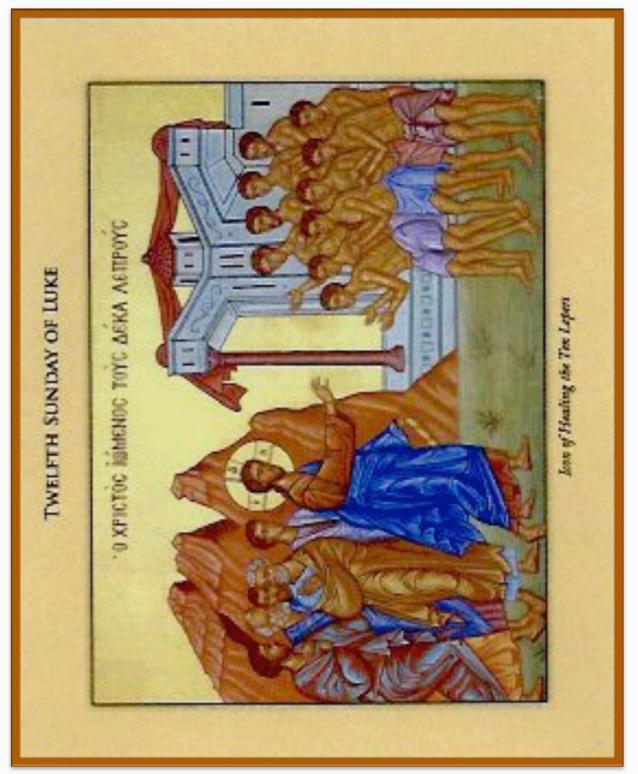


Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church

Direct Archdiocesan District

SUNDAY WEEKLY BULLETIN January 20th, 2019 V. Rev. Archimandrite Eugene N. Pappas



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Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 149.5,1 The saints shall rejoice in glory. Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Προκείμενον. Ήχος βαρύς. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 149.5,1

Καυχήσονται ὄσιοι ἐν δόξῃ Στίχ. Ἄσατε τῷ Κυρίῳ ἆσμα καινόν.

Πρός Κορινθίους β' 4:6-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Αδελφοί, ό θεὸς ὁ εἰπὼν ἐκ σκότους φῶς λάμψαι, ὃς ἕλαμψεν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν πρὸς φωτισμὸν τῆς γνώσεως τῆς δόξης τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν προσώπῷ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἔχομεν δὲ τὸν θησαυρὸν τοῦτον ἐν ὀστρακίνοις σκεύεσιν, ἵνα ἡ ὑπερβολὴ τῆς δυνάμεως ἦ τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ μὴ ἐξ ἡμῶν· ἐν παντὶ θλιβόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐ στενοχωρούμενοι· ἀπορούμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐζαπορούμενοι· διωκόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγκαταλειπόμενοι· καταβαλλόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐ στενοχωρούμενοι· ἀπορούμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐζαπορούμενοι· διωκόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγκαταλειπόμενοι· καταβαλλόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἀπολλύμενοι· πάντοτε τὴν νέκρωσιν τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι περιφέροντες, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι ἡμῶν φανερωθῆ. Ἀεὶ γὰρ ἡμεῖς οἱ ζῶντες εἰς θάνατον παραδιδόμεθα διὰ Ἰησοῦν, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ φανερωθῆ ἐν τῷ θνητῇ σαρκὶ ἡμῶν. Ὅστε ὁ μὲν θάνατος ἐν ἡμῖν ἐνεργεῖται, ἡ δὲ ζωὴ ἐν ὑμῖν. Ἐχοντες δὲ τὸ αὐτὸ πνεῦμα τῆς πίστεως, κατὰ τὸ γεγραμμένον, Ἐπίστευσα, διὸ ἐλάλησα, καὶ ἡμεῖς πιστεύομεν, διὸ καὶ λαλοῦμεν· εἰδότες ὅτι ὁ ἐγείρας τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἡμᾶς διὰ Ἰησοῦ ἐγερεῖ, καὶ παραστήσει σὺν ὑμῖν. Τὰ γὰρ πάντα δι' ὑμᾶς, ἵ να ἡ χάρις πλεονάσασα διὰ τῶν πλειόνων τὴν εὐχαριστίαν περισσεύσῃ εἰς τὴν δόξαν τοῦ θεοῦ.

