

Souls nailed to the cross of Christ

Souls that love truth and God, that long with much hope and faith to put on Christ completely, do not need so much to be put in remembrance by others, nor do they endure, even for a while, to be deprived of the heavenly desire and of passionate affection to the Lord; but being wholly and entirely nailed to the cross of Christ, they perceive in themselves day by day a sense of spiritual advance towards the spiritual Bridegroom. Being smitten with the heavenly longing, and hungering for the righteousness of the virtues, they have a great and insatiable desire for the shining forth of the Spirit.

Homily 10.1, tr. A. G. Mason.

ἐκ τοῦ ἁγίου Μακαρίου

Αἱ φιλαλήθεις καὶ φιλόθεοι ψυχὰὶ αἱ τελείως τὸν Χριστὸν ἐνδύσασθαι ἐν πολλῇ ἐλπίδι καὶ πίστει ἐπιποθοῦσαι τῆς παρ' ἐτέρων ὑπομνήσεως οὐ τοσοῦτον χρῆζουσιν οὔτε τοῦ οὐρανοῦ πόθου καὶ τοῦ πρὸς κύριον ἔρωτος, κἂν ἐπὶ ποσὸν ἐλαττοῦσθαι ὑπομένουσιν, ἀλλ' ὅλαι ἐξ ὅλου τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ προσηλωμέναι πρὸς τὸν πνευματικὸν νυμφίον ὁσημέραι πνευματικῆς προκοπῆς ἐν ἑαυταῖς αἰσθησιν ἐπιγινώσκουσι. τετρωμέναι δὲ τῷ οὐρανόφω πόθῳ καὶ ἔκπεινοι οὔσαι περὶ τὴν δικαιοσύνην τῶν ἀρετῶν, τὴν ἔκλαμψιν τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν ἐπιθυμίᾳ πολλῇ καὶ ἀκορέστῳ ἔχουσιν.

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