

ΣΥΝΑΞΑΡΙΟΝ

Ο Άγιος Ιωάννης ὁ Ἐλεήμονας,
Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος Ἀλεξανδρείας (12 Νοεμ)

Ὁ Άγιος Ιωάννης ὁ Ἐλεήμων
καταγόταν ἀπὸ τὴν Κύπρο. Ἦταν γιὸς τοῦ
ἄρχοντα Ἐπιφανίου, στὰ χρόνια τοῦ
Βασιλιᾶ Ἡρακλείου (615 μ.Χ.). Ὅταν
μεγάλωσε, νυμφεύθηκε καὶ ἀπέκτησε
παιδιά, τὰ ὅποια ἀνέτρεψαν μὲ τὴν σύζυγό
του σὰν ἀληθινοὶ χριστιανοὶ γονεῖς.

Γρήγορα, ὅμως, ἡ γυναῖκα του καὶ τὰ παιδιά
του πέθαναν. Ὁ Ιωάννης εἶχε μεγάλη
περιουσία καὶ τοῦ ἔγιναν πολλές προτάσεις
νὰ κάνει καινούργια οἰκογένεια. Ὅμως τίς
ἀπέρριψε ὅλες, ἀπαντώντας: «Νομίζω, πρὸς
ὅλους εἶμαι ὀφειλέτης. Καὶ δὲν τὸ νομίζω
μόνο. Εἶμαι. Διότι οἱ χριστιανοὶ ἔχουμε
ἀλληλεγγύη. Δὲν τὸ λέει ὁ Παῦλος; Εἴμεθα
μέλη ἀλλήλων. Ἀφοῦ, λοιπὸν ἔχω τὴν
δυνατότητα νὰ δώσω στοὺς ἀδελφούς μου,
ἄρα εἶμαι καὶ ὑποχρεωμένος νὰ δώσω. Νὰ
γιατί ἐργάζομαι καὶ δὲ θὰ πάψω νὰ τὸ
κάνω. Ἡ περιουσία μου δὲν μπορεῖ νὰ εἶναι
ἀνώτερη ἀπ' αὐτὰ τὰ χρέη μου». Γιὰ τὴν
λαμπρότητα τῆς ζωῆς του, ὁ Ιωάννης ἔγινε
ἀρχιεπίσκοπος Ἀλεξανδρείας. Διέπρεψε
σὰν πνευματικὴ λυχνία στὴν πατριαρχία
πολλὰ χρόνια, καὶ ἔκανε πολλὰ θαύματα.
Ἐπειδὴ δὲ μοίραζε πλουσιοπάροχα στοὺς
φτωχοὺς τὴν ἐλεημοσύνη, ὀνομάστηκε
Ἐλεήμων. Εἶχε καταστῆ τόσο σεβάσμιος,
ὥστε καὶ αὐτοὶ οἱ εἰδωλολάτρες τὸν
σέβονταν. Τελικὰ, εἰρηνικὰ παρέδωσε τὴν
μακάρια ψυχὴ του στὸ Θεὸ (τὸ 620
μ.Χ.). Καὶ εἶναι μακάριοι ἡ ψυχὴ του,
διότι ὁ Κύριος λέει: «Μακάριοι οἱ
ἐλεήμονες, ὅτι αὐτοὶ ἐλεηθήσονται».

Μακάριοι, δηλαδή, εἶναι οἱ
εὐσπλαχνικοὶ στὴ δυστυχία τοῦ
πλησίον, διότι αὐτοὶ θὰ ἐλεηθῶν ἀπὸ
τοῦ Θεοῦ.

