



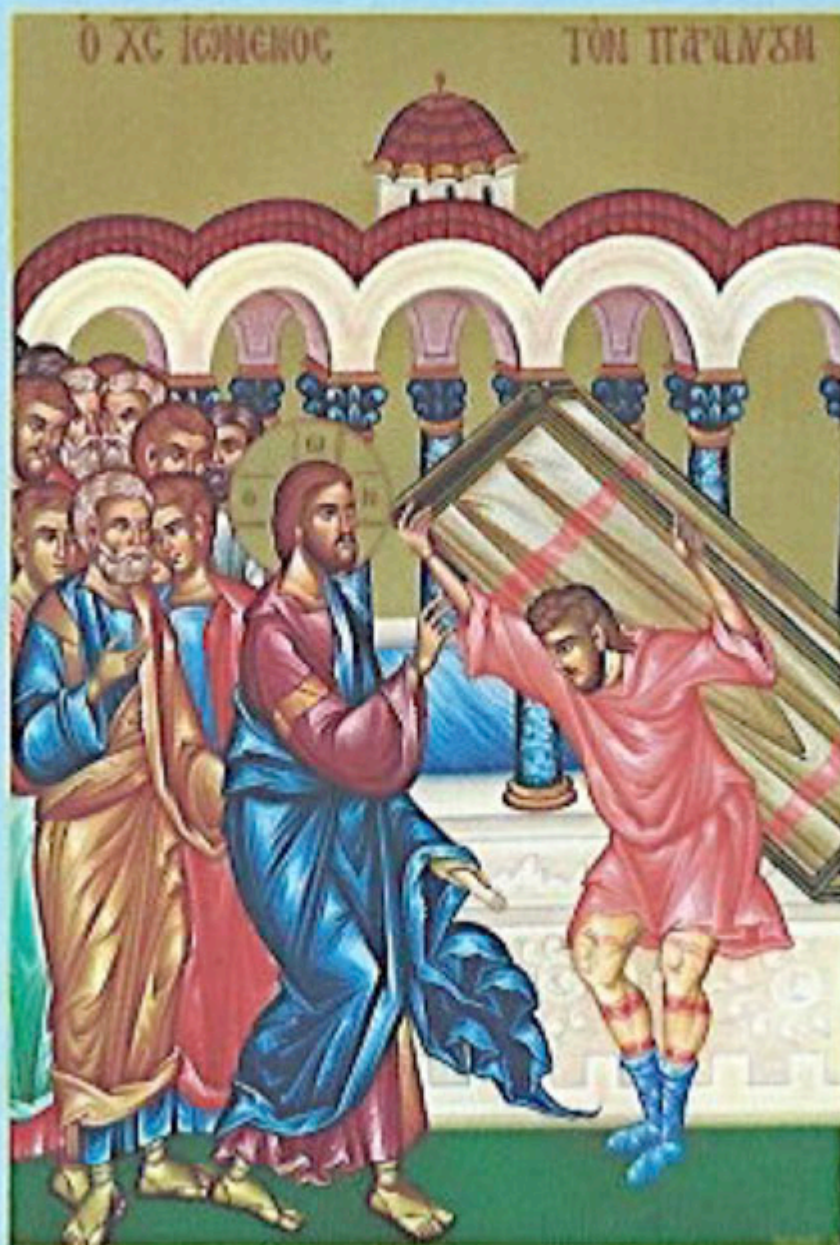
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SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC



Icon of the Sunday of the Paralytic

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος γ'.

ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 46.6,1

Ψάλατε τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν, ψάλατε.

Στίχ. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη κροτήσατε χεῖρας.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 9:32-42 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα εἶναι ἀπο

