

KANONA ΠΙΣΤΕΩΣ - MODEL OF FAITH

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA PARISH OF SAINT NICHOLAS MARRICKVILLE

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Κυριακή 9 Μαρτίου 2025 Κυριακή τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας κ. Μνήμη τῶν Ἁγίων Τεσσαράκοντα Μαρτύρων, τῶν ἐν Σεβαστεί

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος δ΄

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου προσκυνοῦμεν Ἁγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλῆσει γὰρ ἠυδόκησας σαρκὶ ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύση οὓς ἐπλασας ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαρᾶς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα, ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν Κόσμον.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τῶν Ἁγίων.

Τὰς ἀλγηδόνας τῶν Ἁγίων, ἃς ὑπὲρ σοῦ ἔπαθον, δυσωπήθητι Κύριε, καὶ πάσας ἡμῶν τὰς ὀδύνας, ἴασαι φιλάνθρωπε δεόμεθα.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Τοῦ Ἁγίου Νικολάου.

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποίμνῃ 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.

Sunday 9 March 2025 Sunday of Orthodoxy & Memory of the Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebastia

Resurrectional Apolytikion

The joyful message of the resurrection the women Disciples learnt from the Angel, and casting off the ancestral sentence, to the Apostles they announced in exultation: Death has been despoiled and Christ our God has risen, granting to the world his great mercy.

For the Feast

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offences, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Apolytikion. For the Saints.

The holy martyrs suffered painful tortures for Your sake, O Lord; be compelled by what they endured, and heal our every pain, we entreat You, O only benevolent God.

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.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Κοσμά και Δαμιανού

Ἅγιοι Ανάργυροι καί θαυματουργοί,
επισκέψασθε τὰς ασθενείας ημῶν, δωρεάν
ελάβετε, δωρεάν δότε ημῖν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ἁγίου Παΐσιου

Τόν συνάναρχον Λόγον

Αὐστραλίας προστάτην, φρουρόν τε
ἄγρυπνον, καί τοῦ Ἁθῶνος ὄρους στύλον
ἀείφωτον, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοί, θεῖον
Παῖσιον, ἐξαιτούμενοι αὐτοῦ τὰς
πρεσβείας πρὸς Θεόν, κραυγάζοντες
ὁμοφρόνως· ῥύου ᾧ πάτερ παντοίων, τῶν
τοξευμάτων τοῦ ἀλάστορος.

Κοντάκιον.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια,
Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια,
Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε.
Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον,
Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον,
Ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου (ιβ', 12:1-10)

Ἀδελφοί, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον
ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι
πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἀμαρτίαν, δι'
ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν
ἀγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως
ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν, ὃς ἀντὶ τῆς
προκειμένης αὐτῷ χαρᾶς ὑπέμεινε
σταυρόν, αἰσχύνῃς καταφρονήσας, ἐν
δεξιᾷ τε τοῦ θρόνου τοῦ Θεοῦ κεκάθικεν.
ἀναλογίσασθε γὰρ τὸν τοιαύτην
ὑπομεμενηκότα ὑπὸ τῶν ἀμαρτωλῶν εἰς
αὐτὸν ἀντιλογίαν, ἵνα μὴ κάμῃτε ταῖς
ψυχαῖς ὑμῶν ἐκλυόμενοι. Οὐπω μέχρις
αἵματος ἀντικατέστητε πρὸς τὴν ἀμαρτίαν
ἀνταγωνιζόμενοι, καὶ ἐκλέλησθε τῆς
παρακλήσεως, ἥτις ὑμῖν ὡς υἱοῖς
διαλέγεται·

Sts Cosmas & Damianos

Sainted Unmercenaries and Wonder
Workers, regard our infirmities; freely
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.

Kontakion

To you, my Champion and Commander,
I your City, saved from disasters,
dedicate, hymns of victory and
thanksgiving, O Theotokos. But as you
have might unassailable, from every kind
of danger deliver me, that I may cry out
to you: Hail, O bride unwedded!

EPISTLE

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (12:1-10)

Brethren, since we are surrounded by so
great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay
aside every weight, and sin that easily
distracts, and let us run with
perseverance the race that is set before
us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and
perfector of our faith, who instead of
the joy that was set before him endured
the cross, despising the shame, and is
seated at the right hand of the throne of
God. Consider him who endured from
sinners such hostility against himself, so
that you may not grow weary or
fainthearted. In your struggle against sin
you have not yet resisted to the point of
shedding your blood. And have you
forgotten the exhortation which
addresses you as sons?