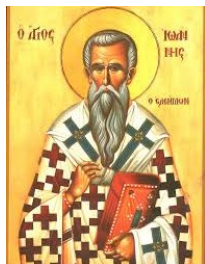
SYNAXARION

Our Father among the Saints, John the
Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria (12 Nov)

He was the son of a noble family in
Cyprus. He married and had several
children, but when his wife and children all
died at nearly the same time, he took his loss
as a call to forsake worldly cares, and
committed his life entirely to God. In time he
was consecrated Archbishop of Alexandria,
where he became known for his zeal for the
Orthodox faith and his struggles against the
various heresies that prevailed in Egypt at
that time. Most of all, though, he was known
for the amazing purity of his generosity and
compassion toward all.

On the day of his elevation to the
Patriarchate, he ordered a careful census of
his "masters," as he called the poor and
beggars. It was found that there were 7,500
indigents in the city, and St John ordered
that all of them be clothed and fed every day
out of the Church's wealth. In his prayers he
would say "We will see, Lord, which of us
will win this contest: You, who constantly
give me good gifts, or I, who will never stop
giving them away to the poor. For I have
nothing that does not come to me by Thy
mercy, which upholds my life."

At his own request, the Patriarch
returned to Cyprus where, in 619,
he died at the age of 64. In his last
hours, he gave thanks to God that
nothing remained of the riches of
which he had been given
stewardship for the sake of the
poor



Fasting / Νηστεία

Christmas fast begins 15 Nov / 15 Νοεμ ἀρχὴ νηστείας Χριστουγέννων



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Κυριακὴ Ἡ' Λουκά

Ἦχος πλ β' Ἐωθινόν Α'

Ἀναστάσιμο Ἀπολυτίκιον

Ἦχος Πλ β'

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμά σου, καὶ
οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ
ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ
ἄχαρτόν σου σώμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν
Αἶδη, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας
τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ
ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολ. Ἀγ. Ἰωάννου τοῦ Ἐλεήμονος

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Ἐν τῇ ὑπομονῇ σου ἐκτίσω τὸν μισθόν σου
Πάτερ, Ὅσιε, ταῖς προσευχαῖς ἀδιαλείπτως
ἐγκαρτερήσας, τοὺς πτωχοὺς ἀγαπήσας,
καὶ τούτοις ἐπαρέσβυσας, Ἀλλὰ πρέσβευε
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, Ἰωάννη Ἐλεήμον μακάριε,
σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἁγίας Ἄννης

Ἦχος δ'

Ζωὴν τὴν κηρύσασαν, ἐκουφόρησας, ἀγνήν
Θεομήτορα, θεόφρον Ἄννα, διὸ πρὸς λήξιν
οὐράνιον, ἔνθα εὐφρανομένων, κατοικία
ἐν δόξῃ, χαίρουσα νῦν μετέστης, τοῖς
τιμώσι σε πόθῳ, πταισμάτων αἰτουμένη,
ἰλασμόν ἀειμακάριστε.

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος δ'

Ὁ καθαρῶτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ
πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ
Ἱερόν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ,
σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν
χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι θεῷ,
ἦν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ, Αὐτὴ
ὑπάρχει σκινη ἐπουράνιος.

12th November 2017

8th Sunday of Luke

Tone 6, 1st Morning Gospel

Resurrection Apolytikion

Tone 6

Angelic powers attended at Your grave, and those
who were on guard became as dead. And Mary
stood in the tomb, seeking Your pure body. You
have despoiled Death and not been touched by him;
you met the Virgin and gave us life. O Lord who
rose from the dead, glory to you.

Apolytikion of St John the Merciful

Tone 8

In patiently enduring, you obtained your
reward, O venerable father. You persevered
in your prayers without ceasing; and you
loved the impoverished and you satisfied
them. We entreat you, intercede with Christ
God, O blessed John the Merciful, for the
salvation of our souls.

Apolytikion of St Anna

Tone 4

You gave birth to God's pure Mother who
conceived Him who is our life, O Godly-
minded Anna. You have now passed with joy
to your heavenly rest, the home of those who
rejoice with glory; you ask for forgiveness of
sins for those who honour you with love, O
ever-blessed one.