12th Sunday of Luke

The Gospel According to Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Έκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 17:12-19 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσερχομένου αὐτοῦ εἰς τινα κώμην ἀπήντησαν αὐτῷ δέκα λεπροὶ ἄνδρες, οἳ ἔστησαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἦραν φωνὴν λέγοντες· Ἰησοῦ ἐπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. καὶ ἰδὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· πορευθέντες ἐπιδείξατε ἑαυτοὺς τοῖς ἱερεῦσι. καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτοὺς ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἶς δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν, ἰδὼν ὅτι ἰάθη, ὑπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν, καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ εὐχαριστῶν αὐτῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν Σαμαρείτης. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· οὐχὶ οἱ δέκα ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οἱ δὲ ἐννέα ποῦ; οὐχ εὑρέθησαν ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἀλλογενὴς οὗτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε. **AGAPE FELLOWSHIP:** coffee hour is being hosted and served by the Demetra Chapter #33 of the DAUGHTERS of PENELOPE. JOIN US !

SENIOR CLUB NEWS: Every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. our members have a great time in White-Hall, eating, drinking, celebrating birthdays, name days, anniversaries and much more. Check out the calendar for FEBRUARY!!! (stretching exercises, Saint Valentine Party, Pizza Luncheon, President's Day Cherry Pie celebration and so much more than B I N G O!

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS: A FREE BUS will transport any and all guests to the Luncheon on January 21st. (MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY) to RUSSO'S on the BAY Caterers. Immediate departure will be at 11:00 A.M. from the front of the Church. Call the church office (718) 339 -0280 to reserve your seat! RESERVATIONS WILL BE HONORED !

GREEK SCHOOL P.T.A. will convene the first meeting of the NEW YEAR Thursday, January 24th. in room #104 at 5:45 P.M. after class. The ANNUAL GREEK LETTERS PROGRAM will be presented by the students in Church on Sunday, January 27th, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. A reception open to all will following WHITE=HALL hosted and served by the P.T.A. Please join us!

SENATOR ANDREW GOUNARDES: One of our Brooklyn young politicians will celebrate his Senatorial Inauguration NEXT SUNDAY – January 27th, at 3:00 P.M. at Fort Hamilton High School. A reception open to all will be hosted. Your presence is anticipated.

ABOUNDING GRATITUDE is expressed by the Pastor Father Eugene for the kindness expressed by so many faithful over the holidays! Parish Council Members, Fr. Vasyl Shak, the Russian, Ukrainian and Georgian Communities, Zoya Smikh, Lyubomyr Shayuk, Bezugly Family, Maryann Kollias, Fotini Daniil, Senior Club, Helen Pavlides, Floryna and Theodosia, the Greek School P.T.A. Perlegis Family, Dina Daniels, Maria Halkias and Zoe Anastasakos, Robert Malfi, Angela Sakkas, Georgia Bouzakis, Effie Galiatsatos, George and Anne Annis, Tatiana Migdal, Julia Demakakos, Maria Notaro, Peggy Papanicolaou, George Zaroukov, Daperis Family, Hambas Family, Merabi, Philoptochos Society, Angie and James Vlahos, Korkofigas Family, Konstas Family, Larisa Granin and the following members of the community:

Irina, Dolly, Giogi, Gennadiy, Nadezhad, Georgiy, Teimuraz, Theodosia, Floryna, Boris, Lyudmila, Sophia, Dina, Neonilda, Laly & Ketie, Larisa, Nina, Larisa & Vasiliy, Melinda, Ivan, Sophia ® Lyudmila, Maria, Lyudmila, Raisa, Iriana, Zurab & Mariam, Olga & Peter, Levan Tetyana, & Vasiliy, Tatyana.