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, ἐγένετο Πέτρον διερχόμενον διὰ πάντων κατελθεῖν καὶ πρὸς τοὺς ἁγίους τοὺς κατοικοῦντας Λύδδαν. Εὗρεν δὲ ἐκεῖ ἄνθρωπον τινα Αἰνέαν ὀνόματι, ἐξ ἐτῶν ὀκτὼ κατακείμενον ἐπὶ κρᾶββάτῳ, ὃς ἦν παραλελυμένος. Καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὁ Πέτρος, Αἰνέα, ἰαταί σε Ἰησοῦς ὁ Χριστός· ἀνάστηθι καὶ στρώσον σεαυτῷ. Καὶ εὐθέως ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἶδον αὐτὸν πάντες οἱ κατοικοῦντες Λύδδαν καὶ τὸν Ἀσάρωνα, οἵτινες ἐπέστρεψαν ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον. Ἐν Ἰόππῃ δὲ τις ἦν μαθήτρια ὀνόματι Ταβηθά, ἣ διερμηνευομένη λέγεται Δορκάς· αὕτη ἦν πλήρης ἀγαθῶν ἔργων καὶ ἐλεημοσυνῶν ὧν ἐποίει. Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις ἀσθενήσασαν αὐτὴν ἀποθανεῖν· λούσαντες δὲ αὐτὴν ἔθηκαν ἐν ὑπερῷῳ. Ἐγγὺς δὲ οὔσης Λύδδης τῇ Ἰόππῃ, οἱ μαθηταὶ ἀκούσαντες ὅτι Πέτρος ἐστὶν ἐν αὐτῇ, ἀπέστειλαν πρὸς αὐτὸν, παρακαλοῦντες μὴ ὀκνήσαι διελθεῖν ἕως αὐτῶν. Ἀναστὰς δὲ ὁ Πέτρος συνῆλθεν αὐτοῖς· ὃν παραγενόμενον ἀνήγαγον εἰς τὸ ὑπερῷον, καὶ παρέστησαν αὐτῷ πᾶσαι αἱ χῆραι κλαίουσαι καὶ ἐπιδεικνύμεναι χιτῶνας καὶ ἱμάτια ὅσα ἐποίει μετ' αὐτῶν οὕσα ἡ Δορκάς. Ἐκβαλὼν δὲ ἔξω πάντας ὁ Πέτρος θεὶς τὰ γόνατα προσηύξατο· καὶ ἐπιστρέψας πρὸς τὸ σῶμα, εἶπεν, Ταβηθά, ἀνάστηθι. Ἡ δὲ ἠνοιξεν τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτῆς· καὶ ἰδοῦσα τὸν Πέτρον, ἀνεκάθισεν. Δοὺς δὲ αὐτῇ χεῖρα, ἀνέστησεν αὐτήν· φωνήσας δὲ τοὺς ἁγίους καὶ τὰς χήρας, παρέστησεν αὐτὴν ζῶσαν. Γνωστὸν δὲ ἐγένετο καθ' ὅλης τῆς Ἰόππης, καὶ πολλοὶ ἐπίστευσαν ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον.

Sunday of the Paralytic

The Gospel According to John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Sunday of the Paralytic

