

Let us return to what our faith gives, and then we will see the stagnant waters of the world getting disturbed. Because our Christian quality does not rest only in the journey to eternity. It leads to all the models of life which resist genuineness, being overturned. And then some people will wake up. Probably not the majority, especially in our days. Our hope, however, is in the Church and in her mission. Even just for the few people. Christ is risen! Truly he is risen!

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 06, 2021 SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN**, Hilarion the New of Dalmation Monastery, Bessarion the Wonderworker of Egypt, 5 Virgins of Caesarea: Martha, Mary, Cyris, Valeria & Marcia

**TONE OF THE WEEK** : -Plagal First

**EOETHINON** : Eighth

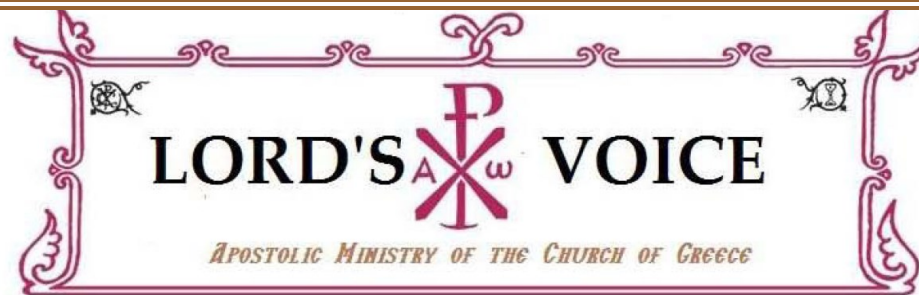
**EPISTLE READING** : Acts of the Apostles 16: 16-34

**GOSPEL READING** : John 9:1-38

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021** Fathers of the 1st Council , Aquilina the Martyr of Syria , Triphyllos the Bishop of Nicosia

**EPISTLE READING** : Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36

**GOSPEL READING** : John 17:1-13



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## FAITH CHANGES THE WORLD

Our world moves with speeds that we cannot understand or approach. At the same time, we see the whatsoever developments find us incapable of formulating them. Furthermore, even when we have the right of participating in them, we feel forced to follow the paths of the world, and we are not ready to coformulate them. Whoever of us believe in God, have a name and a quality. We are Christians. The name is, however for our world, a private matter, whereas our quality does not always inspire our life, so that we ourselves change, and help the world to also change.

### The revelation of the truth

The apostles Paul and Silas were in Philippi, today's Kavala of our Macedonia. Their presence made the idolators of the area shout: "these people are disturbing our city". (Acts16:20). Their Christian quality did not remain hidden, but with their presence, they made the local society there, question about their own self, about their interests, about the truth that the two Apostles were proclaiming. And this caused a disturbance in the consciences, in their life, and in the manner that they had learned to believe. Paul and Silas shook up the city

## EPISTLE READING ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 16:16-34)

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul and his company set sail from Paphos, and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem; but they passed on from Perga and came to Antioch of Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it." So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel, and you that fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. And for about forty years he bore with them in the wilderness. And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance, for about four hundred and fifty years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king; of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. Before his coming John had preached a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel

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because they refused to submit to the demons of sorcery, of love of money, of religious abuse, which through a young woman, "soothsaying", as the author of the Acts characterizes her, were taking advantage of human gullibility to the benefit of the girl's masters. And Paul cast out these demons from her being, resulting in those things

which the demons were representing, being lost: deception, handing over of people to darkness and a satisfaction of the interests of those who were taking advantage. And whereas they were imprisoned, God took them out from the tomb of social rejection, because He does not forget whoever fights for Him.

### **The choice is not the evil**

How today can we shake up the life of the world? Primarily with our unwavering faith in Christ and by keeping His commandments. At the same time, by us not submitting to the falsehood and the ease which our culture projects, as an attitude of life. To not allow evil to pass as the only choice. To discern the truth and to witness concerning this. And that we not be defeated by our passions, but fight so that our Christian quality illumines both us and whoever we keep company with, independent of personal cost. The disturbance, of course, is a given. The world hates the light. It hates being made uncomfortable in the habits of sin. It hates the truth about its own self which is revealed through the criteria that the Christian life gives birth to. Whoever sees a life that does not yield to what is false, but remains solid and dynamic is censured.

### **Primarily Christians**

If our society is not being shaken up, it is because, aside from other things, we forgot the priority of our Christian quality. We were blinded by the absence of the ethos of the kingdom of God within us, and we do not have anything to teach the others. We leave off to the side, our duty before the world. And it, in its turn, remains apathetic toward Christ. Apathetic towards love. Apathetic towards the truth.