

ΣΥΝΑΞΑΡΙΟΝ

Ο Άγιος Λεόντιος ὁ Μάρτυρας & οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ Ὑπατος καὶ Θεόδουλος 18 Ἰουνίου

Ὁ Άγιος Μάρτυς Λεόντιος καταγόταν ἀπὸ τὴν Ἑλλάδα καὶ ἄθλησε κατὰ τοὺς χρόνους τοῦ αὐτοκράτορος Βεσπασιανοῦ (69 – 79 π.Χ.). Καταταγείς στὸ στράτευμα, διακρινόταν γιὰ τὸν ῥωμαλέο καὶ μεγαλοπρεπὲς παράστημα, τὴ γεναιότητα καὶ ἀνδρεία του. Ἐνεκα τῶν ἀρετῶν του ἀνῆλθε ταχέως τὶς στρατιωτικὲς βαθμίδες, γενόμενος στρατηγός. Διορισθεὶς στὴν Ἄφρική, δένεμε ἀφθονα ἀπὸ τὰ στρατιωτικὰ σιτηρέσια στοὺς φτωχοὺς Χριστιανοὺς, μετὰ τῶν ὁποίων συγκαταλέγετο καὶ ὁ ἴδιος, λατρεύων τὸν ἕνα καὶ ἀληθινὸ Θεό. Τὸ γεγονός τοῦτο πληροφορηθεὶς ὁ ἡγεμόνας τῆς Φοινίκης Ἀδριανός, ἀπέστειλε τὸν τριβούνου Ὑπατο μὲ δύο στρατιῶτες γιὰ νὰ συλλάβουν τὸν Λεόντιο καὶ τὸν ὀδηγήσουν ἐνώπιόν του. Αὐτοί, ἀφοῦ ἦλθαν καὶ συναναστράφησαν μετὰ τοῦ Λεοντίου, ἐπίσθησαν ἀπὸ τοὺς λόγους του καὶ ἀσπάσθησαν τὸ Χριστιανισμό, καὶ ὁ Ὑπατος καὶ ὁ ἕνας ἐκ τῶν στρατιωτῶν, ὁ Θεόδουλος. Μαθόντες τὰ γενόμενα οἱ εἰδωλοάτρες, εἰδοποίησαν τὸν Ἀδριανό, ὁ ὁποῖος, ἀφίχθεις ἐκ Φοινίκης στὴν Τρίπολη, διέταξε τὴν σύλληψη αὐτῶν καὶ τὴν ἐνώπιόν του προσαγωγή τους. Καὶ τοὺς μὲν Ὑπατο καὶ Θεόδουλο, ἀφοῦ ἤλεγξε γιὰ τὴν ἀνυπακοή τους, ἀποκεφάλισε, τὸν δὲ Λεόντιο, ἀφοῦ μάταια προσπάθησε νὰ ἐπαναφέρει στὴν εἰδωλολατρία, διέταξε νὰ τὸν μαστιγώσουν ἀνηλεῶς, νὰ τὸν κρεμάσουν καὶ νὰ καταξοχίσουν τὶς σάρκες

SYNAXARION

St Leontius, with him Martyrs Hypatius and Theodoulos, at Tripoli in Syria 18 June

An honoured Roman commander in Tripoli of Phoenicia, he was described as being 'of great physical stature, powerful, strong and bold in battle'. When it was learned that he was a Christian and had given grain to the poor from the imperial storehouse, the governor Hadrian, a great persecutor of Christians, sent Hypatius, a military commander, and Theodoulos, a soldier, along with some others to arrest him. On the way Hypatius fell gravely ill with a fever, and the company had to delay its mission. One night an angel of the Lord appeared to Hypatius and said, 'If you desire to be healed, you and your soldiers must cry to heaven three times: "O God of Leontius, help me!"'. Hypatius told his comrades of his vision, and when they all cried out as instructed Hypatius was instantly healed. Hypatius and Theodoulos then went on ahead of the other soldiers and found Leontius. Leontius received them hospitably and offered them refreshment. As they rested in his house, he proclaimed his faith in Christ and their hearts began to burn within them. While Leontius was still speaking, a bright cloud descended upon the two soldiers and shed dew on them while Leontius said 'In the name of the All-holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.' Thus were they baptized by the Holy Spirit Himself.

