

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

*July 12, 2020 • Fourth Tone • Eotbinon 5*

HOLY MARTYRS PROCLUS & HILARY OF ANCYRA

VERONICA, THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD WHO WAS HEALED BY OUR LORD

VENERABLE FATHER PAISIOS THE NEW OF ATHOS

On July 12<sup>th</sup> in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra.

THESE MARTYRS were born in Kallippi in Asia, Proclus being Hilary's uncle. They suffered in the time of the Roman Emperor Trajan. The judge asked Proclus: 'Of what race are you?' Proclus replied: 'I am of the race of Christ, and my hope is in my God.' When the judge threatened him with torture, he said: 'When you are afraid to transgress the Emperor's commands and risk falling into temporal punishment, how much more do we Christians fear to transgress against God's commands and fall into eternal torment!' While Proclus was being tortured, Hilary came up to the judge and said: 'I too am a Christian!' After many tortures, the two men were condemned to death. They both entered into the joy of their Lord.

On this day, we also commemorate the righteous Veronica, the woman with the issue of blood healed by our Lord; and venerable Father Paisios the New of Athos.

*By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.*

### FIRST ANTIPHON: PSALM 91

*V. It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy Name, O Most High.*

**Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.**

*V. To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night.*

*V. Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.*

### SECOND ANTIPHON: PSALM 92

*V. The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty;  
the Lord is clothed with strength and hath girt Himself.*

**O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.**

*V. For He established the world which shall not be shaken.*

*V. Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.*

### HYMN OF ST. JUSTINIAN

Only-begotten Son and Word of God, Who art immortal, Thou didst take on Thee for our salvation to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, and without change wast made man; and wast crucified also, O Christ our God; and by Thy death hath Death subdued: Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit. O, save us!

### THIRD ANTIPHON: APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION

*Fourth Tone*

*V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God our Saviour.*

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the Angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

### THE ENTRANCE WITH THE GOSPEL

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.  
O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

*~ the Apolytikion of the Resurrection is now chanted again. ~*

## APOLYTIKION OF ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

*Fourth Tone*

By choosing the Apostles' way of life, you succeeded to their throne; inspired by God you found the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith to the very shedding of your blood. O holy Martyr among bishops, Ignatius, entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

## KONTAKION

*Second Tone*

O undisputed intercessor of Christians, the Mediatrix who was unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honour thee.

## TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (*thrice*)

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

## THE EPISTLE

*for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

O Lord, how magnificent are Your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

*V. Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

*Romans 10:1-10*

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*V. Draw thy bow and prosper and reign, for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness.*

*V. Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*for the Fifth Sunday of Matthew*

*Matthew 8:28-9:1*

AT THAT TIME, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out,

“What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?” Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, “If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine.” And He said to them, “Go.” So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

### MEGALYNARION

It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, ever blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honourable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, true Theotokos, we magnify thee.

### KOINONIKON

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.**

*V. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.*

*V. Praise Him, all ye His angels; praise Him, all ye His hosts.*

*V. Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light.*

*V. Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens.*

**Alleluia.**