

ΣΥΝΑΞΑΡΙΟΝ

Ὁ Ἅγιος Ἐφραίμ ὁ Σύρος (28ῆ Ἰαν)

Ὁ Ὅσιος Ἐφραίμ καταγόταν ἀπὸ τὴν Ἀνατολή καὶ γεννήθηκε στὴν πόλη Νίσιβη τῆς Μεσοποταμίας πιθανῶς τὸ 308 μ.Χ. ἢ καὶ ἐνωρίτερα. Ἦκμασε ἐπὶ Μεγάλου Κωνσταντίνου (324 – 337 μ.Χ.), Ἰουλιανοῦ τοῦ Παραβάτου (361 – 363 μ.Χ.) καὶ τῶν διαδόχων αὐτοῦ. Ἀπὸ τὴν μικρὴ του ἡλικία διδάχθηκε τὴν πίστι καὶ τὴν ἀρετὴ ἀπὸ τὸν Ἐπίσκοπο τῆς γενέτειράς του Ἰάκωβο (309 – 364 μ.Χ.), ὁ ὁποῖος καὶ τὸν χειροτόνησε διάκονο, ἀλλὰ ὁ Ὅσιος ἀρνήθηκε νὰ λάβει μεγαλύτερο ἀξίωμα. Ἀκολούθησε πολὺ νωρὶς τὸν μοναχικὸ βίον καὶ μὲ τὸ φωτισμὸ τοῦ Παρακλήτου ἔγραψε πάρα πολλὰ συγγράμματα πνευματικῆς καὶ ἠθικῆς οἰκοδομῆς. Γι' αὐτὸ καὶ θαυμάζεται γιὰ τὸ πλῆθος καὶ τὸ κάλλος τῶν ἔργων του. Γνώστης ἀκριβῆς ὅλων τῶν δογματικῶν θεμάτων, ἤξερε νὰ καταπολεμᾷ τὶς αἰρέσεις καὶ νὰ ὑπερασπίζει μὲ θαυμάσια σαφήνεια τὴν Ὁρθοδοξία. Ἦταν ἐκεῖνος ποὺ κατατρόπωσε σὲ διάλογο τὸν αἰρετικὸ Ἀπολλινάριο καὶ ὀδήγησε πολλοὺς αἰρετικούς νὰ ἐπιστρέψουν στὴν πατρῶα εὐσέβεια.

Ὅταν, διὰ τῆς συνθήκης τοῦ ἔτους 363 μ.Χ., ποὺ ὑπέγραψε ὁ διάδοχος τοῦ Ἰουλιανοῦ τοῦ Παραβάτου, Ἰοβιανὸς (363 – 364 μ.Χ.), ἡ Νίσιβη παραδόθηκε στοὺς Πέρσες, ὁ Ὅσιος Ἐφραίμ ἐγκατέλειψε τὴν πατρίδα του καὶ ἦλθε στὴν Ἐδεσσα, ὅπου ἀσκήτησε σὲ παρακείμενο ὄρος. Τὸ ἔτος 370 μ.Χ. ἐπισκέφθηκε τὸν Μέγα Βασίλειο στὴν Καισάρεια τῆς Καππαδοκίας καὶ λίγο ἀργότερα τοὺς Πατέρες καὶ Ἀσκητῆς τῆς Αἰγύπτου. Ὁ Ὅσιος Ἐφραίμ κοιμήθηκε μὲ εἰρήνη τὸ ἔτος 373 μ.Χ. καὶ ἡ Συναξὴ του ἐτελείτο σὸ Μαρτύριο τῆς Ἁγίας Ἀκυλίνας, στὴν περιοχὴ Φιλοξένου, κοντὰ στὴν ἀγορὰ.

SYNAXARION

St Ephraim the Syrian (28 Jan)

He is often called "The Harp of the Holy Spirit" for the sublimity of his writings. He was born in Nisibis of Mesopotamia about the year 306. He embraced the Christian faith while young and for this was driven from his home by his father, a pagan priest. He came under the care of St James of Nisibis (January 13), who was one of the bishops at the Council of Nicaea. He took up a strictly ascetical life, renouncing all possessions and denying himself all comforts. It is said that his eyes constantly flowed with tears: tears of compunction for his own sins, or tears of joy as he contemplated the wonders of God's grace.