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 5:1-15 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀνέβη ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα. Ἔστι δὲ ἐν τοῖς Ἱεροσολύμοις ἐπὶ τῇ προβατικῇ κολυμβήθρᾳ, ἣ ἐπιλεγομένη Ἑβραϊστὶ Βηθεσδά, πέντε στοᾶς ἔχουσα. ἐν ταύταις κατέκειτο πλῆθος πολὺ τῶν ἀσθενούντων, τυφλῶν, χωλῶν, ξηρῶν, ἐκδεχομένων τὴν τοῦ ὕδατος κίνησιν. ἄγγελος γὰρ κατὰ καιρὸν κατέβαινεν ἐν τῇ κολυμβήθρᾳ, καὶ ἐταράσσετο τὸ ὕδωρ· ὁ οὖν πρῶτος ἐμβὰς μετὰ τὴν ταραχὴν τοῦ ὕδατος ὑγιὲς ἐγένετο ὃς δὴποτε κατείχετο νοσήματι. ἦν δὲ τις ἄνθρωπος ἐκεῖ τριάκοντα καὶ ὀκτὼ ἔτη ἔχων ἐν τῇ ἀσθενείᾳ αὐτοῦ. τοῦτον ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς κατακείμενον, καὶ γνοὺς ὅτι πολὺν ἤδη χρόνον ἔχει, λέγει αὐτῷ· θέλεις ὑγιὲς γενέσθαι; ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ ὁ ἀσθενῶν· Κύριε, ἄνθρωπον οὐκ ἔχω, ἵνα ὅταν ταραχθῇ τὸ ὕδωρ, βάλλῃ με εἰς τὴν κολυμβήθραν· ἐν ᾧ δὲ ἔρχομαι ἐγώ, ἄλλος πρὸ ἐμοῦ καταβαίνει. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἔγειρε, ἄρον τὸν κρᾶββάττον σου καὶ περιπάτει. καὶ εὐθέως ἐγένετο ὑγιὲς ὁ ἄνθρωπος, καὶ ἦρε τὸν κρᾶββάττον αὐτοῦ καὶ περιεπάτει. ἦν δὲ σάββατον ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ. ἔλεγον οὖν οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι τῷ τεθεραπευμένῳ· σάββατόν ἐστιν· οὐκ ἔξεστί σοι ἄραι τὸν κρᾶββάττον. ἀπεκρίθη αὐτοῖς· ὁ ποιήσας με ὑγιῆ, ἐκεῖνός μοι εἶπεν· ἄρον τὸν κρᾶββάττον σου καὶ περιπάτει. ἠρώτησαν οὖν αὐτόν· τίς ἐστιν ὁ ἄνθρωπος ὁ εἰπὼν σοι, ἄρον τὸν κρᾶββάττον σου καὶ περιπάτει; ὁ δὲ ἰαθεὶς οὐκ ᾔδει τίς ἐστιν· ὁ γὰρ Ἰησοῦς ἐξένευσεν ὄχλου ὄντος ἐν τῷ τόπῳ. μετὰ ταῦτα εὗρίσκει αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἴδε ὑγιὲς γέγονας· μηκέτι ἀμάρτανε, ἵνα μὴ χειρόν σοί τι γένηται. ἀπῆλθεν ὁ ἄνθρωπος καὶ ἀνήγγειλε τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν ὁ ποιήσας αὐτόν ὑγιῆ.

LITURGICAL NOTES TO BE OBSERVED:

1. There is **NO** kneeling at the consecration of the sacred elements at Divine Liturgy until PENTECOST SUNDAY (JUNE 4TH). We are in the POST- PASCAL SEASON of RESURRECTION, hence we stand in respectful AWE of the risen LORD!
2. The official greeting of the season is CHRISTOS ANESTI! - CHRIST IS RISEN! with the appropriate response ALITHOS ANEST! – TRULY HE IS RISEN!
3. All liturgical rites and services commence and conclude with the singing of the CHRISTOS ANESTI hymn.
4. The EPITAPHION flowers as well as the winding shroud of burial (WHITE SHEET) covering the corpus of Christ will be distributed at the conclusion of the ASCENSION LITURGY on THURSDAY – MAY 25th. These sacred items may be placed at your home shrine, glove compartment of your car or taken to the cemetery resting place of your faithfully departed.

PRAYER and HEALING : service for May is scheduled on the eve of the Ascension WEDNESDAY May 24th, AT 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. Anointing will take place. PLEASE COME. Coffee and sweets reception always follows with fellowship in the vestry.

ARTOKLASIES are now being registered for the SUNDAY OBSERVANCE of Saints Constantine and Helen on MAY 21st. Please call the church office to register your offering to be inscribed in the BULLETIN. Congratulations to all those celebrating their patronal name-day; CONSTANTINE , DENO, GUS , KOSTA, DINA, HELEN, ELENA, ELAINE YELENA..... and by any other name you may know them.

TURKISH CULTURAL CENTER hosted the presence of Father Eugene who spoke to the dinner assembly at BAKU PALACE on the theme of ‘HATE CRIME’ – a subject touching every community regardless of color, race or creed. This is the FIFTH time that our Pastor has addressed the TURKISH COMMUNITY at LARGE.

GOLDEN GREEKS BOY SCOUT TROOP #531 will host its annual ALUMNI REUNION (old boy scouts) on the weekend of Friday – Sunday May 5, 6, and 7th, at TEN MILE RIVER CAMP with the entire troop of youngsters. Indeed it will be an event to remember!

PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY: Generously presented the Church a Check for TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) earmarked for the ELEVATOR FUND. Everyone is most grateful and anticipate full participation from the church membership to accomplish this project.

