

# ΚΑΝΟΝΑ ΠΙΣΤΕΩΣ - MODEL OF FAITH

## GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA PARISH OF SAINT NICHOLAS MARRICKVILLE

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**Κυριακή 3 Αύγουστου 2025**  
**Κυριακή Η' Ματθαίου**

### **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.

### **Ἀπολυτίκιον Τοῦ Ἁγίου Νικολάου.**

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος,  
ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ  
ποιμνῇ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια·  
διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω 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 ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν, δωρεάν  
ελάβετε, δωρεάν δότε ἡμῖν.

### **Ἀπολυτίκιον Τοῦ Ἁγίου Παΐσιου** **Τόν συνάναρχον Λόγον**

Αὐστραλίας προστάτην, φρουρόν τε  
ἄγρυπνον, καὶ τοῦ Ἱεροῦ ὄρους στύλον  
ἀείφωτον, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοί, Θεῖον  
**Παῖσιον**, ἐξαιτούμενοι αὐτοῦ τὰς πρεσβείας  
πρὸς Θεόν, κραυγάζοντες ὁμοφρόνως· ῥύου  
ὦ Πάτερ παντοίων, τῶν τοξευμάτων τοῦ  
ἀλάστορος.

**Sunday 3 August 2025**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

### **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.

### **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

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταί σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

### ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

**Πρὸς Κορινθίους Α΄ Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου  
(α΄, 10-17)**

Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, διὰ τοῦ ὀνόματος τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἵνα τὸ αὐτὸ λέγητε πάντες, καὶ μὴ ᾗ ἐν ὑμῖν σχίσματα, ἥτε δὲ κατηρτισμένοι ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ νοῒ καὶ ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ γνώμῃ. Ἐδηλώθη γάρ μοι περὶ ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί μου, ὑπὸ τῶν Χλόης, ὅτι ἔριδες ἐν ὑμῖν εἰσιν. Λέγω δὲ τοῦτο, ὅτι ἕκαστος ὑμῶν λέγει, Ἐγὼ μὲν εἰμι Παύλου, Ἐγὼ δὲ Ἀπολλῶ, Ἐγὼ δὲ Κηφᾶ, Ἐγὼ δὲ Χριστοῦ. Μεμέρισται ὁ Χριστός; Μὴ Παῦλος ἐσταυρώθη ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν, ἢ εἰς τὸ ὄνομα Παύλου ἐβαπτίσθητε; Εὐχαριστῶ τῷ Θεῷ ὅτι οὐδένα ὑμῶν ἐβάπτισα, εἰ μὴ Κρίσπον καὶ Γάϊον· ἵνα μὴ τις εἴπῃ ὅτι εἰς τὸ ἐμὸν ὄνομα ἐβάπτισα. Ἐβάπτισα δὲ καὶ τὸν Στεφανᾶ οἶκον· λοιπὸν οὐκ οἶδα εἴ τινα ἄλλον ἐβάπτισα. Οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλέν με Χριστὸς βαπτίζειν, ἀλλ' εὐαγγελίζεσθαι· οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ λόγου, ἵνα μὴ κενωθῇ ὁ σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

### Kontakion

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

### EPISTLE

**Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Corinthians  
(1:10-17)**

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

**Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου  
(ιδ΄, 14 - 22)**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐξελθὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδε πολὺν ὄχλον, καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ' αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐθεράπευσε τοὺς ἀρρώστους αὐτῶν. ὀψίας δὲ γενομένης προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· ἔρημός ἐστιν ὁ τόπος καὶ ἡ ὥρα ἤδη παρηλθεν· ἀπόλυσον τοὺς ὄχλους, ἵνα ἀπελθόντες εἰς τὰς κώμας ἀγοράσωσιν ἑαυτοῖς βρώματα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐ χρεῖαν ἔχουσιν ἀπελθεῖν· δότε αὐτοῖς ὑμεῖς φαγεῖν. οἱ δὲ λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· οὐκ ἔχομεν ὧδε εἰ μὴ πέντε ἄρτους καὶ δύο ἰχθύας. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· φέρετέ μοι αὐτοὺς ὧδε. καὶ κελεύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνακλιθῆναι ἐπὶ τοὺς χόρτους, λαβὼν τοὺς πέντε ἄρτους καὶ τοὺς δύο ἰχθύας, ἀναβλέψας εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εὐλόγησε, καὶ κλάσας ἔδωκε τοῖς μαθηταῖς τοὺς ἄρτους, οἱ δὲ μαθηταὶ τοῖς ὄχλοις. καὶ ἔφαγον πάντες καὶ ἐχορτάσθησαν, καὶ ἦσαν τὸ περισσεῦον τῶν κλασμάτων δώδεκα κοφίνους πλήρεις. οἱ δὲ ἐσθίοντες ἦσαν ἄνδρες ὡσεὶ πεντακισχίλιοι χωρὶς γυναικῶν καὶ παιδίων. Καὶ εὐθέως ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσῃ τοὺς ὄχλους.

**Holy Gospel according to St Matthew  
(14: 14-22)**

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

## Μήνας Αύγουστος

Ο μήνας Αύγουστος είναι αφιερωμένος στην **Παναγία**, ιδιαίτερα τις πρώτες 15 ημέρες πριν από την κοίμησή της.

Αρχίζουμε το Δεκαπενταύγουστο και η Εκκλησία μας καλεί να νηστεύουμε και να μετέχουμε στην παράκληση εις την Παναγία κάθε απόγευμα μέχρι την ημέρα της Κοιμήσεως της στις **15 Αυγούστου**.

Επίσης τον Αύγουστο έχουμε:

**6η** Μεταμόρφωσις του Κυρίου ημών και Σωτήρος Ιησού Χριστού.

Η Μεταμόρφωση του Χριστού επάνω στο όρος Θαβώρ έγινε μπροστά στα μάτια τριών αποστόλων, του Πέτρου, Ιακώβου και Ιωάννη. Και ο Ευαγγελιστής μας λεγει·

«καὶ ἰδοὺ φωνὴ ἐκ τῆς νεφέλης λέγουσα· **οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱός μου ὁ ἀγαπητός, ἐν ᾧ εὐδόκησα· αὐτοῦ ἀκούετε·**»

**29<sup>η</sup>** Αποτομῆς τῆς τιμίας Κεφαλῆς τοῦ ἁγίου ἐνδόξου Προφήτου, Προδρόμου, καὶ Βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου - αὐστηρή νηστεία.

## Month of August

The month of August is dedicated to the **Virgin Mary**, in particular the first 15-day period, leading up to her dormition ('falling asleep').

During this period, we are called to fast and have a special service called "paraklesis" or "intercessory prayer" every evening leading to her dormition which we commemorate on **15<sup>th</sup> August**.

Also **6<sup>th</sup> August** we celebrate the Great Feast of the Transfiguration – Μεταμόρφωσις- of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Jesus took His Disciples, Peter, James and John up the mountain (Mt Tabor) where His appearance was changed and His disciples saw His clothes and His face glowing with the glory and light of God.

And next to Christ stood Moses and Elijah and then a cloud overshadowed the Disciples and a voice came from heaven ...

**"This is my beloved son, listen to him."**

On the **29<sup>th</sup> August** the Beheading of St John the Baptist and Forerunner - it is a strict fast day.