραφικὰ καλλιτεῖα, ἐξελιγμένη μορφή τῶν θλιβερῶν ἐκείνων καλλιτεριῶν πού ἴδρυσεν πρὸ πολλῶν ἐτῶν ὁ Ἑβραῖος δημοσιογράφος Ντὲ-Βαλὲφ πρὸς ἀνάδειξιν τῆς «Μίς-Εὐρώπη», **καταδικάζονται ἀπὸ τὴν ἀδιάφθορη συνείδησι** τῆς ἀνθρωπότητος. Ὁ νοῦς καὶ ἡ καρδιά τοῦ Χριστιανοῦ ἐξανίσταται.

Καὶ οἱ πρῶτοι κακοὶ καρποὶ ἐμφανίστηκαν ἤδη· ἡ εἰρήνη φυγαδεύεται ἀπὸ τὴν οἰκογένεια, χιλιάδες νέες ξεμυαλίζονται, πλάθουν ὄνειρα, θεωροῦν ἰδανικὸ τους νὰ γίνουν στάρ, εἰδῶλο. Ἔτσι **ἀλλοιώνεται ὁ χαρακτήρας τῆς Ἑλληνίδος.** Ἐξαμερικανίζομεθα κατὰ τὸ ὑπόδειγμα τῶν ἀστέρων τοῦ Χόλλυγουντ. Ἐπικίνδυνος κατήφορος σὲ στόματα ἀβύσσου, πού χάσκουν γιὰ νὰ καταπιοῦν τὴν Ἑλλάδα.

Ἡ κατηφόρα αὐτὴ πρέπει νὰ σταματήσῃ ὀψωδῆποτε καὶ ἐγκαίρως. Οἱ δυνάμεις πού

τάχθηκαν φρουροὶ τῶν παραδόσεων θὰ ἔπρεπε νὰ εἶχαν ἀντιδράσει. Ἡ Ἱεραρχία μας θὰ ἔπρεπε νὰ εἶχε κηρύξει **σταυροφορία κατὰ τοῦ γυμνισμοῦ** μὲ ἐπὶ κεφαλῆς τὸν ἀρχιεπίσκοπο Ἀθηνῶν. Κάτι περισσότερο. Φανταστήτε. Τῆ νύχτα ἐκεῖνη τῆς ἐκλογῆς ὁ **ποιμενάρχης** νὰ πάρῃ τὸ βραβδί του καὶ νὰ πάῃ στὴν αἴθουσα τοῦ ξενοδοχείου «Μεγάλῃ Βρεττανία», καὶ ἀπευθυνόμενος στὸ πλῆθος τῶν ἀριστοκρατῶν πού θὰ εἶχαν μαζευτῆ νὰ ὑψώσῃ τῆ φωνή του καὶ νὰ πῆ:

Κύριοι, κυρίες, δεσποινίδες ὑποψήφιες καλλονές· χθὲς τὸ βράδυ στοὺς ναοὺς μας ἐψάλη ὀλόκληρος ὁ Ἀκάθιστος ὕμνος μὲ τὰ 144 «*Χαῖρε*» πρὸς τὴν Παρθένον Μαρία. «*Χαῖρε, πιστῶν ὁδηγὲ σωφροσύνης...*» «*Χαῖρε, ἢ στήλη τῆς παρθενίας...*» «*Χαῖρε, καλὴ κουροτρόφε παρθένων...*». Θέλω νὰ σᾶς ρωτήσω· αὐτὸ πού θὰ γίνῃ στὴν αἴθουσα αὐτὴ συμβιβάζεται μὲ τὸν Ἀκάθιστο ὕμνο, μὲ τὴν «*Ὡραιότητα τῆς παρθενίας*», μὲ τὸ κήρυγμα περὶ ἐγκρατείας καὶ ἀγνότητος; Ἔσεῖς, κορίτσια τῆς Ἑλλάδος, τί σχέσι ἔχετε μὲ τὰ ἀστέρια τοῦ ἁμαρτωλοῦ κινηματογραφικοῦ στερεώματος τῆς Ἀμερικῆς; Κ' ἐσεῖς, κύριοι, τί θέλετε ἐδῶ; ὡς Χριστιανοί, ὡς Ἕλληνες, ὡς ἄνθρωποι δὲν ντρέπεστε; Ὡς ποιμενάρχης σας, πού θὰ δώσω φρικτὸ λόγο γιὰ τὸν καθένα καὶ τὴν καθεμίᾶ σας, σᾶς παρακαλῶ ἐν ὀνόματι τοῦ ἑσταυρωμένου Κυρίου νὰ ἀδειάσετε αὐτὴ τὴν αἴθουσα καὶ νὰ γυρίσετε στὰ σπίτια σας. Διανύουμε περὶ ὁδο Μεγάλῃς Τεσσαρακοστῆς, πάμε πρὸς τὰ σεπτὰ Πάθη τοῦ Σωτῆρος, καὶ **τέτοια θεάματα ἀπαγορεύονται ἀπολύτως...**

