KANONA ΠΙΣΤΕΩΣ - MODEL OF FAITH

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Άπολυτίκιον Άναστάσιμον Ήχος γ'.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τῶν Ἁγίων.

Οἱ Μάρτυρές σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· σχόντες γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἰκεσίαις, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Άπολυτίκιον Τοῦ Άγίου Νικολάου.

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῆ ποίμνη σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῆ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῆ πτωχεία τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ ἰεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Άπολυτίκιον. Κοσμά και Δαμιανού

Άγιοι Ανάργυροι καί θαυματουργοί, επισκέψασθε τάς ασθενείας ημών, δωρεάν ελάβετε, δωρεάν δότε ημίν.

Κοντάκιον.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴνάμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡςἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Sunday 30 October 2022 5th Sunday of Luke

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with his arm: by death he has trampled on death, the first-born of the dead he has become; from Hades' depths he has delivered us, and granted to the world his great mercy.

For the Saints

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls

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.

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.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου (α΄, 11-19)

Άδελφοί, γνωρίζω δὲ ὑμῖν, ἀδελφοί, τὸ εὐαννέλιον τὸ εὐαννελισθὲν ὑπ' έμοῦ, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν κατὰ ἄνθρωπον. Οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐγὼ παρὰ ἀνθρώπου παρέλαβον αὐτό, οὔτε ἐδιδάχθην, άλλὰ δι' ἀποκαλύψεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἡκούσατε γὰρ τὴν ἐμὴν άναστροφήν ποτε έν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ, ὅτι καθ' ὑπερβολὴν ἐδίωκον τὴν έκκλησίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ ἐπόρθουν αὐτήν· καὶ προέκοπτον ἐν τῷ Ίουδαϊσμῷ ὑπὲρ πολλοὺς συνηλικιώτας έν τῶ νένει μου, περισσοτέρως ζηλωτής ὑπάρχων τῶν πατρικῶν μου παραδόσεων. Ότε δὲ εὐδόκησεν ὁ θεὸς ὁ άφορίσας με έκ κοιλίας μητρός μου καὶ καλέσας διὰ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ, άποκαλύψαι τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐμοὶ ϊνα εὐαγγελίζωμαι αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, εὐθέως οὐ προσανεθέμην σαρκὶ καὶ αἵματι· οὐδὲ ἀνῆλθον εἰς Ίεροσόλυμα πρὸς τοὺς πρὸ ἐμοῦ άποστόλους, άλλὰ άπῆλθον είς Άραβίαν, καὶ πάλιν ὑπέστρεψα εἰς Δαμασκόν. Έπειτα μετὰ ἔτη τρία άνῆλθον είς Ἱεροσόλυμα ἱστορῆσαι Πέτρον, καὶ ἐπέμεινα πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡμέρας δεκαπέντε. Έτερον δὲ τῶν ἀποστόλων οὐκ εἶδον, εἰ μὴ Ίάκωβον τὸν ἀδελφὸν τοῦ κυρίου.

EPISTLE Paul's Letter to the Galatians (1: 11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Έκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ὰγίου Εὐαγγελίου (ιζ' , 19-31)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· "Ανθρωπος δέ τις ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐνεδιδύσκετο πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον εύφραινόμενος καθ' ἡμέραν λαμπρῶς, πτωχὸς δέ τις ἦν ὀνόματι Λάζαρος. ος έβέβλητο προς τον πυλῶνα αὐτοῦ ήλκωμένος καὶ ἐπιθυμῶν χορτασθῆναι ἀπὸ τῶν ψιχίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τοῦ πλουσίου· ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ κύνες ἐρχόμενοι άπέλειχον τὰ ἕλκη αὐτοῦ. ἐνένετο δὲ άποθανεῖν τὸν πτωχὸν καὶ άπενεχθῆναι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγγέλων εἰς τὸν κόλπον 'Αβραάμ. άπέθανε δὲ καὶ ὁ πλούσιος καὶ ἐτάφη. καὶ ἐν τῶ ἄδη ἐπάρας τοὺς ὀΦθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ, ὑπάρχων ἐν βασάνοις, ὁρῷ τὸν ᾿Αβραὰμ ἀπὸ μακρόθεν καὶ Λάζαρον ἐν τοῖς κόλποις αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὐτὸς φωνήσας εἶπε· πάτερ Αβραάμ, έλέησόν με καὶ πέμψον Λάζαρον ἵνα βάψη τὸ ἄκρον τοῦ δακτύλου αὐτοῦ ὕδατος καὶ καταψύξη τὴν γλῶσσάν μου, ὅτι ὀδυνῶμαι έν τῆ φλογὶ ταύτη. εἶπε δὲ ᾿Αβραάμ· τέκνον, μνήσθητι ὅτι ἀπέλαβες σὺ τὰ ἀγαθά σου ἐν τῆ ζωῆ σου, καὶ Λάζαρος ὁμοίως τὰ κακά· νῦν δὲ ὧδε παρακαλεῖται, σὺ δὲ ὀδυνᾶσαι∙ καὶ ἐπὶ πᾶσι τούτοις μεταξὺ ἡμῶν καὶ ὑμῶν χάσμα μέγα ἐστήρικται, ὅπως οἱ θέλοντες διαβῆναι ἔνθεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς μὴ δύνωνται, μηδὲ οἱ έκεῖθεν πρὸς ἡμᾶς διαπερῶσιν. εἶπε δέ· έρωτῶ οὖν σε, πάτερ, ἵνα πέμψης αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν οἶκον τοῦ πατρός μου· ἔχω γὰρ πέντε άδελφούς. ὅπως διαμαρτύρηται αὐτοῖς, ἵνα μὴ καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλθωσιν είς τὸν τόπον τοῦτον τῆς βασάνου. λένει αὐτῶ 'Αβραάμ· ἔχουσι Μωϋσέα καὶ τοὺς προφήτας· ἀκουσάτωσαν αὐτῶν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· οὐχί, πάτερ 'Αβραάμ, ἀλλ' έάν τις ἀπὸ νεκρῶν πορευθῆ πρὸς αὐτούς, μετανοήσουσιν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· εἰ Μωϋσέως καὶ τῶν προφητῶν οὐκ ἀκούουσιν, οὐδὲ ἐάν τις έκ νεκρῶν ἀναστῆ πεισθήσονται.

Holy Gospel according to St Luke (16:19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazaros, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead."

Συναξάριον Τοῦ Μηναίου.

Τῆ Α΄ τοῦ Νοεμβρίου μνήμη τῶν Ἁγίων καὶ θαυματουργῶν Ἁναργύρων, Κοσμᾶ καὶ Δαμιανοῦ, υἰῶν Θεοδότης τῆς ἐξ Ἀσίας.

Sts Kosmas & Damianos

On Tuesday, 1 November, we celebrated the feast day of Sts Kosmas and Damianos, the Patron Saints of our Chapel.

Sts Kosmas and Damianos were brothers who lived in the 3rd century. Their father was a pagan, but their mother, Theodora was a Christian and she devoted her life to educating her sons and raising them as true Christians.

They became doctors but were also given the gift of healing. They would say, "It is not by our own power that we treat you, but by the power of Christ, the true God. Believe in Him and be healed."

They ministered to the sick without payment and accordingly are known as Kosmas and Damianos, the unmercenaries and miracle-workers. But in those times Christian were persecuted and they were eventually martyred.