

Translation of the Theotokos, with the auspicious occasion of reading the gospel passage of the multiplication of the five loaves and the two fish, and the consequent multi-level satiation of the crowd of people, teaches us throughout time. It makes it clear to us, that life within her, is a constant and permanent multiplication of graces and gifts, and a sweet spiritual satiation. It remains to us who desire the taste of this offering to always remain in the joy of the Church.

Archim. A. A.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022 8TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, The Holy Righteous Martyr Dometius, Our Holy Father Nicanorus the Wonderworker , Theodosius the New, Joseph Gerontogiannis of Lithines Sitia, Sozon of Nicomedeia , The Holy Ten Thousand Ascetics of Thebes , Narcissus the Hieromartyr of Jerusalem

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EPISTLE READING: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17

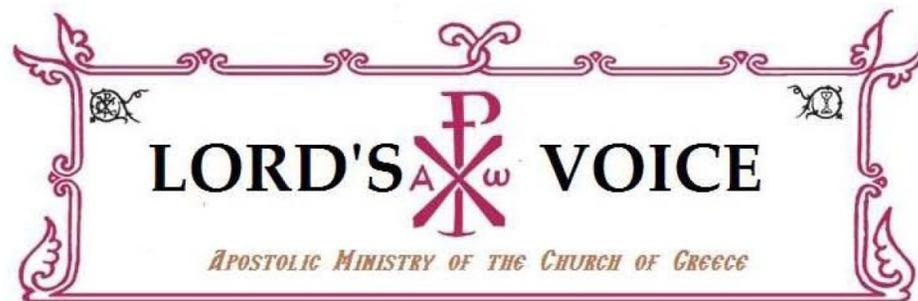
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:14-22

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022 9TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Forefeast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, The Holy Prophet Michaias (Micah) , Holy Hieromartyr Marcellus, Bishop of Apameia, Holy New Martyr Symeon of Trapezoundos.

EPISTLE READING: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:22-34



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GOD'S PHILANTHROPY

The great miracle of the multiplication of the five loaves and the two fish is presented today, on the first Sunday of the month of August, and the eighth in the series of passages of the sacred Gospel of the holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew. As we also hear and read during today's gospel reading, after Christ scatters His philanthropy, with His abundant love and compassion, teaching the truth and working miracles to the crowds that had come to be informed, as eyewitnesses and hearing witnesses of His wonders, He then paternally heals their very natural need for satiety from the hunger that had understandably seized them, with the passage of their many hour stay there.

The offered Christ

We know from our experience, that Christ, in many ways, offers His whole self to each one of us who wishes to accept this offer. He came to serve the whole person, to nourish him with His presence, to support and build up His creature spiritually, mentally, and physically with Himself as

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL READING : MATTHEW 14: 14- 22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

the foundation. With the same fervor and love, He calls to repentance, that teaches salvation through His will, that heals the various diseases, precisely thus we see and being moved, we conclude that He cares fatherly for the sustenance and service of people.

A foreshadowing of the Divine Eucharist

The multiplication of the five breads, resulting in the satisfaction of every need in the service of man, is an essential and blessed foreshadowing of the Divine Eucharist, i.e. of the

offering of Christ's body and blood, according to the handing down by Himself of the sacred mysteries in the upper room of the Mystical Supper. It is a practical sermon and an empirical proof of the truth, that the God-enlightened psalmist preaches in the Old Testament: "Cast upon the Lord your care of you and he will nourish you" (Ps. 54:23). In other words, leave to Christ the ministry of all your needs, trust Him, and in return you will receive His paternal love, His care, His interest and His intervention in every aspect of life, for your complete hypostasis and being, with a view to your salvation.

God expects us all to understand that heaven is our homeland, and that we are passers-by from this world, awaiting our participation in the joy of the Kingdom. We are not only able to hope for this, but we can also live it daily in the Divine Liturgy, with our participation in the holy body and precious blood of our Lord. The Divine Liturgy, even when it is performed in the simplest day and in the humblest place, is a window for the bright sun of the eighth day to enter the historical time of our life. This is the great gift that Christ, with His preaching, miracles, the Cross and His Resurrection offers us; this is a permanent invitation of His holy Body, i.e. of the Church, to the sinners of the whole world, "those who labor and are burdened" to come to Him. Especially today, where the world has raised to its first priority, the surrendering to the passions, individualism and its selfishness, the Lord's invitation always remains the proof of His love and goodness.

The Church today, the day after the glorious despotic feast of the Transfiguration of Christ, and one week before the great feast of the Mother of God's Dormition and the