

Κυριακή τῶν Ὁσίων Ἀγιορειτῶν Πατέρων

Ὁ ἱερός Συναξαριστής εὐστοχα σημειώνει ὅτι ἡ Ἁγία Ἐκκλησία σήμερα τιμᾷ τοὺς Ὁσίους Ἀγιορείτας Πατέρας, διότι μετέβαλαν τὸν Ἄθωνα ἀπὸ κατοικία ἀγρίων θηρίων, πού ἦταν, σέ τόπο ἀγρυπνίας, νηστείας καὶ προσευχῆς.

Οἱ Ἀγιορεῖτες Πατέρες ἐκτίσαν στὸν Ἄθωνα Μοναστήρια, Σκῆτες, Κελλιά, Ἐρημητήρια καὶ τὰ ἐπάνδρωσαν μέ ψυχές πού ἀφιερώθηκαν στὸν Ἅγιο Θεό.

Τὸ Ἅγιον Ὄρος (Ἄθως) εἶναι γνωστό καὶ ὡς 'Περιβόλι τῆς Παναγίας', ὅπου ἡμέρα καὶ νύκτα ὑμνεῖται ὁ Ἅγιος Τριαδικός Θεός, ἡ Κυρία Θεοτόκος καὶ ὄλοι γενικά οἱ Ἅγιοι τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας.

Ἀλλά καὶ οἱ σύγχρονοι Ἀγιορεῖτες Πατέρες ἀκολουθοῦν τὸν βίο τῶν Ὁσίων Πατέρων τοῦ Ἄθωνα καὶ τὴν ζωὴ τῶν Ἁγίων Ἀγγέλων, γι' αὐτό καὶ ὀνομάζονται εὐοσμία κρίνα, ἄνθη τερπνά καὶ ἀγλαόκαρπα δένδρα, πού ἔκαναν τὸν Τόπο τους νοητὸ Παράδεισο. Ἔτσι στὸν Ἄθωνα καὶ στίς ἡμέρες μας ἤχοῦν ὕμνοι ἀγγελικοὶ καὶ οἱ Ἀγιορεῖτες μέ τὸν ἀγιασμένο βίο τους ὀδηγοῦν τὰ πνευματικά τους παιδιὰ σὴν ἐνάρετη ζωὴ.

Ἰδιαίτερη εὐλογία ἀποτελεῖ τὸ γεγονός ὅτι ἀξιοθήκαμε νά γνωρίσουμε καὶ στὰ χρόνια μας ὀρισμένους Ἀγιορεῖτες Πατέρες, τοὺς ὁποίους πρόσφατα ἡ Ἐκκλησία μας τοὺς κατέταξε στὴ χορεία τῶν Ὁσίων, ὅπως τὸν π. Παῖσιο καὶ τὸν π. Ἐφραίμ ἀπὸ τὰ Κατουνάκια.

Τέλος ἱκετεύουμε θερμὰ τοὺς Ἀγιορεῖτες Πατέρες, παλαιούς καὶ νέους, νά πρεσβεύουν πάντοτε τὸν Ἅγιο Θεό καὶ τὴν Κυρία Θεοτόκο ὑπὲρ πάντων ἡμῶν. Ἀμήν.

π. Ἀστέριος

Sunday of the Holy Athonite Fathers

The Holy Synaxarion fittingly mentions that today the Holy Church honours the Holy Athonite Fathers, because they have transformed Mount Athos from wilderness where only wild beasts lived to a place of vigils, fasting and prayer.

The Athonite Fathers built on Mount Athos, Monasteries, Cloisters, Cells, Hermitages, and filled them with souls dedicated to Holy God.

The Holy Mountain, (Athos) is also known as 'The Garden of Panagia' where day and night, the Holy Triune God is praised, as well as the Lady Theotokos and all the Saints of our Church.

But also the current Athonite Fathers follow the life of the Holy Fathers of Athos and the life of the Holy Angels, and it is for this reason they are called fragrant lilies, delightful blossoms and splendid fruit trees, that have made their Place into conceivable Paradise . So, it is in these days also at Athos resounding angelic hymns and so the Athonites with their holy life guide their spiritual children to virtuous life.

It is a special blessing and merit to have been able in our lifetime to meet some Athonite Fathers that our Church has recently placed in the group of Saints like Fr Paisios and Fr Ephraim from Katounakia.

Lastly, we kindly implore the Athonite Fathers, old and new, to always pray to Holy God and the Lady Theotokos for all of us. Amen.

Fr Asterios