HELLENIC HERITAGE AWARD CITATION: This year 2019 the Annual Observance will take place at THREE HIERARCHS VESPER on Tuesday evening January 29th. The coveted honor will be bestowed upon the Nassau County DISTRICT ATTORNEY, the Honorable Madeline Singas, who has received national attention in her toppling of the infamous MS13 terror gang that has gripped the civic community with fear, intimidation, death and horrific tortures. We all have read the intolerable activities of this nationwide network of terror. BRAVA! BRAVA! BRAVA! D.A. SINGAS,,, onward and upward. The award will be presented through the hands of His Eminence the Archbishop. YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO SHARE THE EVENT.

UP-COMING DEVOTIONS: FEBRUARY BLESSING of HOLY WATER (Agiasmos) YPAPANTI (Presentation of the Lord) Liturgy . This is the 'sarantisis' of Jesus, as it is 40 days afer the Christmas birth. Friday, February 1st 11:00 – 11:30 A.M. Saturday February 2nd, 9:00 A.M.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! THREE HIERARCHS 90th ANIVERSARY FEAST DAY is scheduled as follows: TUESDAY: JANUARY 29th GREAT VESPERS 7:00 P.M. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios will preside. A reception will follow at 9:P.M.

in ROSEHALL for the awarding of the HELLENIC HERITAGE AWARD. WEDNESDAY: January 30th, FEAST DAY LITURGY at 9:30 A.M. Honoring our 3 Patron Saints, Basil Gregory and John at 9:30 A.M. Reception of Artoklasies and Greek Sweets will be serviced in ROSEHALL at 11:00 A.M.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The NEW UPDATED STEWARDSHIP/MEMBERSHIP FEE is as follows:

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RADIO MINISTRY: Each Saturday at 1:15PM Fr. Eugene hosts and produces the radio broadcast <u>MATTERS OF CONSCIENCE NOW</u> <u>IN it's 20TH YEAR OF BROADCASTING LIVE ON WNYE 91.5 COSMOS FM</u>, 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 (<u>Click live audio</u>)

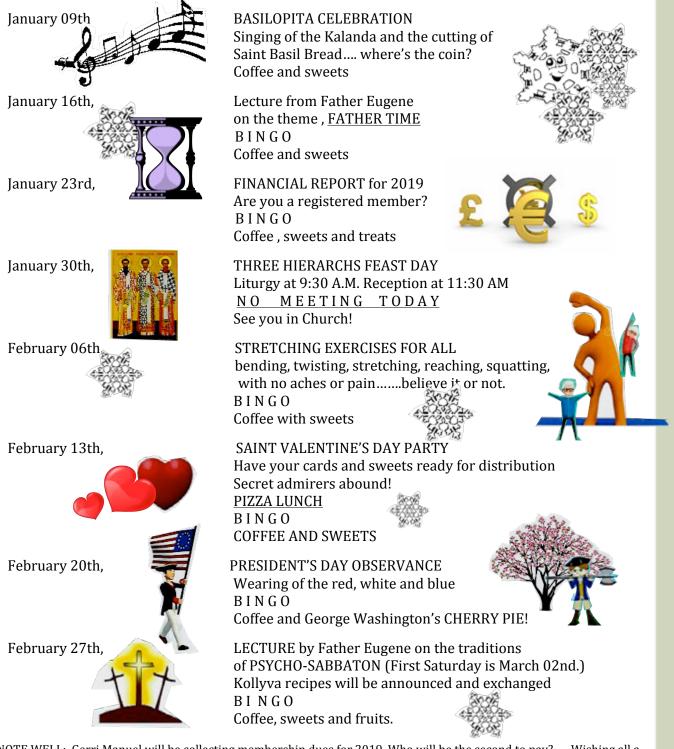
MEMORIALS: + JAMES (DEMETRIOS) MITCHELL + HELEN SERBES MEMORIALS NEXT WEEK: + CONSTANCE, + NICHOLAS and + JAMES MAOUNIS + JOHN ELEFTHERAKIS SR.