Εἶμαι βέβαιος ὅτι καὶ μόνο ἡ ἐμφάνισι τοῦ γέροντος ἀρχιεπισκόπου στοὺς διαδρόμους τοῦ ξενοδοχείου θὰ δημιουργοῦσε ταραχὴ καὶ σύγχυσι, καὶ **κανεὶς δὲν θὰ εἶχε τὴν ἀναίδεια** νὰ μείνῃ ἐκεῖ καὶ νὰ ἐκλέξουν στάρ.

Ἀλλὰ Ἐκκλησία δὲν εἶνε μόνο ὁ ἀρχιεπίσκοπος· εἶνε καὶ οἱ ἱερεῖς καὶ οἱ ἱεροκήρυκες καὶ ἡ Θεολογικὴ Σχολὴ καὶ οἱ νέοι καὶ τὰ παιδιὰ τῶν κατηχητικῶν σχολείων καὶ ὅλος γενικὰ ὁ εὐσεβὴς λαός. **Ὁ καθένας ἄς ξεσηκωθῆ.** Εἶνε ἐπιταγὴ τῶν ἡρώων μας ἀπὸ τὸ 1821 καὶ ἐξῆς, οἱ ὁποῖοι δὲν ἔχυσαν τὸ αἷμα τους γιὰ νὰ γίνῃ ἡ Ἑλλάδα Χόλλυγουντ, Σόδομα καὶ Γόμορρα. Ὑπάρχουν ἀστέρια πού φωτοβολοῦν στὰ ὕψη τῶν οὐρανῶν, καὶ ὑπάρχουν ἀστέρια πού σχηματίζουν πάντα στὸ βόρβορο τὰ πέλαμα τῶν χηνῶν· ἄς διαλέξουμε.

Τὰ καλλιτεῖα δὲν ἔχουν θέσι ἐδῶ. Οἱ ἀρμόδιες ἀρχὲς ἔχουν μεγάλη εὐθύνη. Λαὲ τῆς Ἑλλάδος, ξύπνα! σήκω, τί κοιμᾶσαι!

(†) **ἐπίσκοπος Αὐγουστῖνος**

The Lord gives us once again an opportunity to express our solidarity by becoming a supporting and registered member of the parish. We can only urge you to do so because your sustaining membership keeps this parish functioning and responding to the needs of all the faithful. Don't wait until some insignificant date on the calendar. Register with the Church Office **TODAY** and garner all the benefits of being a supporter of Christ's mission on earth.

FAMILY REGISTRATION FOR HUSBAND & WIFE: \$300 PER YEAR

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP: \$250 PER YEAR

SENIOR CITIZEN INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$200 PER YEAR

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WE DO NEED YOUR HELP!

Registering with your local parish is not so much a duty or obligation as it is a **PRIVILEGE**. By registering and offering your annual stewardship, you become an integral member of the living body of Christ as a faith community. By virtue of your Baptism, Chrismation (Confirmation), and Holy Eucharist (Communion), you claim to be a follower of Christ, a witness for Christ, and a practitioner for Christ. May we ask you then to live up to these promises by making your 2019 commitment **TODAY!** The benefits you shall receive beyond grace include the satisfaction and knowledge that this Church and community thrive thanks to your outreach.

YOU ARE PART OF THE GREAT FRESCO OF FAITH

Conventional Wisdom and the Lord's

Listen, friend, it's a dog-eat-dog world out there. You've got to do it to them before they do it to you.
But it cannot be like that with you ...

Always remember the golden rule: those who have the gold, make the rules.
But it cannot be like that with you ...

Remember: Never get mad. Get even.
But it cannot be like that with you ...

Take my advice, kid - Don't make waves. You've got to go along to get along. Keep your eyes open and your mouth shut.
But it cannot be like that with you ...

Charity is fine, but business is business. Always, always, always buy low and sell high.
But it cannot be like that with you ...

The drug users and the city scum - they deserve what happens to them. We work hard for what we've got - nobody is doing us any favors. Let them do the same. It can be done. Hey, look: You got to take care of your own.
But it cannot be like that with you ...

Jesus' admonition is almost a pleading: If you really understand Me and what I am about, if you really want to be My disciple, if you really seek to be worthy of My name, then you must see the world differently and respond to its challenges with a very different set of values. The world may try to justify vengeance rather than forgiveness, to glorify self-preservation over selflessness, to insist on preserving the system and convention for the sake of compassion and justice.
But it cannot be like that with you.

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