

Fr. Felix Miles

October 11, 2009

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

(Just Before the Small Entrance) Resurrection Apolytikion

(Greek) Tou litous sfrayisthentos ipo ton loudeon, ke stratioton filasonton to Ahranto sou soma, anestis triimeros Sotir doroumenos to kosmo tin zoin, dia touto e dinamis ton ouranon, evoon Si zoodota. Doxa ti anastasi Sou Hriste, Doxa to vasilias Sou, Doxa ti ikonomia Sou, mone filanthrope.

(Small Entrance with the Gospel)

Sofia orthi (Wisdom. Let us attend)

(Greek) Defte proskinisomen ke prospesomen Hristo, Soson imas le Theou o Anastas ek nekron, psalontas si allilouia.

(English) Come, let us worship and bow unto Christ
Save us, O Son of God, Thou who didst rise from the dead, as we praise Thee, Alleluia.

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(English) Amen. The Jews had sealed the stone that was set before Thy Tomb and round Thy Grave soldiers guarded Thy Pure and Sacred Body, yet Savior Thou arose the third day and granted to the world Thy gift of Life. For this do the powers of Heaven acclaim Thee the Life bestower. Glory to the Resurrection and glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

Feast Apolitikion

(English) - Supremely praised are you, O Christ our God, who established on earth, our Fathers as luminaries: and through them to the true faith all of us you have guided, most Compassionate, glory to you.)

(Greek) Iperdedoxasmenos I Hriste o Theos imon, o fostiras epi gis, tous Pateras imon themeliosas, ke di afton, pros tin alithinin pistin pantas imas odigisas, Poliefsplahne doxa si.

Apolytikia of the Church HOLY CROSS:

(English) Save O Lord, O Lord your people, and bless Your inheritance. Grant Victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the faith, and protect Your people through your Holy Cross, Your Holy Cross.

STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN: (In Greek) Tou stavrou sou to tipon en urano theasamenos, ke os o Pavlos tin klisin ouk ex anthropon dexamenos, o en Vasilefsin, Apostolos sou Kirie, Vasilevousan polin ti hiri sou paretheto; in perisoze dia pantos en irini, presvies tis Theotokou, mone Filanthrope.

Kontakion

(Greek) Prostasia ton Hristianon akateschinte, mesitia pros ton Piitin ametathete, mi parithis amartolon theiseon fonas ala profthason, os ayathi, is tin voithia imon, ton pistos kravrazonton Si. Tahinon is presvian ke spevson is ikesian, I prostavevousa I Theotoke, ton timon ton se.

(English) O protection of the Christians unashamable, mediation to the Creator unchanging, O despise not the beseeching cries of sinners, instead. Hasten O God, One in giving aid to us all who in faith call up on Thee.

Quicken to intercession and hasten to supplication, Thou who protects for ever, Theotokos, those who honor Thee.

Epistle Reading: Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen

Gospel Reading: Gospel Reading: Luke 8:5-15
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The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns;

and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We welcome you to Holy Cross-Saints Constantine & Helen. Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following today's service.

Today: 12:15 p.m.
Parish Council Meeting

Sunday October 18, 2009
9:00 a.m.- Orthros
10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
12:00 noon - Refreshments
Spaghetti Luncheon provided by GOYA

A Note Regarding Holy Communion Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing identical faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and recent confession may participate in Holy Communion. (We invite all, however, to partake of the blessed bread which is distributed at the dismissal.) Please see the priest for inquiries on how to become a member.

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