He was baptized at the age of twenty and withdrew to the desert, then settled in Edessa. Once, as he was walking to the city, a harlot approached him. Pretending to accept her proposition, he took her to the city's public square and suggested that they lie together there, in plain view. Horrified, the woman rebuked him, saying 'Have you no shame?' The Saint answered, 'Poor woman, you are afraid of being watched by other people; buy why are you not afraid of being seen by God, who sees everything and, on the last day, will judge all our actions and most secret thoughts?' The woman repented and, with the Saint's help, embarked upon a new life.

St Ephraim was the first to use hymnody and song to express the teaching of the Church, and so might be called the Church's first hymnographer. His works were probably an inspiration to St Romanos the Melodist, also a Syrian. He is said to have written more than three million lines of verse in Syriac, in addition to many homilies and treatises. Only a fraction of his work has been translated.



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ΙΣΤ' ΛΟΥΚΑ (Τελώνων καὶ Φαρισαίου).

Ἦχος α' - Ἐωθινόν Α'

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, ἐκνοφόρησας, ἀγνήν Θεομήτορα, θεόφρον Ἄννα, διὸ πρὸς λήξιν οὐράνιον, ἔνθα εὐφραινομένων, κατοικία ἐν δόξῃ, χαίρουσα νῦν μετέστης, τοῖς τιμῶσί σε πόθῳ, πταισμάτων αἰτουμένη, ἰλασμὸν ἀειμακάριστε.

Κοντάκιον τῆς Ὑπαπαντῆς

Ἦχος α'

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγίας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

28th January 2018

16th Sun Luke (Publ. & Pharisee)

Tone 1 - 1st 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 of the Entrance

Tone 1

You who sanctified the Virgin's womb by Your birth, & blessed the hands of Symeon as it was right, has saved us even now by anticipation O Christ God. But grant peace to your commonwealth amidst wars and strengthen the leaders whom You have loved, lover of humanity.

Fasting / Νηστεία

No Fasting this week / Κατάλυσις εἰς πάντα

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Β Τιμοθέου γ' 10-15

Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καθάπερ ἠλπίσαμεν ἐπὶ σέ.

Αγαλλιᾶσθε, δίκαιοι, ἐν Κυρίῳ· τοῖς εὐθέσι πρέπει αἴνεσις.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον Β' Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῇ ἀγωγῇ, τῇ προθέσει, τῇ πίστει, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἳά μοι ἐγένοντο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις· οἷους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεγκα καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ Κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται· πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστώθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσει εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ Κυρίῳ ἡμῶν.

THE EPISTLE

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in You

Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Λουκᾶν ιη' 10-14

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωποι δύο ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ ἱερόν προσεύξασθαι· ὁ εἷς Φαρισαῖος, καὶ ὁ ἕτερος Τελώνης. Ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ταῦτα προσήχετο· Ὁ Θεός εὐχαριστῶ σοι, ὅτι οὐκ εἰμι ὡσπερ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἄρπαγες, ἄδικοι, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὗτος ὁ Τελώνης. Νηστεύω δις τοῦ Σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτῶμαι. Καὶ ὁ Τελώνης μακρόθεν ἔστῶς, οὐκ ἤθελεν οὐδὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπάραι, ἀλλ' ἔτυπεν εἰς τὸ στῆθος αὐτοῦ λέγων· Ὁ Θεός, ἰλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ. Λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὗτος δεδικαιωμένος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ, ἢ ἐκεῖνος. Ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὑψῶν ἑαυτὸν ταπεινωθήσεται· ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν ἑαυτὸν, ὑψωθήσεται.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Ἀπόστολο ἐρχομένης Κυριακῆς
Α' Κορινθίους στ' 12-20

Next week's epistle reading:
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Εὐαγγέλιον ἐρχομένης Κυριακῆς
Λουκᾶν ιε' 11-32

Next week's gospel reading
Luke 15:11-32