

Even if we do not have anything, if we have God with us, we have everything. So, for this reason also, he forbore.

This is the path of the Church, which makes us live the love of God and for us to be able to coexist with the other person. Not from a place of superiority, but from a disposition of seeing him as our own person. And through patience, God will give, but not a magic change of the other person, but endurance in us, and the example to him.

Because each one of us becomes a vessel of grace, if he wishes to forbear. Or, if he cannot endure, with humility at least to begin his life again, not criticizing the others, but seeing himself in the perspective of needing maturity.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021 16TH SUNDAY OF

MATHEW *Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus , Luke of Mount Stirion , Theopemptos the Martyr & his Companions, George the New Martyr of Crete Afterfeast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple , Richard, King of Wessex*

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EPISTLE READING : St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10

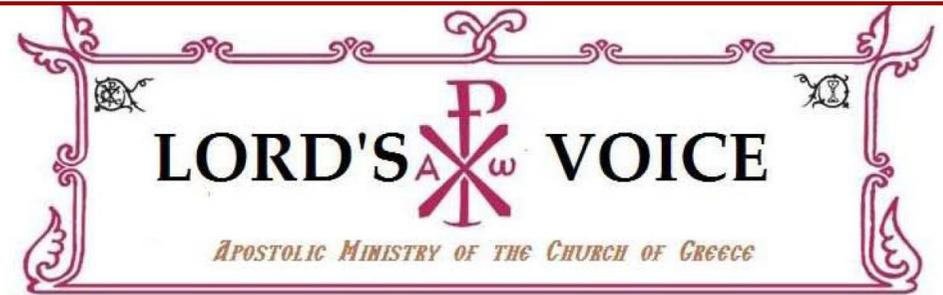
GOSPEL READING : Matthew 25:14-30

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2021 SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE ,

Holy Father Auxentius of the Mountain, Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles & Teacher of the Slavs, Nicholas the New Martyr of Corinth, Abraham, Bishop of Carrhes in Mesopotamia

EPISTLE READING : St. Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

GOSPEL READING : Matthew 15:21-28



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WITH MUCH PATIENCE

In the difficult moments of our life, one phrase dominates in the lips of people who love us: "Patience". The same phrase show an abdication from the attempt to change our course. It shows that we have done what we could, we clashed against a wall, and the only thing that remains to us is to wait. And if this has a quick development, the patience is justified. Often, patience demands time. sometimes patience is identified with reconciliation. The people who give us difficulty, a loss, a condition that does not change, makes us accept, in a melancholy way, whatever is happening. We think of finding a way of doing something different, of finding some friends that will make us forget, or merely remember what we are no longer able to live anymore, if we have lived it. Patience becomes a medicine in our weakness to correct situations.

The will of God

For our faith, however, patience is a virtue. It is the realization that it is not our will, our toil, our aims, our dreams, or our choices that lead us to happiness, but the providence and the will of God. That God functions with the criterion of giving us opportunities for our personal rebirth, not necessarily as a punishment for our whatsoever sins, because then there would be no healing in our

THE EPISTLE ST. PAUL 2ND LETTER TO CORINTHIANS 6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

life, since our sins are a multitude, and God would be a judge, something which we do not believe. Personal rebirth means realizing the meaning and purpose of life. It means a self-critique about our journey, our mistakes, our aims, and our relationships. A censuring of the weaknesses of our character. About to what degree our choices walk together with the will of God. Primarily however, trust in the love of God. No matter how much the temptor of the world and of life aims at this, in making us feel that God does not love us and that He has abandoned us on our own, nevertheless, we should not yield. No father writes off or abandons his child, because he is not as he wishes him. If he is genuine, he accepts him. Because true love never fails.

Maturity and trials

About our faith, patience witnesses the acceptance that time is not a man's enemy, even if together with it, it brings thwartings and trials. Time is the journey to maturity, and maturity comes not through the pleasant things, but, mainly, through the difficult things. And the difficult thing is for us to accept whatever is happening to us, even if we are not its initial causes. The medicine here also is love. Love is what makes patience less painful. And love here, means that we open ourselves up to our neighbor. Because whatever it seems that we were deprived of, God makes up for it, by sending us also persons and conditions, through which we are able to make new beginnings. Maturity comes not through the depression of defeat, but through our choice to fight to rebuild. In the pain for the deprivation, patience is a breath. However, it is not enough if we do not give a new meaning to our life.

The good struggle

Sometimes patience is needed when we have a purpose, even when this is not able to be directly fulfilled. When we need to turn the rudder of our life somewhere else or to await, working the good struggle. It is the saying of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians: "in everything recommending ourselves as ministers of God, in much patience". The Apostle to the Gentiles could see that the work of evangelizing people was not bearing direct fruits. But much toil was needed for what is new to be born. Thus, he chose to forbear, considering himself a minister of God. He does prayer. He entrusts his agonies to God. And he awaits God's will to be revealed, even if for himself, this path was a martyrdom. Spiritual tortures from the rejectors of Christ. Spiritual tortures from whoever, whereas they chose faith, nevertheless they wanted to live according to their will, and not according to the will of God. However, Paul realized that in life, what we want is not what is important, but what God allows.