SENIOR CLUB NEWLETTER JANUARY and FEBRUARY



Beloved Member, HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019 Thank you all for your continued support last year... Remember to call the church office in case of inclement weather to check on meeting scheduling.



NOTE WELL: Gerri Manuel will be collecting membership dues for 2019. Who will be the second to pay? ... Wishing all a healthful happy and peace filled NEW YEAR! Sincerely Helen Pavlides, President

> DON'T FORGET: 1 – Philoptochos Luncheon at Russo on the Bay – MONDAY, JANUARY 21, NOON. 2- CHURCH 90TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE Saturday-February 16th, 6:30P.M

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BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT ERIC L. ADAMS

INVITES YOU TO SAVE THE DATE MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

GREEK-AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

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Περίοδος Δ' - Έτος ΛΣΤ' Φλώρινα - ἁριθμ. φύλλου 2148

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Αύγουστίνος Ν. Καντιώτης

Σ' εὐγνωμονοῦμε, Κύριε, γιὰ τὶς εὐεργεσίες σου!

«Ούχ εύρέθησαν ύποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ;» (Λουκ. 17,18)

Α κούσατε, ἀγατητοί μου, τὸ ἰερὸ καὶ ἄγιο διηγεῖται ἕνα θαῦμα τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, μὲ τὸ ὀποῖο θεράπευσε ὅἐκα ἀρρώστους ποῦ ἔπασχαν ἀπὸ λέπρα, ἀνίατη τότε. Μὲ τὸν ἔλεγχό του ὅμως μπορεῖ νὰ θεραπεύση καὶ ἅλλους πολλούς, ποὺ πάσχουν ἀπὸ μιὰ ἅλλη χειρότερη ἀσθένεια, ἀσθένεια ψυχική. Κι αὐτὴ εἶνε ἡ ἀχαριστία. Τὴν εἰκόνα τῆς ἀχαριστίας ζωγραψίζει σήμερα τὸ εὐαγγέλιο.

Τρομερή άσθένεια ή λέπρα. Τὸ μικρόβιο φώλιαζε στὸ αίμα, ἐρέθιζε τὸ δέρμα, ἔφερνε κνησμό - φαγούρα, ὁ ἀσθενὴς δὲν μποροῦσε οὕτε νὰ κοιμηθῆ, ὅπως ὁ Ἰώβ. Οἱ δἐκα λεπροὶ δὲν εῦρισκαν ἡσυχία οῦτε μέρα οὕτε νύχτα. Ἡ ἀοθένεια δημιουργοῦσε ἕλκη ὁ λεπρὸς γέμιζε λέπια, οἱ σάρκες σἀπιζαν, ἕβγαζαν πὐον, ἕπεφταν. Ἀνέδιδε δυσσσμία, ἦταν ἅσχημος, παρομορφωμένος, ἀπομονωμένος ἀπ' ὅλους.

"Οταν άπὸ μακριὰ εἶδαν νὰ ἔρχεται πεζῆ ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, εἶπαν: Λὐτὸς μόνο μπορεῖ νὰ μᾶς θεραπεύση! "Ἐβαλαν φωνή" «Ἰησοῦ ἑπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς»()ωκ 17,13.

Τί ἕπρεπε τώρα νὰ κάνουν; Πρῶτο καθῆκον ἦταν νὰ γυρίσουν, νὰ φιλήσουν τὰ πόδια τοῦ Χριστοῦ, νὰ ποῦν τοὐλάχιστον ἕνα εὐχαριστῶ. Άλλ' ἐκτὸς ἀπὸ ἕναν, ποὺ γύρισε κ' εῦχαρίστησε, οἱ ἄλλοι, σὰν νὰ μὴ συνέβη τίποτα, ἀδιαφόρησαν καὶ πῆγαν στὰ οπίτια τους ξεχνώντας τὸν Εὐεργέτη. Νά γιατί εἶπα, ὅτι τὸ σημερινὸ εὐαγγέλιο εἶνε ἡ εἰκόνα τῆς ἁχαριστίας.

