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BALTIMORE, MD 21201

Sunday, August 20, 2023

11TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



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TODAY

Memorial Service - May Their Memory Be Eternal

Virginia Calivas - 3 years

Michael Calivas - 30 years

- **The Blessing of the Loaves** is in the honor of the Apodosis of the Feast of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary for the continued good health of the Maistros family.
- The Sacramental Wine is offered in loving memory of Alexandria, Constantine and George Maistros by Harry, Christopher and Lucille Maistros. A second Sacramental Wine is offered by the Calivas family in loving memory of their parents, Michael and Virginia Calivas.
- We thank our 2023 Stewardship Day Sponsors, Steven and Mary Lou Kousouris for selecting August 21st in honor of their wedding anniversary.
- In honor of the Feast Day of Saint Phanourios, which is celebrated on August 27, parishioners will be sponsoring the annual Blessing of the Phanouropita.
- The Philoptochos Society will offer refreshments following the Divine Liturgy.
- If you are visiting the Cathedral, please introduce yourself to Fr. Anastasios Bourantas at the end of the Liturgy.

VACANT PROPERTIES

The Parish Council invites all parishioners in good standing to attend a final working session regarding the vacant properties on Sunday, August 27th after liturgy in the AOC.

Please make every effort to attend.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

See all events at:

annunciationbaltimore.org/calendar

LITURGICAL

- Wed, 8/23
 - 6:00pm Paraklesis Service
- Sun, 8/27 (12th Sunday of Matthew)
 - 8:00am Orthros
 - 9:30am Divine Liturgy

COMMUNITY

- Tues, 8/22
 - 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting
- Thur, 8/24
 - 10:00am Hellenic Heritage Museum Work
- Fri, 8/25
 - 11:00am Lamb Shank Prep for Festival
- Sat, 8/26
 - Philoptochos Board Meeting
 - 11:00am Lamb Shank Prep for Festival
- Sun, 8/27
 - Blessing of the Backpacks
 - Donuts with Fr. Anastasios and Deacon John after Liturgy in Ahepa Room
 - Final Working Session after Liturgy
 - GOYA Board Meeting after Liturgy
 - 5:00pm AA and Al-Anon Meeting

SAINT OF THE DAY Samuel the Prophet



This most holy man, a Prophet of God from childhood, was the last judge of the Israelite people, and anointed the first two Kings of Israel (Saul and David). He was born in the 12th cent. BC, and was the fruit of prayer, for his mother, being barren, conceived him only after she had supplicated the Lord with many tears; wherefore she called him Samuel, that is, "heard by God." As soon as Hannah had weaned him, she brought him to the city of Silom, where the Ark was kept, and she consecrated him, though yet a babe, to the service of God, giving thanks to Him with the hymn found in the Third Ode of the Psalter: "My heart hath been established in the Lord..." Samuel remained in Silom under the protection of Eli the priest. He served in the Tabernacle of God, and through his most venerable way of life became well-pleasing to God and man (I Kings 2: 26). While yet a child, sleeping in the tabernacle near the Ark of God, he heard the voice of God calling his name, and foretelling the downfall of Eli. After these things came to pass, Samuel was chosen to be the protector of the people, and he judged them with holiness and righteousness. He became an example of all goodness, and their compassionate intercessor before God: "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you; yea, I will serve the Lord, and show you the good and the right way" (ibid. 12:23). When he asked them -- having God as witness -- if he ever wronged anyone, or took anyone's possessions, or any gift, even so much as a sandal, they answered with one voice: "Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, nor afflicted us, neither hast thou taken anything from anyone's hand" (ibid. 12:4). Having lived blamelessly some 98 years, Samuel reposed in the 11th cent. BC. The books of Judges, Ruth, and of the first 24 chapters of the First Book of Kingdoms (I Samuel) are all ascribed to Samuel.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT

- Altar Server Retreat for all who serve in the altar,
 <u>Saturday, September 9th, 11am-1pm</u> at the Cathedral.
 Will include discussion, practice, and lunch. Signup:
 https://annunciationbaltimore.flocknote.com/signup/13274
 Questions? Contact Dn. John.
- OCF All students attending college in the Baltimore area –
 Orthodox Christian Fellowship is a campus ministry to help
 you connect with other Orthodox Christians, navigate your
 time through school, and stay connected to the Church.
 Contact Dn. John for more info.
- Hope/JOY is volunteering at First Fruits Farm on Saturday, September 2nd from 9:00 am to 11:30am. The farm is located in Freeland, MD and donates all of its produce to people in need. All volunteers must sign the liability waiver BEFORE arrival. Follow this link to sign the waiver: firstfruitsfarm First Fruits Farm Volunteer Portal (zohopublic.com). If you have any questions, please contact Eleni Lampadarios at elampada@yahoo.com.

