

**Ἰνδικτον ἡμῖν εὐλόγει νέου Χρόνου,
ᾧ καὶ Παλαιέ, καὶ δι' ἀνθρώπους Νέε.**

Στις 1 Σεπτεμβρίου η Εκκλησία μας εορτάζει την Αρχή της Ινδίκτου, δηλαδή αρχή του νέου Εκκλησιαστικού έτους. Για την περίπτωση αυτή, ο Άγιος Νικόδημος ο Αγιορείτης γράφει στον Συναξαριστή του:

«Πρέπει να ηξεύρωμεν, αδελφοί, ότι η του Θεού αγία Εκκλησία εορτάζει σήμερα την Ινδικτιώνα, διά τρία αίτια. Πρώτον, επειδή και αυτή είναι αρχή του χρόνου. Διά τούτο και κοντά εις τους παλαιούς Ρωμάνους πολλά ετιμάτο αυτή εξ αρχαίων χρόνων. Ινδικτιών δε κατά την ρωμαϊκὴν, ἴτοι λατινικὴν γλώσσαν, θέλει να ειπῆ ορισμός. Και δεύτερον εορτάζει ταύτην η Εκκλησία, επειδή και κατά την σημερινὴν ἡμέραν, ἐπήγεν ο Κύριος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦς Χριστός μέσα εις την Συναγωγὴν των Ἰουδαίων, και ἐδόθη εις αὐτὸν το Βιβλίον του Προφήτου Ησαΐου, καθὼς γράφει ο Ευαγγελιστὴς Λουκάς (Λουκ. δ'). Το οποίον Βιβλίον ανοίξας ο Κύριος, ὡ του θαύματος! ευθύς εὔρε τον τόπον εκείνον, ἴτοι την αρχὴν του εξηκοστοῦ πρώτου κεφαλαίου του Ησαΐου, εις το οποίον εἶναι γεγραμμένον διά λόγου του τα λόγια ταῦτα: «Πνεῦμα Κυρίου ἐπ' ἐμέ, ου ἔνεκεν ἔχρισέ με, ευαγγελίσασθαι πτωχοῖς ἀπέσταλκέ με, ἰάσασθαι τους συντετριμμένους την καρδίαν, κηρύξαι αιχμαλώτοις ἀφεςιν και τυφλοῖς ἀνάβλεψιν, ἀποστείλαι τεθραυσμένους ἐν ἀφέσει, κηρύξαι ἐνιαυτὸν Κυρίου δεκτόν». Ἀφ' ου δε ἀνέγνωσεν ο Κύριος τα περί αὐτοῦ λόγια ταῦτα, ἐσφάλισε το Βιβλίον και το ἔδωκεν εις τον υπηρέτην. Ἐπειτα καθίσας, εἶπεν εις τον λαόν «ὅτι σήμεραν ἐτελειώθησαν οι λόγοι της Προφητείας ταύτης εις τα ἐδικά σας αὐτία». Ὅθεν ο λαός ταῦτα ἀκούων, ἐθαύμαζε διά τα χαριτωμένα λόγια, οπου εὐγαινον ἐκ του στόματός του, ὡς τούτο γράφει ο αὐτός Ευαγγελιστὴς Λουκάς (αὐτόθι).

Εἶναι δε και τρίτη αἰτία, διά την οποίαν η Εκκλησία του Χριστοῦ κάμνει σήμεραν ἐνθύμησιν της Ινδίκτου, και εορτάζει την αρχὴν του νέου χρόνου: ἴγουν, ἵνα διά μέσου της ὑμνωδίας και ἱκεσίας, οπου προσφέρομεν εις τον Θεόν ἐν τη εορτῇ ταύτῃ, γένη ο Θεός ἰλεως εις ἡμᾶς, και εὐλογῆση τον νέον χρόνον, και χάριση τούτον εις ἡμᾶς ευτυχὴ και γεμάτον ἀπὸ ὅλα τα σωματικά ἀγαθά. Και ἵνα φωτίση τας διανοίας μας, εις το να περάσωμεν ὅλον τον χρόνον καθαρῶς και με ἀγαθὴν συνείδησιν, και εις το να ευαρεστήσωμεν τῷ Θεῷ, με την φύλαξιν των ἐντολῶν του. Και οὕτω να τύχωμεν των ἐν Οὐρανοῖς αἰωνίων ἀγαθῶν».