Άχάριστοι, άγαπητοί μου, δέν είνε μόνο οί δεκα αύτο) λεπροί: ύπάρχουν καί πολλο) ἄλλοι. √Άχάριστοι πρώτα - πρώτα πρός τοὺς γογείς. Δέν δείχνουν κανένα ένδιαφέρον για τόν πατέρα καί τη μάνα. *Εφυγαν μακριά, Αύστραλία ή Άμερική, άνοιξαν έπιχειρήσεις, θησαύρισαν, ζοῦν μὲ κάθε ἄνεσι, ἐνῷ οἱ γονεῖς τους ὑποφέρουν μέσα σὲ τρῶγλες: καὶ ὄχι ὄολλάριο ἢ μάρκο ή λίρα δέν στέλνουν, άλλ' οῦτε ἕνα γράμμα χρόνια τώρα. Συνάντησα σὲ μιὰ τρώγλη τῆς Φλωρίνης μία γριά 80 έτῶν, ποὺ ἕλεγε: -Πάτερ, δέν κλαίω για τη δυστυχία μου: κλαίω γιατὶ τὸ παιδί, ποὺ μὲ τόσους κόπους καὶ βάσανα. έφερα στὸν κόσμο, ἔχει δέκα χρόνια νὰ ατείλη γράμμα. Διαβάσατε καὶ χθές; «σημεῖα τῶν καιρών»(Ιαθ13), "Ενας γέρος 76 έτων ξεκίνησε άπό ἕνα χωριό τῆς Κορινθίας τώρα τὸ χειμῶνα, ἦρθε στά παιδιά του στήν Άθήνα καὶ τοὺς ζήτησε νά τὸν προστατέψουν, γιατὶ εἶνε ἀνίκανος πιὰ. νά ἑργασθῆ. Κι αὐτά, ἀντὶ ν' ἀνοίξουν τὴν πόρτα καὶ νὰ τὸν περιποιηθοῦν, τὸν ἔδιωξαν «μὲ τὶς κλωτσιές» ἀναγκάστηκε νὰ ἐπεμβῆ ἡ ἀστυνομία και να συλλάβη τα άστοργα παιδιά. Κάποιοι άλλοι σηκώνουν και χέρι στη μάνα και τὸν πατέρα. Άχαριστία στοὺς γονεῖς.

✓ Συχνά παρουσιάζονται καὶ κάποιοι ἀχάριστοι στοὺς ἰερεῖς. Τοὺς σχολιάζουν, τοὺς εἰρωνεὐονται, τοὺς ἐμπαίζουν, τοὺς χλευάζουν. Αὐτοὶ δὲν νιώθουν οὖτε πιστεύουν ὅτι ἕνας ἱερεὺς προσφέρει στὸ λαό, καὶ σ' αὐτοὺς τοὺς ὅδιους, μιὰ μοναδικὴ ὑπηρεσία.

✓ Οἱ προηγούμενοι βέβαια, ἐκτὸς ἀπὸ τὸν λειτουργὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ, προσβάλλουν ἑμμέσως καὶ τὸν ἴδιο τὸ Θεὸ τὸν ὁποῖον ὁ ἱερεὺς ἐκπροσωπεϊ, Οἱ χειρότεροι ὅμως εἶνε ἐκεῖνοι ποὺ καὶ εὐθέως φέρονται μὲ ἀχαριστία **στὸν ἴδιο τὸ Θεό**· σ' αὐτὸν ποὺ εἶνε παραπάνω κι ἀπὸ τὴ μάνα κι ἀπὸ τὸν πατέρα κι ἀπὸ τὸ δάσκαλο κι ἀπὸ τὸν ἱερέα, στὸ μεγάλο Εὐεργέτη μας.