ARCHIOCESAN R.C.A. BOARD MEETING will be convened Monday through Thursday May 8-9-10-11th , in CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Father Eugene as PRESIDENT of the Board will preside. He will be in Office duties on Friday.

MR. and MRS. CLUB: will host their MAY evening event on Tuesday – May 16th. in WHITEHALL AT 7:00 – P.M. WITH THE ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY OF ‘fabulous woman – 2017’. Coffee, with sweets raffles prizes and fellowship for all. COME ON DOWN – OPEN TO ALL!

A.H.E.P.A. DAY is scheduled to coincide with the Feast of Saints Constantine and Helen , SUNDAY MAY 21st. The Coney Island Chapter of AHEPA will host a collation reception as they honor SPYROS and EFFIE GALIATSATOS. Spyros has served the Chapter as Treasurer, whereas Effie has served 4 terms as President of the Daughters Of Penelope ‘ Demetra Chapter #33’ and 2 terms as DISTRICT GOVERNOR of the ‘DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE’ District #6. Congratulations to two hard workers and devoted Phil-Hellenes. Please join us as our guests after divine Liturgy in WHITEHALL for the reception .

GRECIAN FESTIVAL: Is scheduled for our parish FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 3, 4TH on the plaza of our community center. PLEASE REFER TO THE INSERT FLYER.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: for the annual festival highlighting our culture, food, delicacies , music and folk dancing. You may wish to help in food servicing , beverage bars, merchandise sales, sweets and pastries area. Please call
GEORGE PLEVITIS Festival Chairman at 917-541-7034

EARLY REGISTRATIONS; PRE- K FOR ALL : Any child 4 years of age is eligible for FREE enrollment at our school operated by the New York City Department of Education. Classes are held each day from 8:00 A.M. through 3:00 P.M. with free lunch served by the City. IT’S ALL YOURS FREE FOR THE ASKING AND TAKING. DON’T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHILDREN /GRANDCHILDREN! Call now: (347) 729-0446 . TWO “OPEN-HOUSE” RECEPTION DAYS ARE WEDNESDAY FEB 8TH, 4P.M-7P.M AND MARCH 08TH 4P.M. – 7 P.M.

RADIO MINISTRY: Each Saturday at 1:15PM Fr. Eugene hosts and produces the radio broadcast **MATTERS OF CONSCIENCE NOW IN ITS 18TH 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](#))

MEMORIALS TODAY: + GEORGIA (MICHALOPOULOS) & + SALAVATORE SCLAFANI
MEMORIALS NEXT WEEK: + NICHOLAS HAMBAS + CHRISTOS VELLIOS

Father Eugene with distinguished alumni at Holy Cross Seminary Chapel with His Eminence bestowing the GOLD CROSS of ALUMNUS DEDICATION of FIFTY YEARS! Boston Massachusetts.



*His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America
His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, Rev. Fr. Christopher T Metropoulos,
and the reunion classes of 1966 , 1991 , and 2006 proudly wearing their crosses.*



*Father Eugene receiving the ALUMNI TROPHY AWARD from the hands of his
Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and Metropolitan
Methodios of the BOSTON Metropolis.*



ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ

ΣΥΝΤΟΜΟΝ ΚΗΡΥΓΜΑ



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

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Κυριακὴ τοῦ Παραλύτου (Πράξ. 9,32-42)
7 Μαΐου 2017

Συντάκτης (†) ἐπίσκοπος
Αὐγουστίνος Ν. Καντιώτης

Καρποφόρα δέντρα

«...Καὶ πολλοὶ ἐπίστευσαν ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον» (Πράξ. 9,42)

Ολοι, ἀγαπητοί μου, ὅσοι βρίσκεστε μέσα στὸ ναό, εἰστε ὁρθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί, βαπτισμένοι «εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος», ὅλοι κάνετε τὸ σταυρὸ σας καὶ γιορτάζετε τὴς ἐορτὲς τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας. Φτάνουν ὅμως αὐτά; Ὅχι. Τί ἄλλο χρειάζεται; Ἀκούσατε σήμερα τὸν ἀπόστολο πῶς ὀνομάζει τοὺς πιστούς; Δύο φορές τοὺς λέει «ἀγίους» (Πράξ. 9,32,41), ὅτι δηλαδὴ εἶνε ἅγιοι. Οἱ ἅγιοι δὲν εἶνε μόνο ζωγραφισμένοι στὶς εἰκόνες· κάθε Χριστιανὸς πρέπει νὰ εἶνε «ἅγιος». **Τί θὰ πῇ «ἅγιος»;** Νὰ πιστεύῃ στὸ Θεὸ βαθειά· τόσο, πού κανένας διάβολος νὰ μὴ μπορῇ νὰ τοῦ ξερριζώσῃ αὐτὴ τὴν πίστι.