- Donuts with Fr. Anastasios and Dn. John <u>Sunday</u>, <u>August 27th</u> after the Divine Liturgy in the Ahepa Room. Open to all youth 18 years of age and under.
- Greek School Registration is now Open. Greek School is open to all children for Intro to Prep through 6th Grade. Register your child at: https://forms.gle/Jh1SkcoU4bGi4djL6. The first class will be on Friday, September 8th.
- The Greek School is recruiting Teachers for the 2023/2024 school year. Contact Sia Kyriakakos at 443-824-2573 or siakyriakakos@gmail.com. This is a paid position.
- Sunday School Registration is now Open for Nursery (2 & 3 year olds) through High School. Register your child at:
 https://forms.gle/Zy5bJs7q23fAvqdP8. Sunday School Open House will be <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 10th</u> with a Meet and Greet.
- Sunday School is looking for Volunteers Teachers, Substitute Teachers and Teacher Aids for the 2023/2024 school year. Contact Anastasia Georgiou at religioused@annunciationbaltimore.org.
- Please consider supporting our Youth Ministries by making a donation in the labeled wooden collection box.

COMMUNITY

- The **Women's Bible Study Group** will be studying the book Galatians. No Bible Study experience necessary as we will all learn together. Meetings will take place on Saturday mornings from **10AM 11:30AM** in the AOC.
 - o September 9, 30 October 14, 21 November 11, 18
- **Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands** Fr. Anastasios will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, St. Catherine's Monastery in Sinai, and Constantinople on <u>February 16 March 1, 2024</u>. For more information, please visit our church website or contact Cloud Tours, Inc at 1-718-721-3808 or <u>stephen@cloudtours.com</u>.
- Philoptochos Apron Sale fundraiser is underway to benefit the Philoxenia House Elevator Project. Each
 Apron is \$35. Use link: https://forms.gle/mE87BULB6uKQdSC17 or Scan QR code to place your order.

 The aprons will also be on sale TODAY in the Father Monios Social Hall Foyer and throughout the summer.
 Contact Rhoula Monios at rhoulaevie@yahoo.com for more information.



• My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 Exclusive PRIVATE Pre-Screening ~ Thursday, September 7th at 7pm at the newly renovated Harbor East Cinemas (645 S President Street, Baltimore, MD 21202). Tickets are \$30 and include the movie, parking, popcorn & soda. Proceeds will benefit the Greek Orthodox Ministries of our sister churches: Cathedral of the Annunciation, St. Demetrios, St. Nicholas and Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella. Scan QR Code to purchase tickets or visit: https://forms.gle/zcaVxfB6daEVKFFE7. Credit Cards accepted. No tickets will be sold at the door. Limited seating available. Questions contact: axioncharityevents@gmail.com. Brought to you by the Axion Charity Events, Inc.



AXION CHARITY EVENTS presents the Return of Thanos Petrelis ~ Live in Baltimore for a Greek Concert to benefit the Greek Orthodox Churches in the Baltimore area - <u>Friday, October 13th</u> at Martin's Valley Mansion. **Tickets on Sale Now**. For Sponsorship information, contact <u>axioncharityevents@gmail.com</u>. Use QR CODE or <u>www.simpletix.com/e/thanos-petrelis-return-to-baltimore-tickets-137090</u> to Order Tickets.



• WORTHINGTON CHAPTER #30 – AHEPA - Save the Date - The Worthington Chapter #30 is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year with a Dinner/Dance at Martin's Valley Mansion on November 4, 2023. For more information contact Bill Bond at bondgrp@comcast.net 410-913-2350.