Kontakion

Tone 4

Today, the most pure temple of the Saviour,
the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the
sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the
Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit.
The Angels of God praise her. She is the
heavenly tabernacle.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

β' Κορινθίους θ' 6-11

Τίμιος ἐναντίον Κυρίου ὁ θάνατος τῶν ὁσίων αὐτοῦ.

Τί ἀνταποδώσω τῷ Κυρίῳ περὶ πάντων, ὧν ἀνταπέδωκέ μοι;

Πρὸς β' Κορινθίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου
τό Ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει, καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. Ἐκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῇ καρδίᾳ, μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ Θεός. Δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ Θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν, καθὼς γέγραπται· «Ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκε τοῖς πένησιν· δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα». Ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρῶσιν χορηγήσαι καὶ πληθύναι τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν καὶ αὐξήσαι τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ Θεῷ.

Ἀπόστολο ἐρχομένης Κυριακῆς
Ἐφesiους β' 14-22

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His holy ones.

What shall I give back to the Lord for all He rendered to me?

The Reading is from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

BRETHREN, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Next week's epistle reading:
Ephesians 2:14-22

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Λουκάν ι' 25-37

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, Νομικός τις προσήλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ, πειράζων αὐτὸν, καὶ λέγων· Διδάσκαλε, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; Ὁ δὲ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· ἐν τῷ νόμῳ τί γέγραπται; πῶς ἀναγινώσκεις; Ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· Ἀγαπήσεις Κύριον τὸν Θεόν σου ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας σου, καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς σου, καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας σου, καὶ τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς ἑαυτόν. Εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· Ὁρθῶς ἀπεκρίθης· τοῦτο ποιεῖ καὶ ζῆση. Ὁ δὲ θέλων δικαιοῦν ἑαυτόν, εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν· Καί τίς ἐστί μου πλησίον; Ὑπολαβὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· Ἄνθρωπός τις κατέβαινεν ἀπὸ Ἱερουσαλὴμ εἰς Ἱεριχῶ, καὶ λησταῖς περιέπεσεν· οἱ καὶ ἐκδύσαντες αὐτόν, καὶ πληγὰς ἐπιθέντες ἀπῆλθον, ἀφέντες ἡμίθανῆ τυγχάνοντα. Κατὰ συγκυρίαν δὲ ἱερεὺς τις κατέβαινεν ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ ἐκείνῃ, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἀντιπαρῆλθεν. Ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ Λευίτης, γενόμενος κατὰ τὸν τόπον, ἐλθὼν καὶ ἰδὼν, ἀντιπαρῆλθε. Σαμαρεῖτης δὲ τις ὁδεύων ἦλθε κατ' αὐτόν, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ προσελθὼν κατέδησε τὰ τραύματα αὐτοῦ, ἐπιχέων ἔλαιον καὶ οἶνον, ἐπιβιβάσας δὲ αὐτόν ἐπὶ τὸ ἴδιον κτήνος, ἠγάγεν αὐτόν εἰς πανδοχεῖον, καὶ ἐπεμελήθη αὐτοῦ· καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν αὐριον ἐξελθὼν, ἐκβαλὼν δύο δηνάρια ἔδωκε τῷ πανδοχεῖ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ἐπιμελήθητι αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὅτι ἂν προσδαπανήσης, ἐγὼ ἐν τῷ ἐπανέρχεσθαί με ἀποδώσω σοι. Τίς οὖν τούτων τῶν τριῶν πλησίον δοκεῖ σοι γεγενῆσθαι τοῦ ἐμπεσόντος εἰς τοὺς ληστὰς; Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· Ὁ ποιήσας τὸ ἔλεος μετ' αὐτοῦ. Εἶπεν οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Πορεύου καὶ σὺ ποιεῖ ὁμοίως.

Εὐαγγέλιον ἐρχομένης Κυριακῆς
Λουκάν ιβ' 16-21

THE GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Next week's gospel reading
Luke 12:16-21