

KANONA ΠΙΣΤΕΩΣ - MODEL OF FAITH

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA PARISH OF SAINT NICHOLAS MARRICKVILLE

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Κυριακή 24 Μαρτίου 2024 Κυριακή τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον 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
σοιζωδότα. Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ,
δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ
οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόνητο.

Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου προσκυνοῦμεν
Ἄγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν
πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει
γὰρ ἡ δόκησας σαρκὶ ἀνελεῖν ἐν τῷ
Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὓς ἔπλασας ἐκ τῆς
δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως
βοῶμέν σοι· Χαρᾶς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα, ὁ
Σωτήρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι
τὸν Κόσμον.

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.

Sunday 24 March 2024 Sunday of Orthodoxy

Resurrectional Apolytikion

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 humankind.

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.

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
received, freely share with us.

. Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ἁγίου Παΐσιου

Τόν συνάναρχον Λόγον

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

Κοντάκιον.

Τῆ 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

**Προς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου
(α' , 11:24-26, 32-40)**

Ἀδελφοί, πίστει Μωϋσῆς μέγας γενόμενος ἠρνήσατο λέγεσθαι υἱὸς θυγατρὸς Φαραῶ, μᾶλλον ἐλόμενος συγκακουχεῖσθαι τῷ λαῷ τοῦ θεοῦ ἢ πρόσκαιρον ἔχειν ἀμαρτίας ἀπόλαυσι· μείζονα πλοῦτον ἠγησάμενος τῶν Αἰγύπτου θησαυρῶν τὸν ὀνειδισμόν τοῦ Χριστοῦ· ἀπέβλεπεν γὰρ εἰς τὴν μισθαποδοσίαν. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; Ἐπιλείψει γὰρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών, Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψών καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυὶδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν προφητῶν· οἱ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἐκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων. Ἐλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τούτων νεκρῶν αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς·

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
(11:24-26, 32-40)**

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated --

ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον· περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι - ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος - ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσιν καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαϊς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες, μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκ ἔκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρεῖττόν τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν.

**Ἐκ 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 Βηθσαϊδά, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὕρισκει Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ὄν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφῆται, 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· ῥάββι, 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 αὐτῷ· ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπ' ἄρτι ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεωγμένον, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

**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 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."

Κυριακή τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας

Τοῦ Τριωδίου

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ, Κυριακῇ πρώτῃ 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 ἐπαρρήσιάσατο, ὁ Χριστὸς ὡς ἐβράβευεν,

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.

Sunday of Orthodoxy

The **Sunday of Orthodoxy** is the **Triumph of Orthodoxy** and is celebrated on the first Sunday of Great Lent. It is the celebration of the victory of the icons over the iconoclasts (opponents of icons) by the decision of the 7th Ecumenical Council.

Today's service commemorates the restoration of icons for use in services and private devotional life of Christians and at the end of the Divine Liturgy we celebrate this Triumph of Orthodoxy with a procession around the church, holding icons of Jesus Christ, the Theotokos and the Saints.

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!