When the cruel Hadrian discovered this, he had the two soldiers beaten fiercely, then beheaded; he then subjected Leontius to the cruelest tortures, under which he finally died, unwavering in his faith. This was during the reign of Vespasian.



Fasting / Νηστεία

Apostles' fast until 28 June/ Νηστεία Αποστόλων μέχρι 30 Ἰουνίου



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Κυριακή Β' Ματθαίου
Ἦχος α' - Ἐωθινόν Β'

Ἀναστάσιμο Ἀπολυτίκιον

Ἦχος α'

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος, Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοί, Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόανθρωπε.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἁγίας Ἄννας

Ἦχος δ'

Ζωὴν τὴν κυήσασαν, ἐκυφόρησας, ἀγνήν Θεομήτορα, θεόφρον Ἄννα, διὸ πρὸς λήξιν οὐράνιον, ἐνθα εὐφραινομένων, κατοικία ἐν δόξῃ, χαίρουσα νῦν μετέστης, τοῖς τιμώσι σε πόθῳ, πταισμάτων αἰτουμένη, ἰλασμόν ἀειμακάριστε.

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος β'

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοί. Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

18th June 2017

2nd Sunday of Matthew
Tone 1 - 2nd Morning Gospel

Resurrection Apolytikion

Tone 1

The stone had been sealed by the Jews, and soldiers were guarding your pure Body; but on the third day, Saviour, you arose and gave life to the world. Wherefore the heavenly Powers cried out to you, Giver of life: Glory to your resurrection, Christ, glory to your kingdom, glory to your divine plan, you who alone love human kind.

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 2

Protector of Christians, champion undefeated, mediator most sure with our creator, disregard not the voice of prayer of sinners, but come quickly in your goodness, to help us who cry out to you with faith: Be swift to intercede, make haste to supplicate, O Theotokos, protector always of those who honour you.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Ρωμαίους β' 10-16

Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς.

Ἀγαλλιᾶσθε, δίκαιοι, ἐν Κυρίῳ.

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ
ανάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, δόξα καὶ τιμὴ καὶ εἰρήνη παντὶ τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ τὸ ἀγαθόν, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἑλληνι· οὐ γὰρ ἐστὶ προσωποληψία παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ. Ὅσοι γὰρ ἀνόμως ἤμαρτον, ἀνόμως καὶ ἀπολοῦνται· καὶ ὅσοι ἐν νόμῳ ἤμαρτον, διὰ νόμου κριθήσονται. Οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἀκροαταὶ τοῦ νόμου δίκαιοι παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ, ἀλλ' οἱ ποιηταὶ τοῦ νόμου δικαιωθήσονται. Ὅταν γὰρ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα φύσει τὰ τοῦ νόμου ποιῇ, οὗτοι νόμον μὴ ἔχοντες ἑαυτοῖς εἰσι νόμος, οἵτινες ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ ἔργον τοῦ νόμου γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, συμμαρτυροῦσης αὐτῶν τῆς συνειδήσεως καὶ μεταξὺ ἀλλήλων τῶν λογισμῶν κατηγορούντων ἢ καὶ ἀπολογουμένων - ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε κρινεῖ ὁ Θεὸς τὰ κρυπτὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 2:10-16

May your mercy be upon us O lord.

Rejoice in the Lord all you righteous

The reading is from Paul's letter to the
Romans

Brethren, glory and honour and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ματθαίον δ' 18-23

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν ὁ Ἰησοῦς παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας, εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. Οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβάς ἐκεῖθεν, εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν, καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν· καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. Οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν, ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν, καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας, καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4: 18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people

Ἀπόστολο ἐρχομένης Κυριακῆς
Ρωμαίους ε' 1-10

Next week's epistle reading:
Romans 5:1-10

Next week's gospel reading
Ματθ. ζ' 22-33

Εὐαγγέλιον ἐρχομένης Κυριακῆς
Matthew 6:22-33