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The 350 Holy Fathers of the 7th Oecumenical Synod (Nicaea II)

Plagal of 4th Mode / 6th Eothinon

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN MODE TWO

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honour thee.

THE EPISTLE

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.

In the chanting of Holy God, we will observe the following order of languages: English, Arabic, Greek. Therefore, we sing: Holy God..., then Quduson Illah..., and then Aghios o Theos...

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. 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, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus 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 greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke 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, Jesus 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 Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

*** *Announcements for the Week of*

October 12th ***

⊗ **COMING WEEKEND: Dr Reynolds speaks on Orthodoxy at St Barnabas Church in Costa Mesa**

on Saturday, October 18th. (No men's breakfast here, this month)

- ⊗ **Fasting days:** the usual Wednesday and Friday.
- ⊗ **TODAY, Oct 12, Parish Council session** after agape meal.
- ⊗ **Orthodox School now is in session.** Students are dismissed with a blessing...
- ⊗ **Youth group** is now meeting! **TOMORROW evening, Oct 13th, at 5:30 PM.**
- ⊗ **Parish study, "Where have we been for 2,000 years? The story of the Church from the beginning up til now."** On Tuesdays, 7 PM, here at church.
- ⊗ **Our synod of west coast Canonical Orthodox Bishops** have issued a very robust statement regarding our Orthodox Christian faith and the moral crisis over marriage. It is posted on the episcopal bulletin board, right near the front door.