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«εβδομαδιαίο δελτίο»

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 24 ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 2023

Κυριακή προ της Χριστού Γεννήσεως.

ΚΑΛΩΣΟΡΙΣΜΑ

Εκ μέρους του Ενοριακού Συμβουλίου και όλων των μελών της Κοινότητας καλωσορίζουμε τους αγαπημένους μας ενορίτες και τους φίλους επισκέπτες, που ήλθαν σήμερα να εκκλησιαστούν μαζί μας στη Θεία Λειτουργία.

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

Κυριακή 24 Δεκεμβρίου: Κυριακή προ της Χριστού Γεννήσεως:
Όρθρος: 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία: 9:45π.μ.
Μέγας Εσπερινός: 7μ.μ.

Δευτέρα 25 Δεκεμβρίου: Η Γέννησις του Χριστού:
Όρθρος: 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία: 9:45π.μ.

Κυριακή 31 Δεκεμβρίου: Κυριακή μετά την Γέννησιν:
Όρθρος: 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία: 9:45π.μ.

Δευτέρα 25 Δεκεμβρίου: Η Περιτομή του Χριστού, Βασιλείου του Μεγάλου:
Όρθρος: 8:30 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία: 9:15π.μ.

ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ

Κυριακή 24 Δεκεμβρίου. Σήμερα θα ψάλουμε τεσσαρακονθήμερα μνημόσυνα υπέρ αναπαύσεως των αδελφών μας Γεωργίου Καβουρίου, Μηνά Μπαλασκα και Βασιλείου Πρωτόπαπα. Ο καφές προσφέρεται από τις οικογένειες υπέρ αναπαύσεως των αγαπημένων τους και τους ευχαριστούμε για τη γενναιόδωρη προσφορά τους στην εκκλησία μας.

WELCOME ALL VISITORS

On behalf of the entire Parish, we would like to welcome all visitors who came to worship with us today during the Divine Liturgy.

LITURGICAL PROGRAM

- Sunday, December 24:** **Sunday before the Nativity:**
Orthros: 8:30 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
- Christmas Eve Service –
Monday, December 25:** **Great Vesper Service:** 7:00 pm
The Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:
Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 09:45 am
- Sunday, December 31:** **Sunday after the Nativity:**
Orthros: 8:30 am. Divine Liturgy: 9:45 am
- Monday, January 1:** **Circumcision of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**
Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia:
Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 09:15 am

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Sunday, December 24: A forty Day Memorial Service for will be chanted in memory of our brothers in Christ **Vasilios Protopapas, Minas Balaskas and Georgios Kavouriou**. The Coffee Hour will be sponsored by the Families in memory of their departed loved one. We would like to thank them for their generous offering to the Church.

Εἰσοδικόν. Ἦχος β΄.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ
προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον
ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ
νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι,
Ἀλληλούϊα.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως
κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου
μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

Come, let us worship and bow
down before Christ. Save us, O
Son of God, risen from the dead.
We sing to You, Alleluia.

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

When the women disciples of the
Lord heard the Angel joyously
proclaim the resurrection, they

Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν
ἀπόφασιν ἀποῤῥίψασαι, τοῖς
Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον·
Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη
Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ
κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Προεόρτιον.

Ἀπεγράφετο ποτέ, σὺν τῷ
πρεσβύτῃ Ἰωσήφ, ὡς ἐκ
σπέρματος Δαυΐδ, ἐν Βηθλεὲμ ἡ
Μαριάμ, κυφοροῦσα τὴν
ἄσπορον κυφορίαν. Ἐπέστη δὲ
καιρὸς ὁ τῆς Γεννήσεως, καὶ
τόπος ἦν οὐδεὶς τῷ καταλύματι·
ἀλλ' ὡς τερπνὸν παλάτιον τὸ
Σπήλαιον, τῇ Βασιλίδι
ἐδείκνυτο. Χριστὸς γεννᾶται τὴν
πρὶν πεσοῦσαν, ἀναστήσων
εἰκόνα.

Τῶν Πατέρων.