- 2023 Stewardship Update: To effectively manage our budget and discretionary spending, the Parish Council relies on the commitments made through pledges. Pledges provide important information about the number of families in our parish and allow you to register as a steward in good standing. We encourage all to formalize this commitment by making a pledge for 2023. The Day Sponsor Steward Program offers individuals a personal milestone that directly supports our parish and her ministries. You may choose a meaningful day throughout the year, whether it is a special occasion or a tribute to a loved one in memory or honor. Please consider the Day Sponsor Steward Program by becoming a Day Sponsor Steward (\$3500 annual pledge) or the new Half-day Sponsor Steward (\$1750 annual pledge). 2023 Stewardship commitment link: https://forms.gle/YAosrEyMkRimi84i8. Hard copies are also available on the "Welcome" table in the church lobby.
- The office requests that you **DO NOT Submit 2022 Stewardship Envelopes. Offering Envelopes for 2023 are available** upon request. Fill out a 2023 Pledge Form and check the box asking to receive envelopes. You may also call the office or email office@annunciationbaltimore.org to request them.

CULTURE

- The Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland, located in the AOC is open to visitors. Our exhibits recognize the heritage of the Greeks who established this community. We are open by appointment or you can visit most Sundays when coffee hour is at the AOC. We continue to collect items that identify our culture and the journey of the families that established this community. Those interested in pursuing the heritage of Greeks in Maryland are welcome to our weekly work sessions on Thursdays at the AOC from 10:30am to 1:00pm. Contact: Fotini Batlatzis, tinabatlatzis@gmail.com, 410-823-0139; Harry C. Maistros, hellenicheritagemd.org, for more information.
- Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland Invites you to a Film and Luncheon on Sunday, September 17, 2023, 12:30pm, at the Annunciation Orthodox Center (AOC). "A Touch of Spice" is a Greek film about a forty-year-old astrophysics professor, a refugee of the non-violent 1964 expulsion of Greeks from Constantinople, who journeys from Athens back to Constantinople to visit his ailing grandfather whom he has not seen since he was a boy. \$35.00 per person. For reservations please contact Mitsie Doccolo at 410.561.7186 or mins1@verizon.net.
- Hellenic Heritage Museum of Maryland is sponsoring a bus trip
 to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and National Shrine in New York City
 on Sunday, October 15, 2023. \$130 per person. For more information,
 please contact <u>Stacy Kosmides</u> at 410-215-6900 or <u>skosmides@msn.com</u>.

BOOKSTORE

• The mission of the Father Dean Moralis Bookstore of the Annunciation is to provide spiritual and educational resources for the Orthodox community while supporting the well-being of children and adults growing in Orthodox Christian faith. Our vision is to foster deeper personal relationships, awareness and study of the life-sustaining principles of the Orthodox Christian Church. The Bookstore is open every Sunday after Divine Liturgy and other days as needed. Please feel free to contact us at bookstore@annunciationbaltimore.org to visit the bookstore or if you have special requests and/or recommendations.

COMMUNITY

• If you know of a parishioner who lives in an assisted-living home or by themselves and is not able to attend services, please share their information with the Church Office. We want to make sure they receive visits from Fr. Anastasios or Deacon John, a copy of the Sunday Bulletin and Newsletter, and any other newsworthy communications.

MUSIC

- The Annunciation Cathedral Choir and our choir Director, <u>Fotini (Fifi) Nichols</u>, invite you to join the choir. Rehearsal will resume on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>August 30 at 7pm</u> and every Wednesday night. The Choir will begin singing on Sunday, September 10. For additional information contact Fifi at <u>fnichols1@verizon.net</u> or you may call/text her at 443-745-9686.
- Music Scholarship Every year, the Annunciation Cathedral Choir offers music scholarships to young people in our community. Those over the age of 12 who are taking private music lessons are encouraged to apply. Scholarship forms are available in the lobby or by emailing our choir Director, Fotini Fifi Nichols at finichols1@verizon.net. Scholarship forms are due by Sunday, September 17th. The choir is pleased to continue this wonderful tradition.
- The Annunciation Cathedral Choir presents the first concert in the 2023-2024 season of the Annunciation Cathedral Concert Series on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 22 at 1 pm</u>. in the AOC. It will feature soprano Emily Casey, baritone Rob McGinness and Teodora Adzharova on the piano. This will be a wonderful musical event. For information and tickets, please contact <u>annunciationconcerts.com</u> or <u>tadzharova@gmail.com</u>, 410-929-5861.

