

# KANONA ΠΙΣΤΕΩΣ - MODEL OF FAITH

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Ἡ Ὑπαπαντὴ τοῦ Κυρίου

**Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος βαρύς**  
Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον,  
ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν  
Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ  
τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν  
ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός,  
παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

### Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε·  
ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἥλιος τῆς  
δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,  
φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ  
σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξιόμενος ἐν  
ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτῆν τῶν ψυχῶν  
ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν  
Ἀνάστασιν.

### Κοντάκιον.

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

Sunday 2 February 2024  
The Meeting of our Lord

### 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 Feast

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin  
Theotokos, for Christ our God, the  
Sun of righteousness has risen from  
you and He illumined those in  
darkness. And you, righteous Elder,  
be glad in heart, receiving in your  
embraces the One who liberates our  
souls and bestows on us the  
Resurrection.

### Kontakion.

You sanctified the womb of the  
Virgin by Your birth, and by Your  
presentation You blessed the hands  
of Symeon, when You came, and You  
saved us, O Christ our God. Now we  
pray You give peace to Your world at  
war, and let love for Your people  
prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

## ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

### Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου (ζ, 7-17)

Ἀδελφοί, χωρὶς δὲ πάσης ἀντιλογίας, τὸ ἕλαττον ὑπὸ τοῦ κρείττονος εὐλογεῖται. Καὶ ὧδε μὲν δεκάτας ἀποθνήσκοντες ἄνθρωποι λαμβάνουσιν· ἐκεῖ δέ, μαρτυρούμενος ὅτι ζῆ. Καί, ὡς ἔπος εἰπεῖν, διὰ Ἀβραάμ καὶ Λευὶ ὁ δεκάτας λαμβάνων δεδεκάτῳται· ἔτι γὰρ ἐν τῇ ὀσφύϊ τοῦ πατρὸς ἦν, ὅτε συνήνησεν αὐτῷ ὁ Μελχισεδέκ. Εἰ μὲν οὖν τελείωσις διὰ τῆς Λευϊτικῆς ἱερωσύνης ἦν - ὁ λαὸς γὰρ ἐπ' αὐτῇ νενομοθέτητο - τίς ἔτι χρεία, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ ἕτερον ἀνίστασθαι ἱερέα, καὶ οὐ κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Ἀαρὼν λέγεσθαι; Μετατιθεμένης γὰρ τῆς ἱερωσύνης, ἐξ ἀνάγκης καὶ νόμου μετὰθεσις γίνεται. Ἐφ' ὃν γὰρ λέγεται ταῦτα, φυλῆς ἐτέρας μετέσχηκεν, ἀφ' ἧς οὐδεὶς προσέσχηκεν τῷ Θυσιαστηρίῳ. Πρόδηλον γὰρ ὅτι ἐξ Ἰούδα ἀνατέταλκεν ὁ κύριος ἡμῶν, εἰς ἣν φυλὴν οὐδὲν περὶ ἱερωσύνης Μωϋσῆς ἐλάλησεν. Καὶ περισσώτερον ἔτι κατάδηλόν ἐστιν, εἰ κατὰ τὴν ὁμοιότητα Μελχισεδέκ ἀνίσταται ἱερεὺς ἕτερος, ὃς οὐ κατὰ νόμον ἐντολῆς σαρκικῆς γέγονεν, ἀλλὰ κατὰ δύνάμιν ζωῆς ἀκαταλύτου· μαρτυρεῖ γὰρ ὅτι Σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

