

Whatever we do in this world, we do it by invoking the holy spiritual grace of God, with love for God and his image in the world, which is man. All the Saints, my brethren, are calling us to make the object of our prayer, the care that we do not lose the longing for holiness, by pursuing the applause of people, in a sickly manner. Christ's present promise of our confession before God the Father, is not a reward for our good conduct, but the spreading of his love from here and today till the eternity of his Kingdom, to which we are all invited.

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SUNDAY JUNE 19 2022, THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS ,

Thaddeus (Jude) the Apostle & Brother of Our Lord , Holy Martyr Zosima, Our Righteous Father Zenonus, Thaddeus (Jude) the Apostle & Brother of Our Lord , Holy Martyr Zosima , Our Righteous Father Zenonus, Paisius the Great of Egypt.

TONE OF THE WEEK : *Plagal of the Fourth Tone*

EOTHINON : *Tenth Eothinon*

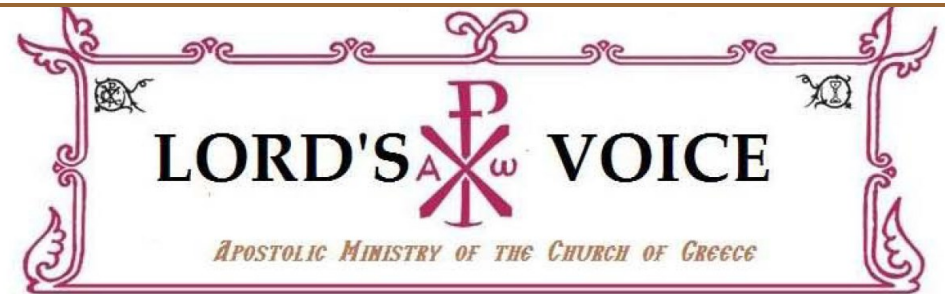
EPISTLE READING : *St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2*

GOSPEL READING : *Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30*

SUNDAY JUNE 26 2022, 2ND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW , *David the Righteous of Thessalonika . Appearance of the Icon of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos of Tikhvin .*

EPISTLE READING : *St. Paul's Letter to Romans 2:10-16*

GOSPEL READING : *Matthew 4: 18 - 32*



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THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE WORLD

The life-giving Sun, through the omniscience of the Creator, gives with its beneficial rays, to all its creation, the ability to live, be reborn and to offer an invaluable gift to the whole world. In a similar way, the breath of the Holy Spirit in the Church, in the world, and in history, is a spiritual Sun that warms and illumines man. As light and life, it makes him capable of working the "in the likeness" in such a manner, so that he is granted to become a "God by grace".

Today is the Sunday of All Saints. The first Sunday after that of holy Pentecost, and our Church presents the persons of all saints, and especially of all the martyrs. We are parading today, the image of those who by their witness and martyrdom, are the par- excellence radiant preachers and celebrants of the breath of the Holy Spirit. In one of the prayers of Holy Baptism, through which the grace of God is richly imparted, the priest prays that newly illumined person keeps the seal of the Holy Spirit" unblemished". All the Saints struggled throughout their life to make this prayer a reality, with the faith and support of the Holy Spirit, in their lives and decisions. That's why Christ made this reality

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL *MATTHEW 10:32-33; 37-38;*

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

transcend the boundaries of space and time, by granting the saints to be seated nearby on the heavenly throne.

We read the synaxaria, and admire young people who did not pity their youth, rich people who did not count their wealth, officials who disavowed their position, and so many other people, who did not consider anything more and more valuable in their lives than the love of Christ. They emptied themselves, and they were filled with the All-Holy Spirit.

Thus, they became spirit-bearers, vessels of the grace of God, even though they were weak, while many times, put down and cast aside, "permanently not passing" the exams of this world.

A saving reminder

Especially in our time, which gives the impression, due to the apostacy and departure of people from God, that the devil is being imposed everywhere, the feast of All Saints is a lifegiving reminder that "the Lord God lives". Today, where everyone, and everything seems to have made their "far" from God choices, and only the reference to All Saints acts so awakening, so saving, and so transfiguring to "those who have ears to hear". All the Saints today, the friends and those familiar with God, extend their hand to us, and call us to live, in spite of our sinfulness, their longing for holiness.

Godly love

The confession of the name of Christ, becomes, through today's, suitable gospel narration for the day, the common language of All Saints. What is sought for in the search for holiness, as God commands us through the Holy Scripture, is to convert the natural love for father and mother, siblings and relatives, to convert honest work and the acquisition of the material goods into an existential reference to His holy name. It makes us responsible today, to be careful, in case the distorted view of our earthly bonds, causes us to stray from the path of holiness.