PASTORAL

- The Sacraments of Holy Communion (and Holy Unction when offered) are reserved for those who are baptized and/or chrismated in a canonical Orthodox Church. Additionally, even though the priest or deacon may know your name, please speak audibly your full baptismal name when approaching to receive the sacraments.
- In order to protect our icons and liturgical items, please blot any lip products before venerating icons or coming up for Holy Communion.
- The Philoptochos has resources available to those who require social services assistance. All requests are confidential and can be submitted to philoptochos@annuncationbaltimore.org or to Fr. Anastasios Fr.Anastasios@annunciationbaltimore.org or leave a message requesting a return call with the church office.
- If you wish to have a home or business blessed please contact the church office to request a time for Fr. Anastasios to visit.

GIVING

- **Online Donations** can be made through our website. Click the DONATE button in the upper right corner. We are grateful for your continued stewardship!
- For candles and tray donations, you can also donate by text message, just text the dollar amount to (833) 934-2637 and follow the prompts.
 - Note: TextToTray can only be used for candles and tray donations.
 - We are also grateful for donations made by check.

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

- Cathedral Updates To receive Bulletins and other updates via email, visit https://annunciationbaltimore.flocknote.com and enter your contact information.
- **Text Alerts** To receive ministries updates via text, text the ministry keyword below to phone number 84576:
 - \circ Hope/Joy \rightarrow HopeJoy
 - \circ GOYA \rightarrow GOYA
 - Men's Fellowship → MensFellowship

To all ministry, organization and committee leaders and members
Please contact the church office before you schedule ANY meetings, activities OR events.

If you would like to have information included in the Sunday Bulletin, please send your text and/or flyer to assistant@annunciationbaltimore.org by Wednesday at Noon.

For the November/December Newsletter, send to newsletter@annunciationbaltimore.org by October 16th.



FESTIVAL FOOD PREPERATION

Join fellow parishioners to prepare food items for the upcoming Festival. Contact Georgeann Morekas with any questions by TEXT at 443-845-1176.

- Friday & Saturday, August 25 & 26 (11am) Lamb Shanks
- Friday & Saturday, September 1 & 2 (11am) Dolmades
- Wednesday, September 6 (10am) Kourambiethes
- o Tuesday & Wednesday, September 12 & 13 (10am) Koulourakia
- Saturday, September 16 (11am) Spanakopita
- o Saturday, September 23 (11am) Pastitsio
- o Thursday & Friday, September 28 & 29 (10am) Baklava

FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

• We will be offering a silent auction at the festival. Please consider sponsoring a silent auction basket. Forms available on the Welcome Table in the lobby or online via the church website. For more information, contact Judy Georges at judy-wood@comcast.net or 443-301-5041.

FESTIVAL ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

• Are you interested in advertising your business in our community and to the over 10,000 festival attendees? Consider purchasing a \$250 Business Card Ad that will be displayed on dining table placemats AND poster boards throughout the festival weekend! In addition, the placemat will be posted on our festival social media for additional exposure! Kindly contact Nikki Monios 443-930-0404 or nikkimonios4@gmail.com for more information.

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our 51st Annual Greek Festival is quickly approaching! We are looking for volunteers to help in venues throughout the festival, as well as set-up, which starts Sat, Sept 30. To volunteer use the link:
 https://forms.gle/VfGXFkPFtnsGHv5K9 or contact Diane Homberg at dianehomberg@yahoo.com or 410-952-2251.



TODAY'S ENTRANCE HYMNS & READINGS

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!"

"Ότε κατῆλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of the Feast

You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Έν τῆ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῆ Κοιμήσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωήν, Μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion for the Deceased

Remember Your servants, O Lord, since You are good, and forgive them for all their sins in life; for no one is without sin except for You who are able to give rest to those who have passed away.

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ώς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ εἴ τι ἐν βίῳ, ἥμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰμὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι, δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Apolytikion of the Parish

Today is the summary of our salvation, and the revelation of the age-old mystery. For the Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel announces the good news of grace. Therefore, let us join him, and cry aloud to the Theotokos: "Rejoice, Maiden full of grace! The Lord is with you."

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῆ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Kontakion

The Theotokos is undying in intercession.* Immovable is our hope in her for protection. * Neither death nor burial prevailed over her. * As she is Mother of Life, she was removed to life by Him, * the Lord who lived in her ever-virgin womb.