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Κυριακή	1	Αρχή της Ινδίκτου-Όρθρος Θεία Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή	8	Γενέθλιον της Θεοτόκου-Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Σάββατο	14	Ύψωση Τιμίου Σταυρού-Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία	8:45-11:00 π.μ.
Κυριακή	15	Όρθρος Θεία Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή	22	Όρθρος Θεία Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή	29	Όρθρος Θεία Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.



ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΥ 2024

Κυριακή	6	Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή	13	Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Σάββατο	19	Ψυχοσάββατο-Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία	8:45-11:00 π.μ.
Κυριακή	20	Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία & Δοξολογία 28ης Οκτωβρίου	8:45-11:30 π.μ.
Σάββατο	26	Αγίου Δημητρίου - Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία	8:45-10:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή	27	Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία	8:45-11:30 π.μ.

Δοξολογία 28ης Οκτωβρίου

HOLY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	1	Beginning of the Indiction-Orthros, Divine Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Sunday	8	Birth of Theotokos-Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Saturday	14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross-Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-11:00 a.m.
Sunday	15	Orthros, Divine Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Sunday	22	Orthros, Divine Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Sunday	29	Orthros, Divine Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.



HOLY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	6	Orthros, Divine Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Sunday	13	Orthros, Divine Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Saturday	19	Saturday of the Souls-Orthros, D. Liturgy	8:45-11:00 a.m.
Sunday	20	Orthros, Divine Liturgy	8:45-11:30 a.m.
Saturday	26	St. Demetrios-Orthros, Divine Liturgy	8:45-10:30 a.m.
Sunday	27	Orthros, Divine Liturgy-DOXOLOGY OCT 28	8:45-11:30 a.m.



THE INDICTION - LET TIME BEGIN

Every year on September 1st, the Holy Orthodox Church celebrates the feast of the Indiction, the first day of the new Church year. The word "indiction" means "a proclamation," and its origins can be found in the Roman Empire. September 1st in the Roman Empire marked the beginning of the fiscal year, and the Emperor would make a proclamation on that day with the aim of facilitating the tax collections.

But even earlier than this, the beginning of September was seen as the beginning of a New Year for the Hebrew tribes. It was a time when harvests for the year were collected and stored, and trumpets were sounded and prayers given in thanksgiving to God for the past year's harvest, and they prayed to God to bless the winter months ahead. So, the Hebrew civil year, as we read in the Book of Exodus, begins in September.

There is, however, a deeper spiritual meaning to the feast of the Indiction. On this feast, the Church, through the hymns, the prayers, and Scripture readings, draws us to reflect on how we, as Orthodox Christians, view time in relation to our spiritual life and our salvation.

Before the coming of Christ, most of humanity saw time as something cyclical. Certainly the Greeks saw the world this way. The seasons change in a round of cycles, people are born, grow old, and pass away. The sun rises and sets. And all of this in perpetuity, with no necessary beginning and no necessary end. It was not generally thought that history had an end - that it was going somewhere. Yet with the coming of Christ and the spread of Christianity, the world began to see things differently. Indeed, time does have a beginning, and history certainly does have an end. And not only does history have an end, but it has a purpose as well! Time has a purpose, as well as a meaning. As Christians, we know that all will end in the Last Judgment and the Resurrection. Jesus will return, the dead will be raised, and we will enter into a new existence. We will enter into eternity.

God sent His Son in time to redeem the time, and to bring us to salvation. And so time matters, and has been given to us for our salvation - to make use of it in order that we might draw closer to God. It is for this reason why we have times and seasons for feasts and fasts, so that we may redeem the time and participate in "this acceptable year of the Lord." And each moment, and each minute, is important and not to be wasted. This moment has meaning because time has meaning. This moment has purpose because time has purpose. Will I use this moment to draw closer to God, and thus draw closer to eternal life in Christ? And when our time is up, will we find ourselves in the Kingdom? Or will we find ourselves in the outer darkness due to our own choosing.

In our modern days, we have more and more of everything, yet we always complain that we don't have enough time. Do we really use our time wisely? Do we "redeem the time," sanctifying it and offering it to the Lord in thanksgiving and gratitude? Do we do good works, help our friends and family, or work on sorting out our differences? Or do we waste our time in mindless distractions, which many times are no further than an arm's length away? Is our time eaten away by cares of this world, with no thought of our real intended eternity - the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us not waste time, and today, let us make a good beginning. Let us consider the words of Solomon in the book of Ecclesiastes (3:11): "God has made everything beautiful in its time, and He put eternity in our hearts in such a way that we cannot understand all He has done from beginning to end." May we all strive every minute to love God and to fulfill His Will.