Μεγάλα τὰ τῆς πίστεως
κατορθώματα! Ἐν τῇ πηγῇ τῆς
φλογός, ὡς ἐπὶ ὕδατος
ἀναπαύσεως, οἱ ἅγιοι Τρεῖς
Παῖδες ἠγάλλοντο, καὶ ὁ
προφήτης Δαυιὴλ, λεόντων

cast aside the ancestral verdict,
and boasting in glory they said to
the Apostles, "Death has been
despoiled! Christ God has risen,
granting the great mercy to the
world!"[GOASD]

For the Forefeast.

As she carried in her womb *
what she conceived without seed,
* Mary went to Bethlehem * with
elder Joseph to enroll, * for they
were of the house and the lineage
of David. * The time arrived for
her * to give birth to her Child; *
but then there was no place * in
the inn for them. * Therefore the
grotto served as a luxurious *
royal palace for the Queen. * And
Christ the Lord is born, to raise
the image * which was formerly
fallen.

For the Fathers.

Magnificent are the
accomplishments of faith! The
holy Three Servants greatly
rejoiced, as they stood in the
fountain of fire, as if beside the
still waters; and the Prophet

ποιμήν, ὡς προβάτων ἐδείκνυτο.
Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἰκεσίαις Χριστέ ὁ
Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν
προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ
ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορόρητως.
Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη
ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ
Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων,
βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον
νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

Daniel appeared to be a shepherd
of lions, as if they were sheep. At
their entreaties, O Christ God,
save our souls.

Kontakion.

On this day the Virgin Maid *
goes to the grotto to give birth * to
the pre-eternal Word * in an
ineffable manner. * Dance for joy,
all the inhabited earth, on hearing.
* Glorify along with Angels and
with the shepherds * Him who
willed that He appear as * a
newborn Child, * the pre-eternal
God.

Ἀπόστολος

Ἀδελφοί, πίστει παρώκησεν Ἀβραὰμ εἰς γῆν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας ὡς ἀλλοτρίαν, ἐν
σκηναῖς κατοικήσας μετὰ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ τῶν συγκληρονόμων τῆς ἐπαγγελίας
τῆς αὐτῆς · ἐξεδέχετο γὰρ τὴν τοὺς θεμελίους ἔχουσαν πόλιν, ἧς τεχνίτης καὶ
δημιουργὸς ὁ Θεός. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; ἐπιλείπει με γὰρ διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ
Γεδεών, Βαράκ, Σαμψών, Ἰεφθάε, Δαυὶδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν προφητῶν, οἱ διὰ
πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον
ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον
στόματα μαχαίρης, ἐδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν
πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων · ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς
νεκροὺς αὐτῶν · ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν,
ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν · ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν
ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς · ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ
μαχαίρης ἀπέθανον, περιήλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι,

θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος, ἐπὶ ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι
καὶ ὄρεσιν καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες
διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι
προβλεψάμενου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν.

The Epistle

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land,
living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked
forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And
what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson,
Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered
kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched
raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became
mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by
resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again
to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and
imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they
were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute,
afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts
and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested
by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something
better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Τὸ Εὐαγγέλιον

Βίβλος γενέσεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ υἱοῦ Δαυὶδ υἱοῦ Ἀβραάμ. Ἀβραὰμ ἐγέννησεν τὸν
Ἰσαὰκ, Ἰσαὰκ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰούδαν καὶ τοὺς
ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Φάρες καὶ τὸν Ζάρα ἐκ τῆς Θαμάρ,
Φάρες δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἑσρῶμ, Ἑσρῶμ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀράμ, Ἀράμ δὲ
ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀμιναδάβ, Ἀμιναδάβ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ναασσών, Ναασσών δὲ
ἐγέννησεν τὸν Σαλμών, Σαλμών δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Βοὸζ ἐκ τῆς Ραχάβ, Βοὸζ δὲ
ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰωβὴδ ἐκ τῆς Ρούθ, Ἰωβὴδ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰεσσαί, Ἰεσσαί δὲ
ἐγέννησεν τὸν Δαυὶδ τὸν βασιλέα. Δαυὶδ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Σολομῶνα ἐκ τῆς τοῦ
Οὐρίου, Σολομῶν δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ροβοάμ, Ροβοάμ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀβιά, Ἀβιά

δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀσάφ, Ἀσάφ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰωσαφάτ, Ἰωσαφάτ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰωράμ, Ἰωράμ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ὀζίαν, Ὀζίας δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰωαθάμ, Ἰωαθάμ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀχάζ, Ἀχάζ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἐζεκίαν, Ἐζεκίας δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Μανασσῆ, Μανασσῆς δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀμώς, Ἀμώς δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰωσίαν, Ἰωσίας δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰεχονίαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος. Μετὰ δὲ τὴν μετοικεσίαν Βαβυλῶνος Ἰεχονίας ἐγέννησεν τὸν Σαλαθιήλ, Σαλαθιήλ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ζοροβαβέλ, Ζοροβαβέλ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀβιουδ, Ἀβιουδ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἐλιακίμ, Ἐλιακίμ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀζώρ, Ἀζώρ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Σαδώκ, Σαδώκ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀχίμ, Ἀχίμ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἐλιούδ, Ἐλιούδ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἐλεάζαρ, Ἐλεάζαρ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ματθάν, Ματθάν δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἄνδρα Μαρίας, ἐξ ἧς ἐγεννήθη Ἰησοῦς ὁ λεγόμενος Χριστός. Πᾶσαι οὖν αἱ γενεαὶ ἀπὸ Ἀβραάμ ἕως Δαυὶδ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ Δαυὶδ ἕως τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος ἕως τοῦ Χριστοῦ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες. Τοῦ δὲ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἡ γένεσις οὕτως ἦν. Μνηστευθείσης τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ Μαρίας τῷ Ἰωσήφ, πρὶν ἢ συνελθεῖν αὐτοὺς εὐρέθη ἐν γαστρὶ ἔχουσα ἐκ πνεύματος ἁγίου. Ἰωσήφ δὲ ὁ ἀνὴρ αὐτῆς, δίκαιος ὢν καὶ μὴ θέλων αὐτὴν δειγματίσαι, ἐβουλήθη λάθρα ἀπολῦσαι αὐτήν. Ταῦτα δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐνθυμηθέντος ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος κυρίου κατ' ὄναρ ἐφάνη αὐτῷ λέγων· Ἰωσήφ υἱὸς Δαυὶδ, μὴ φοβηθῆς παραλαβεῖν Μαριάμ τὴν γυναῖκά σου, τὸ γὰρ ἐν αὐτῇ γεννηθὲν ἐκ πνεύματος ἁγίου· τέξεται δὲ υἱὸν καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν, αὐτὸς γὰρ σώσει τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ πάντων ἁμαρτιῶν αὐτῶν. Τοῦτο δὲ ὅλον γέγονεν ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν ὑπὸ κυρίου διὰ τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος, Ἴδοὺ ἡ παρθένος ἐν γαστρὶ ἔξει καὶ τέξεται υἱόν, καὶ καλέσουσιν τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἐμμανουήλ, ὃ ἐστὶν μεθερμηνεύμενον Μεθ' ἡμῶν ὁ Θεός. Διεγερθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰωσήφ ἀπὸ τοῦ ὕπνου ἐποίησεν ὡς προσέταξεν αὐτῷ ὁ ἄγγελος κυρίου καὶ παρέλαβε τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ· καὶ οὐκ ἐγίνωσκεν αὐτὴν ἕως οὗ ἔτεκεν υἱόν· καὶ ἐκάλεσεν τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν.

The Gospel

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez

the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uri'ah, and Solomon the father of Rehobo'am, and Rehobo'am the father of Abi'jah, and Abi'jah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehosh'aphat, and Jehosh'aphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzzi'ah, and Uzzi'ah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezeki'ah, and Hezeki'ah the father of Manas'seh, and Manas'seh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josi'ah, and Josi'ah the father of Jechoni'ah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoni'ah was the father of Sheal'tiel, and Sheal'tiel the father of Zerub'babel, and Zerub'babel the father of Abi'ud, and Abi'ud the father of Eli'akim, and Eli'akim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eli'ud, and Eli'ud the father of Elea'zar, and Elea'zar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emman'uel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.