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Ποιός μπορεϊ, άγαπητοί μου, να μετρήση τὶς εὐεργεσίες τοῦ Θεοῦ; Εἶνε ἀμέτρητες, ἀναρίθμητες: ὑλικὲς καὶ πνευματικές, γνωστὲς καὶ ἅγνωστες, φανερὲς ἀλλὰ καὶ ἀφανεῖς.

Μᾶς εὐεργετεῖ ὁ Θεός. Κάθε ἀκτίνα τοῦ ἥλιου, πού ἕρχεται ἁπὸ τόση ἀπόστασι, καθώς μας φωτίζει καὶ μας θερμαίνει, λέει μὲ τὴ δική της γλώσσα «Άνθρωπε, ό Θεός σὲ άγαπä». Κάθε πνοὴ ἀέρος, λεπτὴ ἢ σφοδρή, τὴν ὥρα ποὺ μας ἀγγίζει λέει «Ό Θεὸς σὲ ἀγαπā». Κάθε στανόνα νεροῦ, τὴ στιγμὴ ποὺ μῶς ξεδιΨἅ καὶ μᾶς. πλένει, λέει «Ό Θεὸς σὲ ἀγαπᾶ», Κάθε τίκ - τάκ, κάθε παλμός τῆς καρδιᾶς, ποὺ εἶνε ἕνα τέλειο μηχάνημα τοῦ Δημιουργοῦ μέσα μας –τὸ σκεφθήκατε ποτέ;--, μᾶς λέει «Ό Θεὸς σὲ ἀγαπᾶ». Κάθε ἄνθος ποὺ σκορπάει τὸ ἄρωμά του, κάθε **πουλάκι πο**ὺ κελαδεῖ στὸ δάσος, μᾶς λένε «Ό Θεὸς σὲ ἀγαπῶ». Τὰ πάντα μαρτυροῦν τὶς εύεργεσίες του, «Άνοξαντός σου την χεϊρα τα σύμπαντα πλησθήσονται χρηστότητος»(Ψι)μ 1028).

Άλλ' ἂς ἀφήσω ἄλλους, ποιητὰς καὶ λογοτέχνες, νὰ μιλοῦν γιὰ ὅλα αὐτὰ τὰ ὡραῖα ὅείγματα τῆς ἀγάπης τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ἐγώ –ὡς λειτουργὸς τοῦ ὙΨίστου κατὰ τὴν εὐσπλαγχνία του– θέλω νὰ μιλήσω γιὰ μἰα ὅλλη εὐεργεσία τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἀνώτερη ἀπ' ὅλες, ἰλιγγιώδη εὐεργεσία. Ἄν δὲν τὴ νιώθῃς τὴν εὐεργεσία αὐτή, ματαίως ζῆς σ' αὐτὸ τὸν κόσμο. Ποιά εἶν' αὐτή;

Τὴν ῶρα ποὺ μέσα στὸ ναὸ τελεῖται ἡ θεία. λειτουργία ρίξτε, συναμαρτωλοί άδελφοί μου, ένα βλέμμα στὸ ἄγιο βῆμα. Πάνω στὴν ἀγία τράπεζα βρίσκεται τὸ ἱερὸ δισκοπότηρο. Κι δταν προχωρήση τὸ δράμα τῶν δραμάτων, ὄσοι πιστεύουμε στὸν Κύριο ὁμολογοῦμε, ὅτι αύτες οι σταλαγματιές του οίνου, του προϊόντος τῆς ἀμπέλου, κατὰ μυστηριώδη τρόπο μεταβάλλονται. Μή μὲ ρωτήσης τὸ πῶς, γιατὶ κ' ἐγὼ θὰ σὲ ρωτήσω[,] Πῶς τὰ κάρβουνα, ὅπως βεβαιώνει ή έπιστήμη, μέσα στὸ γημείο τῆς φύσεως μεταβάλλονται σὲ διαμάντια; Μὴ μὲ ρωτήσης λοιπόν. Πίστις μας άκράδαντος είνε, ὄτι τὸ κρασὶ μέσα στὸ ἄγιο ποτήριο μεταβάλλεται σὲ αίμα, στὸ πανάγιο ἑκεΐνο αίμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποὺ ἔτρεξε στὸ Γολγοθῦ καὶ ἔσωσε τὴν ἀνθρωπότητα. Κάθε σταλαγματιά τοῦ αἴματός του είνε Ίορδάνης ποταμός, γίνεται ώκεανός, στὸν όποῖο πλένονται οἱ ἁμαρτίες ὅλου τοῦ κόσμου.