Τὴν ἐν πρεσβείαις ἀκοίμητον Θεοτόκον, καὶ προστασίαις ἀμετάθετον ἐλπίδα, τάφος καὶ νέκρωσις οὐκ ἐκράτησεν· ὡς γὰρ ζωῆς Μητέρα, πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν μετέστησεν, ὁ μήτραν οἰκήσας ἀειπάρθενον.

EPISTLE (I CORINTHIANS 9:2-12)

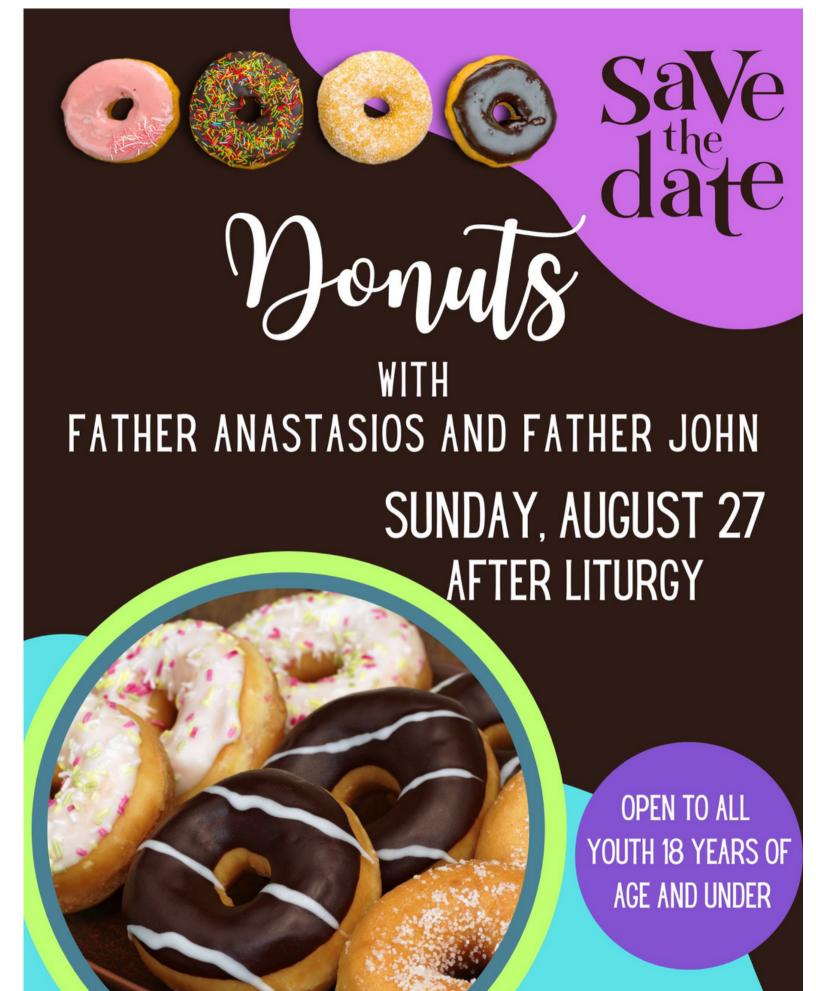
Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Άδελφοί, ή σφραγὶς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀποστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν Κυρίῳ. Ἡ ἐμὴ ἀπολογία τοῖς ἐμὲ ἀνακρίνουσιν αὕτη ἐστί. Μὴ οὐκ ἔχομεν ἐξουσίαν φαγεῖν καὶ πιεῖν; Μὴ οὐκ ἔχομεν ἐξουσίαν ἀδελφὴν γυναῖκα περιάγειν, ὡς καὶ οἱ λοιποὶ ἀπόστολοι καὶ οἱ ἀδελφοὶ τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Κηφᾶς; Ἡ μόνος ἐγὼ καὶ Βαρνάβας οὐκ ἔχομεν ἐξουσίαν τοῦ μὴ ἐργάζεσθαι; Τίς στρατεύεται ἰδίοις ὀψωνίοις ποτέ; Τίς φυτεύει ἀμπελῶνα καὶ ἐκ τοῦ καρποῦ αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἐσθίει; Ἡ τίς ποιμαίνει ποίμνην καὶ ἐκ τοῦ γάλακτος τῆς ποίμνης οὐκ ἐσθίει; Μὴ κατὰ ἄνθρωπον ταῦτα λαλῶ; Ἡ οὐχὶ καὶ ὁ νόμος ταῦτα λέγει; Ἐν γὰρ τῷ Μωσέως νόμῳ γέγραπται· "Οὐ φιμώσεις βοῦν ἀλοῶντα." Μὴ τῶν βοῶν μέλει τῷ Θεῷ; Ἡ δι ἡμᾶς πάντως λέγει; Δι ἡμᾶς γὰρ ἐγράφη, ὅτι ἐπ ἐλπίδι ὀφείλει ὁ ἀροτριῶν ἀροτριᾶν, καὶ ὁ ἀλοῶν τῆς ἐλπίδος αὐτοῦ μετέχειν ἐπ ἐλπίδι. Εἰ ἡμεῖς ὑμῖν τὰ πνευματικὰ ἐσπείραμεν, μέγα εἰ ἡμεῖς ὑμῶν τὰ σαρκικὰ θερίσομεν; Εἰ ἄλλοι τῆς ἐξουσίας ὑμῶν μετέχουσιν, οὐ μᾶλλον ἡμεῖς; λλλ οὐκ ἐχρησάμεθα τῆ ἐξουσίας ταύτη, ἀλλὰ πάντα στέγομεν, ἵνα μὴ ἐγκοπήν τινα δῶμεν τῷ Εὐαγγελίω τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