υιέ μου, μη ὀλιγώρει παιδείας Κυρίου, μηδὲ ἐκλύου ὑπ' αὐτοῦ ἐλεγχόμενος. ὄν γὰρ ἀγαπᾷ Κύριος παιδεύει, μαστιγοῖ δὲ πάντα υἱὸν ὄν παραδέχεται. εἰ παιδεῖαν ὑπομένετε, ὡς υἱοῖς ὑμῖν προσφέρεται ὁ Θεός· τίς γὰρ ἐστὶν υἱὸς ὄν οὐ παιδεύει πατῆρ; εἰ δὲ χωρὶς ἐστε παιδείας, ἧς μέτοχοι γενόμενοι πάντες, ἄρα νόθοι ἐστέ καὶ οὐχ υἱοί. εἶτα τοὺς μὲν τῆς σαρκὸς ἡμῶν πατέρας εἶχομεν παιδευτὰς καὶ ἐντροπόμεθα· οὐ πολλῶ μᾶλλον ὑποταγησόμεθα τῷ πατρὶ τῶν πνευμάτων καὶ ζήσομεν; οἱ μὲν γὰρ πρὸς ὀλίγας ἡμέρας κατὰ τὸ δοκοῦν αὐτοῖς ἐπαίδευον, ὁ δὲ ἐπὶ τὸ συμφέρον, εἰς τὸ μεταλαβεῖν τῆς ἀγιότητος αὐτοῦ.

**Ἔκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην Εὐαγγελίου
(ἀ΄, 43-51)**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠθέλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐξελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· καὶ εὕρισκει Φίλιππον καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολούθει μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαϊδᾶ, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὕρισκει Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ὄν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφηταὶ, εὐρήκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος· ἔρχου καὶ ἴδε. εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναὴλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ· ἴδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλίτης, ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστι. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι, ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκῆν εἶδόν σε. ἀπεκρίθη Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὅτι εἶπόν σοι, εἶδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς, πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὄψει. καὶ λέγει

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time at their pleasure, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

**Holy Gospel of St John
(1:43-51)**

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under

αὐτῶ· ἀμήν ἀμήν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπ' ἄρτι ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεωγῶτα, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

Κυριακὴ τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας Τοῦ Τριωδίου

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ, Κυριακῇ πρώτη τῶν Νηστειῶν, ἀνάμνησιν ποιούμεθα τῆς ἀναστηλώσεως τῶν ἁγίων καὶ σεπτῶν Εἰκόνων, γενομένης παρὰ τῶν ἀειμνήστων Αὐτοκρατόρων Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, Μιχαὴλ καὶ τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ Θεοδώρας, ἐπὶ τῆς Πατριαρχείας τοῦ ἁγίου καὶ Ὁμολογητοῦ Μεθοδίου.

Συνοδικὸν τῆς Ζ' Οἰκουμενικῆς Συνόδου

Οἱ Προφῆται ὡς εἶδον, οἱ Ἀπόστολοι ὡς ἐδίδαξαν, ἡ Ἐκκλησία ὡς παρέλαβεν, οἱ Διδάσκαλοι ὡς ἐδογματίσαν, ἡ Οἰκουμένη ὡς συμπεφώνηκεν, ἡ χάρις ὡς ἔλαμψεν, ἡ ἀλήθεια ὡς ἀποδέδεικται, τὸ ψεῦδος ὡς ἀπελήλαται, ἡ σοφία ὡς ἐπαρρήσιασατο, ὁ Χριστὸς ὡς ἐβράβευσεν,

Οὕτω φρονοῦμεν, οὕτω λαλοῦμεν, οὕτω κηρύσσομεν, Χριστὸν τὸν ἀληθινὸν Θεὸν ἡμῶν καὶ τοὺς Αὐτοῦ Ἁγίους ἐν λόγοις τιμῶντες, ἐν συγγραφαῖς, ἐν νοήμασιν, ἐν θυσίαις, ἐν Ναοῖς, ἐν Εἰκονίσμασι,

Τὸν μὲν ὡς Θεὸν καὶ Δεσπότην προσκυνοῦντες καὶ σέβοντες, τοὺς δὲ διὰ τὸν κοινὸν Δεσπότην ὡς Αὐτοῦ γνησίους θεράποντας τιμῶντες καὶ τὴν κατὰ σχέσιν προσκύνησιν ἀπονέμονες.

Αὕτη ἡ πίστις τῶν Ἀποστόλων, αὕτη ἡ πίστις τῶν Πατέρων, αὕτη ἡ πίστις τῶν Ὁρθοδόξων, αὕτη ἡ πίστις τὴν Οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξεν.

the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Sunday of Orthodoxy

The **Sunday of Orthodoxy** is the **Triumph of Orthodoxy** and is celebrated on the first Sunday of Great Lent to commemorate the restoration of icons for use in services and private devotional life of Christians as confirmed by the 7th Ecumenical Council.

7th Ecumenical Council decree:

"As the prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the teachers have dogmatized, as the universe has agreed, as grace has shown forth, as truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dispelled, as wisdom has presented, as Christ has triumphed:

this we believe, this we declare, this we preach: *Christ our true God, and His saints we honour in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in icons,*

on the one hand bowing down and worshipping Christ as God and Master, on the other hand honouring the saints as true servants of the Master of all, and offering to them due veneration.

This is the faith of the Apostles! This is the faith of the Fathers! This is the faith of the Orthodox! This is the faith that has established the Universe!