

01_30. Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Great Hierarchs, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom.

1st Reading The Reading from Deuteronomy [1 : 8-11 & 15-17b]

Moses said to the sons of Israel, “See, I have delivered ; the land before you. Go in and inherit the land which the Lord swore to your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that he would give it to them and to their seed after them. And I spoke to you at that time and said, ‘I shall not be able to bear you alone. The Lord your God has multiplied you, and see, you are today like the stars of heaven in multitude. May the Lord, the God of our fathers, multiply you so that you are a thousand times more numerous, and bless you as he said to you’. And I took from you wise, understanding and prudent men, and set them to rule over you as captains of thousands and hundreds and fifties and tens and as recorders for your judges. And I commanded your judges at that time, saying, ‘Hear cases between your brethren, and judge rightly between a man and his brother and the stranger who is with him. You shall not have respect to persons in judging. You shall hear the small as well as the great. You shall not shrink before anyone’s person ; for the judgement is God’s”.

2nd Reading The Reading from Deuteronomy [10 : 14-18 & 20-21]

Moses said to the sons of Israel, “See, the heaven and the highest heaven belong to the Lord your God, the earth and all that is in them. The Lord preferred your fathers, to love them, and he chose you, their seed after them, above all nations, as it is at this day. So circumcise the hardness of your heart and stiffen your neck no longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality, who takes no bribe. He executes judgement for the stranger, the orphan and the widow ; and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. You shall fear Lord your God and serve him alone, and to him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in his name. He is your boast, he your God, who has done for you the great and wonderful things which your eyes have seen”.

3rd Reading The Reading from Deuteronomy [3 : 1-9]

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of fools they seemed to have died, their departure was reckoned a disaster and their going from us a destruction ; but they are in peace. For though in the sight of mortals they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. And having been disciplined a little, they shall receive great good ; because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. He proved them like gold in a furnace and accepted them as a sacrificial whole burnt offering. At the moment of their visitation they shall shine out, and they shall run like sparks through stubble. They shall judge nations and hold sway over peoples, and the Lord will be their king to the ages. Those who have put their trust in him shall understand truth ; and the faithful in love shall abide with him ; because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and his visitation upon his chosen ones.