—Ἐμεῖς πιστεύουμε, θὰ μοῦ πῇτε. Ἄν πιστεύῃς, τότε «δεῖξε μου τὴν πίστι σου ἀπὸ τὰ ἔργα σου» (Ματθ. 23,23). Ἡ πίστι κάνει τὸν Χριστιανὸ δέντρο καρποφόρο. Κι ὅπως τὰ καρποφόρα δέντρα εἶνε εὐλογημένα καὶ τ' ἀγαπάει ὁ κηπουρὸς, ἐνῶ τὰ ἄκαρπα δὲν τ' ἀγαπάει καὶ «πάν δένδρον μὴ ποιῶν καρπὸν καλὸν ἐκκόπτεται καὶ εἰς πῦρ βάλλεται» (Ματθ. 3,10), ἔτσι ὑπάρχουν Χριστιανοὶ μὲ καρποὺς καὶ Χριστιανοὶ — δέντρα ἄκαρπα πού θὰ τὰ ξερριζώσῃ ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Τί δέντρα εἶμαστε ἐμεῖς, ἀγαπητοί μου, καρποφόρα ἢ ἄκαρπα; Αὐτὸ θὰ φανῇ ἀπὸ τὰ ἔργα μας. **Γιὰ νὰ σὲ ἐξετάσω λοιπὸν τώρα.**

● Δόξα τῷ Θεῷ αὐτὸ πού ἐπιθυμοῦσες ἔγινε· ἀπέκτησες δηλαδὴ ἓνα σπιτάκι χτισμένο θέλω νὰ ἐλπίζω μὲ τὸν ἰδρώτα σου· γιατί ἄλλοί μονο σὲ μεγάλα σπιτία καὶ πολυκατοικίες χτισμένες μὲ ἀδικίες εἰς βάρος φτωχῶν ἐργατῶν· ἀπ' ὅλα αὐτά —νὰ τὸ θυμᾶστε— ἂν καμμιὰ φορά γίνῃ σεισμὸς δὲν θὰ μείνῃ τίποτα. Δὲν θέλω νὰ σὰς φοβίζω, γιατί ἁμαρτωλὸς ἄνθρωπος εἶμαι κ' ἐγὼ ἀνάξιος νὰ φιλήσω τὰ πόδια σας, ἀλλὰ διαβάστε τί λένε τὰ Εὐαγγέλια κ' ἡ Ἀποκάλυψις· πρέπει νὰ περιμένουμε σεισμοὺς καὶ καταποντισμοὺς γιὰ τὴς ἁμαρτίες μας, καὶ

τότε δὲν θὰ μᾶς σώσουν τὰ ἀντισεισμικὰ μέτρα πού λαμβάνονται. Ἄν λοιπὸν γίνῃ σεισμὸς, μιὰ αἰτία εἶνε ὅτι τὰ περισσότερα μέγαρα, ἂν τὰ πάρῃ ἄγγελος καὶ τὰ στύψῃ σὰν τὸ λεμόνι, στύψῃ τοῦβλα σίδερα παράθυρα τζάμια, θὰ στάξουν αἷμα· γιατί δὲν χτίζονται ἔτσι αὐτά...