## EPISTLE

### St Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (7:7-17)

BRETHREN, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

**Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου  
(β', 22-40)**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀνήγαγον αὐτὸν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα παραστῆσαι τῷ Κυρίῳ, καθὼς γέγραπται ἐν νόμῳ Κυρίου ὅτι πᾶν ἄρσεν διανοῖγον μήτραν ἅγιον τῷ Κυρίῳ κληθήσεται, καὶ τοῦ δοῦναι θυσίαν κατὰ τὸ εἰρημένον ἐν νόμῳ Κυρίου, ζευγὸς τρυγόνων ἢ δύο νεοσσούς περιστερῶν. Καὶ ἰδοὺ ἦν ἄνθρωπος ἐν Ἱεροσολύμοις ᾧ ὄνομα Συμεών, καὶ ὁ ἄνθρωπος οὗτος δίκαιος καὶ εὐλαβής, προσδεχόμενος παράκλησιν τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ, καὶ Πνεῦμα ἦν "Ἄγιον ἐπ' αὐτόν· καὶ ἦν αὐτῷ κεχρηματισμένον ὑπὸ τοῦ Πνεύματος τοῦ Ἁγίου μὴ ἰδεῖν θάνατον πρὶν ἢ ἴδῃ τὸν Χριστὸν Κυρίου. καὶ ἦλθεν ἐν τῷ Πνεύματι εἰς τὸ ἱερόν· καὶ ἐν τῷ εἰσαγαγεῖν τοὺς γονεῖς τὸ παιδίον Ἰησοῦν τοῦ ποιῆσαι αὐτοὺς κατὰ τὸ εἰθισμένον τοῦ νόμου περὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὐτὸς ἐδέξατο αὐτὸν εἰς τὰς ἀγκάλας αὐτοῦ καὶ εὐλόγησε τὸν Θεὸν καὶ εἶπε· νῦν ἀπολύεις τὸν δοῦλόν σου, δέσποτα, κατὰ τὸ ῥῆμά σου ἐν εἰρήνῃ, ὅτι εἶδον οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου τὸ σωτήριόν σου, ὃ ἠτοίμασας κατὰ πρόσωπον πάντων τῶν λαῶν, φῶς εἰς ἀποκάλυψιν ἐθνῶν καὶ δόξαν λαοῦ σου Ἰσραὴλ.

καὶ ἦν Ἰωσήφ καὶ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ θαυμάζοντες ἐπὶ τοῖς λαλουμένοις περὶ αὐτοῦ. καὶ εὐλόγησεν αὐτοὺς Συμεὼν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς Μαριὰμ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ· ἰδοὺ οὗτος κεῖται εἰς πτώσιν καὶ ἀνάστασιν πολλῶν ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ καὶ εἰς σημεῖον ἀντιλεγόμενον. καὶ σοῦ δὲ αὐτῆς τὴν ψυχὴν διελεύσεται ῥομφαία, ὅπως ἂν ἀποκαλυφθῶσιν ἐκ πολλῶν καρδιῶν διαλογισμοί.

**Holy Gospel according to St Luke  
(2: 22-40)**

At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Symeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Symeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Καὶ ἦν Ἄννα προφῆτις, θυγάτηρ Φανουήλ, ἐκ φυλῆς Ἀσήρ· αὕτη προβεβηκυῖα ἐν ἡμέραις πολλαῖς, ζήσασα ἕτη μετὰ ἀνδρὸς ἑπτὰ ἀπὸ τῆς παρθενίας αὐτῆς, καὶ αὕτη χήρα ὡς ἐτῶν ὀγδοήκοντα τεσσάρων, ἣ οὐκ ἀφίστατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ἱεροῦ νηστειαῖς καὶ δεήσεσι λατρεύουσα νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν· καὶ αὕτη αὐτῇ τῇ ὥρᾳ ἐπιστάσα ἀνθρωπολογεῖτο τῷ Κυρίῳ καὶ ἐλάλει περὶ αὐτοῦ πᾶσι τοῖς προσδεχομένοις λύτρωσιν ἐν Ἱερουσαλήμ. Καὶ ὡς ἐτέλεσαν ἅπαντα τὰ κατὰ τὸν νόμον Κυρίου, ὑπέστρεψαν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν εἰς τὴν πόλιν αὐτῶν Ναζαρέτ. Τὸ δὲ παιδίον ἠύξανε καὶ ἐκραταιοῦτο πνεύματι πληρούμενον σοφίας, καὶ χάρις Θεοῦ ἦν ἐπ' αὐτό.

**Συναξάριον**  
**Τοῦ Μηναιίου.**

Τῇ Β' τοῦ αὐτοῦ μηνός, ἡ **Ἑπαπαντή τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ** ἐορτάζεται, ἐν ἧ' ἐδέξατο αὐτὸν εἰς τὰς ἀγκάλας αὐτοῦ ὁ δίκαιος Συμεών.

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ, μνήμη τοῦ Ἁγίου Μάρτυρος Ἀγαθοδώρου.

Αὐτῷ τῷ Θεῷ ἡ δόξα καὶ τὸ κράτος εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν.

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**Synaxarion**  
**From the Menaion.**

On February 2 we celebrate the **Feast of the Meeting of our Lord Jesus Christ**, when the righteous Symeon received Him in his embraces.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyr Agathodoros.

To God be the glory and the dominion to the ages. Amen.