

ΚΑΝΟΝΑ ΠΙΣΤΕΩΣ - MODEL OF FAITH

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA PARISH OF SAINT NICHOLAS MARRICKVILLE

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Κυριακή 13 Ὀκτωβρίου 2024
Τῶν Ἁγ. Πατέρων της Ζ' Συνόδου

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος βαρύς

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον,
ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν
Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς
σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι
ἀνέστης Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ
μέγα ἔλεος.

Τῶν Πατέρων.

Υπερδεδοξασμένοι εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, ὁ
φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν
θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν
πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας·
πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Τοῦ Ἁγίου Νικολάου.

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος,
ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ
ποιμνῇ σου, ἢ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια·
διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ
πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ ἱεράρχα **Νικόλαε**·
πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς
ἡμῶν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Κοσμά και Δαμιανού

Ἅγιοι Ανάργυροι καὶ θαυματουργοί,
επισκέψασθε τὰς ασθενείας ἡμῶν, δωρεάν
ελάβετε, δωρεάν δότε ἡμῖν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Τοῦ Ἁγίου Παΐσιου

Τόν συνάναρχον Λόγον

Αὐστραλίας προστάτην, φρουρόν τε
ἄγρυπνον, καὶ τοῦ Ἁθῶνος ὄρους στυλον
ἀείφωτον, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοί, θεῖον
Παΐσιον, ἐξαιτούμενοι αὐτοῦ τὰς πρεσβείας
πρὸς Θεόν, κραυγάζοντες ὁμοφρόνως· ῥύου ὦ
πάτερ παντοίων, τῶν τοξευμάτων τοῦ
ἀλάστορος.

Sunday 13 October 2024
The Holy Fathers of the 7th Council

Resurrectional Apolytikion

You destroyed death by your Cross, you
opened Paradise to the Thief, the Myrrh-
bearers' lament you transformed, and
ordered your Apostles to proclaim, that you
had risen, Christ our God, granting to the
world your great mercy.

For the Fathers

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God.
You established the holy Fathers upon the
earth as beacons, and through them You
have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly
merciful One, glory be to You.

St Nicholas Hymn

A model of faith and the image of gentleness,
the example of your life has shown you forth
to your sheep-fold to be a master of
temperance. You obtained thus through
being lowly, gifts from on high, and riches
through poverty, **Nicholas**, our father and
priest of priests, intercede with Christ our
God that He may save our soul.

Sts Cosmas & Damianos

Sainted Unmercenaries and Wonder
Workers, regard our infirmities; freely you
have received, freely share with us.

St Paisios Hymn

The Word Eternal

O Protector of Australia, vigilant guardian
and resplendent pillar of Mount Athos, we
the faithful let us praise the holy **Paisios**, and
beseeching his intercessions before God,
crying out with one voice, deliver us, O father
of all, from the arrows of the vengeful one.

Κοντάκιον.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν
ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν
Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης,
ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ
πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν
ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι·
Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς
ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε,
τῶν τιμώντων σε.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Τίτον Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου (γ' 8-15)

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ
τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιουῖσθαι,
ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων
προϊστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῶ.
ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς
ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ
γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς
περιῖστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ
μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν
καὶ δευτέραν νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς
ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ
ἀμαρτάνει, ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν
πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν,
σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς
Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα
παραχειμάσαι. Ζηναῖν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ
Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα
μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ
καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων
προϊστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας,
ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ
μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἀσπασαὶ τοὺς
φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ
πάντων ὑμῶν.

Kontakion

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 honor you.

EPISTLE

Paul's Letter to Titus (3: 8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I
desire you to insist on these things, so
that those who have believed in God
may be careful to apply themselves to
good deeds; these are excellent and
profitable to men. But avoid stupid
controversies, genealogies,
dissensions, and quarrels over the law,
for they are unprofitable and futile. As
for a man who is factious, after
admonishing him once or twice, have
nothing more to do with him, knowing
that such a person is perverted and
sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to
you, do your best to come to me at
Nicompolis, for I have decided to spend
the winter there. Do your best to
speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollon on
their way; see that they lack nothing.
And let our people learn to apply
themselves to good deeds, so as to
help cases of urgent need, and not to
be unfruitful.

**Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου
(ἡ', 5-15)**

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπείραι τὸν σπóρον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐν τῷ σπείρειν αὐτὸν ὁ μὲν ἔπεσε παρὰ τὴν ὁδόν, καὶ κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατέφαγεν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυεὶν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ἰκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφυεῖσαι αὐτὰ ἀπέπνιξαν αὐτό. καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ φυεὶν ἐποίησε καρπὸν κατονταπλασίονα. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω. Ἐπρωτῶν δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· τίς εἴη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὑμῖν δέδοται γνῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ συνῶσιν. Ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολὴ· ὁ σπóρος ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδόν εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἶτα ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἶρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας οἱ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ρίζαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν, οἱ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ ἀφίστανται. τὸ δὲ εἰς τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ πλοῦτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ τελεσφοροῦσι. τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῇ, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἵτινες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσι καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω.

**Holy Gospel according to St Luke
(8:5-15)**

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Ζ Οικουμενικῆς Συνόδου
Νικαίᾳ 787

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ μνήμην ἐπιτελοῦμεν τῶν ἁγίων καὶ μακαρίων Πατέρων, τῶν ἐν Νικαίᾳ συνελθόντων τὸ δεύτερον, ἐπὶ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ φιλοχρίστων βασιλέων Κωνσταντίνου καὶ Εἰρήνης, κατὰ τῶν δυσσεβῶς καὶ ἀμαθῶς καὶ ἀπερισκέπτως τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰδωλολατρεῖν εἰπόντων καὶ τὰς σεπτὰς καὶ ἁγίας εἰκόνας καταβαλόντων.

7th Ecumenical Council
Nicaea 787

On this day we also observe the memory of the holy and blessed Fathers who convened in Nicaea for a second time, under the Orthodox and Christ-loving emperors Constantine and Irene, against those who in an impious, uneducated, and thoughtless manner said that the Church of God practiced idolatry and who had taken down the august and holy icons.

The Council decreed that just as the **Word** can be communicated by **sound**, Jesus Christ could be depicted in the form of an icon, which **silently communicates by representation**.

In other words, "**the verbal and visual imagery co-exist ... and through the imagery**, the Church articulates the revelation given in Jesus Christ".

Thus the triumph of the icons stems from the 7th Ecumenical Council and three great Fathers of the Church, who fought tirelessly - a Patriarch and two monks - Patriarch Nicephorus and the monks John of Damascus and Theodore the Studite.