Sunday, July 2, 2023

4th Sunday of Matthew

Placing of the Holy Robe of the Theotokos in Blachernae


Mode of the Week: Third/Τρίτος

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My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

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Brethren, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat.

Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him."

But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed."

When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth."

And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.
This Week’s Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

**Sunday** (+7/2—No Fasting): Luke 24:1-12; Hebrews 9:1-7; Matthew 9:5-17

**Monday (+7—No Fasting):** Romans 12:4-5, 15-21; Matthew 12:9-13

**Tuesday (+7—No Fasting):** Romans 14:19-23; Matthew 12:11-17

**Wednesday (+5—Strict Fast):** Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2; Matthew 11:27-30

**Thursday (+5—Strict Fast):** Romans 15:17-29; Matthew 12:46-50, 13:1-3

**Friday (+7—Strict Fast):** Galatians 3:23-29, 41-5:1; Mark 1:24-34

**Saturday (+7—No Fasting):** I Timothy 4:15-19; Luke 6:17-19, 9:1-2, 10:16-21

**Prayer Requests:**

- Metropolitan Alexis, Fr. Symeon (mission priest support), V. Panteleimon, Michael, Chris, Eve, David, Chris, Irene, Valerie, Chris, David, Katie, Bob, Aubriana, Bobbie, Chad, CJ, Jace, Nate and Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vlahos, Brian Zajic, Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vlahos, Brian Zajic, Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vlahos, Brian Zajic

**Prayers for Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:**

- Laura Poles, Jill, Betty, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Jill, Betty, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Jill, Betty

**Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:**

- St. Silouan the Athonite: "In order to maintain the freedom of the American people, we must be vigilant in our defense of our national sovereignty and our Christian heritage. This is the duty of every American citizen."

**Upcoming Celebrations This Week**

- **Birthdays—Happy Birthday!**
  - July 2: Arti Passias
  - July 5: Julia Novak
  - July 7: Jordan Ruthwell Perry
  - July 8: Paul Syribeys

- **Anniversaries—Conraduations!**
  - None in the records

**Adventures:**

- If you have a celebration that did not make it into the bulletin, please e-mail Fr. Theodore!