

The Word of God¹ at the feast of the saint hierarch Spyridon²

In tears and weak in the spirit like a man, I step on My way to you, for the way is with weaknesses in it, My people. I want to catch power, but I work on the earth after human power, because I do not work without man. When I was carrying My cross, it was hard for Me, just as hard as it is for a man, because I was carrying it for man, because the man was not carrying his, and it was very hard for Me, but when I was thinking for those who were greatly oppressed, greatly crushed for My pain, I could do it for them, and My mercy for them was giving Me powers and it was strengthening Me greatly, because the mercy is God and man's greatest power, and it is a spring for the comfort of the pain. I come to embrace you within the feast of My saint, the bishop Spyridon, and I give him to you as an example for your life with Me, for he was forgiving, merciful and very faithful, and he spent in him with the grace of the power of faith and of its works, because only I was able to do it and I was living in him by the love and by the power of his faith. The way of My word is weak and feeble, but I give you exhortation by My bishop. Receive, son, and sit down near the love of the saints and make within you a dwelling place of their power and of the work of the faith, My people. Amen, amen, amen.

– *You, Lord, are the spring of the mercy for those who with pains and weaknesses work on earth Your coming and the news of Your coming and Your coming upon man. I give exhortation to Your people and I tell it this: do not forget and do not get so mixed up with the day and its work, people of the Lord's mercy. Do not get entangled with any kind of work that you do and by so doing to forget about the Lord's exhortation that are put upon you and for you. Oh, not in this way, for the Lord teaches you, and you, as a disciple and more than that, as a son, you need to listen to your Father, to His entire word. Take care of your life; of your life with the Lord, and make Him feel from you that you have Him as your God, and be wise so that you may know what kind of work God's sons must do on earth. Learn the work of love, people of the Lord's coming; learn it well, and receive its lesson from the Scriptures, and do not take away it from you, but rather receive it from the place where it is kindled. Remember always, always the work of the love, son from the end, that the Lord needs this and not you. You have to be the Lord's servant in His days with you and not the Lord has to be your servant. Behold, the Lord has always served you by His mercy that he has got upon you, so that you may have what you need for your life on earth, but be with your heart full of gratitude and live like a merciful and faithful son in His courtyards and give Him a heavenly service and see how you stay in the work of the love, so that you may have faith and then steadfastness, people of the Lord's mercy. Ask from Him always, always. Ask Him that which He has promised to give you and you to give Him, because **He has promised to give you and you to give Him life without death, restless love.** You should be heaven on earth for the Lord's works written into the Scriptures for His time with you, for His coming is with you, but do not get used to it, but rather stay with the shy of a son before Him and serve Him with the gifts of the burning love, the same as His female disciples were serving to his way to the people, and they had kept on serving Him even after His resurrection, and for His resurrection they stood up with a great longing, with great faith, with the love of a bride and having no rest in their sacrificing and burning love in them day and night, and their fire was keeping them in the Lord and it was feeding His mercy and it was giving Him powers for the man's life, for whom He suffered under the cross and overcame for man. I exhort you, blessing you with a desire of a bishop, to stir up within you the*

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fire of God's love, my people, just as the virgins who long for Him are nourished with longing and live with longing, destroying within them the border between them and their Bridegroom, the beloved Lord, for Whom they are nourished with longing and are sanctified through Him, loving their Lord. Amen.

You, anointed sons in the Lord's garden of these days, be strong within your spirit and prayer and within the gift of love, and stir up the gift of the heavenly brotherhood into the people, for the Lord can work there where the sons of His coming are together with Him. Amen.

– Oh, you, saints, come within heavenly feasts with Me! Oh, My greatness in you was great, and you were My glory. Give your powers to the sons of My people so that they may bring forth fruit, and always, always ask from its midst for the fulfilling of the glory of My promises made for My coming and for the kingdom of the new heaven and of the new earth, as I promised to those who love Me. Amen.

Moreover, you, My people, work yourself for Me, by allowing yourself to be worked out, and stay within the light to be light, son. Show Me that I am your Lord and God. Show Me that you are My people and show Me by your work that is for Me and not for you, and that I have made you for Me. Show Me that you are My people and that I dwell into your midst, and let the heaven and the earth see this, and then they may become new by My working grace in you, because it is not for you but for Me that I have taken you to My loving bosom, to learn from Me the work and the grace of godly mercy, which sanctifies your being and the longing in it, the longing after God, My people. Amen, amen, amen.

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Text **emphasis in bold** belong to the redactor (editor).

³ [Old Style \(O.S.\) and New Style \(N.S.\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Style_and_New_Style_dates) (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Style_and_New_Style_dates) are sometimes used with dates to indicate either whether the start of the Julian year has been adjusted to start on 1 January (N.S.) even though documents written at the time use a different start of year (O.S.), or whether a date conforms to the Julian calendar (O.S.), formerly in use in many countries, rather than the Gregorian (N.S.)

The Church Calendar (in Romania) up to 1924 was the same as that of Nicaea, based on severe apostolic canons, but in 1924, the Scripture of the prophet Daniel was fulfilled: «**the people made bold to even change the times**», when the primate metropolitan - of that time, Miron Cristea, (*Primate metropolitan* = (in the past) a title given to the first metropolitan of a country; today it would be equal to that of a patriarch) introduced the Gregorian Calendar (Catholic) as result of a „pan-Orthodox” congress that took place in 1923, in Constantinople. At that congress, the patriarch of that time, Meletie, proposed the acceptance of the „[revised](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revised_Julian_calendar)” [Julian Calendar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revised_Julian_calendar), (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revised_Julian_calendar) which was in accord with the Catholic one for a period up to the year 2800 and „it was allowing that all the feasts to be celebrated at the same time with those of other confessions”. «... **and he shall wear out the saints of the Most High and he shall think to change the times and the law...**» (Daniel 7/25), r.n.