Χριστέ, σ' εὐχαριστῶ γιὰ τὰ ἄστρα σου, γιὰ τὰ ἄνθη σου, γιὰ τὰ ποτάμια σου...' ἀλλὰ θὰ εἶμαι ἀνάξιος δοῦλος σου ἐἀν δὲν γονατίσω μπροστὰ στὸ σταυρὸ καὶ δὲν πῶ· Χριστέ, σ' εὐχαριστῶ γιὰ τὸ αἶμα σου, τὴν ὑψίστη αὐτὴ εὐεργεσία σου στὴν ἀνθρωπότητα!

Δυστυχώς οἱ ἄνθρωποι εἴμαστε ἀχάριστοι. Ή ἀχαριστία μᾶς κλείνει τὸ στόμα καὶ δὲν λέμε ἕνα εὐχαριστῶ στὸ Λυτρωτή μας: αὐτὴ μᾶς κατεβάζει χαμηλότερα κι ἀπὸ τὰ ζῷα.

Στὴ φύσι ὁ κορυδαλλός, τὸ πουλάκι ποὺ πρωὶ - πρωὶ ἀνεβαίνει πρῶτο στὰ ὕψη, ψάλλει σὰν ἄμισθος ψάλτης καὶ λέει στὸν "Υψιστο «Σ' εὐχαριστῶ». Ἡ ὄρνιθα, ὅταν σκύβει στὸ ποταμάκι, πίνει μιὰ γουλιὰ νερὸ καὶ ῦψώνει τὸ κεφάλι της, λέει στὸ Θεὸ «Σ' εὐχαριστῶ». Τὸ σκυλί, ποὺ τοῦ ὅίνεις ἕνα ξεροκόμματο καὶ κουνάει τὴν οὐρά του, σοῦ λέει «Ἀφεντικὸ σ' εὐχαριστῶ». Κι ὁ ἄνθρωπος; "Ω ὁ ἄνθρωπος!

Ένα σκυλί, όταν γκρεμίστηκε ἕνα σπίτι καὶ πλάκωσε μέσα τὴ γριὰ νοικοκυρά, ἐνῷ μποροῦσε νὰ φύγῃ ὅπως ἔφυγαν ὅλοι καὶ τὰ παιδιὰ τῆς γριᾶς, αὐτὸ ἕμεινε ἐκεῖ καὶ ἔκλαιγε ἀνάμεσα στοὺς ὀγκολίθους. Τὰ σωστικὰ συνεργεῖα ἄκουσαν τὸ κλάμα του, ἕτρεξαν ἐκεῖ, ἔσκαψαν, βρῆκαν ζωντανὴ τὴ νοικοκυρά, καὶ τότε τὸ σκυλὶ ἅρχισε νὰ πηδάῃ ὅλο χαρά.

²Ω ἄνθρωπε, ἕνα σκυλὶ εὐγνωμονεϊ: κ' ἐσὺ χτυπῷς τὸν πατέρα, βρίζεις τὴ μάνα, βλαστημῷς τὸ Θεό; Εἶσαι κατώτερος κι ἀπὸ τὰ ζῷα: «Άνθρωπος ἐν τιμῇ ῶν οὐ συνῆκε, παρασυνεβλήθη τοῖς κπήνεσι τοῖς ἀνοήτοις καὶ ὡμοιώθη αὐτοῖς»(Ψψι\$)\$.

