

the spiritual giving of meaning both of the present and of the material goods, by the Bread of life. So for this reason also, in the Eucharistic frescoes of the catacombs in Italy, one sees the fish also. It is because the Christian artist associates the real satiation of man, the true drink and the true food with the only one able to satiate such a hunger and thirst: Jesus Christ
Archim. E. T.

SUPPLICATORY CANONS TO THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Text-Translation of the ever-memorable Prof. Andrew Theodorou in Greek.

Handbook in a luxurious publication, shape 10x14, ps. 168. From the Apostoliki Diakonia circulates the luxurious and easily usable publication "Supplicatory Canons of the Most Holy Theotokos", which includes the original text and modern Greek translation of the University Professor Andrew Theodorou (1923-2004). The outer cover is adorned with the patron miraculous icon of Panaghia the Megalomata, from the Sacred Monastery of the Dormition of the Theotokos, Boura (Leontari, Arcadia).

The Supplicatory Canons of the Most Holy Theotokos are very ancient services which are chanted for "healing of souls and bodies", in every affliction, as the names for whom the services is being performed are commemorated....They are distinguished in Small and Great Supplicatory Canon....

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2014 8th Sunday of Matthew, Isaicius, Dalmatus, & Faustus, Ascetics of the Dalmation Monastery, Salome the Holy Myrrhbearer, Theoctistus the Wonderworker.

tone of the week: Tone Grave **Eothinon** Eighth Eothinon

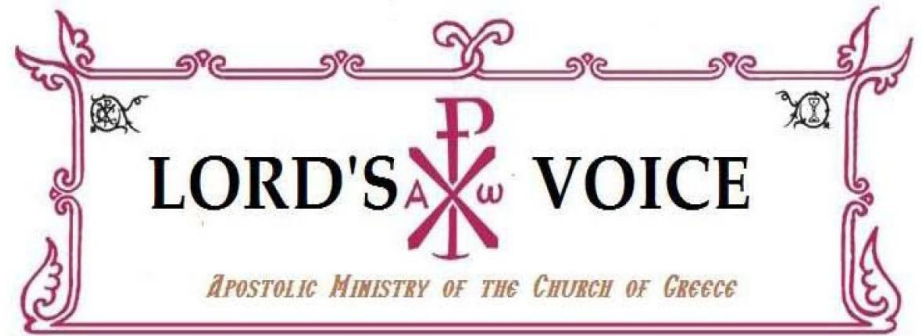
EPISTLE St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17

GOSPEL Matthew 14:14-22

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2014 9th Sunday of Matthew, Laurence the Holy Martyr & Archdeacon of Rome, Chitus of Athens, Bishop of Rome, Hippolytus the Martyr of Rome, Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

EPISTLE St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-34



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THE TRUE HUNGER AND THIRST IS ONLY FOR CHRIST

Beloved brethren today's gospel passage, speaks about the multiplication of the breads and the fish by Christ in the countryside, which resulted in satiating a great multitude of people.

The "mathematics" of grace

While thinking in a mathematical manner we know that adding five and two give us seven, whereas the supratonal and strange thing happens that it gives us...several thousands and we also have leftovers!

Truly the grace of God obeys its own mathematics, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing in its own way: It adds believers to the flock, subtracts the coverings of our passions, multiplies the gifts and divides man into before Christ and after Christ, in such a way that the Lord become the noematic axis of his personal history, more precisely Christ as Light cuts the darkness of his life. He enlightens the Erebus and places man on the correct track.

Addition

The Lord sent His disciples to all nations in order to baptize the new Christians and to teach them all those things which they had been taught, had seen and had heard from the Lord. Upon leavi

8th Sunday of Matthew

The Gospel of 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.

the earth physically, Christ left the community, His disciples and the believers, who daily were increasing and are increasing till today and unto the close of the ages. This community is the Church, which Christ recognizes as His body, while the Church recognizes the Lord as Her head. This body adds, in other words takes on and places in It new believers "up till now and forever more".

Subtraction

The believer struggling in the arena of the Church, with time discovers, or rather divine Grace reveals to him, the wretched condition of his soul, the dramatic condition which the desires, the chronic passionate thoughts and his passions have created within him. The covers of the false senses are subtracted and he observes himself naked. He mourns how he ended up, with wailing mourning, with internal and external tears, with strong cries which shake heaven and make divine mercy yield. The fire of Grace of repentance passes through his whole

being. It's as if "he is wearing the flame of the dawn of his soul" Priestmonk Symeon from Peru.

Multiplication

The humility which follows after such a many yearlong prayer of repentance, adorns the soul with the wealth of gifts, which nevertheless, the believer recognizes from the depth of his heart that they are Christ's and not his own, and furthermore he feels that these talents were given to him by Christ, so that he could comfort, complete, beautify, adorn, brighten, anoint with myrrh and sprinkle consolation to his neighbor. The more he uses the Godgiven gifts in this manner, all the more he feels that these are multiplied, for him to reoffer them to the Church, which as the storehouse of Grace, returns them to him multiplied: in the increase by "geometric advancement" for us to speak in a mathematical manner.

Division

In this whole journey, the Orthodox Christian, lives or ought to be living "a blessed dichotomy": he never forgets who he was before coming to know Christ and how Christ met him, changing his life from the foundation (ontologically). This dichotomy helps him to not go back to the land of Sodom, because at the time of spiritual battle, he feels, on the one hand, how easy it is to return to the passions and his corresponding passionate thoughts, but also how firmly Christ is holding him.

Center: participation in the saving mysteries

The center of this whole journey is participation in the saving mysteries of our Church. The spiritual father is absolutely necessary who will guide the believers in their life in God, to their, as much as possible, more frequent participation in the mystery of mysteries, the Divine Eucharist. On the holy Altar Table of every Orthodox Church "the heart beats" of the ecclesiastical Body and sends out the life-producing and life-giving Blood in all the members of the Body. There the believer lives heavenly blessings, he is nourished and keeps company with the Bread of life, Who is "broken up but not divided, eaten but never squandered", he fully understands the miracle of the multiplication of the bread and of the fish by Christ and its importance which is, not attachment to material and present things, but