

## Orthodox Demonology 101

He who from among the angelic powers was set over the earthly realm, and into whose hands God committed the guardianship of the earth, was not made wicked in nature but was good, and made for good ends, and received from his Creator no trace whatever of evil in himself. But he did not sustain the brightness and the honor which the Creator had bestowed on him, and of his free choice was changed from what was in harmony to what was at variance with his nature, and became roused against God Who created him, and determined to rise in rebellion against Him: and he was the first to depart from good and become evil. For evil is nothing else than absence of goodness, just as darkness also is absence of light. For goodness is the light of the nous, and, similarly, evil is the darkness of the nous. Light, therefore, being the work of the Creator and being made good ("For God saw all that He made, and behold they were exceeding good." - Genesis 1:31) produced darkness at his free-will. But along with him an innumerable host of angels subject to him were torn away and followed him and shared in his fall. Wherefore, being of the same nature as the angels, they became wicked, turning away at their own free choice from good to evil.

Hence they have no power or strength against any one except what God in His dispensation has conceded to them, as for instance, against Job (Job 1:12) and those swine that are mentioned in the Gospels (Mark 5:13). But when God has made the concession they do prevail, and are changed and transformed into any form whatever in which they wish to appear.

Of the future both the angels of God and the demons are alike ignorant, yet they make predictions. God reveals the future to the angels and commands them to prophesy, and so what they say comes to pass. But the demons make predictions, sometimes because they see what is happening at a distance, and sometimes merely making guesses: hence much that they say is false and they should not be believed, even although they do often, in the way we have said, tell what is true. Besides they know the Scriptures.

All wickedness, then, and all impure passions are the work of their mind. But while the liberty to attack man has been granted to them, they have not the strength to overmaster any one: for we have it in our power to receive or not to receive the attack. Wherefore there has been prepared for the devil and his demons, and those who follow him, fire unquenchable and everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:41).

Note, further, that what in the case of man is death is a fall in the case of angels. For after the fall there is no possibility of repentance for them, just as after death there is for men no repentance.

*Source: Mystagogy*

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Commemoration of: Hierothos Bishop of Athens; Domnina the Martyr & her daughters

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### Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

*Tu lithu sfragithendos* (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 1

*Tou Stavrou Sou* (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8

*Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross, and like Paul having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever You guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover of mankind.*

### Kontakion

*Prostasia ton Hristianon* Tone 2

*O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation to the Creator immovable. Do not overlook, the pleading voices of those in sin, but be in time as a kind one to our help, who in faith cry out to You: Hasten to intercede, and be quick to beseech, You who always protect, Theotokos, those who honor You.*

Epistle Reading 2nd Corinthians 9:6-11

BRETHREN, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Gospel Reading Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the

selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

### Activities & Announcements

We welcome His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, our Chancellor, and all our honored guests who have come to celebrate our 50th Golden Anniversary!!!

Today

2nd Sunday of Luke; Pastoral Visit of His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia for our 50th Anniversary Celebration; Honoring several our Senior Parishioners who have given great service to our Church; Photo Taking in Church; Luau following services; Parish Council Dinner with His Grace Bishop Apostolos at 7:30 p.m.

This Week

**MON, 10/5**– Bishop Apostolos departs HNL @ 12:55 p.m.

**THU, 10/8**– Preparation of Baklava: 9:30 a.m.; Volunteers needed. Parish Council Meeting– 5:30 p.m.

**SUN, 10/11**– Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council; Philoptochos Meeting

### A Prayer for Church Musicians on National Church Music Sunday

O Heavenly Father, on this day proclaimed National Church Music Ministry Sunday by our Archdiocese, our Cathedral recognizes the women, men and children who give their time and musical talent in service to You, our Lord, and to Your Church.

Bless them, O Lord, as they sing praises to You, and glorify Your Name. Let their music be a witness to Your majesty and love, and remind us all of Your presence in our lives.

### Wisdom of the Holy Fathers

*"When God created man, He planted something divine into him — a certain conception — a spark that has both light and warmth. The conception that enlightens the mind and indicates what is right and what is wrong is called conscience. Conscience is a natural law. Living in times before any written law, patriarchs and saints pleased God by following the voice of their conscience. "*

~ Abba Dorotheos of Gaza

### To Our Visitors:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread. *Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.*