Ἡ ἀχαριστία, ἀγαπητοί μου, εἶνε «σημεῖον τῶν καιρῶν». Μία προφητεία τοῦ ἀποστόλου Παύλου λέει, ὅτι στοὺς ἐσχάτους καιροὺς οἱ ἄνθρωποι θὰ γίνουν «ἀχάριστοι» [ὅ Ιμ ¾]. Καὶ ποτέ ὅλλοτε ἡ γῆ αὐτὴ δὲν εἶδε ὅπως τώρα τόσο ἀχάριστα ὄντα, ποὺ νὰ ὑβρίζουν ἀμετανόητα τὸν Εὐεργέτη τους. Γι' αὐτοὺς ἡ Ἀποκάλυψις λέει ὅτι, ἀκόμη κι ὅταν θὰ κολάζωνται, θὰ ὅαγκώνουν τἰς γλῶσσες τους ἀπ' τὸν πόνο, μὰ ἀντὶ νὰ μετανοοῦν θὰ συνεχίζουν νὰ βλαστημοῦν()). ¾ №).

Μέσα σὲ τέτοια γενεά, ἂς μείνουμε εὐγνώμονες στὸ Θεό. Κι ἂς τὸν εὐχαριστοῦμε καὶ γιὰ τὰ καλὰ ἀλλὰ καὶ γιὰ τὰ δυσάρεστα' γιατὶ μέσα στὴν πικρία ὑπάρχει γλυκύτης. Ὁ Ἰὼβ καὶ στὴν εὐτυχία ἀλλὰ καὶ στὴ δυστυχία του ἔλεγε «Εἶη τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου εὐλογημένον...»(Ø.\Ψ).[888.kr]. "Ἐτσι κ' ἐμεῖς. «Ἐν παντὶ εὐχαριστεῖτε»(Κθωξ) καὶ στὴ χαρὰ καὶ στὴ λύπη, καὶ στὴ γαλήνη καὶ στὴν τρικυμία, καὶ στὴ φτώχεια καὶ στὸν πλοῦτο, σὲ κάθε περιπέτεια καὶ στὸ θάνατο ἀκόμη τὰ χείλη μας ἂς λένε «Δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός!».

(†) ἐπίσκοπος Αύγουστῖνος

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The lepers' cry and the Lord's strange reply

Of coarse they had to stand afar off, and the distance prescribed by law oblight them to cry aload, though it must have been an effort, for one symptom of leprosy is a hourse whispet. Their cry indicates some knowledge. They knew the Lord's name, and had dim notions of His authority, for He is addressed as Jens and as Master. They knew that He had power to hed, and they hoped that He had 'mercy,' which they might win for themselves by entreaty. There was the germ of trust in the cry forced from them by desperate need. But their conceptions of Him, and their consciousness of their own necessities, did not rise above the purely physical anglos, and He was nothing to them but a healer.

Still, they did present a point of contact for Christ's 'mency,' which is over ready to flow into overy heart that is lowly, as water will into all low levels. Jesus seems to have gone near to the Jepen, for it was 'when He saw,' not when He heard, them that He spoke. It did not become Him to 'ery, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street,' nor would He case as from afar, but He approaches those whom He heals, that they may see His face, and learn by it His comparsion and low.

He gives no promise to beal, but asks for reliance on an implied promise. He has not a syllable of sympathy; His tender compassion is carefully covered up. He shars down, as it were, the lancers-slide, and not a ray gets through. But the light was behind the screen all the while. We, too, have sometimes to act on the assumption that Jesus has granted our desires, even while we are not conscious that it is so. We, too, have sometimes to set out, as it were, for the prieses, while we still feel the lepusy.

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