Ἐάν λοιπὸν τὸ σπιτάκι σου τὸ ἔχῃς χτίσει μὲ τὸν ἰδρώτα σου, νὰ ν'εὐλογημένο — «**δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός**». **Περνῶς λοιπὸν καλὰ.** Μένεις στὸ καλυβάκι σου καὶ μάζεψες ἐκεῖ τὴ γυναικα καὶ τὰ παιδάκια σου — «**δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός**». Ἐχεις μιὰ δουλειά, βγάζεις τὸ ψωμάκι σου, ἔχετε νὰ ντυθῇτε καὶ νὰ ζήσετε μὲ κάποια ἄνεσι — «**δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός**». Τ' ἀκούω κ' εὐχαριστοῦμαι πού λές «**δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός**». Ἄλλ' αὐτὰ τὰ «**δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός**» εἶνε τσέκ, πού πρέπει νὰ τὰ ἐξαργυρώσῃς. Δηλαδή, ὅπως ἐσὺ λές «**δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός**», ἔτσι πρέπει νὰ κάνῃς καὶ τὸν ἄλλο τὸ γείτονά σου νὰ λήῃ «**δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός**».

Πῶς θὰ τὸν κάνῃς; Παράδειγμα· ἐκεῖ πού κάθεσαι στὸ σπιτάκι σου καὶ τὰ ἔχεις ὅλα γιὰ μιὰ σχετικὰ ἄνετη ζωὴ, ξαφνικὰ χτυπάει κάποιος τὴν πόρτα σου. Ποιὸς εἶνε; Συνάνθρωπός σου εἶνε, γείτονας, συμπατριώτης, ἀδελφός σου, «σάρκα ἐκ τῆς σαρκός σου καὶ ὀστούν ἐκ τῶν ἐκ ὀστέων σου» (Γέν. 22,31)· Χριστιανὸς εἶνε, ἔχει τὴ σφραγίδα τοῦ αἵματος τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Σοῦ χτυπάει λοιπὸν καὶ εἶνε πεινασμένος, διψασμένος, ἄρρωστος, δὲν ἔχει χρήματα οὔτε γιὰ ἓνα εἰσιτήριο· «**ἄνθρωπον οὐκ ἔχω**» (Ματθ. 5,7), φωνάζει κι αὐτός. Φτάνει σὲ σημεῖο πού ἀρχίζει νὰ γογγύζῃ, νὰ βλαστημάῃ, καὶ σὲ λίγο θὰ πέσῃ κάτω —ἐξω δεῖ τέτοιο πρᾶγμα—, θὰ πέσῃ κάτω καὶ θὰ μουντζώνῃ ὄχι μὲ τὰ δέκα ἀλλὰ καὶ μὲ τὰ εἴκοσι δάχτυλά του τὸ Θεό. Ἐάν ὅμως ἐσὺ προλάβῃς, δὲν θὰ μουντζώσῃ ἀλλὰ θὰ πῇ κι αὐτός «**Δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός**». Πῶς; Ἐχεις ψωμάκι; δός του· ἔχεις νερό; δός του· ἔχεις ροῦχα; ντύσε τον. **Δεῖξ' του ἀγάπη, καὶ ἔτσι θὰ ἔξοφλήσῃς**

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: \$275 PER YEAR

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SENIOR CITIZEN INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$150 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 2017 commitment **TODAY!** The benefits you shall receive beyond grace include the satisfaction and knowledge that this Church and community thrives thanks to your outreach.

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The Cure of Baptism Foreshadowed

What manner of cure is this? What mystery does it signify to us? For these things are not written carelessly, or without a purpose, but as a figure and type they show in outline things to come, in order that what was exceedingly strange might not, by coming unexpectedly, do harm among the many the power of faith. What then is it that they show in outline? A Baptism was about to be given, possessing much power, and the greatest of gifts, a Baptism purging all sins and making men alive instead of dead. These things then are foreshown as in a picture by the pool, and by many other circumstances. And first is given a water which purges the stains of our bodies, and those defilements which are not, but seem to be, as those from touching the dead, those from leprosy, and other similar causes; under the old covenant one may see many things

done by water on this account. However, let us now proceed to the matter in hand.

First then, as I before said, He causes defilements of our bodies, and afterwards infirmities of different kinds, to be done away by water. Because God, desiring to bring us nearer to faith in Baptism, no longer heals defilements only, but diseases also. For those figures which came nearer [in time] to the reality, both as regarded Baptism, and the Passion, and the rest, were plainer than the more ancient. ... And this miracle was done in order that men, learning that it is possible by water to heal the diseases of the body, and being exercised in this for a long time, might more easily believe that it can also heal the diseases of the soul.

St. John Chrysostom

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