GOSPEL (MATTHEW 18:23-35)

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ώμοιώθη ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν ἀνθρώπῳ βασιλεῖ ὃς ἠθέλησεν συνᾶραι λόγον μετὰ τῶν δούλων αὐτοῦ. ἀρξαμένου δὲ αὐτοῦ συναίρειν προσηνέχθη αὐτῷ εἶς ὀφειλέτης μυρίων ταλάντων. μὴ ἔχοντος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἀποδοῦναι ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ πραθῆναι καὶ τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ καὶ τὰ τέκνα καὶ πάντα ὅσα εἶχε, καὶ ἀποδοθῆναι. πεσὼν οὖν ὁ δοῦλος προσεκύνει αὐτῷ λέγων· κύριε μακροθύμησον ἐπ' ἐμοί, καὶ πάντα σοι ἀποδώσω. σπλαγχνισθεὶς δὲ ὁ κύριος τοῦ δούλου ἐκείνου ἀπέλυσεν αὐτόν, καὶ τὸ δάνειον ἀφῆκεν αὐτῷ. ἐξελθὼν δὲ ό δοῦλος ἐκεῖνος εὖρεν ἕνα τῶν συνδούλων αὐτοῦ, ὃς ὤφειλεν αὐτῷ ἑκατὸν δηνάρια, καὶ κρατήσας αὐτὸν ἔπνιγεν λέγων· ἀπόδος μοι εἴ τι ὀφείλεις. πεσὼν οὖν ὁ σύνδουλος αὐτοῦ εἰς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ παρεκάλει αὐτὸν λέγων μακροθύμησον ἐπ' ἐμοί, καὶ ἀποδώσω σοι· ὁ δὲ οὐκ ἤθελεν, ἀλλὰ ἀπελθὼν ἔβαλεν αὐτὸν εἰς φυλακὴν ἕως οὖ ἀποδῷ τὸ ὀφειλόμενον. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ σύνδουλοι αὐτοῦ τὰ γενόμενα ἐλυπήθησαν σφόδρα, καὶ ἐλθόντες διεσάφησαν τῷ κυρίῳ ἑαυτῶν πάντα τὰ γενόμενα. τότε προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτὸν ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ λέγει αὐτῷ· δοῦλε πονηρέ, πᾶσαν τὴν ὀφειλὴν ἐκείνην ἀφῆκά σοι, ἐπεὶ παρεκάλεσάς με· οὐκ ἔδει καὶ σὲ ἐλεῆσαι τὸν σύνδουλόν σου, ὡς καὶ ἐγὼ σὲ ήλέησα; καὶ ὀργισθεὶς ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ παρέδωκεν αὐτὸν τοῖς βασανισταῖς ἕως οὖ ἀποδῷ πᾶν τὸ ὀφειλόμενον αὐτῷ. Οὕτω καὶ ὁ πατήρ μου ὁ ἐπουράνιος ποιήσει ὑμῖν ἐὰν μὴ ἀφῆτε ἕκαστος τῷ ἀδελφῷ αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν καρδιῶν ὑμῶν τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν.



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